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A reminder to those who organise events in the village that Sarah Bennett - 612618 - keeps a long term Diary, the purpose of which is to help avoid date clashes which often seem to occur. On February 28th for instance 3 events were planned, all of which would have attracted people of similar interests. Had their respective organisers used the long term Diary people may not have been faced with the dilemma of which to attend. As it turned out, one event was hurriedly re-arranged.

In a similar vein, would event organisers please ensure that information given to Peter Shawcross (Village Hall) or to the Monthly Diary regarding date and time of their events, is accurate.

Help is urgently needed to keep the guide company in the village going. If anyone is prepared to help in any way at all will they please contact Mrs. E. Picken, 21 Wagstaffe Close.

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HARBURY DIARY

MARCH 1976

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| Tues. | 9th | Lenten Prayer, Study & Discussion, Vicarage, 8pm
Harbury Friends, School, 8.00 p. m.
AGM & Talk on gardening by Mr. Lines. |
| Thurs. | 11th | Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30 p. m.
Children's Lenten Service, Church, 6.30 p. m. |
| Fri. | 12th | Theatre Group Production - 'An Evening of Beer & Spirits', Village Hall, 8.00 p. m. |
| Sat. | 13th | Rugby Club Dance, Village Hall. |
| Tues. | 16th | Tufty Club, V. Hall, 2.30 p. m.
Lenten Prayer, Study & Discussion, Vicarage, 8pm |
| Wed. | 17th | P. C. C., Vicarage, 8.00 p. m.
PTA, 'Historical Harbury' talk by Dr. W. Allan,
School, 8.00 pm |
| Thurs. | 18th | Children's Lenten Service, Church, 6.30 p. m. |
| Fri. | 19th | Save The Children Fund Dance, Village Hall.
Theatre Group general meeting, Dog Inn, 8.00 pm |
| Tues. | 23rd | M. U. Deanery Festival Service, Ufton Church, 2.30 pm
Young Wives Children's Party, V. Hall, 2.30 pm.
Lenten Prayer, Study & Discussion, Vicarage, 8pm |
| Thurs. | | Golden Age, Village Hall 2.30 p. m.
Children's Lenten Service, Church, 6.30 p. m.
Village Hall A. G. M., Village Hall. |

- Fri. 26th Football Club Dance.
 Harbury Theatre Group general meeting, Dog Inn, 8pm
- Sun. 28th Mothering Sunday, Service in Church, 10.00 a. m.
 with presentation of cards.
 Footpath Assoc. ramble from V. Hall, 2.30 p. m.
- Tues. 30th Lenten Prayer, Study & Discussion, Vicarage, 8pm
 Harbury Society AGM, Dog Inn, 8.00 p. m.
- Wed. 31st P. T. A. Disco at Eathorpe.

APRIL 1976

- Thurs. 1st Children's Lenten Service, Church, 6.30 p. m.
 Recreation Committee Jumble Sale, V. Hall.
 Church Men's Society, 3 Vicarage Lane, 7.45 p. m.
 WI, Guest Speaker Mr. George Timmins from
 Marton Museum, V. Hall, 7.45 p. m.
- Fri. 2nd Blood Doning Session, V. Hall, all day.
 Theatre Group AGM, Dog Inn, 8.00 p. m.
- Sun. 4th Passion Sunday, Family Service in Church 11.15am
- Tues. 6th (Church Annual Meeting, Wight School, 8.00 p. m.
 (NOTE NEW DATE)
 (followed by Lenten Prayer, Study & Discussion.
 " " Harbury Friends, Talk on Fostering, School, 8 pm
- Thurs. 8th Golden Age, Village Hall, 2.30 p. m.
 Children's Lenten Service, Church, 6.30 p. m.
- Fri. 9th Labour Party Folk Evening, 'Humstrum' (from
 Wellesbourne), Food, The Dog, 9 - 12, Tickets 75p.
- Sun. 11th Palm Sunday, Distribution of Palm Crosses at 8am &
 10 am Services.
- Tues. 13th Harbury Friends, School, 8.00 p. m.
- Fri. 16th Good Friday
- Sun. 18th Easter Day
- Mon. 19th PTA Easter Monday Dance, V. Hall, 9pm - 1.00 am
 dancing to 'The Liberty State'.

