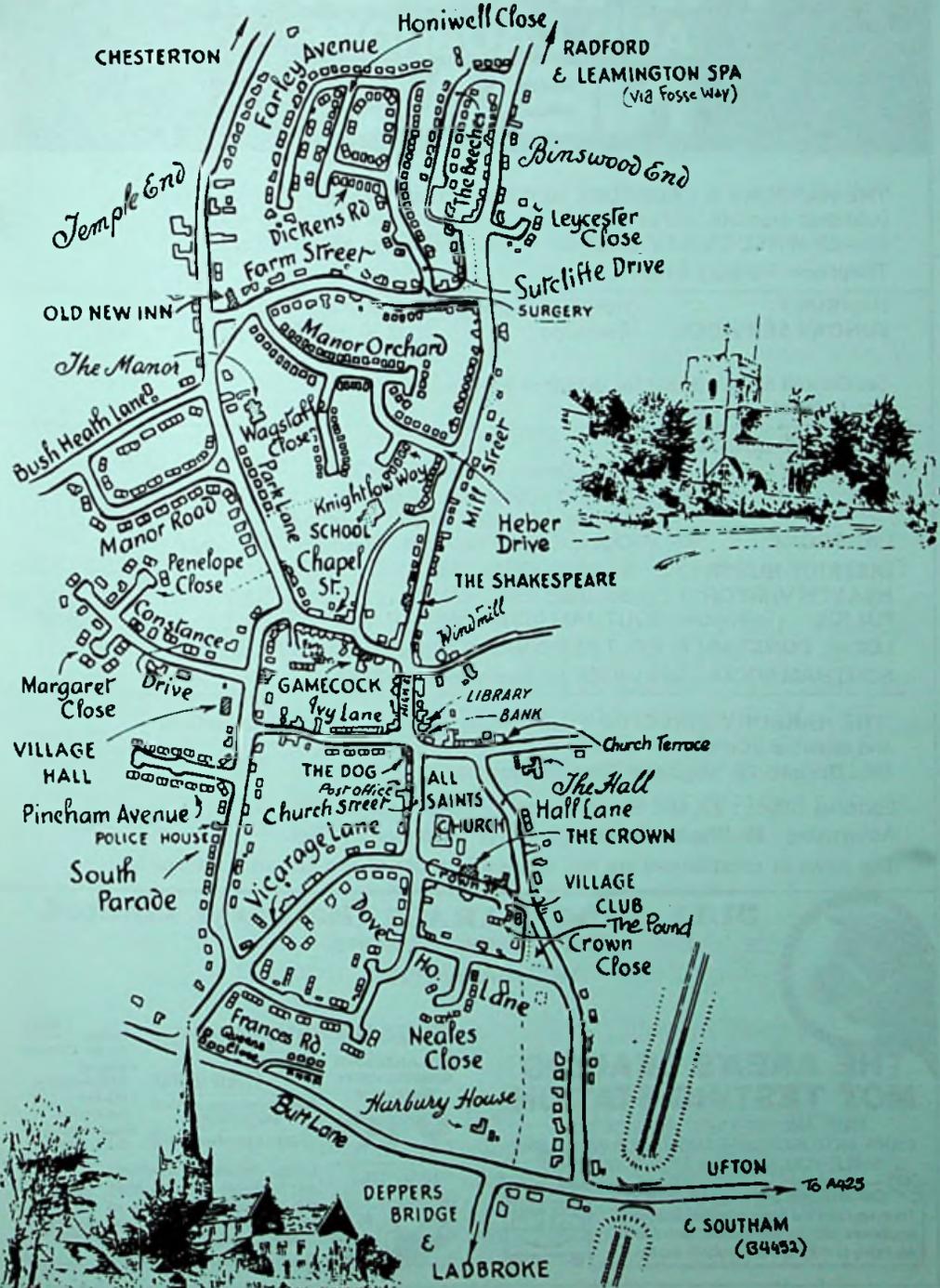


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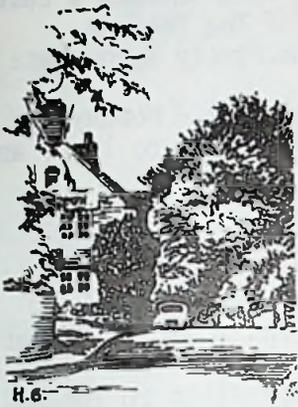
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BUMP?**



Harbury and Ladbroke have been fortunate indeed in having such a short time to wait for a new Vicar. Canon A. S. B. Rowe and his wife hope to move into Harbury Vicarage in September, coming from the city parish of St. Mary Magdalen in Earlsdon, Coventry. We understand that both the Revd. Mackley and Canon

Fishley are very happy that their former parishes will be in Canon Rowe's care, and we are sure that both villages will look forward to welcoming him and his family into our community.

A plea from the Editors of this magazine: we have had several instances recently of two or three reports of the same event being submitted to us. If your organisation has an official publicity officer, and would like us to print that report in preference to anyone else's, would you make this clear to us on the report. We continue to get more copy than we can use each month - we are pleased about that but we have to be selective. Short, clearly-written pieces are the ones we like - editing this magazine is not an easy job, and we ask for your co-operation - and your continued support!

HARBURY DIARY

JULY

- Sun. 31st 8am Holy Communion; 10am Family Eucharist - preacher The Archdeacon of Warwick: 6.30pm Evensong.
- Free Church Family Service, 2.30pm in Harbury Church - Rev. E. Harrison.

AUGUST

- Mon. 1st SUMMER PLAYScheme STARTS - Village Hall - Monday to Friday from today until 12th August - 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm. (see article) Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 1 Constance Drive.
- Tues. 2nd PCC Meeting, 8pm, Wight School.
- Wed. 3rd Playscheme Parachute Drop - see article.
- Thurs. 4th BLOOD DONORS. afternoon/early evening, V.Hall.

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- Fri. 5th Playscheme Open Day Picnic with Cavemen's Carnival.  
Sat. 6th Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 8 The Beeches.  
Sun. 7th 8a.m. Holy Communion: 10a.m. Family Eucharist:  
6.30p.m. Evensong.  
Mon. 8th PLAYScheme - start of second week - Monday to  
Friday until 12th August - 10am to 1p.m. and  
2pm to 4pm (see article)

Thurs. 11th Playscheme Open Day Picnic with Spacemen's  
Spectacular.  
NO GOLDEN AGE.

