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## NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1974

This is the first issue of Harbury News for which a charge - albeit a small one - has had to be made. The number of advance orders has been most encouraging - more than sufficient to justify the continuance of the magazine. Thank you all for your support.

At the time of the inception of Harbury News, a constitution was agreed upon which, in addition to empowering the committee to co-opt new members, provides a means for new members to be elected to the committee at the Annual General Meeting. This meeting will be held on January 30th 1975 and will be your opportunity to take part if you wish. We record the constitution below:-

The Harbury News, sponsored by Harbury Parochial Church Council, shall cover all aspects of Village Life.

The Committee shall consist of:

The Vicar and one of the Churchwardens,  
nominated by him.

10 Villagers elected each year at an annual  
meeting, open to all residents of the Parish  
of Harbury, to be called by the Parochial  
Church Council in the Month of January.

The committee shall be responsible for all aspects of the Harbury News, including the appointment of editors and other officers. It shall have the power to co-opt.

The Committee shall be responsible to the Parochial Church Council for ensuring that so far as possible the Harbury News is self-financing; any likelihood of a deficit in the long term shall be referred to the Parochial Church Council for their decision. These rules can be altered at the annual meeting.

As agreed at the meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 8th May 1974 with the addition of the penultimate paragraph, subsequently settled, at the request of the Council, by Rev. Mackley, Mr. Clarke, Mr. DuBuisson and Mr. Moore.

### HARBURY DIARY

#### NOVEMBER 1974

Sat. 16th Liberal Party Jumble Sale, Village Hall 10.15a.m.  
Tues. 19th Tufty Club, Village Hall, 2.15 p.m.  
" P.C.C. Meeting, Wight School, 7.30 p.m.

Weds. 20th PTA "Music in Schools", Harbury School 8p. m.  
 Fri. 22nd Harbury Theatre Group "Double Bill" V. Hall.  
 Sun. 24th Footpath Assoc. Meeting, Village Hall 2.30pm.  
 Tues. 26th Young Wives, V. Hall 2.00p. m. A talk by Mrs.  
 S. Standing, "Answering Childrens' Questions".  
 Thurs. 28th Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2.00p. m.  
 Fri. 29th Harbury Theatre Group, The Dog Inn, 8.00p. m.  
 Sat. 30th Recreation Ground Christmas Fair, V. Hall 2pm.  
 " 7.30pm Vicarage - Richard & Jane Smith (née  
 Hill). Talk & Slides of Nigeria. All welcome.  
 " 10.45am Parkside Garage, Leamington, Com-  
 bined Charities Christmas Cards Coffee Morning.

# DECEMBER 1974.

Sun. 1st ADVENT SUNDAY.  
 Richard & Jane Smith at Crusaders, with slides.  
 Thurs. 5th Mens' Group Meeting, 6, Dickens Rd. 7.45p. m.  
 " W.I. Christmas Party, Village Hall, 7.45p. m.  
 Fri. 6th Playgroup Buffet Dance, Village Hall, 9pm-1a. m.  
 Sat. 7th PTA Harbury Singers Carol Party, School 8p. m.  
 Thurs. 12th Harbury School Carol Service in Church 7.30pm.  
 " Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2.00 p. m.  
 Fri. 13th Southam Sports & Social Club Dance, Village Hall.  
 Sat. 14th Senior Citizens' Party, 5.30 for 6.00pm, School.  
 Sun. 15th Crusaders Carol Service, Village Hall 2.30p. m.  
 Mon. 16th Playgroup Christmas Party, V. Hall 2 - 6 p. m.  
 Tues. 17th Young Wives & Mothers' Union Carol Service  
 in Church 2.15p. m. All welcome.  
 " Harbury Friends Christmas Party, "Dog Inn" 8pm.  
 Weds. 18th Tufty's Christmas Party, 2.15, V. Hall, members only.  
 " Conservative Party Jumble Sale, V. Hall 7.00p. m.

