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Firstly, we wish all our readers a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas - the many functions in the village certainly made a significant contribution to the spirit of Christmas in Harbury.

It was nice to see the Church well filled for the Junior School's presentation of a Child's Carol, the Nine Lessons & Carols service and of course the Midnight Service on Christmas Eve. Most notable success was the Theatre Group and Windmill Singers' presentation of 'A Christmas Carol' - also performed in Southam Church.

On Wednesday January 25th at 8pm in the Village Club, Harbury & Ladbroke News has its A.G.M. when the Committee for the coming year will be elected. We are anxious that the widest range of village interests be represented on the Committee and we always welcome new contributors. Please come along and help if you can, but in any case we welcome your comments.

## JANUARY                      HARBURY DIARY

- Sun 1st NEW YEARS DAY 8am Holy Eucharist. 10am Procession & Sung Eucharist. 11.15am Children's & Family Service. 4pm Evensong & Procession.
- Tues 3rd Motor Cycle Club, 8pm, Wight School.
- Thurs 5th WI Skin care & make-up by Miss Noon, 7.45pm, V Hall.  
Harbury & Ladbroke Church Men's Group, 7.45pm  
at 19 The Beeches.
- Fri 6th THE EPIPHANY (Times of services to be announced)
- Sun 8th 8am Holy Eucharist. 10am Sung Eucharist.  
4pm Evensong.  
Crusaders restarts. 2.30pm V. Hall
- Mon 9th School Starts.  
Village Guide meeting, 8pm, 23 Mill Street.
- Tues 10th Playgroup, Nursery School & Brownies begin.  
Harbury Friends, 8pm, School.
- Wed 11th MU, Old Timbers, 2.30pm, Speaker - Rev. T. Knight.
- Thurs 12th Golden Age, 2-30pm, Village Hall.  
Prayer Meeting, 8pm, Bellever, Ivy Lane.
- Fri 13th MU Supper Party at Old Timbers.
- Sun 15th 8am Holy Eucharist. 10am Sung Eucharist. 4pm Evensong

- Tues 17th Tufty Club, 2.30pm, Village Hall.  
 Motor Cycle Club, 8pm, Wight School.
- Weds 18th Harbury Society Social with Folk Group, 8.30pm -  
 Crown Inn. Tickets 90p from Linda Ridgley.
- Fri 20th Motor Cycle Film Show, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
- Sun 22nd 8am Holy Eucharist. 10am Sung Eucharist. 4pm Evensong.
- Mon 23rd P.C.C., 8pm, Wight School.
- Tues 24th Young Wives, 2pm, Village Hall.  
 Bible Study at Vicarage, 7.45 p.m.
- Weds 25th CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL.  
 Harbury News AGM, 8pm at Club.
- Thurs 26th Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.  
 Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall.  
 Theatre Group, 8pm at Club.
- Fri 27th Playgroup Dance.
- Sun 29th 8am Holy Eucharist. 10am Sung Eucharist (Preacher  
 Rev. W.A. Richards of the C. of E. Children's Society)  
 4pm Evensong.  
 Harbury Bike Ride, 10am, Club car-park.  
 Harbury Footpath Walk, 2.30pm from V. Hall.
- Mon 30th KING CHARLES THE MARTYR.  
 Liberal Assoc. Coffee & AGM, 8.15pm Wight School.  
 Carnival Committee 8pm.
- Tues 31st Motor Cycle Club, 8pm, Wight School.

## FEBRUARY

Weds 1st MU Discussion meeting, 2.30pm, Old Timbers.

Thurs 2nd PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE.

WI Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, Speaker Mrs.  
 Sheila Stuart on Country Courtship.

Fri 3rd Football Dance.

Sun 5th 8am Holy Eucharist. 10am CONFIRMATION AND  
 SUNG EUCHARIST. 4pm Evensong.

Fri 10th Southam Round Table Dance, Village Hall.

Sat 11th Recital by Ian Little, Organist & Master of Choristers  
 at Coventry Cathedral, 7.45pm in Church.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10am  
 every Sunday

CRUSADERS, Village Hall, 2.30pm every Sunday.

BINGO, Village Hall 8pm every Monday.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7pm every Monday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, 6.15pm every Tuesday.

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8pm every Wednesday.

~~NETBALL, Wight School, 7.30pm every Wednesday.~~

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

Special appointments, every 3rd Monday.

PARISH COUNCIL, Village Hall, 7.30pm, 4th Thursday.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30pm every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

FOOTPATH ASSOC., Village Hall, 2.30pm, last Sunday.

BICYCLE RIDE, from Club Carpark, 10am, last Sunday.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

DATES FOR INCLUSION TO LINDA RIDGLEY (612792) or  
SARA BENNETT (612618).

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Christmas parties, delightful Carol Services, the Christmas play in Church (this year "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens) and, above all, the Christmas Services with a record number of Christmas Communicants have been the feature of recent days. The Choir, I thought, excelled themselves. The Church was beautifully decorated with magnificent blooms as well as evergreens, and the fact that this year different people, or groups of people, undertook the responsibility for the various windows was a great help to the regular decorators.