Whist Drive, V.Hall, 7.45p.m. (in aid of Cancer  
Treatment Fund)

Fri. 12th LAST DAY OF SUMMER PLAYScheme (10am to 1pm and  
2pm to 4pm) - Last Day Party Picnic Lunch  
for playscheme children till 4p.m.  
Family Barbeque Video Disco, 7.30p.m. in  
the Village Hall - see Playscheme article.

Sun. 14th 8a.m. Holy Communion: 10a.m. Family Eucharist:  
6.30p.m. Evensong (preacher Mr. William  
Guinness of Kenilworth)

Mon. 15th Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 11 Constance Drive.  
Sat. 20th Christian Fellowship, 8pm, Corner Cottage,  
High Street.

Sun. 21st 8a.m. Holy Communion; 10a.m. Family Eucharist:  
6.30p.m. Evensong (preacher Mr. Brian Olver  
of Warwick).

BICYCLE EVENT - See article inside.

Thurs. 25th Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Sun. 28th 8a.m. Holy Communion: 10a.m. Family Eucharist:  
6.30p.m. Evensong.

Free Church Family Service, 2.30p.m. in Harbury  
Church.

ALL ARTICLES FOR SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE TO EDITORS  
BY TODAY PLEASE.

Bank Holiday.

Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 8 The Beeches.  
Council for the Disabled AGM & Ploughman's  
Supper, Wattons Lodge, Southam, 7.30pm.  
All Welcome.

.I. Meeting, 7.45p.m., V.Hall - VCO talk on  
Denham College.

- Sat. 3rd HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY FLOWER SHOW, Village Hall.  
Rugby v Coventrians at home.  
Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 77 Mill Street.
- Sun. 4th 8a.m. Holy Communion: 10a.m. Family Eucharist:  
6.30p.m. Evensong (preacher Mr. Gordon Howells  
from Leamington).  
Registration Day for Mini Rugby, Clubhouse, Middle  
Road, Harbury.
- Wed. 7th M.U., 2.30p.m., 10 Farley Avenue.  
Junior Badminton, Village Hall.  
Slimming Club, Village Hall 7 - 10p.m.
- Thurs. 8th Whist Drive at Village Hall.  
Girls' Club at Village Hall.  
Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2.30p.m.
- Fri. 9th Scouts' Barbeque, Leamington House, from 7p.m.
- NB: NO MEN'S GROUP IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER.

#### REGULAR DIARY DATES

FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm., last Sunday of  
the month.

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V.Hall, 11.30a.m. Sundays.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4p.m. Mondays.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30p.m. Mondays.

GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s and beginners),  
7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10yrs), every Monday.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8p.m. every Monday.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.20 Mondays, and 2-3.30pm  
Wednesdays.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues to Fri. mornings.

BROWNIES, Village Hall every Tuesday evening.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-5.30 Tuesday: 4-9 Wednesday:  
4-5 Thursday (beginners).

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45, Tues. (1st troop): Wed. (2nd troop).

BABY CLINIC, V.Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8p.m. every Thursday.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30pm every Friday.

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

NB: PLEASE CHECK SPECIAL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS WITH ORGANISATION  
Dates for inclusion please to Linda Ridgley, tel. 612792.

For Village Hall bookings, telephone Mr. Picken, 612778.

For Wight School bookings, telephone Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

FROM CANON CHURCHILL

My dear friends,

It is a great joy that a new Vicar has been appointed, and a real answer to much prayer from many people.

I have known Canon Rowe for a very long time, and have watched his progress with prayer and great interest. He was a young man in the parish in which I served when I came to this Diocese in 1947, and it was a great joy when I knew that he was to be ordained. In that parish we had many young men who became priests and four young women who became nuns.

Canon Rowe comes to us as a priest of great experience, a loving faithful pastor and one who understands what the Christian faith is all about and how it affects everyone of us who will be his parishioners. We look forward to his coming here, and we welcome him with his wife and family.

In the meantime we have to keep the Faith; prepare ourselves for Canon Rowe's ministry amongst us. Please be regular in your worship and pray for our new Vicar and his family.

A lot of you will be going on holiday during August. Remember that God does not take a holiday, and we owe our worship to Him whether we are at home or on holiday. Take our greetings to other Churches and enjoy your holidays wherever you may go.

We express our sympathy and prayers to Mrs. Lowe at the death of her husband Richard - a great character - and also to Mrs. Blackie of Southam on the death of her husband. May these souls rest in peace.

God bless you all,

Yours sincerely,

ROY CHURCHILL.

FROM THE REGISTERSWEDDING

July 16th 1983 - David Andrew Calligan and Fiona  
Elizabeth Ann Glassey.

FUNERALS

July 5th 1983 - Richard Lowe.

July 6th 1983 - Gordon Blackie of Southam.

### From the Churchwardens

On 24th July we were delighted to welcome to our 10a.m. service a group of young people from a Christian Youth Group in Germany. They stayed at the Diocesan Youth Centre in Southam, and some of our young people joined in activities there - a disco, a canal path walk and a birthday party - and also helped to entertain the Germans to a picnic at Middle Road Farm. We are most grateful to Isobel and Bill Russell for making the group so welcome, to those who helped with transport and providing picnic meals for the visitors.

The Vicarage decorating is now proceeding well, but we'd still be glad of additional help. Rubbing down, papering and painting are all needed, and can be done in your own time. Please contact one of the Churchwardens if you can help.

TOM HAULEY

Mr. Hauley's magnificent record of 40 years as a member of the Parochial Church Council was marked by a presentation to him in Church recently. He was a sidesman (and clock-winder!) before joining the PCC, and still continues to sing in the Choir and help in many other ways. He has the respect and affection of all who know him. DH.

FROM THE REVEREND F. R. MACKLEY

My dear friends,

It is no longer for me to write a monthly letter to the 'Harbury and Ladbroke News' but, with the permission of the editorial committee, I would so like to write a short one this month to say how happy I am that Canon A. S. B. Rowe is shortly coming to be your new Vicar, and that he is coming after a not unduly long interregnum.

I know Canon Rowe, and I feel that Harbury is very fortunate indeed in having such an experienced and devoted parish priest as its next Vicar. I also feel that Canon Rowe is very fortunate indeed in coming to such a lively and friendly parish! I sometimes think that Harbury must be one of the friendliest places in the whole country.