- CHOIR PRACTICE Church, 6.30 p. m. every Friday
- CRUSADERS V. Hall, 2.30 p. m. every Sunday
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

It is probable that by the time that this is in your hands we shall already be in the season of Lent. One small alteration in the arrangements is that the "Children's Special" at 8.30 pm on Thursdays will not begin until March 11th (the 2nd Thursday in Lent) instead of March 4th at 7.30 p. m. at Bubbenhall Church. I can, however, make up for the late start by continuing a week later this year (i. e. until the Thursday in Holy Week, instead of leaving off on the Thursday before Holy Week). And, of course there will be the Children's Service on Ash Wednesday at 9.30 am.

The first of the Tuesday evening Prayer, Study and Discussion meetings will be on March 9th at 8 p. m. in the Vicarage. All will be welcome.

There is also, of course the regular round of Sunday and week-day services. Above all, let us remember the duty of the baptised throughout the year "to be present at the Lord's Own Service on the Lord's Own Day".

How useful, and indeed, how necessary is the season of Lent! We know in general that we need to overhaul our way of life, our attitude to priorities, and our progress in the tasks we have set ourselves, from time to time. But this can easily be postponed, because many of us have a strong streak of procrastination in our make-up. But by means of Lent the Church says to us "Do it NOW".

With every blessing,

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

FUNERAL SERVICES

January 31st

Joan Frances Kings.

February 3rd

Phyllis Blanche Richmond.

We gratefully acknowledge contributions given to the Church in place of flowers at Mrs. Richmond's funeral.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

By the time you read this, our Spring Fair will be over, the money counted, the competition judged, and full details of all these will be in the April issue. However, this seems a good time to express our thanks to all those who have worked so hard to make the Fair a success. Those concerned with organising it have met with great generosity from local tradespeople and from many members of the village community. Thank you all

for your unstinting help.

On Tuesday, 6th April we have our Church Annual Meeting. In fact there are two meetings but one follows the other without a break and for practical purposes they are treated as one. At the first, the Churchwardens are elected and at the second, reports are received from Church Organisations, the P. C. C. is elected as are Sidesmen and the annual accounts are considered. If any members of the church would be interested in standing for election on the PCC or as Sidesmen (we refuse to say "Sidesperson" although men and women are equally welcome please don't hesitate to mention this to one of us or to the Vicar.

Now is also a good time to have your name put on the Electoral Roll if you have not already done so. This entitles you to vote at the Annual Church Meeting, to be a sidesman or PCC member and the number of names on the Electoral Roll affects the representation to which we are entitled in the synodical government of the Church. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

Although the financial year of the church ends in December, we are approaching the end of the tax year and this is therefore a good time to sign a covenant. It is a tremendous help to the church if those who give regularly will make their gifts under Covenant which enables us to reclaim tax at no extra cost to yourself. Envelope subscribers may covenant their weekly gifts. Most of you will already have been approached about the possibility of covenanting and if you've been thinking about it, Now is a good time as we reclaim the tax in April. Forms are on the table at the back of the Church.

HARBURY JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

The first half of the Spring Term has proved to be an eventful one in many ways. There has been so much illness amongst both staff and children that our resources have been stretched to the limit. At one time or another we have had up to four teachers and 30% of the children away. This has obviously wrought havoc with the normal working of the school, with some classes affected more than others, so we are hoping that by the end of half term all the germs will have disappeared, everyone will be strong and healthy, and we can look forward to returning to a more sane situation for the second half of term.

HARBURY P. T. A.

Dr. Bill Allan (Warwick Museum) has been invited to our meeting on the 17th March to talk about Historical Harbury, and I understand that his talk will be illustrated with film slides and items from the Museum. This will take place in the School Hall at the usual time of 8.00 p.m. and coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards.

There will be a Dance in the Village Hall on Easter Monday (19th April) to the music of The Liberty State. Tickets are now available from Committee members at £1 each.