On January 29th the preacher at the 10 a.m. Parish Eucharist will be the Revd. W.A. Richards, secretary of the Church of England Children's Society. Fr. Richards gave a very interesting talk to our Men's Group in October, and we in this parish support the Children's Society, so I hope that there will be a good number to hear and meet him.

On the following Sunday (February 5th) at 10 a.m. Bishop Mc. Kie will administer Confirmation, celebrate the Eucharist and give the newly confirmed their First Communions. Please pray for those who are preparing for the Sacraments.

Our hearty congratulations to one of the teachers in our School, Mrs. Christine Wright, on her success in obtaining the B. Ed. degree of Birmingham University.

We have lost a good, kind friend in Mr. Bland. After retiring from the important post of Station Master at Leamington Spa, he and Mrs. Bland came to live in Harbury about



20 years ago and quickly found themselves "at home" in the village and in the Church. Mr. Bland served as sidesman and member of the Parochial Church Council and was one of the original members of our branch of the Church of England Men's Society. He was a regular weekly communicant, and it meant a lot to him that he was able to receive Communion in hospital a few days before his death. He bore his suffering with great courage and cheerfulness. May God grant rest to his soul, and comfort and guidance to his widow and family.

What about a message for the New Year? I wonder if, like me, you find that there are certain speeches, made many years ago, which you cannot forget? One such, in my case, is the Christmas broadcast made by King George VI in 1939, - the first Christmas of the war, 38 years ago. It encouraged and inspired millions of his subjects, and the quotation with which he ended seems to me a good message for the present day. The King concluded his broadcast with these words:-

"A new year is at hand. We cannot tell what it will bring. If it brings peace, how thankful we shall all be. If it brings us continued struggle we shall remain undaunted.

In the meantime, I feel that we may all find a message of encouragement in the lines which, in my closing words, I would like to say to you:- "I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

May that Almighty Hand guide and uphold us all."

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

### Holy Baptism

December 11 - Martyn Peter Revitt, 11 Leycester Close.

### Funeral Service

December 1 - William Josiah Bland, 12 The Beeches.

### From the Churchwardens

The Christmas Services are over, having been enjoyed by a good number of people, both parishioners and visitors, and it is good to see families worshipping together at this family time. As we enter 1978, we wish you all a happy, peaceful and blessed New Year.

We have come to the end of the first full year of involving local groups and organisations in the 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service and feel that this has been greatly appreciated both by our regular members and by members of the organisations who do not normally attend our Services. We have been particularly pleased to welcome members of other Churches who have taken part in these services. Although we have had over a year, we have still not completed the round of village organisations for the first time (which says a great deal for the varied life of the village) so, if your organisation has not yet been invited, never fear, it will happen very soon. We shall then start on the second time round. If any organisation would like a particular date at any time during the year, please do get in touch with Vivienne Aggett on 612711 or the Vicar on 612377 as soon as possible.

The first meeting of the newly formed prayer group will be on Thursday, 12th January at Bellever, Ivy Lane by invitation of John and Sara Bennett. It starts at 8 p.m. and a warm invitation is extended to all who share in the fellowship of prayer. If anyone has particular items for prayer, please enter them in the book on the table at the back of the Church. This, of course, applies at any time but especially for the monthly prayer group meeting.

The Bible studies continue at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage on the 4th Tuesday of the month, which in January is 24th.

### Crusader Carol Service

On Sunday, December 11th, Harbury Crusaders held a carol service. One hundred and twenty seven people attended, which was one better than the previous turnout. Mrs Keir took the service and after the choir had sung "Holy Child", she welcomed everybody. Carole Moore and Louise Upton read "The Children's Song of the Nativity". After the Minis sang "The Star", the Recorder group played "O Come, O come, Emmanuel". The reading from "Seth" was in two parts divided by a carol. Helen Hughes and Rebecca Wright read the first part and Robert Hughes and David Clarke the second. The choir sang "God's Holy People" and "The Cuckoo Carol" and we all joined in the chorus. After the Minis sang "Rocking", presentations were made to Sarah Johnson, Analie Hoare, Cathryn Griffin, Penelope Johnson and Alison Dodds. Mrs. Keir said the final prayer. During the Service we all sang a lot of



traditional carols.

Copies of our Newsletter called "Crus News" were given out and if any one who hasn't got one would like one, it can be obtained from the Clarkes at 1 Vicarage Lane.

MARTIN BUNTING.

### A RARE OPPORTUNITY

Ian Little, the Organist and Master of the Choristers at Coventry Cathedral, will give an Organ Recital in the Parish Church at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday February 11.

Mr. Little is the country's youngest Cathedral Organist and has been described as one of the most brilliant. Harbury has a fine organ and the recital will give a first class opportunity to hear it played properly!

Mr. Little will also be bringing the Cathedral Choir to sing in Harbury Church in the Spring. More details next month.

MB.

### BAR LINES

Christmas brought to an end what was possibly one of the busiest periods in the Church Choir's long history. All Saintstide, Remembrancetide, Advent and Christmas all meant new music to be learned and much hard work for the twenty-two choristers - not to mention the Organist. In addition to our own services, we were invited to sing at two Festivals at Leamington Parish Church to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Royal School of Church Music and also to give a recital of carols for the Ladbroke Women's Institute.

