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The next few months will see several elections, from Parish Council to European Parliament. Harbury & Ladbroke News is of course politically neutral. It will, however, do its best to keep everyone informed of what is going on, and encourage everyone to use his or her vote. You will find an article about the Parish Council elections in this issue.

We invite all the candidates for the Parish and District Council Elections on 3rd May to submit an election statement of approximately 150 words, by next month's editorial date - 22nd APRIL.

This issue commences our 6th year of publication, and thanks to the persuasive powers of our advertising manager, Peter Holt, all available advertising space is again filled.

Congratulations to one of our distributors, Jill Winter, and her husband David on the birth of their daughter Helen - born on eldest brother Andrew's 14th birthday.

### HARBURY DIARY

#### APRIL 1979

- Sun 1st 5th in Lent. 8am. Holy Eucharist; 10am. Sung Eucharist; 6.30p.m. Evensong.
- Tues 3rd. Horticultural Society, 'Bees in the Garden', 7.30pm. at the Club.  
 W.I. Open Meeting, Hair Demonstration by Stephen Morley, 7.45pm, Village Hall.  
 Deanery Lenten Discussion (Moral Rearmament, Conrad Hunt, Vice-Captain of W. Indies Cricket Team), 7.45pm, St. James School, Southam.
- Wed 4th M.U., Mrs. Rogers on Community Nursing, 2.30pm, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.  
 Evening Eucharist with hymns & address, 7.30p.m.  
 P.T.A. Quiz Night, 8p.m. at the Club.
- Thurs 5th Men's Group Meeting.  
 Theatre Group's production of 'She Stoops to Conquer' (tickets 60p, or 30p for OAPs), 8p.m, V. Hall.
- Fri. 6th Last day of term for School and Playgroup.  
 Theatre Group production, as Thursday.
- Sat. 7th Scouts' Job Week begins (ring 612040, 612529, 613335 or 613261 if you have a job for them).  
 Scouts' Car Wash, 9am to 4pm, Wight School yard.

- Theatre Group's production, as Thursday.
- Sun. 8th Palm Sunday. 8am, Blessing & Distribution of Palms, and Holy Eucharist. 10am. Blessing & Distribution of Palms, Procession and Sung Eucharist (Harbury & Ladbroke News). 6.30p.m, 'The Cross of Christ', a devotion for congregation and augmented choir.
- Scouts' Car Wash, as Saturday.
- Mon 9th Monday in Holy Week; 7.30pm, Evening Eucharist.
- Tues 10th Tuesday in Holy Week; 7.30pm, Evening Eucharist. Annual General Meeting of Village Hall Committee, 8pm in the Village Hall.
- Playing Fields Committee, Village Hall.
- Harbury Friends, 8pm, in the School.
- Motor Cycle Club, Wight School.
- Wed. 11th Wednesday in Holy Week. 9.45am, Holy Eucharist. 7.45p.m, Stainer's 'Crucifixion' in Southam Church
- Carnival Queen judging at the Youth Club.
- Thurs. 12th Maundy Thursday. Holy Eucharist, 9.45am & 7.30pm
- Fri. 13th Good Friday. 8a.m. Matins, Litany and Ante-Communion. 10am, Short Children's & Family Service. 12 - 3, The Three Hours Devotion. 7.30pm, Evensong, with choir.
- Sun 15th Easter Day. 8am, Holy Eucharist; 10am, Procession and Sung Eucharist (PCC); 6.30pm, Evensong, Procession and Te Deum.
- Mon 16th Easter Monday Bank Holiday
- Second Annual Harbury Charity Dance, with Chilled Ice, in the Village Hall. Tickets £1 from Rod Baldwin, Colin Ingram, Geoff Healey and Rolf Upton.
- Tues 17th Tufty Club, 2.30p.m.
- Wed 18th Rugby Club AGM, 8pm, Farley Room, Village Hall. Prayer Group Meeting, 8.30pm, Colbourne House, Ufton, the home of Sara Bennett.
- Thurs 19th Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
- Fri 20th Rugby Club Dance at the Village Hall.
- Sun 22nd Low Sunday. 8am, Holy Eucharist. 10am Sung Eucharist and Procession. 6.30 pm, Evensong and Procession.

- Mon. 23rd St. George's Day.  
 Playgroup & Toddler Group start.  
 Harbury Society, William Tyler on 'Further Aspects  
 of Warwickshire Folklore', 8pm, the Crown.
- Tues. 24th School starts.  
 Young Wives talk on Crime Prevention, 2pm,  
 Village Hall.  
 Motor Cycle Club meeting, Wight School.  
 Harbury News Meeting, 8.30, 17 Manor Orchard.  
 Scouts start (John Hancock's troop).
- Wed. 25th Annual Vestry and Annual Church Meeting, 8p.m.  
 in the Wight School. Everyone welcome.  
 Scouts start (Mick Chick's troop).
- Thurs 26th Annual Parish Meeting - your last chance to see  
 your Parish and District Councillors in action  
 before the elections. Guest speaker, Major  
 Rupert Kettle, County Cllr. and Chairman of the  
 Education Committee. 7.30pm, Village Hall.  
 Golden Age Meeting, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Sat. 28th Theatre Group Jumble Sale, 10.30a.m. V. Hall.
- Sun. 29th Second Sunday after Easter. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist,  
 10am, Sung Eucharist. 6.30pm Evensong.  
 Bike Ride, 10am from Club Car Park.  
 Footpath Walk, 2.30pm from Village Hall.

## MAY

- Tues. 1st Horticultural Society, Dr. Stanley Finch on 'Pests  
 in the Garden', 7.30pm, the Club.
- Wed. 2nd M.U. Discussion, 2.30pm, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane.
- Thurs. 3rd PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS -  
 voting at the Village Hall.  
 W.I. Meeting to discuss resolutions for the AGM,  
 7.45pm, Farley Room, Village Hall.
- Sun. 6th Third Annual Harbury Pony Show, Playing Fields.
- Mon. 7th May Day Bank Holiday.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10a.m.  
 every Sunday.
- CRUSADERS, Village Hall, 2.30p.m. every Sunday.
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7p.m. every Monday.
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8p.m. every Monday.
- BROWNIES, Village Hall, 6.15p.m. every Tuesday.

YOUTH CLUB COFFEE EVENING, Village Hall, Rugby Club  
Rooms, 7-10 every Tuesday.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30p.m. every Tuesday. (1st troop)

JOGGING, meet outside Foodmart, 8p.m. every Tuesday.

BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesday.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30p.m. every Wednesday (2nd troop).

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8p.m. every Wednesday.

PARISH COUNCIL, Village Hall, 7.30p.m., 4th Thursday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30p.m. every Friday.