Each year when the Supper Dance comes round we are faced with the problem of borrowing white sheets for use as table cloths and now that the numbers attending this dance have almost doubled, so has our problem. I would, therefore, be very grateful for any old white sheets that you may have tucked away which we could cut up and make into table cloths. Any contribution can be sent to me at 28 Manor Orchard and will be much appreciated.

May I once again remind you that the PTA membership cards are still only 20p per family and can be obtained from any Committee Member.

ANNE MEGENEY (Hon. Secretary)

HARBURY LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

The AGM was held in the Wight School Room on Monday January 23th. Officers elected for the coming year were:- Chairman - Geoff Fuller, Hon. Treasurer - Geoff Buckle, Hon. Secretary - Pat Fuller. The committee members are Mrs. Anne Neale, Mrs. Grace Buckle, Marian Millington, Paul Hancock, Francis Badman and David Davis.

The Constituency Dinner was held in Stratford Town Hall on Friday February 6th when Lord Gladwyn was the speaker

HARBURY CUBS

This year is the diamond jubilee of the cubs. One of the special things that we did to celebrate it was to go to the pictures to see the film "Diamonds are forever", starring James Bond. It was a special showing for the cubs. The film was very good and there was a lot of noise. About 24 of us went. We started about half past 9 with Bishops Itchington Cubs in a coach and we got back about half past one.

ANDREW HOLT.

GUIDES

What was happening at The Village Hall on Sat. 21st Feb? Approximately 200 Guides and Brownies from the Southam Area met to celebrate a special day - Thinking Day. What is thinking day?, well it is the birthday of the late Lord Baden Powell and also of his wife Olave, Lady Baden-Powell (February 22nd), who is the World's Chief Guide. Each unit represented a country from overseas, a candle was lit and placed on the chosen country, then each Guide & Brownie placed a shiny coin on the map. The pennies will be given to a chosen charity.

After 200 squashes, biscuits and Birthday cake, the afternoon ended with a sing song and the Village Hall was relieved of 200 children at 5 p. m.

G. GURDEN.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 26th February

PRESENT: All Cllrs, Mrs. Hill, Clerk, Mr. Birt County Land Agent and two members of the public.

CORRESPONDENCE: from Major Kettle requesting an invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th April, from Stratford DC that large rubbish collection will be during the week ending March 6 (anger that rubbish could lie in the streets for days), rates will be; County 54.7p, District 11.16p, Parish 1p.

ALLOTMENT rents were discussed with Mr. Birt who was distressed to discover the PC charge only 75p per plot. The increase from £25 to £55 only appears massive because it has not been reviewed for 6 years. Cllr Davies said that as sitting tenants the PC should not pay so much. Cllr Wright explained that the County Auditor insists that the PC does not make a loss on the Allotments. Allotment holders have not been given notice of an increase and can't be charged the new rate until next September and as the PC can't carry the loss it must not accept a rent rise until September. Mr. Birt agreed to a rent of £50 per acre from next September.

HIGHWAYS: Police have vetoed parking restrictions in Crown St. Their survey, which the PC dispute, showed few cars parked, no obstruction and no accidents. They add that restrictions would be a hardship to residents. Mrs. Catteral requested the pavement in Deppers be extended to the Bus Stop.

PLANNING: PC object to the proposed Lorry Park on Bascote Heath Road, which, having been refused permission, is now

subject to an Inquiry at Southam on 10 March. The Bishop's Itenington Plan is linked with Harbury only for Education facilities. Stratford DC are having a PRIVATE meeting with PC to discuss development in Harbury, which cannot be large scale (as it is contrary to Structure Plan). PC want to see detailed plans for Old People's bungalows in Crown Street. (Remember Leicester Close they said).

DEPPERS PLAYING FIELDS item brought a complaint via Mrs. Catteral of a farmer obstructing a footpath with wood and barbed wire. Cllrs Daniels and Wright found the relevant passage in their instruction book and ruled that the County Engineer should serve notice on the offender. The SEAT for Deppers is to be 8ft. long, of concrete and hardwood.