I recently came across the words 'the end of anything contains within it the seeds of new beginnings'. My long time as your Vicar came to an end on the last day of April. Since then, I gather, things have been well maintained, and many thanks are due to Canon Churchill, the Churchwardens and many others. May the coming of Canon Rowe be marked by new beginnings and by real advance.

With my thanks, my love and my prayers,

Your sincere friend,

F. R. MACKLEY.

#### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

First of all - thank you! Next, in view of the enormity of the task - both in labour and cash - of arranging enough flowers to brighten the Church, we propose a different system. The main altar and the chancel are sufficient in themselves for one person, and the Lady Chapel and the table near the door for another. Do please choose either - or both - as you like, and we'll see if it works smoothly.

S.O.S. There are no volunteers at all for August 21st and 28th. Help for those dates (and others!) will be very welcome.

We are none of us professional flower arrangers so don't be bashful. If you want to know more, please contact me. The notice for signing up is in the back of the Church.

MARGARET RIGDEN.

Haze Brook, The Pound, tel. 612200.

#### PATRICIA'S PARISH PUNCH PARTY

This was held on Sunday 17th July in the garden of Walnut Tree Cottage, thanks to glorious sunshine. It was a happy occasion and a successful fundraiser.

The raffle prizes, paté and cookies were donated by kind parishioners, and a profit of £66 was made, including donations from friends unable to attend.

Many thanks to all those who attended, donated and helped in various ways - your support was much appreciated.

P. & B. HARRISON.

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## THE HARBURY BICYCLE EVENT

Once again the PCC of Harbury Church will be running its Annual Bicycle Event - this year on Sunday 21st August. As usual the event will take place on quiet roads around the village, starting and finishing from the Old New Inn.

Classes will be for 8-11 year olds, 12-15 year olds, and 16+ (both boys and girls). The 16+ class will be over 2 laps of the course (5 miles per lap), and a separate ladies' class will be held - come on all you ladies, see if you can beat Viv Aggett after her 75 mile ride in June!

This is a fun event, but we hope to present nominal prizes if the local shops and pubs are their usual generous selves.

Come and join in on Sunday 21st August - entry is FREE - sign on at the Old New Inn Car Park from 2.30 p.m. (last entry 3p.m.) JBM.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARBURY

The new Roman Catholic Parish Priest of Southam, Fr. Cathal Cassidy, has decided that the Sunday Mass at All Saints' Church should not continue. On behalf of the Roman Catholic community in Harbury, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Church Wardens and parishioners of All Saints for the warmth and Christian love shown to us during the period we have been able to worship in the Church. I hope that the links and fellowship that we have established during this time may continue to flourish.

DAVID WINTER.

## ADVENTURERS

On July 9th the Adventurers set off on their postponed birthday outing to Newbold Comyn. In the morning the Minis played on the Adventure Playground while the older ones went on an Adventure Walk. Some of the groups seemed to enjoy the walk so much that they went the long way round, but everyone eventually got back safely. After lunch the Minis had some games and then went home, but the older ones stayed for a wide game and barbecue. Altogether it was a fully enjoyable day.

A.C.

NB: NO Adventurers in August: restart 11th September



## LADBROKE NEWS

### LADBROKE DIARY FOR AUGUST & EARLY SEPTEMBER 1983

Saturday 6th, Transfiguration of our Lord.  
 Sunday 7th, TRINITY X, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion,  
 11a.m. Mattins.  
 Sunday 14th, TRINITY XI, 11 am. Holy Communion  
 with hymns and sermon.  
 Sunday 21st, TRINITY XII, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion,  
 11 a.m. Mattins.  
 Wednesday 24th, S. Bartholomew A.M.  
 Sunday 28th, TRINITY XIII, 11 a.m. Holy Communion  
 with hymns and sermon.

### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4th, TRINITY XIV, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion,  
 11 a.m. Mattins.  
 Sunday 11th, TRINITY XV, 11a.m. Holy Communion  
 with hymns and sermon.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Aug. 7, Mrs. Colvin. Aug. 14,  
 Mrs. Stubbs. Aug. 21, Mrs. Wall. Aug. 28, Mrs.  
 Durrant. Sept. 4, Mrs. Edwards. Sept. 11, Mrs.  
 T. Barnett.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our last meeting was a very enjoyable one, held  
 at Alveston at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. P.  
 Brown: as the weather was very hot we were able to  
 take full advantage of having tea (which was  
 provided by Mrs. Brown) in their lovely garden.  
 There will be no meetings in August or September:  
 members will be advised later of dates and venues  
 for our future meetings. C.H.

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

At the meeting on 11th July two new members, Mrs.  
 Badman and Mrs. Todman, were welcomed, as was the  
 representative from Harbury. Mr. Garner reported  
 on the Archdeacon's Visitation.

Arrangements were made to hold the Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 25th September, which would avoid a clash with Harbury's celebration on the 1st Sunday in October. The Harvest Supper will be in Ladbroke Village Hall on Friday 30th September at 7.30p.m., when Mr. Rutherford hopes to arrange the showing of an Audio-Visual programme in connection with the Bishop's call to Action. It was agreed to hold the Autumn Fair on Saturday 26th November in the Village Hall.

Mr. Rutherford expressed the thanks of the Council to Canon Fishley for his services during the years of the interregnum.

Our sympathies go out to Mr. Lambley and the members of her family in the sudden passing of Mrs. Lambley.

As you will all by now be aware, I shall cease to have responsibility for services at Ladbroke as soon as the new incumbent (Canon Rowe) has been installed. I hope the editors will be able to find me a little space for a farewell letter next month. Meanwhile, I know you will all give to Canon Rowe the kindly welcome and willing help that I have so long enjoyed.

G.R.F.

#### LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CAR BOOT SALE in the Bell Inn Car Park on Saturday 6th August.  
NB - NO Ladbroke Parish Council meeting in August.

#### PARISH COUNCIL, 19th July.

At the time of the meeting the Parish Council had not yet received any replies for their advertisement for a new Parish Clerk. They have asked me to point out that the job entails pleasant working conditions (the roof of the hall no longer leaks, and the heating is more than adequate!) and, even more important, congenial colleagues! Moreover, the Parish Council meets only ten times a year, so the duties are not unduly onerous. I can say no more...

Planning-wise, Mr. F. Seden has applied for outline permission to build two detached bungalows with garages on part of the site of the Polish Camp.

The Council had received a letter from Mr. Alan Howarth, our new MP, saying how interested he was in the progress of the Ladbroke by-pass, and how he hoped that perhaps, after the Enquiry, he would be able to keep an eye on events at Ministerial level.

