



HARBURY AND LADBROKE NEWS

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The Bonfire Party taking place this weekend, organised by All Saints Church P.C.C. assisted by a large number of willing helpers (including dozens of eager youngsters), is a firmly established feature of Harbury life. We hope that it will as usual be an enjoyable evening.

The Remembrance Day Service will be on Nov. 11th at 10am; an opportunity to be grateful for those who served and died in the two World Wars.

Harbury & Ladbroke News Distribution Manager, Graham Gee, reports that subscription renewals show every indication of being up to last year's level - thank you for your continued support.

Roy and Mary Fennell leave the Crown this month after many years as 'mine hosts'. We wish them every success and happiness.

Sorry to hear that Miss Hiron of Mill Street has been taken ill, we wish her a speedy recovery.

HARBURY DIARY

NOVEMBER

Sun	4th	Patronal Festival Sunday. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Procession & Sung Eucharist (Choir), 4pm Evensong & Procession - Preacher Rt.Revd. J.D. McKie.
Mon	5th	School begins.
Tues	6th	Luncheon Club, 12.45, V.Hall. Brownies Hostess Evening, 6.30pm, V.Hall. Senior Citizens, 8pm, V.Hall Prayer Group/Bible Study, 8pm, Windmill Hill Farm Cottage, Chesterton.
Wed	7th	Mother's Union, 2.30pm, Old Timbers, Ivy Lane. Harbury School Open Evening - an opportunity to see the facilities & work of the Combined School.
Thurs	8th	Golden Age, 2.30pm, V.Hall. Men's Group, 7.45pm, 23 Mill Street.
Fri	9th	Luncheon Club, 12.45, V.Hall. NSPCC Christmas Cards & Gifts Sale, 17 Manor Orchard, 10-12noon & 6-8pm. Southam PTA Dance, Southam School.
Sat	10th	Scout's Bazaar, 2.15pm, V.Hall, Handicrafts, Christmas Cards, Games & Teas.

- Sat 10th Motor Cycle Club, 2pm.
- Sun 11th Remembrance Sunday. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Remembrance Service, followed by the laying of wreaths and reading of names at the War Memorial 4pm Sung Eucharist, 5.15pm Evensong (said).
- Mon 12th Bulky Refuse Collection - ring 993/67575, ext.239.
- Tues 13th Playing Fields Cttee, V. Hall.
Harbury Friends, 8pm, School
- Fri 16th Youth Club Disco in Village Hall.
NSPCC Bumper Jumble Sale, 6.30pm, Scout Hut.
- Sun 18th 23rd after Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist (WI),
10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong.
- Mon 19th Labour Party Meeting, 8.30pm, 19 Farm Street.
- Tues 20th Village Hall Cttee, 8pm, Village Hall.
Tufty Club, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
- Wed 21st PTA 'Science in the Middle School', 8pm in School.
- Thurs 22nd Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.
- Fri 23rd Beetle Drive, 7pm, Scout Hut.
- Sat 24th Proposed Art & Craft Fayre - see article inside.
7.30-9.30, Young People's Discussion Group,
Forelle, Temple End.
- Sun 25th 24th After Trinity. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung
Eucharist (Venture Scouts), 4pm Evensong.
Bike Ride, 10am Club Car Park.
Footpath Walk, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
- Tues 27th Young Wives, 2pm, V. Hall
Senior Citizens Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall.
- Thurs 29th Parish Council, 7.30pm, V. Hall.
- Fri 30th St. Andrew's Day. 9.45pm Holy Eucharist.
Coffee Morning for RSPCA, 10.30am, Wissett Lodge
Church St.
Football Disco, V. Hall.
PTA Square Dance with caller Brian Smith.

December

- Sun 2nd First Sunday in Advent. 9am Parish Family
Communion, followed by Breakfast in the Village
Hall. (No 8am or 10am services on this Sunday only)
4pm Evensong.
- Tues 4th Senior Citizens Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall
- Wed 5th Lower Middle School Concert, 7pm, School Hall.
- Thurs 6th " " " " " " "