CRUSADERS Village Hall, 2.30p. m. every Sunday.  
 BINGO Village Hall, 8.00p. m. every Monday.  
 YOUTH CLUB Village Hall, 8.00p. m. every Wednesday.  
 INFANT WELFARE CLINIC Village Hall 2.00p. m., 2nd

and 4th Wednesdays of every month.  
 BADMINTON V. Hall, 7.30-11.00pm every Tues (Not Nov 19th)  
 HARBURY SINGERS Every Thursday, 8, Penelope Close, 8p. m.  
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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

The Appeals Organiser of "Help the Aged" wishes me to convey his thanks to all who brought clothing, blankets etc. (14 sacks) to Church and to all who gave donations of money.

St. Anne's Childrens' Home in Leamington also wish to express their thanks for the Harvest gifts taken there after the Harvest Thanksgiving services in School and in Church. Incidentally, how beautifully the Church was decorated.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith (our C. M. S. link missionaries in Nigeria where Richard is an agricultural missionary) are coming to the Vicarage on Saturday November 30th at 7.30pm to talk about their work and to show slides and exhibits. Anyone who is interested will be welcome.

The Confirmation classes will probably have started before this is in your hands, but any others (whether young people or adults) who wish to consider it are invited to see me as soon as possible.

With every blessing,

Yours very sincerely,

F.R. Mackley.

### FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

"What a happy week-end!" was the phrase heard so often after the Harvest/Open/Sudan weekend at the beginning of October. The Church was truly 'at home' to the village with the exhibition in the Wight School and the Church, with the visits to the tower and with the almost non-stop eating!

It all started on Saturday morning with coffee - of course - in the Wight School where so many people viewed the fascinating pictures of old Harbury, mounted so beautifully by the Harbury Society, the W.I. log book and foot-path walk and the splendid carvings, all produced from wood with local interest including the book rest, now in use in the Church, made from wood from the screen which was removed from the Church last year. We were delighted to have a visit from the press and to see some of our members on the pages of The Courier.

In the Church were the display of the history of the school, so lovingly prepared by Mrs. Watts, former Headmistress of the Infant School, together with a model completed

by her son only on the previous evening, an exhibition of vestments and Church plate, including the 16th century chalice and the tours of the tower enthusiastically led by members of our faithful band of ringers.

Among the guests at the splendid Harvest Supper in the Village Hall was the Right Reverend Oliver Allison Who has this year retired as Bishop in the Sudan and the Vicar presented him with a cheque for £100 raised in the parish towards the re-building of a Pastor's house in Southern Sudan. Bishop Oliver thanked those who had contributed and spoke entertainingly. Harbury Singers presented a programme of music and an 'auction' rounded off the evening by adding a further £8 to the Sudan Fund.

On Sunday it was good to see the Church full for the Harvest Family Communion in which a number of members of the congregation participated and Bishop Oliver preached. Afterwards 120 sat down to breakfast in the village hall and we don't know where else you can get 120 perfectly boiled eggs!

### IMPORTANT

Was your organisation mentioned in last year's HARBURY DIRECTORY? Is the Chairman (or Secretary) the same for next year? Have you got a copy of the Harbury Directory? If your answer is "No" to any of these questions please get in touch immediately with Diana Holt, 15 Wagstaffe Close, Harbury 612790, who will be preparing the 1975 Directory soon, & can still supply copies of this year's if required.

### YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club are continuing to run their outings on Monday evenings alternating between Coventry Swimming Baths and Solihull Ice Skating Rink. Any Young people wishing to go should contact Mrs. Taylor of 33 Manor Road. New members are always welcome at the regular youth club on Wednesday evenings and at the Disco every third week in the Village Hall.

### W.I. MICHAELMAS FAIR OCT. 5TH.

This was a most successful event & raised a total of £55.

## HARBURY JUNIOR & INFANTS SCHOOL.

The new term is now in full swing and a number of new activities are taking place.

1. The 3rd. & 4th year juniors are taken to a swimming class in the new Stratford Pool every Monday afternoon. Already we can see great progress with a number of the children. We are very grateful to a number of parents who accompany the children to help with the supervision on the non-swimming side and to two 'mums' who help with coaching from time to time.