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DATES FOR INCLUSION PLEASE TO LINDA RIDGLEY,  
tel. Harbury 612792.

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

At the Eucharist on the Wednesday evenings of Lent we have been using the old 1662 Prayer Book form of service, and this seems to have been appreciated. Indeed, to some people, I think, it seemed something 'new', for it is in fact several years since we used anything but either Series 2 or Series 3 for Holy Communion. It has been good to see some of our young people coming to it, and taking their turn in reading the Epistle.

Holy Week and Easter will soon be here. On Palm Sunday, palm crosses will be distributed at both 8am and 10am, and at 10am there will be the Palm Procession. At 6.30 in the evening, there will be a Devotion for Congregation and Choir called 'The Cross of Christ', for which we shall have an augmented choir. Evensong on this day will be said at 4pm.

On the Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week, the Holy Eucharist will be at 7.30 in the evening, and on the Wednesday at 9.45 in the morning. On Maundy Thursday it will be at both 9.45 in the morning and 7.30 in the evening. Maundy Thursday evening is, of course, a specially holy time, and I hope that many will take advantage of the 7.30 Evening Eucharist of the Lord's Supper.

On Good Friday, the services will be:

8am, Mattins, Litany and the Ante-Communion.

10am, a Short Children's and Family Service.

12 to 3pm, THE THREE HOURS.

7.30pm, Evensong (sung) and Sermon.

Those coming for part of the Three Hours may enter or

leave the Church (quietly) at any point in the service, and I hope that those who can will try to come for at least a part of it. If you have to be at work away from Harbury, would it not be possible to drop in at some Church near to your place of work for a few minutes during the lunch hour, whether there is a service on or not?

A list of times when confessions can be heard before Easter will be found on the notice board inside Church. If none of these times is convenient, an appointment can be made with one of the clergy.

I trust that all who have been confirmed will be able to make their Easter Communion after due preparation. I shall be pleased to bring the Blessed Sacrament during Easter week to any who are house-bound, if asked to do so.

It was a great joy to welcome the Mothers' Union branches of the Deanery and their clergy to our Church for their festival on 20th March. We specially thank the Rev. Norman Haigh for his sermon, and for his gift of violets, both of which were greatly appreciated.

We remember before God in prayer Mrs. Daisy Lillian Hopkins, and we pray that God will comfort and guide those who are bereaved.

Please remember the Annual General Meeting, in the Wight School on Wednesday, 25th April, at 8p. m.

A happy Easter.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,  
F. R. Mackley.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

March 17th, William James Alexander Bennett, Colbourne House, Ufton.

March 18th, Dominic Morrison Osborne, 58 Murray Road, Rugby.

#### FUNERAL SERVICE

March 12th, Daisy Lillian Hopkins, aged 60 years, of 21 Pineham Avenue.

#### From the Churchwardens:

For some years, our Palm Sunday Service has been particularly well attended, and we trust that this tradition will be continued this year. Palm Sunday comes at the start of Holy Week, during which we prepare for the greatest of our Church

Festivals - Easter Day. In these days, when Good Friday is for many an ordinary working day, it is all too easy to overlook the significance of the days which lie between the two Sundays. Each day of Holy Week is important, but to the Christian the day on which we remember the day Christ died in agony on the cross is indeed a Holy day. Had Christ not died, we should have no reason to celebrate His resurrection on Easter Day. Would that all Christian people worshipped together on Good Friday in the same numbers as on Easter Day.

Please do make a point of looking at the poster at the back of the Church, which clearly shows the cost of maintaining your church. It has been estimated that during the year the every-day expenses of the church amount to 60p per member of the congregation per week, but the average income is 46p. It is interesting that, if all our envelope income and all the collections at the current rate were covenanted, this deficit would disappear. Covenancing is a painless way of increasing the value of gifts to the church; every £10 given under covenant is worth £14.92 to the church, at no extra cost to the donor. Please think seriously about whether you would like to sign a covenant, and ask any member of the PCC for further information.

Also, please remember the Annual Church Meeting in the Wight School on Wednesday, 25th April, at 8p.m. Do please join us as we look back over the past 12 months, and plan what looks like being a challenging year.

#### THE CHURCHYARD CHESTNUT TREE

The PCC was naturally saddened by the need to fell the remaining part of the old chestnut tree, following the collapse of a large section after the icy weather. We called in the Forestry Officer for Warwickshire, Mr. Cole, and he inspected the tree and told Mrs. Joyce Windsor his expert view.

He told her that the tree is over-mature, with the sap no longer reaching the ends of the twigs, and the tips of many of the branches can be seen to be dying back. With half the tree now gone it is obviously completely unbalanced, and he considered it to be in a dangerous condition. He did not recommend propping it up, as he felt the amount of propping needed would look unsightly, and the old tree would merely continue to die.

Checks were made to be quite sure the tree is not in a conservation area, and does not have a preservation order on it, and the Church Authorities were also consulted. Their view was that, if there was any possibility at all of the tree being dangerous, we must follow the advice of the expert.

In view of this, the only sensible course open to us was to arrange for the remaining part to be felled, and this we have done.

The job will, of course, be carried out by an experienced contractor, and he will also plant a new chestnut tree on the site. This new tree will require proper care and cultivation in its early months, in order that future residents of Harbury may gain from this tree the same pleasure its predecessor afforded over the many years of its long life.

Hon. Secretary, PCC.

#### CHURCH CHOIR

On Palm Sunday, 8th April, we are presenting THE CROSS OF CHRIST, at 6.30 p.m. This service is a selection of music and readings published by the Royal School of Church Music. The music includes items by Ousley, Bach, Mozart and Goss. I would like to create a special choir for this, and I appeal to any adult singers to come along to choir practice at 7 p.m. on Friday, 6th April. Many thanks. K.J.NORDON.

#### THE WINDMILL SINGERS

We are proposing to have a Songs of Praise evening in Church on 13th May, at 6.30 p.m. If you have any hymns you would like included, please let me know.

We are at present working on a programme for the Royal Show in July, and looking for some extra singers in the soprano, contralto, bass voice. Any person interested would be most welcome. Rehearsals are held in Napton on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m.

K. J. NORDON.

#### CRUSADER DISCO PARTY

A Crusader disco party was held on Wednesday, 21st February, at the Wight School, where we played games like eating chocolate and musical cards. Crisps and pop were on sale. The tickets were 30p, which wasn't bad value as refreshments were included. All the tickets were sold, and near the day there was a waiting list which was a good sign.

On the night each person in the communications group had set

times of selling crisps and playing records. Some people provided food like sausages and sausage rolls.

I thought it was quite a good disco.

SARAH BUNTING.