The Parish Council got into a heated discussion over the recent feasibility survey in the Midweek News for a Stratford Sports Centre. These advertisements were financed by our district rates, not by Stratford Town Council. Members expressed extreme concern that the District should once again be financing Stratford's extravagant expenditure, particularly as residents of Ladbroke tend to visit Stratford very infrequently, and would be far more interested in the proposed swimming pool in Southam!

I won't dishearten you with details of the results of the Best Kept Village Competition. Suffice it to say that we didn't win!

#### LADBROKE SCOUTS

The Village Scouts have asked me to thank you for the marvellous support at their recent Jumble Sale - they raised over £130, and by now Robert Laidler, Nick Wright, Matthew Wright and Simon Frost will all be in Holland at the Jamboree.

#### LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

Although it is rather late, could I point out that there will be a working party mowing grass, cutting hedges etc. at the Hall on 30th and 31st July - volunteers please! There will also be a Car Boot Sale in the Bell Inn Car Park, in aid of funds for the Village Hall, on Saturday 6th August from 2 to 4 p.m. The next Village Hall event will be the Harvest Auction on 17th September.

#### BYPASS

The Ladbroke Bypass Action Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in the preparations for the Enquiry, and of course everyone who turned up to show their support on the day. There will be a full report on the Enquiry next month.

FINALLY...How nice it is to see a successful bit of private enterprise reaching as far as Ladbroke. For several weeks now, on Thursday evenings from 7-8p.m.

Alan Pearson has been parking his 'Travelling Chef' on the road outside Farm Yard Field. The food is delicious, prices reasonable, and the service is with a smile. Good luck to him! KATE LIVERTON.

### SOUTHAM SCHOOL CONCERT

Maintaining the standard set last year, the summer concert at Southam School showed once again what a wealth of young musical talent there is in this area. The school orchestra goes from strength to strength, and one would have liked to have heard more from them - their playing of a selection from "The King and I" was particularly pleasing.

There were many excellent solo performances, but I think a special mention must be made of Miranda Rice who showed great command in her playing of two pieces by Chopin, and David Warren's fine, sensitive violin solo. These two pupils have been entered by the School for the Warwickshire Young Musician of the Year Competition. There were good performances on the flute by Debbie Keir, Caroline Holt and Heather Whitelaw, and on the clarinet by Lynn Stanbridge. There was also choral singing, guitar playing, recorder playing - in fact so much that the concert became a little too long. But apart from that it was an excellent evening's entertainment by young people.  
S.K.

### HARBURY SCHOOL

#### HARBURY TO NORMANDIE

A party of 36 children from classes 9 and 10, with their teachers, left Harbury School at 7a.m. for Southampton, from where we crossed the channel to Le Havre. Luckily the sea was calm, which was a good time to take a picture of Mr. Oliver having a snooze. At Le Havre we had a 2-hour bus journey to Bernieres-Sur-Mer, where we were met by our hostess called Rhian. We were taken to our rooms, and unsuccessfully made our beds. That night we got to sleep at 4.20am. During our stay we visited Bayeux, Honfleur, Paris, Caen and Arromanches. In Bayeux we visited the market and tapestry. At the market we saw live animals which you could take away, kill and eat.

Honfleur is a little fishing village where we looked round the Harbour and shops, but unfortunately it rained all day.

At Caen we went to the Hypermarket where we bought presents for home like cheese and chocolate, but the teachers bought a little wine! Paris was our favourite day because we saw most of the famous sites and we went up the Eiffel Tower in the lift. At Arromanches we visited the museum about the Normandie landings. Then we went on the beach and climbed on the remains of the Mulberry harbour and played on the tank.

The food in the hostel was very nice, and one day we had a special French meal which included snails. One person ate 13, but a few didn't try them. Some of us took snail shells home as souvenirs. For breakfast we had coffee in cereal bowls, bread, croissants and apricot jam. If we wanted extra food we had to ask for it in French. We also had to speak French in the local shops.

The homeward trip didn't quite go as planned because of a strike on the ferry. We had to drive to Boulogne and across the channel to Dover. Despite the long journey, we all enjoyed it.

IAN MCDONALD and CHARLES MAYER.

### SCHOOL SPORTS

The Middle School Sports Day was held on the school field in glorious sunshine. Many of the field events had already been decided, and the points added to those amassed on First School Sports day which had been held previously. Both afternoons were well supported by parents and friends, and the climax was an Obstacle Relay Race. The winners of the Sports Shield were FARROW with 414 points, followed by MORRIS with 391, DICKENS with 389, and WATTS (328).

A MUSICAL INTERLUDE was held in school on the evening of 14th July, when parents and friends were treated to a delightful programme of woodwind music by children playing recorders, clarinets and flutes. We heard a varied programme played by groups, quartets and trios, finally ending with the whole massed 'ensemble' playing the theme from 'The

Sweeney'. Thanks are due to Mrs. Whitaker, Mrs. Hartshorn and Mrs. Hodgson, and all the children who took part.

#### SPONSORED WALK

We are delighted to report that, on the last day of term, we actually reached the grand total of £500. Our very sincere thanks once again both to walkers and sponsors.

#### MR. STUART

The end of term also saw the departure of Mr. Ian Stuart to take up a post as a Deputy Headmaster of a school in Buckinghamshire. Mr. Stuart has been a most valuable member of staff, and during his time in Harbury has transformed the games facilities and opportunities for the children. At the end of term assembly he was presented with a track suit and a cheque, as a result of a collection from staff, parents and children

#### ATHLETICS

From the Editors: We have had an interesting article from Paul Turner with details of recent Harbury School athletics achievements. Paul himself won the High Jump in an event at Southam, and Vicent Crossan won the Long Jump. The relay team also won their local event. Harbury also competed in the area sports at Edmondscote, but the competition proved rather too fierce for them on that occasion.

#### DEREK LOWE

Derek Lowe's retirement from the Co-op was a surprise to many of his customers. Everyone will miss his genial and helpful service. Derek had been negotiating for early retirement for some time, and was keen to retire while he was still enjoying work. He has been at Harbury Co-op for almost 35 years, and has seen considerable changes in that time. When Mr. Lowe started, the store was owned by Harbury Co-op with a branch at Bishops Itchington, and the enterprise included a bakery (with Harold Wilkins in charge), a coal round and animal foodstuffs as well as the present activities. The grocer's shop was situated in the present hardware area, and the bakehouse and a yard were on the Mill Lane side.