2. The boys football team has been entered in the Mid-Warwicks Junior Schools football league. The boys are very enthusiastic and have played several friendly matches plus one league match with St. Peter's school in Leamington which they drew 1 - 1. We are grateful to enthusiastic mums and dads who help with the transport for away matches.

3. The older girls are becoming very keen on netball and will be playing a number of friendly matches in the future.

4. Boys and girls in the upper classes also have the opportunity to join a Gymnastics Club, held after school on Mondays, and a Country Dance Club held after school on Wednesdays. It is most obvious that both these groups enjoy these activities very much indeed.

5. Work has already started on Christmas Activities, several of which are planned. We would welcome any villagers who would like to see our production of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. There will be two performances on Monday Dec. 16th - one at 2.30p. m. and one at 7p. m. There will be a collection towards our new Swimming Pool.

6. Lastly, arrangements have been made for about thirty children from the top class to go on an Adventure Holiday in Llangorse in Breconshire during the first week in June. The children are looking forward to taking part in such exciting activities as Pony Trekking, Dry-land skiing, Canoeing etc. all of which are under the guidance of fully qualified instructors.

## PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Harbury P.T.A. was held in the school on Oct. 16th. The year's activities were outlined by the Chairman and the Treasurer's Report showed that

£1,600 had been raised towards the swimming pool since January. The meeting was followed by a talk on Metrication by Mr. Wragg of the County Trading Standards Dept. The following officers were elected for the coming year:-

Chairman	Mr. G. Wright.
Chairman Elect	Mr. N. Oliver.
Treasurer	Mr. M. Cartwright.
Secretary	Mr. W. Scott.

Nearly 200 people attended the most enjoyable Annual Supper Dance on Oct. 11th. An excellent supper was followed by dancing to the Lew Roberts Four. The evening raised a total of £150 towards the swimming pool fund.

A shoe party held recently at the home of Mrs. Gill Carter raised £25 towards the pool fund, a total of 59 pairs of shoes being sold.

#### A YOUTHFUL BELLRINGERS ACCOUNT.

Bells are rung to bring people to church. At Harbury the tower had a ring of five up to 1959 when they were recast to produce six lighter bells (the heaviest being 12 cwt.) They are rung every Sunday before the services and every Friday evening for practice. When they are rung and set (stopped) they sit the other way up. Ringing a bell is not just a matter of pulling a rope, it needs care and concentration. When a person has learned to ring a bell they will do more advanced things. The ringers ring what they call Changes which are sequences of numbers. They then progress to Method Ringing.

C. WINDSOR.

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About £120 was raised at our recent sale of Christmas Gifts and Cards. Refreshments were by Harriet Wickerson-Briggs (the local contract caterers - Harbury 612364) who donated her services. Anyone who missed the sale should ring Harbury 612711 or Warwick 43536 for details.

#### HARBURY NSPCC & LEAGUE OF PITTY.

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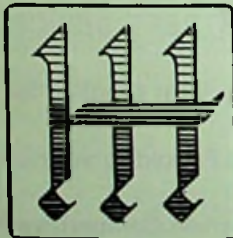
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Village Hall Committee		Dance Proceeds	36
259		Stalls, Sideshows etc.	276
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259			
	518		
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SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER, 2.30 p.m.  
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## THE 1st HARBURY SCOUT GROUP.

This is a very successful Group with three leaders, a waiting list for entry to the Cub Pack, an enthusiastic supporting Committee headed by Mr. Chapple - and an urgent need for a new Scout Leader to replace David Keyte who has to resign due to personal commitments. The job is not easy, but can be very rewarding. Whether you are experienced or willing to learn, please contact D.F. Keyte, 38 Frances Road.

### CRUSADERS.

During the summer months, several members of Harbury Crusaders have attended national Crusader camps or house parties and had a whale of a time in a range of activities and sports. Whether it was trekking across Dartmoor, sailing, canoeing, singing, talking, playing games or putting the world to rights, it was great!