The enthusiasm of the members of the choir never ceases to amaze me - we have a 90% plus attendance record at practices and services. I believe that it is true to say that there are few village or, indeed, town churches who can boast a choir of the quality of All Saints' Harbury. This is surely a tribute to the members and also to their parents who must be thanked for their support and encouragement.

Christmas has, no doubt, been mentioned elsewhere in this issue but I must tell you about the Choir's Christmas Eve Pub Crawl! Visits were paid to the Old New Inn, The Shakespeare, The Gamecock, The Dog and The Crown - to sing Carols(!) and collect for the Children's Society and Choir Funds. £28.15 was given and we would like to thank the Landlords and their patrons for their hospitality and generosity.



A further Christmas highlight was an invitation to sing at the Senior Citizens' party where everyone enjoyed singing the traditional carols.

As well as singing, most of the Choristers play a musical instrument, ranging from maraccas via recorder and piano to the flute. Congratulations to Helen Hughes and Emma Barnes who have respectively passed their Grade Four and Grade One examinations this December.

What of 1978? My hope is that we shall see adults in the Choir to give us the opportunity to lead worship more effectively and also to increase our repertoire. Would it not be possible for grown-ups to give up just ONE Sunday morning and two other evenings each month to help us to achieve this? If you are an alto, tenor or bass and would like to discuss this further, please telephone me on 612545. I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy New Year.

MICHAEL BARNES.

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### LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for January and early February 1978:

Sunday 1st January: Circumcision of our Lord. (New Year's Day)

NO SERVICE at 8.30am, 11am Matins followed by Holy Communion

Thurs. 5th Jan: 7.45pm Men's Group at Harbury.

Fri. 6th Jan: EPIPHANY

Sun. 8th Jan: Epiphany I. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns &

Sermon. 3.30pm Holy Baptism and Evensong.

Weds. 11th Jan: 3.30pm Women's Fellowship in the School.

Sun. 15th Jan: Epiphany II. 8.30am Holy Communion

11 a.m. Matins.

Sun. 22nd Jan: Septuagesima. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 3.30pm Evensong.

Sun. 29th Jan: Sexagesima. 8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Matins

Thurs. 2nd Feb: CANDLEMAS. 7.45pm Men's Group at Harbury

Sun. 5th Feb: Quinquagesima. 8.30am Holy Communion

11 a.m. Family Service.

Weds. 8th Feb: Ash Wednesday. 9.0am Children's Eucharist.

3.30pm Women's Fellowship in Church. 7.30pm Holy Communion

ALTAR FLOWERS. Jan. 8 Mrs. Badman, Jan. 15 Mrs. Wilson,

Jan. 22 Mrs White, Jan. 29 Mrs Garman, Feb. 5 Mrs Hudson.

NO FLOWERS IN LENT  
Extract from the Registers

Holy Matrimony: 10th December. David William Reeves to  
Kathleen Bridget Cecilia McDonagh.

CHRISTMAS FAIR. We had a wonderfully successful day and all who contributed, donors, sellers and buyers are to be congratulated and thanked. The final total for distribution came to £232.....a record.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. David Reeves on their marriage; they will be living in Southam but we hope to see them here sometimes.

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE. This was as usual very well attended and much enjoyed. The collection (£25) will go to the Walsgrave Scanner Appeal.

CAROL SINGERS. A bold band set forth through rain and wind, sang lustily and collected the incredible amount of £25, also for the Scanner Appeal. Well done...singers and generous donors.

G.R.F.

ORGANIST.....They said Calais was graven on the heart of Mary Tudor; I am not sure that organist is not going to be found on mine! Gary is with us for the holidays and we were able to give him a token of our appreciation on Sunday 18th December. He will help us by playing into the New Year. But after that we are at present dependent upon the kind help of various friends. We should value a permanent organist; we are ready to discuss terms (for the P.C.C. realise the costs of transport and the tie involved by Sunday work); is there no one in the area who would take on this task....which is also an offering of worship?

G.R.F.

W.I.

In November Mrs. Hayward, retiring president, was presented with a floral decoration, and Mrs. Zonik gave us "A Half hour of Christmas" which was alternately amusing and moving. It was splendid to see ten visitors - three of whom, Mesdames Mugleston (snr. & jnr.) and Sheasby - joined on the spot! At our open meeting in December the Harbury Church Choir entertained us all quite delightfully with a variety of instrumental pieces and carols old and new. Coffee and mince pies were served afterwards.

A warm welcome to another six new members:-



Mesdames Hart, Jerome, Telford, Todman, Treadgold and Wright. Members will be distributing a bottle of sherry and a box of chocolates to the village "over 60s".

I. B.

The Ladbroke Conservative Association held their Christmas Supper Party at the Bell Inn on November 29th. All tickets were sold and members enjoyed an evening socialising around the bar and over a delicious hot supper in the restaurant. Thanks are due to the organisers and supporters.

P.S.F.