HARBURY PLAYING FIELDS are being fouled by dogs, said Cllr Wilkins. Mothers complain that the Children's Play Area is worst. Not wanting to get muddy, fastidious owners are staying at the gate, allowing their dogs off the lead to run round the Recreation Grounds. The Council, most concerned at this unpleasant matter stress that dogs on the Recreation Ground must be under proper control.

REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES: Cllr Wright reported that at a recent Harbury Society meeting there was criticism that the public did not have warning of subjects for discussion at PC meetings. Should the Agenda be published? Cllr Daniels warned against this. Tachbrook has had members of the public attending its meetings. There was the danger that people interested in a particular subject might turn up. There could be public participation. Strict measures had been needed at Tachbrook to deal with this. The PC adopted Mrs. Watts' suggestion that a typical agenda be lodged at the Library.

ELECTION: The Parish Council Election will be held on May 6th and in next month's Harbury News it is hoped to list all the prospective Councillors - those standing for re-election and any new candidates - together with brief notes from each.

NEXT MEETING: 7.30 p.m., March 25th. LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

The Harbury Conservative Association AGM was held on 13th February at the Wight School. The following officers were elected:- Lady Watherstone chairman, Mrs. D. Holt vice-chairman, Mrs. G. Hogben, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane (Tel. 612970), Secretary, Mr. P. Holt treasurer. The committee was elected

en bloc.

Lt. Col. J.E. Little, Divisional deputy chairman, Mr. J. Devine, agent and Major and Mrs. R. Kettle addressed the meeting.

A "200 Club" is being launched in the Stratford district, with excellent prizes ranging from £10 every week to an annual prize of £600.

The C. P. C. Dinner, which will be held at Stratford-on-Avon on 19th March, will be addressed this year by Edward du Cann, and there is to be a Sherry Party in Harbury on 15th Ma

Further details of local Conservative activities can be obtained from Committee members.

HARBURY LABOUR PARTY

The AGM of Harbury Labour Party was held in the Dog Inn on January 22nd. Officers elected were as follows:-
Chairman - Vicky Tanner, Vice-Chairman - Harry Atkins,
Secretary - John Hancock, Treasurer - Mike Bloxham,
Membership Secretary - Jill Winter, 19 Farm Street.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Film Show The two films, Caring for History and A Heritage to Build On, attracted a large audience.

The first film, by the Department of the Environment, showed the repair and maintenance of Ancient Monuments (of Pre-Roman to Georgian age). Great care and skill is required for the preservation work, because the end result should be an apparently un-restored building.

The second film juxtaposed modern and historic buildings trying to make the point that ALL modern architecture is not bad and that concrete CAN be used sympathetically. Certainly the good modern buildings shown were exceptionally good, but they were exceptions.

After the showing there was discussion of the films, suggestions for future events and some slight disagreement over Planning matters and the need for the ordinary members to be involved in policy making and decisions.

The Chairman thanked John Sandy for showing the films.

The next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday 30th March at 8 pm at the Dog Inn.

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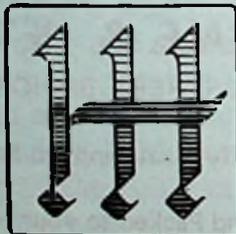
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HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

I feel sure our fans and supporters will be pleased to know that we are consuming our usual weekly quota at 'The Dog' as our latest venture is knocked into shape! As regular 'Harbury News' readers will already know, we are putting on a one night stand with a supernatural theme which will be known as a 'Beer and Spirits Evening'. What you may not realise is that the date has now been changed to March 12th. Doug from The Dog will be in charge of the Bar, Sally Humphreys will be arranging the food, and I can see with the amount of time that Mary Shelley and Janet Tovey are putting into it that the Entertainment will be first class.

At our AGM we will be discussing ideas for the next full length play in June. If there is anybody who feels they would like to be involved please do come along. New members are always very welcome.

KEITH HAYES.