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### LADBROKE NEWS

#### Services etc. for April and early May

Sunday, 1st April. Lent V (Passion Sunday). 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Holy Baptism and short Family Service.

Monday, 2nd April. 4.05 p.m. Ladbroke School Managers meet. 7.30p.m. Annual Vestry & Parochial General Meeting in the School.

Tuesday, 3rd April. 7.45 p.m., Deanery Discussion Group at St. James' School, Southam (Moral Re-armament & the Christian).

Wednesday, 4th April. 3.30 p.m., Women's Fellowship in the School (Mrs. Emus on Spring Flower Arrangements).

Thursday, 5th April. 7.45 p.m., Men's Group at Briarwood, Ladbroke.

Sunday, 8th April. Lent VI. (Palm Sunday). 11a.m. Holy Communion with hymns, and distribution of palms. 6.30p.m. Evensong and distribution of palms.

Wednesday, 11th April (Spy Wednesday). Combined Choirs of Southam Deanery and Churches sing 'The Crucifixion' at Southam Church at 7.45 p.m.

Thursday, 12th April. (Maundy Thursday). 7.30p.m. Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY, 13th April. 2p.m. 'The Holy Hour'.

EASTER SUNDAY, 15th April. (Day of General Communion). 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Holy Communion with hymns. 6.30p.m. Evensong.

(Arrangements will be made for House Communion for)

(those unable to attend Church during Easter week. )

(Please let Canon Fishley know as soon as possible. )

Sunday, 22nd April. Easter I. (Low Sunday). 11a.m. Holy Communion with hymns. No Evensong.

Tuesday, 24th April. 7.30 p.m. Alibone Charity Trustees meet at the Old Rectory.

Sunday, 29th April. Easter II. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11 am. Matins.

Tuesday 1st May. SS. Philip and James.

Thursday, 3rd May. Men's Group at Harbury, 7.45 p.m.

Archdeacon's visitation at Kineton.

Sunday, 6th May. Easter III. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11a.m. Matins.

Wednesday, 9th May. Women's Fellowship in the School, 3.30.

Sunday, 13th May. Easter IV. 11a.m. Holy Communion with  
hymns. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

ALTAR FLOWERS: April 15th and 22nd, Mrs. Darkes. April  
29th, Mrs. Frost. May 6th, Mrs. Timms. May 13th, Miss  
Junod.

EASTER LILIES: Just a reminder that contributions for these  
should reach Mrs. Rutherford or myself by Palm Sunday, 8th  
April, at the latest.

EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTERS:

Holy Baptism - 18th March, 1979. Dean Richard Scandrett  
(with the consent of the Vicar of Long Itchington).

Our sympathies go out to the family of Mr. James Kershaw,  
who was so long one of our churchwardens, and who died on  
16th March.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: We were pleased to see so many of  
our members at the service in Church this month, which was  
taken by the Rev. R. T. Murray, in the absence of Canon  
Fishley who had to go to a meeting in London. Tea was after-  
wards served by Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Teverson, and much  
enjoyed.

Please note that our next meeting will be in the School on Wed.  
4th April, when it is hoped Mrs. Emus will demonstrate to us  
some ideas for flower arrangements. C.H.

We should like to record our thanks to the Parish Council for  
the grant of £25 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. We  
are also much in need of help with this task, and would  
appreciate some young volunteers. G.R.F.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: The Church was well filled on  
Mothering Sunday, 25th March, when the Rev. Canon G. R.  
Fishley took the service. Readings were by Mr. Giles Darkes  
and Mrs. Jane Rutherford. The School, under the direction of  
Miss Harris and Miss Smith, gave us a fine musical offering,

We are all looking forward to a Summer term free of indoor breaktimes, heating problems, all the ailments imaginable, icy playgrounds, and snow.

Despite all these problems, we are pleased that the following children have passed their Amateur Swimming Association Bronze Awards at the Leamington Baths: Josephine Gascoyne, Sharon Andrews, Peter Millington, Trudie Wallington, Deborah Cooke, Craig Simpson, Richard Peake, Rachel Brown, Edward Wood, Robin Taylor, Adrian Thomas, Penelope Simcock, Stephen Hancock, Susan Allan, Stephen Luke, Lynn Stanbridge, Christopher Warden, Peter Catt, David Andrews. The following children have also gained their Silver Awards, and are now trying for their Gold Awards: Josephine Gascoyne, Craig Simpson, Peter Millington, Robin Taylor, Stephen Luke, Peter Catt, Lynn Stanbridge and Adrian Thomas.

Please note - Monday, 7th May is a Bank Holiday - May Day - this year, and will be one of our occasional closures.

Early warning - the School Sponsored Walk this year will be on Saturday, 16th June.

Please remember to support our School Fete on the afternoon of Friday, 25th May.

N.C.O.

### P.T.A.

What a variety of information has been offered to those who have attended recent PTA meetings. For instance, did you know that we have 12 pulses, not one? And how about paying our doctors to keep us well, and not when we're ill (as do the Chinese)? Perhaps some people won't be so sceptical about acupuncture in the future. Then, the wonders of audio-visual aids were explained (it's likely that the next sponsored walk might be to raise money for the purchasing of a video tape recorder). For the healthier (?) there was a square dance I never did discover who was meant to be Sally Somebody, the girl from Arkensaw, or the old Grandma!).

If you've missed the last meetings (or if you've attended them) why not come and support the PTA, W.I., Hottentots, Rugby Club, Shakespeare Inn and Club teams at the Quiz Night on Wednesday, 4th April. We shall also be looking for volunteers and sponsors for the Charity Chariot Chase on May Day in Southam (50% to PTA funds and 50% to the Round Table for current and future projects of community benefit to the area).

Then, the next meeting on 9th May will give everybody a chance to learn how science is taught in the Middle Schools.

R. O., Hon. Sec.

MARK THORBURN - star of HALF A SIXPENCE

The Leamington and Warwick Operatic Society's production of Half a Sixpence at the Spa Centre attracted a large number of Harbury families whose school age members were eager to see teacher Mark Thorburn play the leading part. The whole production was most professional, and extremely enjoyable. The main part - Arthur Kipps - was played with great enthusiasm and talent by Mark Thorburn, and was much appreciated by the whole audience - but especially by the Harbury contingent.

J. B. M.

HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

Job Week was advertised in last month's Harbury News. This is the only time of the year that scouts and cubscouts ask for payment for good turns - and this is done in order to help us with our subscriptions to the Scout Association. The jobs are already coming in (tree planting, ditching, sweeping a yard), but we need a lot more. The dates of Job Week are 7th to 14th April. If you have a job for us to do, please fill in the form in last month's Harbury News, or contact one of the following: Sue Jones, 38 Binswood End (613261), Ken Hughes, Leamington House, Church Street (612273), Pat Taylor, 9 Heber Drive (613335).