#### Ladbroke Infant and Junior School

There was full attendance on December 19th for the school Christmas Party. Games in the infant room started the afternoon and then into the main building for a superb tea. Every pupil wore a colourful hand made paper hat and all the decorations hanging around the room they had made. The tea table looked so colourful and a superb Christmas tea was the focal point of the room. Everyone ate a hearty tea then Miss Harris thanked all the people who had helped the school in so many ways over the year. The governors and guest were present and Mr. Hedge distributed gifts from two enormous stockings. All the children apart from the juniors were given a Christmas hat enclosing a handball. The juniors received tickets to a theatre in Coventry for the New Year.

P.S.F.

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#### HARBURY SCHOOL

I would like to thank parents and friends for their support for our various activities this Christmas. I am sure you will be pleased to know that our Infant "Those were the days" concerts raised just over £29 for school funds, the "Child's Carol" by the top Juniors raised £35 and the Carol Singing around the village raised just over £30. We shall send £5 to the Church, and £60 to the Scanner Appeal Fund at Walsgrave Hospital.

At the end of term Mrs. Bulmer was presented with a cut glass fruit bowl and preserve jar, whilst Mrs. Taylor was given a Sodastream. Next term we shall welcome Mrs. Catherine Eastaff in Mrs. Taylor's place as teacher of Class 5, whilst Mrs. Jane Sweeney will take Mrs. Bulmer's place in a temporary capacity until a permanent appointment can be made in September.

N. C. OLIVER.

### 'THOSE WERE THE DAYS'

On December 7th the Infant Department of Harbury School delighted packed audiences at the two performances of their Christmas concert. The 'Old Time Music Hall' format gave a wonderful opportunity for dressing up. Ably led by 7 year old chairman, Darren Boiles, an array of actors, acrobats, not to mention a chorus line, put on a most enjoyable show.

Many thanks to the Infant Staff for enabling both children and parents to have a marvellous time. A collection for the School Fund raised £29.

### A CHILD'S CAROL

Under the direction of Mr. Richards and accompanied by Mrs. Buck, classes 8, 9 and 10 gave a very polished performance of carols and readings to a church full of delighted parents and friends. £35 was raised towards the Scanner Appeal Fund.

### HARBURY P.T.A.

January is the time to renew your membership of the PTA and it still costs only 20p per family. Membership cards, which contain our 1978 programme, are obtainable from any committee member or at our first meeting. Whilst it is good to see our regular members each year, we do like to see some new faces, so if new families have moved in near you, why not introduce them to our association and bring them along to the first meeting.

After the Christmas and New Year festivities when most of us tend to over-indulge in the "goodies", our first meeting on 25th January at 8 pm in School seems very appropriate - "Healthy Living". This will be a talk not only about health foods, but also about herbal cosmetics which can be made at home. In view of the ever increasing quantity of artificial substances with which we bombard our bodies, in one way or another, we felt that this talk might be both interesting and beneficial.

A note for your diary:- Cheese, Wine & Disco in the School Hall - 24th Feb. Tickets will be limited, so order yours early to avoid disappointment.



## SKATEBOARDING

Boxing Morning produced a large number of intrepid young skateboarders eager to have close contact with the school playground! Better though than contact with Motor Cars or Pedestrians. Michael Bloxham's photo shows some of them ready to go.

Further meetings will be held when the better weather comes.



## "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

The Windmill Singers and Harbury Theatre Group's joint Christmas presentation was seen by around 1,000 people in Harbury and Southam Churches. Christmas music, both new and traditional was performed by the Singers in their accustomed professional manner, and the Theatre Group told Dickens' well-known story, led by Keith Hayes, who gave an excellent performance as Scrooge.

Congratulations to all who took part, especially producer Beryl Checkley, and musical director and conductor for the Windmill Singers, Ken Nordon.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR Dec. 3rd 1977

Father Christmas was the main attraction at the Christmas Fair. His Space Rocket was an imposing sight, reaching up to the ceiling of the Village Hall. Over 300 children came to see him after he had travelled round the village. Many bargains and lots of fun was had by all in the many stalls.

A profit of £207 was raised for the Recreation Ground development fund. The winners of the Christmas draw prizes were:-

| PRIZE      | TICKET No. | NAME & ADDRESS OF WINNER              |
|------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Turkey     | 2672       | J. Barnes, Church House, Crown St     |
| Whisky     | 2291       | A. Perkin, Coventry Evening Telegraph |
| Whisky     | 2974       | Mr. Stringer, 23 Farley Avenue.       |
| Red Wine   | 0086       | T. Mazurack, Rugby Football Club.     |
| White Wine | 1835       | Midge Clarke, 11 Constance Drive.     |
| Vodka      | 0153       | Jerry Birkbeck, Rugby Football Club.  |
| Sherry     | 2997       | Mr Montgomery, 40 Farley Ave.         |
| Crackers   | 1186       | Mrs. Blackie, Corner Cott, High St.   |
| Crackers   | 0728       | L. Rose, Automotive Products.         |
| Xmas Cake  | 1190       | Mrs. Blackie, Corner Cott, High St.   |
| Chocolates | 1270       | Mr M. Boag, 10 Dovehouse Lane.        |
| Lighter    | 2365       | N. Wilson, Badminton Club.            |
| Brief Case | 0566       | Mr J Chapple, Farley Avenue.          |

The Recreation Ground Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this event successful.