Derek started work in Leamington before the Second World War. He used to cycle to work along with about half the population of Harbury. Just before the war, Derek was asked to run the top shop by the new owner, who promptly left for military service. Derek was unfit for call-up, but eventually ended up working in emergency services - 'for a bit of excitement'.

After the war he went to Harbury Co-op which was eventually merged with Rugby and is now East Mercia Co-op. Derek is proud that the store has kept going in spite of both local competition and the development of multiple stores in Leamington. He has valued the spirit of co-operation with other local shops, and has understandably strong views on the importance of village shops. Mr. Lowe feels that Harbury people should recognise that convenience and economy mean supporting village shops. Certainly the personal service that Derek and his happy band have provided



has done much to ensure the future of Harbury Co-op. Derek is happy that Mrs. Sheasby is taking over from him, and that Mrs. Bloxham is joining the staff permanently, thus maintaining local links. He is sure that the freedom given to local managers by the Co-op is crucial in responding to local needs. Derek seems happy to be retiring to the management of a large garden. He comments, 'Some days I'll miss

the shop, but other days I'll think 'Thank God I haven't got to go to the shop'. Best wishes to Derek and his wife on his retirement from the Harbury News, and thank you from the shoppers of Harbury.

It is a pleasant coincidence that just recently Derek and Eve Lowe were able to go to Coventry Cathedral for a special treat. Their daughter, Mrs. Pat Summers of Dovehouse Lane, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Education (Honours) at the graduation ceremony of the University of Warwick. Congratulations! ITJ.

#### HARBURY SOCIETY

Our expedition to Humble Bee Cottages was a great success. These fascinating old buildings have been saved from demolition, and may one day be removed to Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, where they can be studied by a wider public.

The Society will meet again in September - details in our Newsletter. L. RIDGLEY.

#### SUMMER PLAYScheme

All school age children of Harbury are welcome to come along to the scheme, which runs from 1st to 12th August, Monday to Friday, from 10a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Village Hall and Recreation Ground. Parents' consent forms are available from 31 Manor Orchard. Registration Day is Monday 1st August - 50p per child per week (max. £1 per family).

We have an ACTION-PACKED programme - BMX track, large-scale model making, discos, talent shows, go-karts, lots of films, puppets, Martial arts dems, visits from firemen, computers, talks....the list is endless!

Everyone is welcome to come to our Open Days - Wednesday 3rd, when there'll be a Parachute Drop at 4 p.m.: Friday 5th and Thursday 11th when you are invited to bring a Picnic lunch to (respectively) a Cavemen's Carnival and a Spacemen's Spectacular, and Friday 12th when, at 7.30 p.m. there will be Family Barbecue and Video Disco - bring your own 'grog' and food to cook. Tickets for this are £1,

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playscheme children free, other children 50p, from 31 Manor Orchard.

My thanks are due to Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Brown from Harbury School, and to Debbie Smythe and Jon Scandret and to all who have helped in any way to get the Playscheme underway. KAY PALLOT.

#### JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE TENNIS

The following players have passed Stages 1,2 and 3: Mark Hayes, Paul Dugan, Lloyd Byles and Leon Scholtz. Stages 1 & 2 have been passed by Sean Christopher, Clare Hillis, Roy Coupe, Craig Wilkins, David Smith, Duncan Williams, Dylan Adams, Joanna Hall and Gail Davies, whilst Alan Phillips and Wendy Ottewill have passed Stage 1. In the 5.30 p.m. Group American Tournament the winner was Ian MacDonald, with Vincent Crossan and Martin Marsh joint 2nd, and Maxwell Summers 3rd. Singles winner was Vincent Crossan, and runner up was Clare Turner. Stephen Padbury won the Intermediate American Tournament.

Two matches have been played against Southam under 16s, the Harbury team narrowly losing the return match by 4 games.

#### TENNIS CLUB

The finals of the Mixed Doubles and Men's Singles were supported by a good crowd of spectators. Nicky and Barry Latham again won the Doubles Trophy, defeating Rosemary Ottewill and Colin Ingram in 2 sets. Barry also retained the Singles Trophy with a win over Steve Chaplin.

The friendly mixed doubles match with Southam was a win for our team, and the excellent supper at the Gamecock completed a pleasant evening. The Club Barbecue in Tom & Joan Smith's garden proved to be another enjoyable evening, and all present appreciated the rare treat of a long hot summer's night. Holidays will no doubt interrupt play this month, but be sure to return to the courts in September for further competition, also the end of season social event. J.N.

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CORRECTION: Carnival Dog Show results. The non-pedigree winner should have read 'Lana Marsh's Poppy'.

### HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Pre-session training has commenced! The first tentative steps were taken on 20th July at 7.15 p.m., and will continue thereafter every Monday and Wednesday at this time. Club Captain Daryl Hunter stresses that the first few weeks will concentrate on basic fitness, followed by coaching from John Rawlings for the forwards and Geoff Farndon for the backs. I would like to welcome any new players from 16 to 40+, to take part in a thriving and enjoyable club atmosphere with a range of teams from social rugby in the 4th team, development of young players in the 3rd, and the commitment of players at 1st and 2nd team level. Make yourself known any Wednesday or Monday at the Clubhouse, or telephone me on Leamington 24053 for more details. The season opens on Saturday 3rd September with away games for the 1st and 3rd teams at Coventrians, and the 2nd at home. JB.

### MINI RUGBY

At our end-of-season barbecue the following 'Clubmen Awards' were made in various age groups - Ian Whenham Grant Edwards, Mark Whenham, Philip Mancell, Keith Tarver, Robert Sutton and Stuart Simcock. The following received 'Most Improved Player' awards - Adrian Exton, Guy Taylor, Adrian Taylor, Gary Forgan, Justin Taylor, Warren Bicknell and Peter Whitehouse.

We held a 'sponsored stone collection', which involved collecting as many stones as possible in 1 hour off the new 3acre field. Highest weight collected was 27lb by Mark Ridegway, and highest sponsorship was £15 for Simon Waddell. In total over £200 was raised towards the purchase of new goalposts for the new pitches.

At the end of last season 2 members were invited by Peter Wheeler to meet him at Leicester Tigers' Ground. David Andrews and Robert Sutton were also introduced to other members of the squad including England players Les Cusworth, Paul Dodge and Dusty Hare, and they gave Peter Wheeler a Harbury Rugby Club Vice-President's tie. D.A.