During the week cub scouts will be manning a Kiwi shoe-shine stall in the village. Also, scouts will have a car wash going on the Wight School playground on Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th April, from 9 am to 4 pm - 25p a car. We look forward to seeing you during the week, and thank you in advance for your patronage.

A second scout troop will be starting in Harbury after Easter. The new troop, run by Mick Chick and John Ridgley, will meet on Wednesday evenings after cubs.

Pat Taylor has started a uniform bank for cubs and scouts. This should be very useful to boys joining the group. Any cast-off uniforms or parts thereof to Pat at 9 Heber Drive. She will endeavour to sell, and the donor will receive the money, less 10% commission which will go to group funds.

JLH.

## HARBURY GUIDES



The Guides' Jumble Sale, held in the Scout Hut on 24th March, and run largely by the girls themselves, raised the splendid amount of £33. Many thanks to all who helped or contributed jumble. The jolly band of helpers shown in the picture are (1 to r) Nicola Harper, Wendy Bloxham, Helen Keir, Alison Dodds, Josephine Gascoyne, Launa Rolf and Gillian Dodds.

### HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

With only 6 more games to go, the season has been rather a hotch-potch, with some 11 games cancelled due to the weather in the first team alone. However, with the hopeful break and the beginning of Spring(!) it would be pleasant to record a few victories in what has been a rather mixed season. On the playing front we have arranged a few Wednesday evening games:

4th April - Youth XV v Southam (provisional), K.O. 6.30p. m.  
11th April - Harbury v Old Warwickians, K.O. 6.30p. m.  
25th April - Youth XV v Bluecoats Former Pupils, K.O. 6.30pm.

Your support for these matches, all of which will be played in Harbury, would be very welcome.

As the weather has gradually improved, so work on the Clubhouse has been able to commence more rapidly. The plasterers should be finished by the end of March, and the floor completed. Work is currently commencing on the Car Park, and hopefully all work with the exception of internal decorating should be completed by the end of April. Work on seeding and preparing the cricket square and seeding the training area will be undertaken in April.

The Opening Day Committee is working hard preparing and contacting people for events for Sunday, 2nd September, 1979.

Two Rugby games have been arranged with a Club XV v. a South Warwickshire XV (based on clubs that we play in the season) in the morning of the Opening Day, and New Brighton v a Warwickshire XV in the afternoon. An exhibition of mini rugby will be included between these games. However, we want to make this a Family Day, and a series of events and sidestalls are planned, and all the village societies are being invited to participate with a stand or stall, with any profit they may make being theirs. Further details will be announced, but if anyone wishes to help, contact Dave Davies, Lower Westfields Farm, Harbury, tel. Harbury 612206.

JERRY BIRKBECK.

### HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT

During the past months there has been more activity off the football pitch than between the often-obscured white lines. The first team in Division 2 have amassed only 12 points this season, having won 6 games and lost 8, and will need to adopt winning tactics in a bid to steer clear of relegation. The reserve team are languishing at the bottom of the league, despite continued determination to 'trounce the opposition'.

In February the non-playing members of the Club, led by Dot Boneham and her many friends, organised an extremely successful Jumble Sale at a time when everyone seemed to be doing their spring cleaning. Afterwards, several trailer loads of jumble were taken to Oxfam's shop in Leamington, who were delighted to find themselves the recipients of so much quality clothing in one afternoon.

Last month, the Social Committee of the Club, again headed by Dot Boneham, organised a Cabaret Evening which was billed as an evening with a difference. All those who supported

the venture agreed that the introduction of a buffet meal, as well as an Irish comedian who did two half hour spots during the evening, proved most enjoyable. In fact, there will be many who might re-echo Max Boyce's sentiments of "But I was There" - if Pat Tansey makes the "New Comedian" show on TV in the autumn. Grateful thanks are extended to Dot, Joan, Pearl, Es, Nan, Linda, Helen and Frances for all their efforts on the Club's behalf. CHRIS FINCH.

### TENNIS COACHING

Once again we have been fortunate to arrange for Pauline Brown to give tennis coaching in the village this year for the 9 to 14 year olds. The sessions will be for one hour each week for six consecutive weeks, commencing on Monday, 23rd April. The cost will be £1.25 and places will be allocated on a first come/first served basis. For further details, contact Mrs. Anita Williams, 2 Farley Avenue (612842). RH.

### HARBURY CARNIVAL AND FETE, 9th JUNE

Preparations are well under way for Harbury's 1979 Carnival. Various events have been organised for the week preceding Carnival Day:

Sat. 2nd June - 2p.m., Car Treasure Hunt, starts from Village Hall car park; 50p per car.

Evening, Rugby Club Dance and Barbecue.

Sun. 3rd June - Tennis tournament and Children's sports.

Mon. 4th June - Carnival Bingo.

Tues. 5th June - W.I. Cookery Demonstration given by the Milk Marketing Board, followed by a fabric sale.

Wed. 6th June - Youth Club Disco.

Sat. 9th June - CARNIVAL PROCESSION AND FETE.

Evening, Carnival Dance.

Pens (15p) and Badges (10p) are now available from Carnival Committee members and various village organisations. Full details of the Carnival Day programme will be given in the May issue of Harbury News.

We are looking for an enthusiastic group to organise and run 'Steptoe and Son' - please contact Roger Lupton.

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#### HARBURY W.I.

Mrs. M. Thompson will be our delegate at the AGM in London in June. This was decided at our March meeting, and also, as this is the Year of the Child, we decided that we would support the teenagers of the village, and Mrs. Middleton will be our representative. £20 has been donated to the Youth Club.

Mrs. Tyler's cherry cake was judged first by Mrs. Neal, so she will bake our entry for the Spring Council Meeting this month.

Our speaker was the Rev. Tom Knight from Southam, who, after 30 years in the RAF, entered the Church at the age of 49. He spoke of his travels (he has been to 46 countries), and his many assignments that have brought him into contact with royalty of different nations. After living in 24 houses during his career, he insists that he will stay permanently in Southam.

A special mention of appreciation was given to the grand people who have delivered our post, milk and papers during this hard winter. What would we have done without them?

JEANNE BEAUMONT.

#### GOLDEN AGE

The team which successfully reached the final of the Southam Rotary Club's Whist Drive competition was 'pipped at the post', and were runners-up to Stockton. Each team member (Mrs. Sheasby, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Rabey and Mrs. Knighton) was presented with a plaque to mark the occasion, and a Runners-Up Cup will be held by the Club for 12 months.