Thurs 6th Golden Age Christmas Party, V. Hall.
 Fri 7th Southam & Harbury School Occasional Holiday.
 Labour Party Folk Evening - see advertisement.
 Sat 8th Recreation Grounds' Christmas Fayre, V. Hall.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10am
 CRUSADERS Village Hall, 2.30pm every Sunday.
 GUIDES Scout Hut, 7.30pm every Monday
 UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, 2-4pm, Wight School, every Monday.
 BINGO Village Hall, 8pm every Monday
 BROWNIES Village Hall, 6.15pm every Tuesday
 YOUTH CLUB COFFEE EVENING, Rugby Club Rooms, V. Hall
 7-10pm Tuesdays.
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 7-7.45pm, Tuesdays.
 SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Tuesdays (1st Troop).
 JOGGING CLUB, meet outside Foodmart, 8pm Tuesdays.
 BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.10pm, Wednesdays.
 SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30pm every Wednesday (2nd Troop).
 YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 8pm every Wednesday.
 GOLDEN AGE, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays.
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4.30-7.45pm, Thursdays.
 WEIGHTAWAY CLASS, Wight School, 8-9.30pm, Thursdays.
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.
 TENNIS, Recreation Ground, 10am every Sunday.
 PARISH COUNCIL, Village Hall, 7.30pm 4th Thursdays.
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The month of November opens with our Patronal Festival, the first day of the month being All Saints' Day. We shall still be celebrating the Festival on the following Sunday (Nov. 4th) when the Services will be at the usual times and our special preacher at 4pm Evensong will be the Rt. Revd. J.D. McKie. I hope that a good number will come to welcome Bishop McKie and to hear his message.

The following Sunday (Nov. 11th) will be Remembrance Sunday. The official Remembrance Service will be at 10 a.m.

in Church, at the conclusion of which we shall proceed (weather permitting) to the War Memorial in Crown Street for the laying of the wreath, the reading of the names of the fallen, the sounding of the Last Post, the two minutes' silence at 11 a.m. and the sounding of the Reveille. There will of course be Holy Communion as usual at 8 a.m., but the Parish Family Sung Eucharist on this Sunday will be at 4 p.m. (in place of Evensong, which will be said at 5.15 p.m.).

The first Confirmation Class will be on Tuesday, November 13th at 6.30pm (except for any who find this time impossible and for them a different day or time will be arranged). I would be pleased to receive the names of any other prospective candidates as soon as possible. The Confirmation will be on Sunday, February 17th, at 10 a.m.

The "Help the Aged" appeal will be on Tuesday, Nov. 13th and Wednesday, Nov 14th. On either of these days gifts of good used clothing, blankets etc. or of money may be brought to Church at any time between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. A leaflet about this will be sent round the village beforehand.

The last day of the month (Nov. 30th) will be the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, and St. Andrewstide is a time when we specially pray for, and renew our interest in, the overseas missions of the Church.

December 2nd will be the First Sunday in Advent - the beginning of a new Church Year. We celebrate it with a 9 a.m. Family Eucharist (which on this day will replace both the 8 a.m. and the 10 a.m. Eucharists) followed by a Parish Breakfast in the Village Hall.

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Dorothy Anne Green and of Mr. Cecil Badger, and also of Mr. Bert Padbury. May God grant them rest, and may He comfort and guide those who are bereaved.

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

HOLY BAPTISM

October 14th Alexander James Wade, 9 Wagstaffe Close.

FUNERAL SERVICES

October 9th - Dorothy Anne Green, of 3 Margaret Close

(aged 69 years)

October 25th - Cecil John Badger, of 10 Manor Road, aged 73 yrs

From the Churchwardens.

It was wonderful to see so many at the Harvest Supper. 156 tickets were sold, more than ever before, and about 150 sat down to enjoy a traditional Harvest meal. David Beardshaw, the Diocesan Youth Chaplain, was an entertaining speaker and the Theatre Group gave an enjoyable programme of Rural Readings. Wendy Stubbs and her helpers are to be congratulated on a splendid evening.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service was also well attended - by all ages.



Our link missionaries Richard and Jane Smith, and their son Jonathan are back at home in Nigeria and have settled in again after their furlough in this country. We have received a letter from them since their return and it is displayed on the church notice board. Please do have a look at it. However, we know that very few of our readers and indeed very few of our regular worshippers will in fact read part or all of Richard and Jane's Letter! We therefore feel that we should like to find a way of exchanging news with our link missionaries and their parish and people. There is also a need for some means of passing on information about the various overseas missions supported by the parish. The PCC has therefore decided to

invite a member of the congregation to act as Missionary Secretary in order to stimulate prayer and increase knowledge about God's work in other lands.