Our Fifth Birthday Service was attended by Bishop Oliver Allison who showed slides of places and people in the Sudan. It is interesting to note that of the original 25 members of Harbury Crusaders nine are still in the class and that most of the others have moved away from the village. There are 38 'Knights of Harbury' who have completed 100 Sundays (over 2 years) with the class and have received presentation Bibles - a creditable achievement in five years. After the service, the senior group were most efficient in serving teas. In fact, the clearing of the hall and the setting of the tables was so efficient that some friends who came along at the advertised time found tea nearly over! Our apologies, but we hope that they still enjoyed their tea and cakes.

The best wishes of the class go to Liz Clarke, a founder member, subsequently a class helper, who has done so much for the class, not least in cooking such splendid meals for three class holidays. Liz, having obtained catering qualifications, has now started training as a nurse.

We look forward to welcoming Richard and Jane Smith at Crusaders on Sunday, 1st December when they will sing, speak and show slides of Nigeria.

## HISTORICAL NOTES.

Last month the 5 Lords of the Manor were listed as in the Domesday Book.

The land held by the Monks of Coventry is not mentioned again and it is reasonable to suppose their land passed to Kenilworth Priory. It is also likely that the 3 virgates held by William BUENTASLETH in 1086 were also passed to the Priory in 1199 and 1227. Thus by 1291 Kenilworth Priory held land to the value of £4.50p in Harbury. Inflation had raised this sum to £7.55 in 1535.

Between 1536 and 1593 all the Monasteries in England were dissolved. The land held by Kenilworth Priory in Harbury were kept by the Crown until 1561.

By that year Elizabeth I was on the throne and land in Harbury was granted as a manor to John Fisher and Thomas Dabridgeant. The following year, 1562, the manor was re-granted to Thomas Fisher who had been M.P. for Warwick and when he died in 1577 the land reverted to the Crown.

The land held by Henry de Ferrers in 1086 had by 1279 passed to the Abbey of Coombe in Coventry. In 1484 William Catesby was granted by the Convent of Coombe a yearly rent of £1.34p for life, secured on their Harbury Estates. When Coombe Abbey was dissolved in the 1530's their holding in Harbury was valued at £12.03p. In 1582 The Crown sold the land to Edmund Frost and John Walker. The Manor was also sold then into the Wagstaff family. It was Thomas, a London lawyer, who in 1610 purchased land on the north side of the Church and built the lovely old school.

Reverting to the Domesday record - The 4½ hides held by the Count of Meulan in 1086 passed to the Earl of Leicester. It passed later to Geoffrey de Clinton and by the 13th Century had been granted to Kenilworth and Coombe Abbeys, including a dove-cote mentioned in 1291. The land held by Turchills passed to the Earl of Warwick. Henry de Ladbroc is mentioned as chief tenant in 1316.

MARY THOMPSON.

## WINEMAKING - AN ALCHOLIC HOBBY.

Chris Wright remembers---

Once Harbury boasted its own wine circle, formed in '66 /'67 from a Southam Evening Institute course on winemaking.

It continues to flourish as the Leamington & District Wine-making Circle. The programme was varied and included talks visits and competitions in addition to the sampling of members' bottles.

The making of a good wine is a delicate art. We have all suffered at some time a friend's bad wine whilst secretly looking for a convenient plant pot in which to pour it.

We had an article from Peter Holt on his hobby.

-----I have made hock and sauterne from cans of grape concentrate and others from raw materials, my wife and children collecting dandelions, elderberries, elderflowers & blackberries from the hedgerows. I once made half a dozen bottles from some garden wallflowers.

The basic items needed are a large plastic bucket for initial fermentation, a one gallon glass jar with a fitted air lock, bottles & corks and a warm spot (e.g. the airing cupboard) where fermentation can take place.

Cost can be anything from 3p. per bottle for a wine made from - say - blackberries you've gathered yourself (cost here being only for the sugar) to about 25p per bottle when using a high quality concentrate. Perhaps there are sufficient wine makers in the area to restart the circle.