Some girls from Southam School provided and served delicious refreshments, and the Southam Rotary Club saw to it that the Golden Age members not only had the excitement of the Whist Drive final, but also an extremely pleasant social evening.

L. KNIGHTON.

## HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

As a result of the appalling weather during February, our second trial of the year was delayed until 11th March. The event winner was Ivor Matthews, who consolidated his lead in the 1979 championship, followed by Dick Wright, second, and Christopher Buck, third. Carl Fawson was the only Junior to finish, and has overtaken Steve Buckle to lead the Junior Championship, with William Bennett third.

After the trial, an impromptu knock-out hill climb was organised, to add further interest to our competition programme. This was won by Nigel Buck, followed by Paul Hunt and Howard Machell, with Matthew Stokes fourth.

The majority of the club membership has now moved into the 16+ 'senior' age group, and we badly need new junior members to provide more competition within the junior section. We would be interested to hear from any young people interested in motorcycling activities, and also from any parents who could help with the organisation of events.

## YOUTH CLUB

The Club has had a quiet month, and is suffering from lack of adult support, although we have found 2 good ladies who are running the Coffee Bar on a rota basis. We have had no response to my request in last month's issue for volunteers to help out. Surely somebody is willing to help the youth of the village. Many other villages and towns are proud of their youth clubs, but it seems as though this is one area that Harbury wishes to push under the mat. It is a great shame when this is a village with so many other community activities to boast of, and after so many people turned up at the Open Meeting held last November.

We are trying to organise a sponsored badminton event shortly, and also another General Meeting about the Youth Club. Details of these will be in the next issue.

Coffee Bar - on Tuesday, 3rd April a discussion evening will be held, and all youngsters are welcome. There will be no Coffee Bar on Tuesday, 10th April, but we are hoping to have a disco on Friday, 13th April. M. BINGHAM, Chairman.

A Local History: Mrs. Dorothy Noden's excellent history of Chesterton and Kingston is now on sale. It represents several years of painstaking research, and provides a wonderful local record. The Sunday Express (25.3.79) thought it could be the start of a modern Domesday Book - a well-deserved tribute.

## HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Tickets are going fast for 'She Stoops to Conquer' on 5th, 6th and 7th April. So buy yours early from the Co-op Butchers, or ring 612175 for details of block bookings. The wigs, specially made by Jean Holt, include an enormous extravaganza for 'Mrs. Hardcastle', and one problem (hopefully) overcome by Peter Holt (lighting and sound) is to send a stagecoach rattling round the Village Hall! 'She Stoops to Conquer' is a play for all the family.

The Theatre Group AGM will be on Thursday, 12th April, at 8 p.m. in the Wight School. Friends old and new are welcome. A jumble sale will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 28th April, at 10.30 a.m. Contact any theatre group member for jumble collection.

J.N.S.

## HARBURY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

We hope that by now regular users of the Hall will have discovered where the keys are living!

Our Singing, Music and Dancing Licence has been renewed by Southam Magistrates, and our Betting, Gaming & Lotteries Licence by Stratford Council.

A Cheese/Wine/Disco and Cabaret evening was recently held by the committee to raise money to have the trestles repaired for the stage. However, we were very disappointed by the support we received. Our charges barely cover the running costs of the hall, and anything extra has to be raised by Special Events. Perhaps we'll have better luck next time!

We have also been disappointed to learn that we may not be able to go ahead with the proposed Storage Extension. This will cost just over £1,000 if done this year. We were awarded a grant of 12½% by the District Council, and by the Parish Council. This qualified us for a 50% grant from the Education Committee, but unfortunately they haven't enough money for all the people who have applied. They can give us some, but not the full 50%. Since, as mentioned previously, we haven't any money to spare, our project will have to be postponed until 1980/81, when we may get the full amount. It is most unfortunate since the hut is derelict now, and such an eyesore. The building will probably cost more next year, and plans which other people have for the land to be used for another necessary purpose, will in turn have to be deferred.

Anyone any idea where we can get the money from this year? Our AGM is on 10th April in the Farley Room at 8 p. m. SUE ANDREWS.

### MOTHERS' UNION

At the MU March Meeting, Mrs. Marian Hayward of the WRVS gave a most interesting talk on her work, and outlined the many aspects the WRVS covers. Theirs is a 'back-up' service, designed to augment the official services. Apart from providing cups of tea to hard working Police, Ambulance and Firemen, there are hundreds of ways in which the WRVS helps people. They provide library and shop services to hospitals, deliver Meals on Wheels to the housebound, along with numerous useful and necessary tasks. The work is entirely voluntary, and new members are always welcome. Mrs. Hayward said that anyone who is interested in helping should contact the WRVS at 10 Northgate Street, Warwick.

Over 60 MU members and clergy from the villages in the Southam Deanery attended the Annual Deanery Festival Service, held this year in Harbury Church. The Rev. Norman Haigh from Leamington was the guest speaker, and gave a most enjoyable talk, taking as his text 'She did what she could'. The service was followed by tea in the Village Hall, provided by the Harbury members, and Rev. Haigh kindly presented each lady with a spray of violets. A.M.

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On 3rd May, elections to the Parish and District Councils take place. Several members of the Harbury Parish Council are retiring after the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Harbury Parish Council has 10 members, one of whom represents Deppers Bridge. Anyone who is over 21, and a British subject, may stand, provided he or she is a local government elector of the Parish, or has occupied land or premises in the Parish for 12 months, or has his or her place of work in the Parish, or has resided there for 12 months.

The Parish Council levies a rate, collected with the County Rate. Currently it is 1.6p. The Council is responsible for the administration of allotments, the maintenance of the cemetery and village greens, and acts as the lighting authority. In addition, it advises the District Council on planning applications, and is represented on such bodies as

the School Governors.

Anyone interested in standing for election to the Parish Council should obtain nomination papers from the Parish Clerk, Mr. Ray Carter, at 2 Margaret Close. These must be returned to the Returning Officer, Council Offices, Birmingham Road, Stratford on Avon, between 29th March and NOON on 5th April.

### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL, MARCH MEETING

Where the Rates are concerned, like everyone else the Parish Council wants to have its cake and eat it. On the one hand they want the rates kept down, and are keen that Major Kettle speaks on the subject at the Annual Parish Meeting on 26th April, and on the other they're upset when, to save money, non-essential services like Stratford's neighbour notification scheme (on planning) are cut. Mrs. Watts complained that the Parish Council would have to do the job for them.

It's not all one-sided. There's praise as well as criticism of the higher authorities. Mrs. Watts wanted local NUPE members to know their responsible attitude during the industrial action was appreciated. The refuse collection and the hospital services had been little affected. Cllr. Wilkins praised the Education Department for clearing, turfing and replanting the bank on Park Lane adjacent to the School, and Sharon Hancock was gratified by the speed with which the STWA attended the burst in Mill Street.