The Bible study and prayer group is growing and among those who regularly share in this part of the life of the church are some young people. They and other young people have expressed an interest in an informal group which would meet over coffee and/or coke to discuss the opportunities and problems of life. There will be no rigid age limits but it will be mainly for young people between the ages of 13 and 19. There will be an informal get-together to discuss the format, frequency of meetings etc. on Saturday 24th November from 7.30 to 9.30 at Forelle, Temple End. All young people will be welcome. It may well be that the group would like to take on some particular responsibility for study, prayer and contact with one part of our parish outreach overseas. We hope those coming to the first meeting will come with plenty of ideas. *

CRUSADERS BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Well over 100 people came to the Birthday party. First we sang "He's got the whole world in His hands", then the recorder group played some lovely music.

Mary Catt said some prayers to make us think how lucky we are and the Drama Group read to us about Thanksgivings. The minis then sang "I'm very glad of God", accompanied by the recorders.

Mrs. Clarke then made presentations of books and badges. Mrs. Lapraik carried the birthday cake and ten people with tapers came behind to light the ten candles on the cake and we sang "Happy Birthday" and "Hosanna".

After, Erica Robb told us about how she lived on a Kibbutz in Israel. I wouldn't like to live in one.

We finished with the Crusader hymn and the Grace, and then we ate the cake.

ALISON BARNES.

Councillor Mrs. Catterall of Deppers Bridge has just become a grandparent for the 9th and 10th time - twin boy and girl born two weeks ago. Congratulations!

* David Beardshaw, Diocesan Youth Chaplain, will attend this Young People's Meeting on November 24th. *see article above.

LADBROKE NEWS

Services etc. for November and early December.

Thursday, 1st November. All Saints. 7.30pm Holy Communion.

Sunday, 4th November. In Octave of All Saints (Trinity XXI)

8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.

Thursday, 8th November. 7.40pm, Men's Group at Harbury.

Sunday, 11th November. Remembrance Sunday (Trinity XXII)

10.50am Remembrance & Short Matins - Rev. T. Knight

3.30pm Holy Communion with Hymns - Rev. R. T. Murray

Wednesday, 14th November. Women's Fellowship at Briarwood,
Windmill Lane.

Sunday, 18th November. Trinity XXIII, 8.30am Holy Communion
11am Matins.

Saturday, 24th November. Grand Autumn Fair in Village Hall.

Sunday, 25th November. Sunday next before Advent. 11am Holy

Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 3.30pm Evensong.

Friday, 30th November S. Andrew A.M.

Sunday, 2nd December. Advent I. 9 am at Harbury Parish
Communion followed by Parish Breakfast. 11 am at
Ladbroke, Short Mattins followed by Holy Communion.

Thursday, 6th December. 7.45pm Men's Group at Harbury.

Sunday, 9th December. Advent II. 11am Holy Communion with
Hymns & Sermon, 3.30 pm Evensong.

Thursday, 13th December. 7.45pm Deanery Synod at Southam.

Altar Flowers - Nov. 4th Mrs. Ross; Nov. 11th & 18th Miss Hensman

Nov. 25th Mrs. Henderson. No flowers in Advent.

Women's Fellowship. Just a reminder that we meet on Weds.

14th Nov. at 3 pm at Briarwood, Windmill Lane. I look forward
to welcoming you all. C.H.

GRAND AUTUMN FAIR. This will be in the Village Hall.....

come and see how far the Village Hall Committee has got with
the work of restoring it.....come and help....Your Church...

Age Concern.....Action for the Crippled Child....and Saint
Crispin's Home, Poonah.....so your charity...that is your

love...will extend from home to the aged...to the children...
and across the world to India. We will have the usual attractions

.....Bottle Stall, Gift Stall, Grand Draw, Grocery and Cakes,
Refreshments....Side Shows. Please COME...please HELP..

please ENJOY YOURSELVES. G.E.F.

ADVENT SUNDAY.... The Harbury congregation has invited
us to join them at their Parish Communion at 9.00 am and

afterwards at breakfast in the Village Hall. In view of this, there will be NO 8.30 service that morning at Ladbroke and the 11 a.m. will be a short Matins followed by Holy Communion. EVENSONG.... This will remain at 3.30pm on the second and fourth Sundays in the month....and dare I say I should be happier if it were better attended! G.R.F.