P. J. H.

### YOUNG WIVES

The Annual Carol Concert run jointly by the Young Wives and the Mothers Union was as successful and enjoyable as ever. Around 45 mums and lots of children sang familiar carols accompanied on the organ by the Vicar, and listened as Shirley Keir told the Christmas story, with the aid of a crib and figures made by the mini-Crusaders. Sue Lapraik and Sara Bennett read prayers and poems, and tea afterwards at Jeanne Clarke's home completed a very pleasant afternoon.

D. M. H.

### HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

On December 11th we were again grateful to Mr. Iory Davies for the use of his field when we ran our second training trial. The Club's (Gordon Smith's) Honda 90 was pressed into service on this occasion, providing a ride for a couple of members who were without machines. Martin Brant was overall winner (a good effort wince he used two borrowed 'bikes) followed by Richard Wright and Nick Moore.

A reminder that the club is open to all who are interested in motor cycles - whether you have a machine or not. January meetings are on the 3rd, 17th and 31st at 8.00pm in



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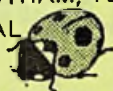
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the Wight School.  
Big event this month is our FILM SHOW in the Village Hall on Friday January 20th at 7.30 p.m. A good selection of (mainly) motor cycling films will be shown - including the Hawkstone Park Grand Prix. Tickets 25p from members or 23 Mill Street.  
J. B. M.

### HARBURY LADIES MONDAY BADMINTON CLUB

We meet in the Village Hall each Monday morning during school term time, from 9am to 12. The subscription is £2 for approximately 14 sessions.

Besides enjoying the game we find the social side very cheering on a dark Monday morning.

Would you like to come and join us? There are a few vacancies for the session commencing Jan. 9th. Contact:- Mrs. C. Barrett, 17 South Parade, Harbury. J. G. WATTS.

### HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. 1st Prize - £25 M. & S. Voucher:- S. Field, 8 Manor Road, Harbury; 2nd Prize - Transistor Radio:- P. Crump (Flavel's); 3rd Prize - Food Hamper:- M. Robinson, Coventry; plus 17 other prizewinners.

Harbury R. F. C. is seeing more and more villagers join the Club. On Saturday 10th December, Andrew Hunt of Farley Ave who came up to the Village Playing Fields to watch Harbury II play Shipston II promptly volunteered to fill a vacancy in the Harbury side and played an excellent game, saving a certain try by the opposition by a fine tackle on their Wing Three Quarter. Harbury II went on to its 10th successive win.

### CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Apologies to Linda Ridgley, and those of you who followed her "Children's Mystery Tour of Harbury" - particularly any still standing shivering in Vicarage Lane looking for clues!! Our deliberate (?) mistake was.....we left out half the answers! We did this, of course, to make it more difficult, but for those of you who like an easy life, here are all the questions & answers again.

1. The Bull Ring Stores celebrated its 400th birthday this year.
2. The Library is open on Mondays and Thursdays.
3. There are four bollards outside the Co-op.
4. Britannia is on the plaque over the newsagents.
5. There is a Phoenix on the plaque over the old butcher's shop.

6. Mr. Lindop's cleaning service takes 48 hours.
7. Stan Smith describes himself as a High Class Boot & Shoe Repairer.
8. There is a Boot Scraper on the stone plinth in Chapel Street.
9. Constance, Margaret and Penelope come down by the Village Hall (they are road names).
10. There are 8 doors in to the Village Hall.
11. Highest numbered house in Pineham Avenue is No. 26
12. The cottage near the holly bush is called "Rose Cottage".
13. In Vicarage Lane is a public seat dedicated to Mr. Sperling.
14. The weathervanes show donkeys, a fish and a flying fox.
15. The name on the headstones in the Churchyard is Sprawson.
16. The dog pictured in the Bull Ring is a Labrador.

### HARBURY SOCIETY

The Harbury Society was pleased to welcome Dr. David Palliser, Lecturer in Economic History at Birmingham University, to the November meeting at the Village Club. Tim Millington introduced Dr. Palliser and explained that he had worked with Professor Hoskins on the 'Making of the English Landscape' series of books and had himself published a book on the Staffordshire Landscape and had another due for publication on the City of York. Dr. Palliser gave an illustrated talk on the Making of the Landscape in the Midlands, tracing the influence of various invaders from Neolithic to Norman times, and showing how they had all left an impact on the landscape. He also described the effects of more recent happenings, including the Black Death & the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

After answering a number of questions on place names, deserted villages and mediaeval hedges, Dr. Palliser was given a vote of thanks and presented with a Henson Bamford print of Chesterton Windmill by David Winter.

The annual Social of the Harbury Society will be held as usual at the Crown Inn, Harbury on Wednesday 18 January 1978. There will be a Ploughman's Supper and entertainment from the Folk Group, the New Modern Idiot Grunt Band! Tickets, price 90 pence are now available for sale to members and non-members from: Linda Ridgley, 7 Wagstaffe Close, Harbury 612792 or from committee members.

On February 21 there will be a talk at the Village Club on the work of WARNACT and in the early Spring members of



the Warwickshire Trust for Nature and Conservation will give the Harbury Society a guided tour of the new SSSI at Harbury Spoil Bank.