Sometimes everyone's in agreement. The Parish Council en bloc objected to plans for the land next to Childyke, because they thought Mill Lane should not take more traffic. Sometimes the argument is heated - Sharon Hancock accusing Mike Ellis of 'making money out of the bereaved' when he tried to persuade the Council to raise burial charges.

Some topics are emotive. No-one liked the recent increase in low flying aircraft, or the fact that Harbury's dogs have not read the notices prohibiting the fouling of footpaths. At other times, apathy reigns supreme; no voice was raised to prevent garage doors being knocked out of the Dovehouse Arch. Last month it was Vicarage Lane setts at risk, although Cllr. Hancock has now persuaded the Parish Council to campaign for their retention.

Some items, like Highways, are downright boring, though the men enjoy discussing road improvements, one-way systems,

parking restrictions and pot-holes. So, the Bus can't get round the Church Terrace / Hall Lane corner - send it another way, do. So, the milk tanker from Frost's carves up the verge too - turn the one-way system round! But no. We had off-street car parks, residents only parking, and road works, all to help vehicles go faster.

Shouldn't carp, couldn't do any better. They are hard-working, conscientious, and with the good of the Parish uppermost in their minds. Witness the recent triumph on the sublime subject of sewers. They kept pushing and pushing until at last Stratford District Council exerted itself and Lo! there were plans showing the drains adopted in 1973! Currently, the Council is asking why Manor Road houses are scheduled for re-wiring when this job was only done last in 1974. Finally, for the long term, Geoff Wright suggested a nursery be started in the Burial Grounds to grow on replacement trees for the village.

The last meeting of this Parish Council takes place on 19th April - your final opportunity to see them in their paces before the Annual Parish Meeting on 26th April and the elections on 3rd May. Don't miss this chance!! LINDA RIDGLEY.

#### HARBURY SOCIETY

At our AGM the Chairman, Tim Millington; the Vice-Chairman, David Winter; the Secretary, Linda Ridgley; and the Treasurer, Bill Washington, were re-elected. Mr. Stobo and Mr. Armstrong were nominated as new Committee members, Chris Finch and Es Picken standing down. It was agreed that Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Picken, Mrs. Barnes and Mr. Rolf, who volunteered to help in the production of the Guide, would be co-opted members of the Committee. The remainder of the Committee were re-elected. Under Any Other Business, the problems of the Churchyard horse chestnut and the increased fouling of village greens by dogs were discussed, and also the increase in numbers of low flying aircraft. The address to which complaints about aircraft should be sent is The Ministry of Defence, S 4 F (Air),  
Main Building, Whitehall, London.

If you feel aggrieved - let them know it!

The next Harbury Society meeting will be on 23rd April at 8p. m. in the Crown Inn, when Mr. William Tyler will speak on 'Further Aspects of Warwickshire Folklore', and the Society has been invited to take part in the 10a. m. service on Sunday, 6th May, in All Saints Church, Harbury. LINDA RIDGLEY.

## THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

It's now officially SUMMERTIME! As you tidy your garden, think also of the area outside your home. Think of the village as a whole, for it's time again for the Best Kept Village Awards.

The aim of the Best Kept Village Competition is to encourage villagers to improve their surroundings - for everyone's benefit. So when you sweep out the deadleaves, don't push them into the gutter - they'll only blowback on to your own or your neighbour's garden; don't drop litter in the streets, and don't take your dog out to foul someone else's verge.

Pushing your rubbish on to the whole community doesn't get rid of it, it just means that everyone suffers. Conversely, taking extra care, like mowing a roadside verge or picking up waste paper, benefits everyone, and this is what the competition is trying to encourage - making the village a 'better place in which to live'.

Harbury will never be a pretty village, and no-one wants it to be. Heaven forbid that we should have close-cropped regimented grass on which no-one treads, and where wild flowers are totally banned, but it would be a disgrace if, when the judges visit us, there is still old iron, waste paper and dog muck littering our streets.

Remember, we still have a Large Rubbish Collection, albeit infrequently; Stratford District Council will collect large items of refuse if you phone them AND there is always the Council Dump at Princes' Drive in Leamington where you can get rid of ANYTHING!

HARBURY SOCIETY.

## CRESTED CHINA COLLECTING

During the latter half of the 19th century, holiday travel was growing. Sea side resorts were becoming fashionable. In 1880, William Goss realised that there was a ready market here for souvenirs. His factory started to produce 'Heraldic Ware', small porcelain models of objects of local interest, bearing the coats-of-arms of the resorts. Soon other companies copied the idea.

I started my collection 6 or 7 years ago, and now have about 50 pieces. The most valuable is the model of a Bleriot monoplane which visited Warwick in 1912, and which bears the Warwick arms. It is of particular interest because the plane made a forced landing at the bottom of Treen's Hill. Another

item of local interest is a Goss model of the Warwick vase. Pieces are most 'collectable' if the crest is that of a town associated with the model.

Among my favourites are a First World War tank (my first piece), a bathing machine with the Brighton crest, a lighthouse with the Eastbourne crest, and a field gun with the Birmingham arms.

Crested china can still be found, though it became very popular about 4 years ago, and is scarcer and therefore rather more expensive than it was. If you feel like taking up this hobby, which I have enjoyed very much, I would advise you to search in second-hand shops rather than at antique dealers. Look carefully for chips and cracks which reduce the value a great deal. Good hunting!

MATTHEW SHELLEY.

### COVENTRY KIDNEY UNIT APPEAL

Each year about 2,000 people in this country develop kidney failure. The majority are in the prime of life, some are children. Only a few years ago, all would have died.

Nowadays, a kidney transplant can restore them to full life and vigour - but there are many difficulties. For the transplant to be successful, the tissue type must be as close to the recipient's as possible, or the transplanted kidney will be rejected. Furthermore, the supply of kidneys is very limited.

For those for whom a suitable transplant cannot be found, the only treatment is a kidney machine. Patients are connected to the machine for several hours 3 times a week. Many patients have their machine at home and receive their treatment with the help of their relatives. The treatment is far from satisfactory, most patients never really feeling well, and all unable to lead a full life.

A local sufferer is Mr. Laurie Green of Deppers Bridge, whose kidneys failed 4 years ago. He has had two failed transplants, and is treated with a home kidney machine. His wife is hard at work raising money for the Coventry Kidney Unit Appeal Fund. The fund tries to provide things for the Unit, and its patients, which are not provided by the NHS. In particular, they are trying to provide a caravan by the sea equipped with a kidney machine, so that patients can have a family holiday - at present impossible for them.