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

WHERE ARE ALL THE WILLING MENFOLK OF HARBURY? We need muscles and mechanical know-how to provide effective safety maintenance and to improve facilities. PLEASE come forward. We only need a few hours of your time over the year. Your help could even save your own child from accident.

Welcome to our new committee members, congratulations to newly elected chairman Steve Chaplin, and many thanks to Mr. Carter and Bruce Hannay who continue to work quietly in the background.

Because of a nasty accident on the fort area in June, it was necessary to have the area cleared without delay. We had to look OUTSIDE the village for goodwill and action - WHERE ARE THOSE MUCH-NEEDED WILLING MENFOLK OF HARBURY? Thanks must go to Mr. Robert Postlethwaite of Avon Valley Drainage, who permitted Mr. Andrew Waters time off and the use of a tractor, and to Mr. Waters himself for all his hard work.

Next meeting: Monday September 12th, 8p.m. in the Farley Room. Please come. KAY PALLOT.

THE DYNAMITE CLUB

During the last week of term, Ivor Cooper was the leader of the Dynamite Club at the Village Hall. The club attracted children between 3 and 10 years of age, and there was an average attendance of 60. We would like to thank Ivor and his guitarist Phil for coming to Harbury, and below is one member's account of the week's activities. HARBURY ADVENTURERS.

"This week a lot of children have had a lot of fun at the Dynamite Club. There were teams. My team was called the OTs - that stands for Old Testament - and the other team was the NTs, which stands for New Testament. We had lots of games, and each day we learned a power phrase from the Bible. We had cards which were punched when we got the questions right, and at the end the OTs won. JEREMY HAYES."

Thought for the Month - from the Book of Joshua:  
"Choose this day whom you will serve. As for me and my house - we will serve the Lord."

PROFILE - JIM SKINNER

Most of our profiles æ of Harburians. Jim Skinner is not a Harburian, but is very well known to many families in the village, as he has been, since 1974, the head of Southam School.

He hails, in the words of the song, from 'Sussex-by-the-Sea' - Bexhill-on-Sea to be exact. He comes from a long line of cabinet makers; he has in his house a beautiful desk

made by his grandfather, a 1st World War veteran who lived to be 98. He was the eldest of five children (he has 4 younger sisters!) and at Bexhill Grammar School he excelled at sport, especially Rugby, Cricket and Athletics. Sport, however, got in the way of academic progress and he failed his Higher School Certificate. Those were the days of National Service, and he went straight from school into the Army. The Army decided he should be a teacher and within a few months he found himself teaching English, Maths and Current Affairs as a Sergeant in the Royal Army Education Corps. His pupils were NCOs studying for the Army Certificate of Education.

He discovered to his surprise that he was very happy teaching, and at the end of his Army service he obtained a place at the Goldsmiths Teacher Training College in London. He took a 2-year course in History and Physical Education, and met his wife Shirley who was also a student at the college.

He began his teaching career in a London secondary school, but he realised a degree was necessary for a successful career, and he studied part-time for 'A' level English, History and Latin, in order to qualify for university. He achieved this in a year and then took a 3 year part-time degree in History

at Birkbeck College, London. He was by now married to Shirley, and when he obtained his degree they already had their son David, later to be followed by a daughter, Denise.

The next move was to Hallcroft School, Ilkeston, where he spent several years as head of History. He came to Warwickshire in 1969 as head of the Upper School at Myton School, Warwick, and 4 terms later he became Deputy Head.

In 1974 he was appointed to the headship of Southam School, then a secondary modern. He had always wanted a rural school and he relished the challenge of the conversion to a comprehensive. In July 1974, looking forward to a holiday before taking over, he heard that, because of the need to inspect the School's high alumina cement beams, the building would be closed for one year. It was decided that the School would be moved to the disused RAF station at Gaydon. All plans for a holiday were cancelled as he began the huge task of organising the moving of books and equipment, and preparing the temporary buildings. It was an immensely difficult start to his headship, but in true British fashion, staff and pupils rose to the challenge and the year at Gaydon is looked back upon with affection.

Nine years later, Southam School has almost 400 more pupils, and ever improving academic results. Increasing numbers of pupils are attracted from outside the catchment area, and the VIth form grows steadily. Jim Skinner describes himself as 'never satisfied but generally very pleased'. He sees plenty of challenges ahead, and has no wish to move into Education Administration, away from the contact with pupils he so enjoys.

His life outside School is a very full one. He was an active Round Tabler and is now Vice-Chairman of the 41 Club. He is a Magistrate of several years' experience, vice-chairman of the Marjory Fry Trust, a Prison Visitor, and involved in the very successful Community Service Scheme for young offenders. He also finds time to support Coventry RFC, to go sailing and to take walking holidays.

Constant financial cutbacks, coupled with increasing difficulties caused by youth unemployment, make the headship of a large secondary school an enormously stressful job, but Jim Skinner looks to be thriving on it. He has reason to be grateful, one feels, for having been 'conscripted' into a teaching career he thoroughly enjoys. S.H.

### AN OUTING

Lorne Cottage Playgroup and the Village Hall Nursery School spent a morning at Moreton Morrell Agricultural College on 5th July. The children watched sheep being dipped, and saw lambs, foals, calves and lots of piglets with their mothers. We finished with a picnic lunch and a ride home on the coach. CMC.

### SOUTHAM AREA SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION FUN RUN

After a good deal of planning, more than 350 runners lined up for the start of this 2½ mile sponsored run. The Mayor of Southam sent the runners on their way. After a lap of Southam School playing field, the route crossed the Welsh road and took to the 'country', Descending steeply to a lefthand turn at the Holy Well, there followed a stile and several narrow gate ways before Wattons Lane took the long thin line of competitors out on to the Warwick Road near the

Stoneythorpe Hotel. No time for a drink - instead an uphill course through the town, a lefthand turn into Welsh Road, and the welcoming sight of the finish. Each finisher was greeted by a local Carnival Queen including our own Vicky Harrison. They were presented with an imposing engraved medal, and then made their way (or were led towards) the post-race drinks:



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The organisers were nearly taken by surprise as local athlete Paul Muddeman powered round in 12m.45. First lady to finish was Samantha Ward from Southam Middle School. Money raised through sponsorship will be used in a symbolic way to show the District Council the strength of local feeling for an indoor pool at Southam, long overdue and an asset for the future. J.L.H.

#### HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES FUNDRAISING

The Car Boot Sale made a profit of nearly £40, and we hope all those who rented a pitch managed to sell all the items they had on offer.

Tickets are now available from Leaders and Committee members for the barbecue in the gardens of Leamington House on Friday 9th September from 7p.m - £2.50 each.

Looking further ahead, a French Wine and Cheeses Evening is planned for Friday 7th October in the School Hall, so put the date in your diary now!

#### BISHOP'S BOWL FISHERIES

Fishy goings-on at the quarries? Well, there's nothing like a good cliché to start off an article. Many of us in the village have probably heard that the quarries have been re-named the 'Bishop's Bowl Lakes'. They are being leased by Chris Poupard from Blue Circle, and he is in the process of developing the pools, which are already rich in coarse fish but are being stocked with trout of varying sizes. A Severn Trent fishing licence is necessary, and there are charges in addition.

It is hoped that a nature trail will be laid out round the Lakes to enable people to see the rich flora, and the many species of birds. Refreshments will probably be available. The only entrance to the quarries is off the B4451 to Bishops Itchington, which branches off Station Road opposite the Great Western just over the road from the Cricket ground. More information can be gained by 'phoning Harbury 613344.

Incidentally, we are asked to emphasise the dangers of swimming in the quarries, now multiplied by the dangers of fish-hooks and other tackle.

J.J.

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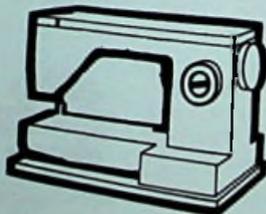


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## THE CARNIVAL SPORTS

The following results were received too late for inclusion last month:

**SACK RACE:** 5/6yrs. Leah Wallington  
7/8yrs. Daniel Russell  
9/10yrs(heat 1)(heat 2) Lloyd Byles Dale Summers  
 Vicki Hayes Richard Burton Gary Overton Steven Thomson  
 Katie Brown Hannah Burnham Mark Hayes Martin Marsh

11/12yrs. - Karen Hoare, Sarah Burnham, Mark Burford.

**3-LEGGED:** 5/6yrs. Leah Wallington  
7/8yrs. Samantha Ellis  
9/10yrs. Lynsey Spencer  
 & Vicki Hayes & Sally-Ann & Dale Summers  
 Katie Brown & Ellis Julia Brown &  
 Lucy Thompson Adrian Exton & Kathryn  
 Stephen Gulliver Jeremy Hayes McDonald  
 & Shane Exton Alistair Boile Steven Thompson  
 & Richard & Adrian Taylor  
 Burton

11/12yrs. Sarah Burnham & Lana Marsh  
 David Smith & Dylan Adams  
 Alan Padbury & Martin Byles  
13/15yrs. Rebecca Burnham & Lorraine Andrews  
 Tracey Gulliver & Tracey Taylor  
 Ian Kennedy & Sean Geary

**OBSTACLE:** 5/6yrs(heat 1)(heat 2) Vicki Hayes  
7/8yrs. Dominic Travis Hannah Burnham  
 Lucy Thompson Ruth Russell Sally-Ann Ellis  
 Shane Exton Matthew Knight Jeremy Hayes  
9/10yrs(heat 1)(heat 2) Martin Byles Mark Hayes  
 Steven Thompson Lloyd Byles Sean Butler Wendy Ottewill  
 Analie Hoare Kathryn McDonald Sarah Burnham David Smith

13/15yrs. Rebecca Burnham, Chris Millington, Peter Catt.

**SLOW BICYCLE:** 7/8yrs. Jeremy Hayes  
9/10yrs. Dale Summers  
11/12yrs. Charles Mayer  
 Daniel Russell Stephen Reid Ian MacDonald  
 Adrian Exton Chris Smith Wendy Ottewill

13/15yrs. James Mayer, Tracey Taylor, Lorraine Andrews.

**FLAT RACES:** 5/6yrs. Leah Wallington  
7/8yrs. Richard Mills  
9/10yrs(heat 1)(heat 2) Steven Thompson Dale Summers  
 Shane Exton Daniel Russell Gary Overton Claire Hillis  
 Vicky Hayes Jeremy Hayes Martin Byles Analie Hoare &  
 Kathryn McDonald(joint)

11/12yrs. Sarah Burnham, Mark Burford, Charles Mayer  
13/15yrs. Rebecca Burnham, James Mayer, Tracey Taylor.

**WHEELBARROW** Steven Thompson/Adrian Taylor: Mark Hayes/Lloyd Byles:  
 Dale Summers/Analie Hoare

**LADIES' FLAT RACE:** Janice Montague, Tina Yardley, Marie Wallington.

**MEN'S FLAT RACE:** Ian Stuart, Brian Wade, Brian Haggett.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** 1st Trevor Montague (18m.57s) 2nd. Bob Wilkins(21m09s)  
 3rd. James Mayer (22m.53s) 4th Ian MacDonald (23m.28s)  
 5th Dylan Adams (23m33s) Ian Kennedy (23m48s).  
 Richard Woodward (23m 51s)

Lack of space prevents us listing all finishers, but congratulations to all who took part.

PLACES TO GO

I'd like to start with a couple of suggestions for places at a bit of a distance, but which are I think well worth making an early start for, especially for those interested in England's industrial history. They are both near Stoke on Trent. Just to the south at Longton is the GLADSTONE POTTERY MUSEUM, a Victorian pottery at work, where you can find out about "blunging, throwing, jolleys, pugmills and saggars". The museum also has a collection showing all the many uses of china, decorative and industrial and a fascinating display of 'loos' going back to Tudor times. The museum is open Monday to Saturday.

Just north of Stoke is the Mining Museum of Chatterly Whitfield, where you can go 700ft. down the mine in a "cage" to see how coal is (and was) mined, with a miner as your guide. (Open Tuesday to Saturday: children under 10 not allowed underground.)

Still on our industrial heritage, Tamworth Castle's museum has a special exhibition of Railways from London's Science Museum from 8th August to 14th September. And for old car buffs, Coventry's Museum of British Road Transport will have old Daimlers in action on three dates, Sunday afternoons 7th August, 4th September and 2nd October.

Go back to the Middle Ages at the Battlefield of Bosworth, just north of Nuneaton: on Sunday 21st August they are staging a Jousting Tournament, and on 11th September a re-enactment of that battle of 1485 ("A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse!") plus falconry, archery, bands etc.