The Society and the Harbury News are jointly assembling a Guide to Harbury, and the next meeting to discuss this topic will be on January 9 at 8pm, at 23 Mill Street. Anyone who is interested in contributing articles or information for the Guide should contact the Secretary of the Harbury Society, Linda Ridgley (see above). LINDA RIDGLEY.

### VILLAGE HALL

At the last meeting of the Village Hall Committee in December, it was agreed to publicise more fully the Committee's policy on the hiring of the Hall.

The Hall is let at a concessionary rate to Village Organisations who pay a reduced fee for the rooms in the Hall. If a booking has to be cancelled, at least fourteen days clear notice has to be given or a charge will be made. If less than seven days notice is given the full price is charged and for between seven and fourteen days notice half price is charged. The Committee cannot afford the loss of revenue which late cancellation causes because rates, heating and lighting still have to be paid for even if the Hall is not used, and remember it is YOUR Village Hall administered as a registered Charity and not subsidised from the rates. LINDA RIDGLEY.



In touch with the News.

Senior Harburian -

Mrs. Jane Bates of

South Parade, who will be

92 years old on January 4th.

(photo - Mike Bloxham)

## HARBURY OPEN GARDENS DAY

It is hoped to repeat the Harbury Open Gardens Day in early summer of 1978. The date suggested is June 3rd which is at the start of Carnival Week. At this stage we are asking for offers of gardens - of all sorts and sizes - to be open for visits during the day. If your garden was open on the last occasion we are still anxious to hear from you as this is a different season of the year, and many people were not able to visit all the gardens that were open.

In conjunction with this, it is hoped to publish a booklet containing favourite recipes, household tips and perhaps gardening tips. Mrs. Zonik has kindly agreed to compile the booklet.

If you are willing to open your garden please contact Mrs. J. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, 612504 or Mrs. P. Clarke, 11 Constance Drive, 612311.

Contributions for the booklet can be given to either of the above or to Mrs. E. Zonik, Childyke, Mill Lane, 612365.

Please help us to make this an enjoyable function as it was on the previous occasion.

J.M.W.

## PARISH COUNCIL, DECEMBER

My reports seem to PROVOKE misunderstandings, so I shall not lighten this month's with the asides and jokes made by your Councillors. In such a short space it is impossible to give the flavour of a Parish Council Meeting. Make a New Year's resolution and come along one Thursday. An important date for your new diary - Harbury's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 13 April.

At the December meeting, which all the Councillors except Mrs. Catterall Attended, the Council discussed the Bye-laws; an application to buy land in the Burial Grounds to extend gardens (refused); plans for the school extension; Carnival 1978 and other events (a Pony Show on 21 May and a Fair for 12-18 June).

The Councillors' initiative in holding an emergency meeting on the Firemen's Dispute and sending out advisory leaflets, which were delivered free of charge by Heals, was praised by the Emergency Planning Officer. Cllr Gurden asked that the Southam School Buses park in a less dangerous position than the corner of Vicarage Lane and South Parade. Mr. Vallis reported that following Harbury PC's complaints



The hedge at Morton's Engineering would be removed to improve visibility, and Cllr Ellis, who had nearly fallen over the redundant doorstep outside the old Fox Inn, campaigned for its removal.

The Draft Report of the Sub-Committee, set up to investigate ways of conserving and enhancing the village, recommended the setting up of two Conservation Areas, and this was approved. The Council thanked the Harbury Society for the work done and asked for assistance in preparing the Final Report. The Harbury Society's help was also enlisted in arranging for the planting of the free trees which the Parish is to receive from Warwickshire County Council.

Proposals to develop land at Pan's Garden in Farm Street (in one of the proposed Conservation Areas) have caused much concern. The Clerk apologised for not having the plans of the site available for inspection.

Harbury Rugby Club has been granted permission to develop pitches and a Club-house at the bottom of Treen's Hill. The Parish Council registered no objection to an application from Associated Portland Cement for extensions to the buildings at Harbury Cement Works. Cllr Ellis insisted the PC press on through the bureaucratic tangle to have the inaccuracy on the new footpath map corrected and both he and Cllr Atkins urged the PC to pursue, vigorously, the need for Sackville Developments to provide street lighting on their new estate.

The final aspect of Planning discussed was the Stratford 'Spare a Thought for the Future' questionnaire. Incredibly, at first, some of the Parish Council intended to leave the circular unanswered, in accordance with its hard line policy of refusing to answer all questionnaires, but sense prevailed. It was argued that the PC as a responsible body, had a duty to make its views known, and it was unanimously agreed that it was in the interests of the village that Option 'D' be chosen. Option 'D' will spread housing and industry throughout the District, providing jobs and housing locally, easing congestion in Stratford, and going some way to preventing the villages becoming mere dormitories. However, the PC did not think it was reasonable that the District should provide for the level of increase suggested in the Questionnaire and indicated that it believed that only the natural increase of the District should be catered for.

Next Meeting - Jan 26, 7.30pm, V. Hall. LINDA RIDGLEY,

## PROFILE - PETER SHAWCROSS



Peter Shawcross is ebullient, talkative, amusing, and was (he tells me) born at a very early age. His philosophy in life he sums up as 'Enjoy yourself today - you could be dead tomorrow', a sentiment born of his own happy temperament plus an inevitable relief that he has recovered from a very serious heart condition which prevented him from working for two years.