HARBURY SINGERS

"The ladies of the Harbury Singers are looking for men" has been a regular cry appearing in the Harbury News. Unfortunately it was a cry that went unheard for the lack of tenors and basses is one of the reasons that the Singers have decided to suspend their activities at least until September. Another has been the lack of an accompanist which has made the task of conducting with one's head and feet whilst playing very difficult indeed. To be serious for a moment - The Harbury Singers have survived since 1965 when they were formed by Leslie Cockerham and Peter Phillips to sing at a Harvest Supper. During those ten years they sang not only in Harbury - but also in Kenilworth, Leamington, Stratford, Marton, Packington and Ladbroke and performed music by Bach, Vaughan Williams, Mozart, Fauré and Vivaldi to name but a few composers.

It is sad to say that audiences in Harbury have been smaller than those in other places. Perhaps our programmes have been too heavy for Village ears; but in a community of this size there should be room for music of all tastes.

It was with great sadness that we made our decision. However, it is good to know that most of the Singers have been able to continue their music making in other Societies.

My thanks go to all who have supported the Harbury Singers - both as performers or as members of our audiences. I hope it will not be long before we are back! MICHAEL BARNES.

TENNIS COURTS

Last Summer successful tennis coaching was arranged for both adults and juniors. There is an obvious enthusiasm for a follow-up to the Juniors' Course and arrangements have been made once again with Pauline Brown for a six week course starting Monday, May 10th (watch Harbury News for details).

The likely response to a follow-up coaching course for adults is rather more difficult to assess and before making a definite arrangement, it would be very helpful if anyone who is interested could contact Ray Hoare, 39 Mill Street (612486). All standards will be catered for, from the real 'hole in racquet novice' (like the writer) to the more accomplished player, who can make the odd one or two balls go over the net. Don't forget - Summer will soon be here!

RAY HOARE.

HARBURY GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Our meetings take place every second and fourth Thursday in the month at 2.30 pm with the exception of August.

We would welcome any new members providing they are Senior Citizens and are residing in Harbury or Deppers Bridge. The afternoon is spent by, sometimes a talk, with regard to future events, a few games of bingo, ending with tea and refreshments.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Thursday 19th February by our members - at Coventry seeing the Black and White Minstrel Show.

E. SHEASBY (Secretary)

MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

At the recent Associated Board Music Exams the following pupils were successful:-

PIANOFORTE:- Hilary Alsford - Grade 4 - Pass with Merit
Serena Gavin - Grade I - Pass

THEORY:- Grade I - Graeme Campbell & Sarah Wright.

" 2 - Jane Luke.

" 3 - Susan Scott & Rebecca Wright.

" 4 - David Goodfellow & Martin Chapple.

The above are all pupils of M. J. Coope,
38 Sutcliffe Drive,
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HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB

Our Club is run by a Management Committee. Even before the Wheeltappers & Shunters Club was on television that statement would have made us smile, because committees have always been the subject of what we hope is only good natured ridicule. However we must not forget that these people give up their own time to do an essential job for no financial reward, and at the very least deserve our thanks and support.

Within the next few weeks the Club Annual General Meeting will be held and all full Club members are urged to attend. At the same time the committee will be dissolved and steps will be taken to elect another to carry the Club through the next twelve months. The building re-construction is finished but this means that the Club itself is just starting. It is thriving already and is gaining momentum at such a rate that help will be required from a great many enthusiastic people. What we often forget is that this help can be given whether one is on the committee or not. The people who captain and play in the ladies' and gentlemen's darts, crib, dominoes and snooker teams, the steward, the bar staff and the doorman are all equally playing their part in keeping the Club alive, as are the people who help with the bingo and the Saturday night entertainment.

Whoever is elected to the committee for the next year will have a very responsible task ensuring that the Club lives up to its promising beginnings. It is a task they can be proud of, for a Club that is well worth the effort. Good luck to them.

THE WARWICKSHIRE MUSEUM

Where can we take the kids for an afternoon? Why not visit the County Museum in Warwick? It's only seven miles away and it's yours - you paid for it last time you paid your rates! The Market Hall Museum in the Market Square has displays illustrating the geology, natural history and history of Warwickshire - from 350 million years ago to the present day! Prominent in the recently reconstructed geology gallery is a 14 feet long fossil plesiosaur. Regular changing exhibitions are mounted - some by the Museum staff on local topics - others from national museums such as the Victoria and Albert.