Mrs. Green has a mail order catalogue which provides a percentage of profits for the fund, and this summer she hopes

to have a display stall of goods at local fetes. She sells pens, and collects all kinds of trading stamps and cigarette coupons. In addition, she is organising a Whist Drive in Bishops Itchington on 6th October, and would be very glad to hear from anyone who could donate a prize. If she can find sufficient support, she would like to organise a monthly raffle at Harbury Club. If you can help Mrs. Green with any of these projects, why not contact her at 31 Deppers Bridge, tel. 613392.

Finally, 'your kidneys could help someone to live after your death'. That is what it says on the front of a kidney donor card. None of us likes to think about the possibility of our own sudden death, but many thousands of people die in accidents each year, and out of this waste some good can come. Cards can be obtained from Mrs. Green, or from your Doctor's surgery.

M. S. H.

### EPIC VENTURE

The silver rings and paddocks of the English racing scene will never be the same again with the formation of the Harbury Race Club Syndicate. Twelve good men and true got together over a pint or two in the Old New Inn, and as a result are now shareholders in a racehorse called March Epic. For them, 'The Sporting Life' has taken on an air of reality, as they excitedly follow their horse's fortunes during the rest of the year.

March Epic is a 4 year old filly and, being related to Sea Pigeon, clearly has potential. So far it has run just once, making a promising debut at a recent meeting at Towcester. Nearly all the 'syndicate' went to watch their horse run, and not surprisingly they backed it. Its next scheduled outing (if it gets over a cough) is on 5th April at Worcester, where it runs in a novice hurdle.

The formation of racing syndicates is an increasingly popular way of having a direct involvement in racing whilst at the same time sharing the high costs. To keep a racehorse in training costs well over £200 a month. March Epic is trained by Wilbur Mann at Bishop's Itchington, and ridden by his son Robert. The syndicate comprises John Warner, Dickie Turner, Henry Bowell, Sid Field, Joe Field, Keith Perry, Pete Hagan, Geoff Ransley, Maurice Sheasby, Arthur Jeffs, Frank Jeffs Snr. and Frank Jeffs Jnr.

This new racing venture is yet another example of Harbury's

many and diverse activities. We all wish the shareholders well, and let us hope it will not belong before they are leading March Epic into the winner's enclosure. RAY HOARE.  
N.B. We hope to include a photograph of March Epic and the 'syndicate' in a future issue.

### NOW YOU SEE THEM, NOW YOU DON'T !!

Winter is over (officially) and its demise is marked by the re-emergence of the phantom cars of Binswood End. They hibernate in the winter, and only appear with the first snowdrops.

Not only that, but whilst in hibernation they breed, so that - whereas at one time one could find enough space to ease into, to avoid the oncoming traffic - now it is a question of making sure you are on good terms with your Guardian Angel, or driving a long, very thin car. But, do not mention traffic control, or the road safety officer, or these shy little creatures will disappear again, to materialise only when the danger is past.

G. H.

### LOPPYLUGS AND THE HUNT

The sun was shining and warm for the first time this year, as the Warwickshire Hunt met at the Old New Inn on 5th March. There was a good turn out of about 40 riders, on some very beautiful mounts. In the pub yard, the hounds enjoyed the fuss being made of them as the crowd of on-lookers grew. It was then that I spotted the gnome-like figure of Lopylugs. With his blue jacket, yellow waistcoat, red socks and grey side whiskers, he almost looked as though he should be sitting at the side of a goldfish pond. In case you don't know, let me tell you..... Lopylugs (he assured me that his mother hadn't christened him that, and indeed some of the hunt didn't always call him that!!!) is a gentleman of 72, who takes delight in following the hunt whenever he can, not on horse-back but on his own two feet!

When the stirrup cup is drunk and the hunt moves off, away goes Lopylugs at the double, over fences and ditches, through hedges with his ordnance survey map at the ready. Just how many miles he covers is a bit uncertain, but joggers take heart - if you can do as well at the age of 72 you will know it was all worth it. The only thing was, I never did find out if he ever got to the fox first!

G. H.

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TO CHILDREN

Our recent 'Collections and Crafts' Day was even more successful than we had hoped, and - thanks to the many who came, both to show and to look - £52 was raised for NSPCC funds. We are extremely grateful to you all.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

PROFILE - MR. PHILIP LINDOP

"When I first opened a shop in Harbury, I expected it would be a jumping-off place for something bigger. But we've made so many friends here, I can't imagine ever going anywhere else". The words come from Philip Lindop, owner of 'The Drug Store', who set up shop originally (some 15 years ago) where the greengrocer's is now, and moved to his present premises, next to the Gamecock, about 5 years later. Until some 4 years ago, Mr. Lindop did men's hairdressing, but he now concentrates exclusively on 'chemist' items, and a wide range of fancy goods. As he is not a qualified chemist, Mr. Lindop cannot stock some lines he would like to carry, and (to his dismay) he was not even allowed to put into practice his idea for getting prescriptions made up for customers (along the same lines as the dry-cleaning agency he operates now). He clearly feels that the law often hinders rather than helps the self-employed - another 'bee in his bonnet', he says, is the ridiculous situation regarding Sunday trading. "Every shopkeeper should be allowed to decide for himself when he opens, and what he sells".



Mr. Lindop's spare-time activities include metal detecting (he's had some interesting finds in the Chesterton area), fishing and photography. Perhaps this latter comes from having a father who was a cinema projectionist, in Wolverhampton, where Mr. Lindop was born. He has always lived in the Midlands, some years being in Burton on Trent, where

he did his hairdressing training. His National Service was interesting and unusual - he volunteered for the RAF's Mountain Rescue Team in Wales.

After his marriage to Edna, they set up home in Warwick, and they have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Their daughter followed Mr. Lindop into hairdressing, and their son served for 6 years in the Army, including 18 months' duty in Northern Ireland, obviously an anxious time for the Lindops, but one which is happily now ended.

As a man with a love of the countryside and an interest in history, Philip Lindop finds Harbury an ideal place. Nevertheless, he says he is glad he actually lives in Warwick - it enables him to put the business out of his mind when he locks the door at night!

But I suspect that he still enjoys settling himself back each morning into the place he has so successfully established for himself in the life of Harbury.

D. M. H.

### IN THE GARDEN

With the lighter evenings and the possibility of a little sunshine, April could be a month of much activity, should the ground get dryer and not snow-bound. Plant shallots, broad beans, onion sets, and, under cloches, early peas. In your cold frames, plant out the lettuce you have started on your windowsills. The potatoes which you have got chitted, plant out about the middle of the month. Parsnip, beetroot, carrot and spinach seed - plant at the end of the month.