W.I. NEWS. The Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge W.I. held their AGM on 25th October. The Secretary and Treasurer gave their Annual reports and the President welcomed V.C.O. Mrs. Foster and two tellers from Harbury, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Hayes. After voting the results were:-

President - Mrs. I. Bennett; Secretary - Mrs. H. Treadgold; Treasurer - Mrs. M. Vaughan; Vice-President - Mrs. B. Ross and assistant Secretary - Mrs. J. Fell. Speakers, Mrs. M. Fell, Competitions, Mrs. M. Emus; Trading stall, Mrs. J. Norgate & Mrs. P. Wilson; Teas, Mrs. C. Jerome. Mrs. Foster helped the light-hearted evening with the story of how she became a voluntary county organiser.

On 22nd November members are to meet at hall at 7pm to leave at 7.30pm for Wine Tasting at Thornley Kelsey, Radford Semele. Buffet is £3.50, there will be photos, slides etc. Members wishing to go please 'phone Mrs. Treadgold.

VILLAGE HALL FUND. Bonfire night will be held on Saturday 3rd November at 7.45 pm in Farmyard Field. Tickets 30p - Adults, 15p - Children, refreshments on sale. Fireworks should be handed to responsible adults organising the display. Tickets from Mrs. Fell, Mrs. Jerome or Mrs. Bennett.

Hallowe'en Night is to be celebrated (fancy dress optional) at the Bell Inn and the profit will go to the V.H. fund, thanks to Eric & Heather.

S.O.S. Urgent, please help - Wanted, to buy, a portable gas fire like 'Super-ser' for the hall. A newsletter will be going out to all villagers soon.

The Coffee evening held at the Emus' home early in October raised the staggering sum of £152. Les and Margery wish to thank their find band of helpers and everyone who supported, and this was endorsed by the V.F. Chairman on the night. It proved to be a most enjoyable social event.

The Jumble Sale held in Southam later in October was a real success, £91 being raised, well done the organisers.

P.S.F.

HARVEST SUPPER - this was a very friendly evening held at the School. Mrs. June Barnett and the ladies of the PCC worked wonders on the interior, providing us with a mouth-watering spread. Really the very last family get-together at the school.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - Fruit, vegetables and flowers abounded in All Saints and our 'Rector' and the choir led the children around the aisles before presenting their gifts at the altar with the packed congregation looking on. Of course, we miss our School but a real family presence could be felt at the service.

P.C.C. Members met in All Saints church early in October. Reports were given of the work to be carried out repairing the roof and stonework. It was decided to draft a letter of welcome to all newcomers. A proposal that every member on the electoral roll receive a newsletter with the accounts before the AGM and mention of our Covenant Scheme be made, was agreed. The CHRISTMAS FAIR will be held on 24th November at 3 pm in the Village Hall if available - otherwise the School will have to be used again. Attention was drawn to the need for pointing of the steeple and tower. The 5-year inspection of the Church is due late 1980/early 1981. The lively proceedings of the Deanery Synod meeting were given. It was agreed to donate £10 to the V.H. Fund. A new lawn mower has been bought to help the fine efforts being made to keep our churchyard tidy. The old one will be sold next Spring to help offset cost of the new one.

P.S.F.

LADBROKE CONSERVATIVES Annual subscriptions will be collected soon. Newcomers are welcome to our lively group. On 13th November a Christmas Bazaar will be held in Stratford Town Hall, at 11 am. Our Christmas Party will be held early in December, actual date and place to be advised later. Either the Chairman, Mr. T. Archutowski or Secretary Mrs. M. Williamson will answer any queries.

P.S.F.

THE PARISH COUNCIL met on October 24th, all Councillors present. Fluoridation - not letting this important matter drop. Writing to Ivan Lawrence M.P. who is anti-fluoridation man.

Poultry Farm - After postponement yet again, the new enquiry date is set for Dec. 4th.

Windmill Lane - Divisional Engineer will be meeting a new representative from the Severn Trent Water Board to discuss re-instatement of the road.

Bulky Refuse - A collection will be made week beginning Nov. 5th. Phone Stratford 67575. Closure of Southam sub-office of Stratford U.D.C. viewed with concern. The next meeting is on Tuesday 20th November. I.B.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Marle Hall. Members of the Sixth Form accompanied by Mrs. Sherratt and Mr. Terry attended Marle Hall for a week during October. This was a compulsory part of the Upper Sixth Geography 'A' level course which requires candidates to have taken part in a field study. Members of the Lower Sixth were participating in an optional Biology field study.

The following week members of the Fifth Form accompanied by Miss Davidson and Mr. Knapp attended Marle Hall as part of their Fifth Year C.S.E. course in preparation for their Geography project. This project is assessed for the final C.S.E. Grade.