Finally, a couple of familiar places with new looks. At Warwick Castle, Mme Tussaud's have transformed the private apartments into a Victorian weekend houseparty, complete with waxwork Prince of Wales (later Edward VII), a young Winston Churchill, and Dame Clara Butt entertaining the distinguished guests in the music room. You can compare this with the more spartan life of the middle ages in the soldier's quarters inside the curtain walls of the castle. And at Ragley Hall you can now see the Marquess of Hertford's family, friends and pets depicted in the great painted staircase, which took a modern English

equivalent of Michaelangelo 13 years to complete. Look up at the ceiling and you will see the cook and butler gazing down on you - and keep an eye out for the UFO!!

HEATHER TURNER.

### HARBURY W.I.

In June Mrs. Bunyard brought a selection of Victorian rag dolls which she showed us how to make and dress. They came in all sizes, and were much admired. In July Mrs. Bishop demonstrated the art of making pork pies. It looked quite easy but at least two members had a go and found that it wasn't and that you would need quite a lot of practice to reach Mrs. Bishop's standard. There will probably be some peculiar shaped home-made pork pies appearing in some WI members' homes!

B.E.T.

### IN THE GARDEN

As I am writing this article, how comforting it is to hear steady rainfall, and it will do more good than all the watering. It has been the most difficult Spring and Summer for planting and growing I have ever experienced, but do not be discouraged as something must have done well. Now to work - earth up main crop potatoes and leeks, also celery. Prepare a seed bed for Japanese onions which should be sown by 25th August. Plant out rooted cuttings of strawberries, also purple sprouting, cabbage and spring cauliflower. Sow spring cabbage seed, or obtain plants for planting out at the end of the month. Cut out the old raspberry canes and restring the new ones. Your sweetcorn may require a few stakes. Also check runner beans against strong winds.

The flower show is on 3rd September - do try and enter something so as to make it a success.

W.F.LINES.

### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Another Garden Walkabout has come and gone, and again we had glorious weather - almost too hot, which I think accounts for the numbers being down on previous years, but we shall be able to give a donation to the Church, also the Scouts and Guides and the Summer Playscheme. Our thanks go out to

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everyone involved, and I personally would like to thank all those kind people who gave me such beautiful cakes to sell.

Our next event is the Flower Show on Saturday 3rd September. Schedules will be available shortly at the local shops, or from Tony Brunton at 33 South Parade, or from me at 16 Binswood End. EDNA LINES.

### BOOK REVIEW

Looking forward to a good meaty read on holiday? Not sure what to buy or borrow? Perhaps a few suggestions might help, but do remember that books still only available in hardback can be ordered from Harbury Library for a few pence, and that MARVELLOUS service enables you to both help in the survival of a village library constantly open to threat of closure in a 'cuts' frenzy, and to read all the newest best-sellers which would cost you as much as £10 these days!

Holidays are the only occasions for many folks to enjoy a book, and tastes vary. I hope that my selection will suit most readers - I have read them all myself, so it's not just the publisher's blurb! To begin on a broad level, four books all in very different veins:

1. If you've never read Jeffrey Archer's marathon novels, try "KANE AND ABEL" - I sat up for two nights in a row, unable to put it down: it's fast-moving and utterly absorbing - exciting but a family saga also. I can't recommend it too highly, and there's a sequel, "THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER" if you're hooked by this one!

2. For a short police thriller, you can't beat Ed McBain - I read one alternately between every other book I read, as they represent a gripping evening's read, undemanding but not full of plastic characters. Perfect for a travel book, or an afternoon on the beach or in a deckchair in the garden! It doesn't matter which one you read first, as the characters of the "87th Precinct" novels always appear, but in separate stories each time.

3. If a giggle is more to your taste, Harry Secombe proves an unlikely but marvellous novel-writer, and

his first attempt, "TWICE BRIGHTLY" is full of wit and even the odd "out loud" laughter! It's not easy to make people laugh at the printed word, but Secombe succeeds with natural ease, and if you enjoy this one, try his second book, "WELSH FARGO" which is also exceptionally amusing!

4. For biography addicts, a pearl is "P.S. I LOVE YOU" by Michael Sellers, a view of his famous father Peter. I found it gripping as well as informative - Clouseau lives on undiminished, but Sellers himself was no cuddly toy! Should you become interested, "TRUE BRITT" is the story of Britt Ekland and her marriage to Peter Sellers, and gives a different angle to the tale, but not altogether contradictory.

If you've a book you think might interest other readers, possibly on gardening, cookery, hobbies etc., or your favourite novel, please let me know, and perhaps it can be included in a future selection of recommended reading! VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

#### DO YOU KNOW.....

.....of anyone who, for reasons of ill-health, problems at home etc., could do with a holiday? The Mothers' Union have a caravan on a peaceful site at Wolvey which is available for just such a situation. Jeanne Clarke (612406) can tell you more. One Harbury family has just returned from a couple of weeks in this caravan, relaxed and refreshed after their holiday. Do get in touch if you think you (or someone you know) would benefit from this. DMH.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,  
I would like to suggest two tips for your readers - children should not be left alone in cars, as they may release the handbrake, and mothers should not let young children touch broken glass at the playing field. I am also concerned about lorries being parked on footpaths, and I would like to suggest that village OAPs should be put into bungalows before outsiders.

A.C.OVER.

Dear Editors,

Please could I thank all our very kind neighbours and friends for cards, flowers and good wishes I received during my recent spell in hospital. The kindness of everyone has been overwhelming - what a great place Harbury is! Many, many thanks to you all.

SYLVIA GREEN.

Dear Harbury News,

Many thanks to parents for the lovely gifts and to the children for the beautiful cards you made for us, at the end of term at the LORNE COTTAGE HOME PLAYGROUP.

We have enjoyed our playgroup work immensely over the years: we will of course miss the children very much.

Thank you all once again for your kind thoughts.

Yours, HELEN JOHNSON & BRENDA TURNER

Dear Editors,

In our rush to get information and thanks out quickly after the Carnival, there were some people I feel we should have mentioned for their various contributions. These include Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Ryman, Mr. and Mrs. Macgowan, Mr. Over, and all the village shopkeepers whose support and help with advertising every village event is much appreciated but often forgotten.

And special mention must be made of Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Brown and the schoolchildren - their involvement, and their support played a very large part in the success of the Carnival, and particularly in the Medieval theme. For their help, and that of everyone else involved, our warmest thanks.

KAY PALLOT.

(This is a shortened version of Kay's letter, due to lack of space. Eds.)

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