As a boy he wanted to go into agriculture, and he obtained practical experience on farms and technical know-how at Nottingham University, before doing his two years' National Service "on far distant shores" (i.e. Wales). He then spent 12 years with Boots the Chemists, selling animal health products in Derbyshire, Banbury (where he met his wife Jean), Lancashire and finally Warwickshire, coming to Harbury in 1963. He worked for 8 years for Robophone Ltd., where he became Midland Regional Sales Manager, and had just started a new job with the TSB when he was taken ill. Thankfully he is now well enough to be working again, and back in the animal feeds business with Hemmings of Barford.

His spare time interests are wide. He was once Chairman of the Young Farmers' Club, and of the Southam Agricultural Discussion Group, he belonged to the Territorial Army for 14 years, and enjoyed climbing and fell walking.

His main interests at present are the local Theatre Group, where he has acted, produced and performed many other roles all with notable success (he describes himself as a "built-in extrovert" !!), and the running of the Village Hall, which he has been involved with for 6 years. He regularly entertains at the Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner, and exercises his "community conscience" by helping various village organisations with his talents for acting and impersonation (did you spot him at the Christmas Fair?).



His home (he says it was a shambles when they bought it) is now a fascinating dwelling, created by a combination of his DIY skills and Jean's immense artistic talents. Peter, and his whole family (he has 3 children) seem to live life to the full - the house is warm and expansive, with the sort of atmosphere which puts no restriction on creativity.

He says he aims to enjoy all he does, and everything about Peter Shawcross seems to suggest that this is precisely what he does.

D. M. H.

### KALEIDOSCOPE

Happy New Year! I'm delighted to be able to pass on the good news that Jo and Mrs. Bamford have settled happily in Cheshire; Mrs. Bamford's health has improved and Jo has found as enthusiastic a market for his art as he had in Harbury! There's no doubt that 1978 will start happily for them and we wish them continued health and joy..... Toby Shelley of Mill Lane, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Ron Shelley, has gained an open exhibition to Balliol College, Oxford where he will read politics, economics and philosophy. Toby is in the 2nd year Sixth at Trinity School, Leamington, and is one of two students from there who have gained open exhibitions to Oxbridge; an achievement we can all be proud of and we congratulate him and wish him well at University..... Tim Goss, who lives in Ivy Lane, has had a very good season racing an MGB GT V8; in the World Championship Six Hour Sports Car Event (phew!) at Brands Hatch, he was the highest private-entry finisher and, more recently, at Donnington Park in another six hour race he finished in third place and won the much prized "Driver of the Day" award..... with so much gloom around it is smashing to share these achievements of Harbury people and I hope you'll go on telling me of any news which I can pass on through Kaleidoscope - don't worry about the "importance" of your news, just ring me at 612938 and I'll be happy to hear from you. .... First quote of 1978 must come from my favourite source, George Bernard Shaw who was incapable of an unwitty remark, and one of his best for me was "An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only uncomfortable". I'm afraid you'll hear a lot more from him in kaleidoscope in 1978!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

## THE WAGSTAFFE SCHOOL

Thomas Wagstaffe was a London Lawyer; in 1610, he purchased land on the north side of the churchyard and erected a school on it. It was built of squared limestone; the west wing was of 2 floors, probably to accommodate a school master and the east wing formed one large school room. Wagstaffe kept the building in repair; William Spieir, a clerk, was appointed as master, with an allowance of £20 per year.

Wagstaffe died, without endowing the school, but his grandson, another Thomas, was willing to continue the endowment. On February 6th 1637, it was ordered that lands "of better value" than £20 per year should be settled for the payment of salary and repairs. In consequence, the £20 was paid yearly out of tithes of Harbury and the school was kept in repair until 1738.

In 1738, Elizabeth Oughton discontinued the support for the school, but in 1759 the Court ordered that the charity should be established for ever:—"for instructing boys, children of the inhabitants of Harbury, having first learned their letters, in reading, writing and accounts. The annuities of £20 and 20 shillings was paid by the owners of Harbury Fields Farm. The £20 was paid to the schoolmaster, who resided in the school house, and the 20 shillings was used for repairs.

In the middle of last century, the average attendance was 50, when the master was Joseph West. The school became disused in 1860 but was re-opened in 1866 "for the children, whether boys or girls, of all present inhabitants of the Parish of Harbury who shall apply for admission. The secular instruction shall comprise reading, writing, spelling, English grammar, arithmetic, needlework for the girls, and such other subjects of general and useful knowledge as may from time to time be directed or authorised by the trustees. The religious instruction shall comprise the Bible and Bible History, and the Church Catechism, and shall be consonant with the principles and doctrines of the Church of England. Suitable prayers, to be approved by the Trustees, shall be read in school every morning and evening by the master or mistress, and the children shall be required to attend the school on Sundays and also to attend divine service in the Parish Church at least once every Sunday. The trustees, if they think fit, may direct that a weekly sum, not exceeding 2d, shall be paid every



Monday morning, for a fund for increasing the salary of the Master or Mistress, or for providing additional teachers or books or stationery, and prizes for scholars and for other incidental expenses."