Theatre Trips. Members of the Sixth Form accompanied by Mrs. Doubleday and Mrs. Prior, attended a performance of "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare at the National Theatre in London, on Friday 19th October 1979. The play is being studied by the Sixth Formers during their 'A' level English course.

Members of the Fourth Form accompanied by Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Doubleday attended a performance of "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller at Birmingham Repertory Theatre on 15th October. This play is presently being studied by the Fourth year as part of their 'O' level course.

Book Sale. A sale of books is being held at school on Saturday November 10th, 1979 from 10am to 1 pm. The sale has been organised by the Computer Studies staff of the Maths department to raise money for improved computing facilities. There is a large selection of books to choose from and your support would be most welcome.

HARBURY P.T.A.

The 1979/80 Committee is as follows:-

Chairman - Mr. C. Oliver; Treasurer - Mr. J. Lapraik;
Secretary - Mrs. R. Ottewill, plus the following:- Mrs. Brown, Mr. Burnham, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Hoare, Mr. Holding, Mr. Lymn, Mrs. Meditzky, Mr. Smith,

Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Wilkins.

The above were elected at the AGM, when the 30 or so who attended were also able to sample a selection of wines. At the meeting, the treasurer presented the accounts, pointing out that in 1978 the Income exceeded expenditure by £250, whereas in 1979 the expenditure exceeded income by £51 - though it must be noted that £600 of library books and many other items purchased by the P.T.A. were displayed at the meeting. Mr. Oliver gave some general factual information about the Educational cuts and several times during the meeting the necessity to raise funds and the fact that Mr. Oliver and the Committee are continually grateful to all parents and friends who give their support, was emphasized.

Under A.O.B. the following were raised:-

1. The Dave Williams Football Cup, purchased with some of the money given to Anita by her friends in the village, and given in Dave's memory by Anita and the two boys, was tabled.
2. A proposal that money raised by carol singing be given to Joe Homan's Boys' Towns was passed. (To rectify a misunderstanding - at first it was suggested that P.T.A. funds might be donated to this cause, as a mark of the International Year of the Child - but due to educational financial situation, it was decided to hold special fund raising events.)
3. A working party to redecorate the swimming pool and changing rooms is fairly urgently needed.
4. If anyone has any ideas for next year's programme (fund-raising or social) please pass them on to a committee member.

Finally, a few dates for the rest of this year - Wed. 21st Nov. - Science in the Middle School; Fri. 30th Nov. - Square Dance; Wed. 19th Dec. - Carol Singing. R.G.O.

A FIRE WITH SMOKE

A fire with smoke and
Flames that are red and hot.
Hot dogs with potatoes and
Guy Fawkes on the top.

Drifting smoke up in the sky
Flames disappear in the air
I run up to the fire and
Then I like to stare.

p.t.o.

It's like a pattern of beads
Flying away from the fire.
And poor Saint Catherine,
She was put on a wheel to die.

Wendy-Kate Ottewill

(Class 5 - Harbury School)

YOUTH CLUB

Our next Disco will be on Friday November 16th in the Village Hall to 'Hit 'n Miss' - 8pm to 11pm.

The coffee bar is open on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 10, and the Youth Club on Wednesday evenings as usual.

Special thanks to Brian Wallington who has done several jobs on behalf of the club at the hall.

The two coffee bar rooms look much better now, after the decorating efforts of the youngsters.

Welcome to Judy Tildsley, our youth leader, and her husband who have now moved into their house in the village.

SOUTHAM TOWN JUNIORS SPORTS CLUB

Two hundred boys and girls between 7 and 15 from the Southam Area belong to this Club, and through it are able to take part in Football, Gymnastics, Sports Hall activities and cricket. The Club has now embarked on a very ambitious project - that of developing 5 acres of land near Southam F.C. on the Banbury Road as a sports complex. The Club has already spent £2,000 on basic drainage and seeding work, and the planned pavilion and car park will cost £3,000. The next stage will be the provision of an all-weather multi-purpose sports area.

The Committee would welcome help, both financial and physical, and if you are interested David Adnitt (Southam 3176) will be pleased to hear from you. A "Sponsor A Turf" scheme is in operation, so do please consider how you can help this club to provide sporting facilities for the young people of the area.

HARBURY SCOUT TROOP

On Wednesday 10th October the troop welcomed five new recruits; David Andrews, Stephen Luke, Steven Sherlock and Adrian Thomas coming from the Cub Scout Pack and Peter Whitehouse from outside the movement. We hope they will enjoy their scouting and after learning, be prepared to give

their knowledge to younger members of their patrols.