Ten minutes walk away from the Market Square is the branch museum at St. John's House, Coten End. It contains

the folk life, craft and costume displays and includes examples of the incredibly delicate carving of the Warwick woodcarvers. For the more aggressively minded, the first floor of the building is occupied by the museum of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and includes a fine display of medals.

The Warwickshire Museum has its origins in the collections amassed in the 19th century by the Warwickshire Natural History and Archaeological Society. Founded in 1836 this Society established a museum which expanded to fill the 17th century Market Hall building. By 1922 the Society had become defunct and the museum and its collections were eventually put in the hands of the County Council. Since its reopening in 1951, the Museum has striven to collect and display all aspects of the social and natural history of the county, despite the cramped conditions of the Market Hall and its problems of 'architecture'.

Hours of opening

Market Hall: Weekdays 10.00 - 5.30

Sundays (May - Sept. only) 2.30 - 5.00

St. John's House: Weekdays (except Tuesdays) 10 - 12.30,
1.30 - 5.30

Sundays (May - Sept. only) 2.30 - 5.00

Admission Free

BILL ALLAN.

THE 'FLU

Many readers will by now have fallen victim to this year's 'flu epidemic - an extremely unpleasant experience.

'Flu is an acute illness caused by the influenza group of viruses. These are three main types A, B and C. The A type is usually responsible for the major epidemics such as we have now. The B virus is usually associated with smaller less virulent outbreaks. The C virus is found only rarely. The virus constantly changes, so an attack does not render immunity for very long and immunization is of only limited effectiveness.

The symptoms of 'flu are all too familiar. A general 'under the weather' feeling is rapidly followed by a high temperature, headache, backache and sometimes nausea and vomiting. Later a harsh dry cough may develop.

In the majority of cases no further symptoms develop and recovery follows within a week. Occasionally however the illness is complicated by bronchitis or pneumonia. This is much more common in the elderly and the chronically ill, particularly those with existing respiratory illness. A secondary invasion by bacteria causes these complications. Recovery may also be complicated by post influenzal weakness and depression which may last for several weeks.

There is no specific medical treatment for 'flu and provided the illness runs an uncomplicated course you can do as much yourself as your doctor will be able to do. Go to bed and stay there at least until the temperature settles. Drink plenty of fluids and take aspirin or a similar preparation every 4-6 hours. Aspirin acts directly to reduce temperature and will also alleviate aches and pains.

If you are not recovering in a few days or if respiratory symptoms such as chest pain develop you should ask your doctor to visit.

Anyone suffering from a chronic chest condition should probably consult their doctor at the beginning of the illness.

My favourite 'flu remedy is as follows. Put a good measure of whisky in a mug. Add a spoonful of brown sugar and top up with boiling water. - If you've got to have 'flu you might as well try and enjoy it!

BACK GARDEN PRODUCE

There must be many of you giving serious thought to digging up all or part of your back lawns this summer to grow your own vegetables. Don't think any more, just start digging or you'll be too late!

The more effort put in now, the better the results later. If not too hard, dig first with a spade, as deep as possible and leaving large clods to allow the air and weather into the soil. At the end of March go over it all again with a fork. This time dig in a general fertiliser and break the soil down as fine as possible, then it will be nearly ready for sowing. For most seeds it will be necessary to rake the soil very finely and draw out a shallow drill to give the seed a good chance to germinate.

What is worth growing on a small scale? All the usual salads (Lettuce, radish, spring onion, beetroot, carrots, onions, parsnip, spinach (perpetual), small cabbage, dwarf

beans and runner beans should grow quite successfully without any special effort other than thinning, hoeing and weeding.

What about potatoes? If you have plenty of room they're certainly worthwhile and help to break up the ground very well, but don't rush in just because potatoes are so expensive at the moment. Potatoes need quite a lot of physical effort to plant, earth up and harvest and they take up a lot of room if properly spaced. If everyone rushes out to plant potatoes we shall end up with a glut next autumn.

CHRIS BLUNT.

CAMPERS & CARAVANNERS

If you have been spending the winter months in hibernation, then now is the time to start arousing your enthusiasm once again.