In 1856, the Rev. William Wight collected money from various friends and built a new school (the present library) on part of his glebe land. Eventually the Wagstaffe School became the Infant school and the Wight School was for older scholars.

By the Spring of 1967, some of the children attending the Infant School were housed in a temporary classroom at the Wight School; Mrs. J. Watts was headmistress of the Infant school and there were two other teachers and about 70 children. In April 1967, the Infant children moved to the modern surroundings of the present school and the Wagstaffe school was left empty.

Eventually, the Wagstaffe Charity Commissioners and the Department of Education and Science gave permission for the building to be sold and it was purchased by Phil and Angela Woodruff in March 1971. The profit made from the sale was invested by the Commissioners, and an Educational Trust was set up. Each year, an allowance is made to the village school to buy a piece of equipment not normally provided by the local authority. In 1975, a donation was made to the Swimming Pool Fund and last year a Photo-copier was purchased; this year Mr. Oliver is using the money to buy a Cassette/Recorder/Radio with amplifier.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff spent a year doing the main structural alterations to the Wagstaffe building before moving in during April 1972; even then, there was only a floor in one of the 4 bedrooms, they had to use a plank to get from the dining room to the lounge and the cooker shared the dining room with a cement mixer for some time. They then spent another 12 months turning the old Wagstaffe school into a very comfortable family home which, although having every modern convenience, still retains much of its old character.

REV. F.R. MACKLEY  
MARY THOMPSON.



## DIAL A THOUGHT!

In one moment of madness I decided to make a phone call to my sister in Vancouver, Canada, 5,000 miles away. By dialling some 10 numbers I made contact (and very clearly too) with one very startled Sister and family in less than 30 seconds.

The marvels of modern technology registered even more sharply when I recalled that to fly to Vancouver, over the frozen wastes of Greenland and the North West Territories, had taken me approximately 9 hours flying at 600+ m. p. h.

How I wish I understood a little more about the developments which have made these sort of technological advances possible - one thing's for sure - I've certainly put part of my telephone rental rebate to good use!

RAY HOARE.

HARBURY SUNDAY MORNING

The sunny adult squeals from the swimming pool are silenced. But new sounds overtake each other in the neighbourhood.

The deafening whine of drills screwing their varied holes  
through pink timber frames,

The breaking of paving stones to fit the winding garden path,  
The sawing of sad elm trunks, bereft forever of their waving  
arms.

Whirring blades cutting the tired grass in its late Autumn trim.

Extensions bulge, gutters run parallel again to take the winter rains.

Cars have their weekly splash over, children speed past in  
Cats wander, dogs bark.                      assorted wheeled mobility.

Suddenly, five minutes blissful silence,

Birds sing, church bells ring,

---And we sip our gin and tonics in the fading morning sun.

EILEEN REYNOLDS.

## HARBURY DIRECTORY

Response to my previous request for information for the Directory was - with one or two exceptions - somewhat slight. This directory is delivered, free of charge, to all Harbury News subscribers, and newcomers to the village, and is therefore a useful way of telling people what is going on. Apart from "service information" it lists all village

organisations, but I must know the latest details of these for the directory to be accurate. So, if you want your organisation to be correctly listed, please get in touch with me at 15 Wagstaffe Close (Harbury 612790) as soon as possible.

DIANA HOLT.

### LEYCESTER CLOSE

May we, on behalf of all of us who enjoyed the Christmas Party held in Leycester Close on December 10th, congratulate the committee and helpers on their efforts. Special thanks to everyone who donated the food and drink.

The nativity singing by the children was greatly appreciated by all. The backdrop was designed and painted by Jackie Knappe, a fantastic effort, greatly emphasised by special lighting effects.

Much effort and hard work by the organisers included community singing, and carol singing by all to taped church organ music played by Mr. M. Barnes.

Father Christmas paid a surprise visit with gifts for everyone.

It is so nice to feel that the community spirit can still exist in these trying times with a little effort.

E. & W. Fell.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

Since I came back to Harbury I have noticed a lot of changes, and certain things which should not occur.

- 1) Lorries and other vehicles parked on the pavement.
- 2) Motor cyclists who speed through the village.

The roads should be kept clear for traffic. I have directed buses through parked cars several times.

I would like to emphasise that this village could be a very happy one if everyone co-operated in making it a more contented community.

A. C. OVER.

### BALLET DANCING EXAMINATIONS

Four names were unfortunately omitted from the list last month of successful candidates in the "Introduction to Ballet" examination. They are:- Lucy Jessup, Alice Hodgeson, Analie Hoare and Helen Sisman. Apologies, and congratulations to them and to their teacher, Mrs. Burford.



# SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

On Saturday December 17th, the Committee of the Senior Citizens Benefit Association organised a delightful night out for the older people of Harbury in the school hall.

A most enjoyable meal, accompanied by sherry, wine or beer, was followed by entertainment provided by the Leamington Women's Guild who put on an amusing one act play, and by the Church Choir led by Michael Barnes, who enhanced the Christmas Spirit with well-loved carols.

In addition, Clive Watts provided lively music on his electronic organ.

Some 170 people attended the evening, and grateful thanks are due to all the organisers, their helpers and those who attended.

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