Finish pruning roses, and as for your raspberry canes, just take the top two inches off - this encourages the canes to give more sap into the fruit buds.

It is worth trying an early spring cabbage, if you can obtain some plants.

The rhubarb you covered up in the autumn should now be showing signs of sprouting, and should be kept moist.

Most crops will benefit from a dressing of Growmore about 2 weeks before planting seeds or plants. W. F. LINES.

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The speaker at our meeting on 3rd April will be Mr. A. Rawlings, a noted local bee-keeper, who will be telling us about the advantages of keeping bees in the garden.

The Society will have a plant stall at the Carnival on Saturday, 9th June. As with last year's sale, any surplus plants, seedlings etc. for the stall will be gratefully accepted. We will also be organising the Garden Walkabout this year, on 14th July, and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who would open their garden or volunteer to help out on the day. The coach for Clack's Farm is filling fast, so if you want to go please let me have your name. TONY BRUNTON(612191).

### HARBURY & DISTRICT LABOUR PARTY A.G.M.

At the A.G.M. on Thursday, 15th March, the following officers were elected. Chairman, Janet Thornley. Vice-Chairman, Harry Atkins. Treasurer, Mike Bloxham. Secretary, Graham Faulkner (13 Wagstaffe Close, telephone 612037). Membership Secretary, Robin Kimberley (12 Mansions Close, Bishops Itchington, telephone 613162).

J. L. H.

### HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

An extremely successful Wine and Pate Party was held at Temple House on 23rd March, by very kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, to whom we are most grateful.

A splendid profit of around £120 was made for the Conservative Association's election fund, coming from the tombola, a raffle, and an auction of home-made wholewheat loaves, which fetched as much as 70p each!

Many thanks to all our supporters.

P. J. H.

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### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear friends,

Congratulations to the News on winning the Parish Magazine Competition - it is good when one's work is as good as the spirit.

May I thank the people of Harbury for the sum of £172.88<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>p donated to the Salvation Army's Self Denial Appeal. I can only quote St. Matthew, Chapter 25, v. 40 - "In as much as ye have done it to the least one of my brethren, ye have done it unto me". I can only say, God bless you.

May I add that I was asked a few times why I asked Old Age Pensioners. Well, the first time I did not ask them, and I was pulled up in the street by pensioners who said I must not deny them the chance to help someone worse off than themselves.

One old lady stopped me in the street after I had collected her envelope, and asked me for another as she had worked out her budget and found she could double her gift. It reminded me of when Jesus sat watching the offerings in the temple, and said that the widow's two mites were worth more than the rich man's offering.

May I just add that clothing, furniture or children's toys that are in reasonable condition are always acceptable - just let me know, or ring Leamington Spa 23071, and I will collect.

W. MARSHALL, Salvation Army.

Dear Editors,

We, the undersigned, being members of the Harbury Jogging Society, wish to go on record as saying that we jog because (a) we like it; (b) we feel fitter and know it does us good; (c) we find the scenery outside more interesting than the walls adjacent to our bottom six stairs!; and (d) we have jogged past all the hostleries in Harbury!

CHL, PM, MS, RDS, PMcD, PW, NT, CW, AH, JW, SAT, DB, DN, FP, DE, LE.

(Editors' note: as a matter of interest, the following quote from Dr. Christian Barnard has been pointed out to us: "A visit to a sexy massage parlour could be better and safer than jogging. Joggers suffered from a dangerous mania akin to sexual masochism. It seemed half the human race was jogging while the other half was recovering from it, and that they are voluntarily punishing themselves for an imagined health lapse".)

Dear Editors,

The Parish Council have again received complaints of dogs fouling the footpaths in Harbury. The Council wish to point out to all residents of Harbury that any person permitting his or her dog to foul the footpath is contravening the Warwickshire County Council Supplementary Bye-Law No. 36, and is liable to a fine of £20.

The Council request all residents that, in the interests of hygiene, they should keep their animals under proper control, and not permit them to foul the footpaths. The Council also wish to add that it is against the Council's own bye-laws to allow a dog to run free in the playing field. All dogs must be

kept on a lead at all times in the playing field.

RAY CARTER, Clerk to the Parish Council.

Dear Sirs,

The Parish Council is concerned about the amount of filth deposited on our pavements, verges and greens by the dog population - and so it should be. And so should we!

It is a disgrace that a village which prides itself on its community spirit should allow such contamination of its public places to continue. Dog owners have a responsibility to ensure that their animals are adequately fed and exercised, and have somewhere, on their own property, to relieve themselves.

The mentality that allows an owner to take a dog out of his own garden and on to a public open space for this purpose is the same as that which allows him to tip garden refuse over the back fence, drop litter in the streets, and dump rubbish in farm gateways. It is uncivilised, selfish, and totally reprehensible!

To allow one's dog to roam the streets fouling the footway at will is wrong - to take it out purposely to a village green and look the other way while it defecates is CRIMINAL.

The Council will be forced to make an example of someone, invoke the Bye-Laws and prosecute if we, the residents, do not do our civic duty and, taking our courage in both hands, remonstrate with offenders. Far better a moment's unpleasantness and embarrassment than the expense, publicity and SHAME of dragging someone through the courts to drive the point home. We should not have to walk in dirty streets, or forbid our children to play on the grass, so be officious - tell them, KEEP IT IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday, 26th April, at 7.30 p. m.

ALL WELCOME

Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the clerk of the council, Mr. Ray Carter, 2 Margaret Close, as soon as possible.

WANTED - for Harbury Playgroup. Large 3-wheeler tricycles, Pedal-Cars, Tractors etc.

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WANTED - Character house with scope for 5 bedrooms in the village or outskirts. £40,000 to £60,000 price range. If you are considering selling your house in the near future, please ring Harbury 612528.

LOST - Would the person who left the Guides' Jumble Sale on Saturday with a green carrier bag containing some new shirts and other items, please return them to their rightful owner - Mrs. Elliott, 1 Hall Lane.

RECREATION GROUND PLAY EQUIPMENT - Harbury Parish Council invites tenders to repair and repaint the play equipment in the recreation ground. Details can be obtained from the Clerk, Mr. R. Carter, 2 Margaret Close, Harbury.

MRS. E. SOLLIS & FAMILY would like to thank all those who, in remembrance of the late Mr. J. L. Sollis, kindly donated £150 for the 'Hospital League of Friends'. This money will be put towards buying a coloured television for a restroom at the Warneford Hospital.

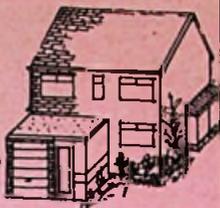
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Sarah and Penny Johnson, with two of the four lambs recently born to their pet sheep.

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