Easter will be here in only 6 weeks time and the weather should be good enough by then for taking the family away. So why not take a break from the shopping, decorating and gardening and try a weekend somewhere different.

There's no need to go very far to find a site to suit almost everybody's needs. Whether you want to go shopping in a different town, sightseeing and visiting places of interest, pursuing your hobby or just walking and relaxing, there are many places within Friday evening reach of Harbury.

How well do you know the Cotswolds? Have you been to the Severn valley in the Ironbridge area? The Hills of Derbyshire are not as far away as you might think. Oxford is well worth spending some time in. There is still plenty of time to think of places worth a visit. In the meantime, did you put all your equipment etc. away ready for use next time or were there perhaps a few little cleaning or repair jobs that you left for next (this) year. What about that good idea you had for making, fixing or altering something - now is the time to do it - not leave it until Good Friday.

Does anyone have any good suggestions for places worth a weekend visit or just places for a day trip. We would like to continue our "places to go" series with some new ideas so please let us know.

CHRIS BLUNT.

HARBURY NEWS - 19th CENTURY STYLE?

We have been fortunate enough to have been given the opportunity of reading a collection of magazines edited by the Rev. William Wight and published and printed in Harbury in

the year 1852/3. The collection has the rather awe inspiring title of "England's appeal for her own People" - a Voice from England's Model Parish on the Social and Moral Phenomena of Great Britain, and suggestive of Home Claims and Duties, and was published and printed by the Model Printing and Binding Factory in Harbury.

We intend to include some interesting and amusing extracts from this collection in the next few editions of 'Harbury News'. We start with a report on the Harbury Octogenarian Dinner Party of 1853, and some notes on the Vicar's Allotments.

1853 - HARBURY FESTIVITIES - OCTOGENARIAN DINNER PARTY

The Annual Dinner of the Harbury Octogenarians took place last month as usual on the Vicarage grounds. The aged people were regaled with roast beef and plum pudding, and later in the day enjoyed the cup that cheered and does not inebriate. The elder of the school girls, in their new and pretty dresses, were the waiting maids on the old folks. The weather was fine and everything passed off well. After a hymn and chapter, the old people wended their way home, evidently delighted with the day's entertainment.

The Vicar of Harbury's Allotments - October 1853.

The best way to help the working classes is, as the Archbishop of Canterbury observes, to make them agents in bettering their own condition. The Harbury allotments have originated in this conviction, and are intended partly for adults and partly for youths, and more especially for the benefit of those attending the Vicar's schools and ministry, and disposed by their personal example and general conduct to encourage his efforts for raising the social and moral status of this parish. The land is let subject to the following conditions:

1. No work to be done on the allotments during the Sabbath.
2. No person to hold any allotments who does not attend some place of worship, who swears, frequents the public house, or who is guilty of any other debasing and immoral conduct. No drinking or smoking allowed on the ground; any youth contracting the habit of smoking to forfeit his allotment.
3. The land is not to be sub-let, and to be kept in good condition
4. The rent to be 7s. per chain, and to be paid half-yearly.

An Annual Supper will be given at the Vicarage to the allottees, and the Vicar will also give annually 5 guineas for the best managed allotments, the best crops, the best specimens of vegetables, fruit etc. No person to be entitled to these prizes who has not observed the conditions upon which the allotments are let, and whose character is not satisfactory. And a decided preference in the distribution of the prizes will be given to those who contract no debts, who are depositors in a savings bank, and who accept of no parochial relief or any other charity.

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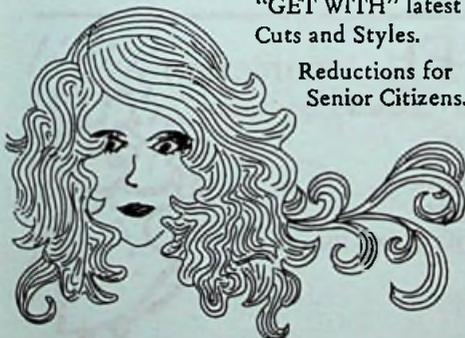
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