#### POP AND MRS. BASTIN.

As many of you will already know, this couple who did so much for our village have moved to Wellesbourne. They came to Harbury in 1968 and were involved with the Scouts, Senior Citizens Assoc., the P.C.C. and the Golden Age where "Pop" was Chairman for two years. We had a letter from them. Here is part of it:-

"Many many thanks to all the good people of Harbury, who made us so welcome. We thought Leamington was kind to us but Harbury was just as good. If you come through Wellesbourne, do call in. We are just opposite Salmons the agricultural repairers."

POP & MRS. BASTIN.

#### CHILDREN'S STORY COMPETITION.

Please write us a Christmas Story, and you could win yourself a prize! Entries will be judged in 2 age groups -

Under 9 (not more than 100 words) and 9 - 11 (not more than 200 words). We hope to print the winning stories next time.

Entries to:- Harbury News, 23 Mill Street, Harbury, by Nov22nd.

### HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB.

With the dark evenings badminton is back in full swing at the Village Hall. Club Nights are very lively at the moment with many exciting games being played.

At the time of writing we have played 2 first team & 3 second team matches in the mixed doubles league. Both teams won 8-1 at home against "Oaks" & "Central Hospital" respectively but neither team fared as well in their away matches. The mens' & ladies' doubles team have not yet played a match this season. We hope to continue the season with as much enthusiasm as at present & also to organize some social functions where we can meet without having to interrupt our conversations to rush around swinging racquets.

### THE BONFIRE

Well over 700 adults and children watched the annual bonfire and firework display held at the playing fields on Saturday Nov. 2nd. After the fireworks most of the children were given a 'sparkler' to hold and then headed for the hot dogs, soup, crisps, tea and squash which were ready in the Village Hall. All in all, a most enjoyable evening - so much better, safer (and cheaper) than lots of individual fires.

First indications show that, thanks to several generous donations, a very small surplus remained and this will be passed by the Parochial Church Council to Christian Aid.

Grateful thanks are due to the many people who helped to make the evening such a success - particularly Mr. Hill who organised the bonfire, Messrs. Bennett and Brandt who collected the combustibles and gave rides to countless children on tractors loaned by Messrs. Davis and Gurden, and to Mrs. Windsor who organised the food.

The organisers point out that they would prefer that tickets be purchased in advance where possible rather than on the day, in order to prepare the right amount of food. If you had problems obtaining tickets or have any suggestions to improve next year's event please contact the organisers or Harbury News.

## "KALEIDOSCOPE"

Last month we published an appeal for someone to look after the children of Young Wives during their meetings, and Mr. & Mrs. Bamford have kindly stepped into the breach, successfully doing their first stint in October..... There was also an urgent plea for a new ballet teacher & Mrs. Rankin has now taken over, teaching ballet & tap at the Wight School every Wednesday at 4.00p.m.....Miss Sallyann Wall, aged 19, of Ivy Lane, attended our Village School, passed her 11+ to King's High School, Warwick where she is now Head Girl, and hopes to go on to University - an achievement of which the village is justly proud.....The engagement is announced of a popular villager - David Keyte, to Susan Gulliver; we give them our best wishes.....There are so many Harbury babies on the way or newly arrived that word is getting about that there is something in the water! Nevertheless, we warmly congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Bell on the birth of a baby daughter, Joanna Claire, and all the other new Mums & Dads in the Village.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

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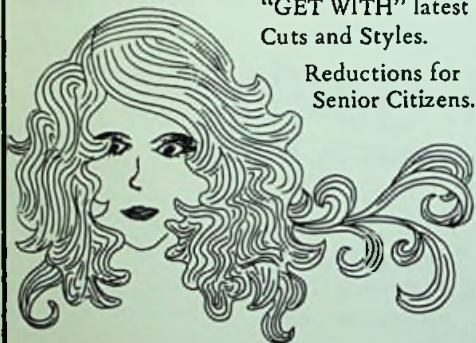
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