Over the weekend 6th/7th October, twenty scouts took part in a hike along the Cotswold Way and its surrounding foot-paths. The weather was excellent during each day and a heavy downpour at the overnight campsite did nothing to dampen the boys' enthusiasm. Divided into small groups at Chipping Campden, the scouts made their way via Broadway Tower, Broadway, Shenbarrow and Stanton to Paper Mill Farm at Stanway. Here they camped by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Sadler. After an early breakfast (7 am) on the Sunday, the groups moved off, hiking via Blockley, where some saw possibly the last cricket match of the 'summer', and arriving in Chipping Campden during the afternoon. Thank you to those parents offering transport and John Ridgley, Joe Van Hoorebek, Mick Chick and David Winter for help on the hike and at the overnight camp.

Congratulations to Colin Hughes, Mark Taylor and Keith Barr on gaining their scout standards. This session the boys are attempting to gain certain proficiency badges. These include - astronomer, electronics, entertainer, forester, camper and camp cook.

The jumble sale on Friday 26th October raised £52. Thank you to everyone who donated jumble and helped at the sale. We hope that our Bazaar on November 10th will be equally successful.

JOHN HANCOCK.

HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Our first event specifically for the younger age group was held on Saturday Oct 13th. Several youngsters in the 10-13 age group were able to sample the Club's small Honda and become familiar with the basics of riding a motor cycle in the safety of Mr. Davies' field.

We plan to hold a similar event on Saturday afternoon Nov. 10th when there will also be some trials laid out for the more experienced members. All are welcome - details from John Buck (612786) or John Moore (612427).

The Tuesday evening meetings have been suspended for the time being but we expect to recommence in the New Year.

JBM.

HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club is once again proving as popular as ever, with a full membership and very well attended club night. The Club has two teams in the Leamington League and between the two we have notched up 5 consecutive wins so far - long may this continue.

The Junior Club is thriving too with a majority of boys in the higher group and virtually all girls in the lower one. Last year the Junior Mixed Team, chosen from Andrew Young, Diane Home, Martin Thomas, Susan Scott, Robert Hughes, Susan Ellis and Gordon Humphreys, under the guidance of Mal Eaton, won the Leamington Junior League. This was a great achievement, especially in their first year. Several of the team have now left, but with much rivalry amongst the remaining boys, we have no doubt that they will be fighting hard to retain the League title. We look forward to a good season ahead for everyone.

E. A. B.

HARBURY SOCIETY M40 WALK

With other members of the Harbury Society I walked along part of one of the proposed routes for the M40. It was a section of the 'Warmington' Route from the Windmill Road to the Gated Road at Chesterton and it illustrated well the conflict of interests caused by Motorway construction. On one hand there is the motorist who wants to get from A to B quickly, on the other the householder who does not want his property devalued and often between the two is the farmer who loses his land.

There are three possible routes for the M40, but only two in the Harbury area (two routes are amalgamated here). The 'Harbury' Route comes closest to the village and passes within a few yards of Chesterton Windmill. For various reasons it does not appear to be the preferred route, but if it were the Windmill and the village would suffer. The 'Warmington' Route passes to the south of Chesterton village, cuts off the corner of Chesterton Wood and consumes a large acreage of good agricultural land. Some farmers will have their holdings split in two, others will merely lose land which they will find hard to replace. Footpaths will be diverted and wildlife will be disturbed.

In itself this is bad enough but many people are worried by the uncertainty of it all. No start has been made on the

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Oxford section of the M40, indeed no official decision on which route is to be adopted has ever been announced although work proceeds on surveying the 'Warmington' Route. The Motorway is now designated X40 implying that it may no longer BE a Motorway that will be built, perhaps just a dual-carriageway, or maybe, as the cuts continue, it could be abandoned altogether. In the meanwhile, land and property suffers from 'planning blight'. Well, would you buy a house near a proposed Motorway?

LINDA RIDGLEY.

p.s. Members will hear soon where the Windmill talk will take place.

YOUNG WIVES

Our last meeting was fairly well attended and a vast improvement on the previous month, but we still need more mums to attend.

We had an interesting talk on T.V. criticism by Mrs. Bolt and it was decided to form a television watching group, so any comments for or against any programmes gratefully received.

Our next meeting is on 27th Nov. at 2 p.m., when we shall be reviewing the questionnaires and having a general discussion on any comments or criticisms arising from programmes watched. Also we shall have to sort out our stall for the Christmas Fair.

M.C.

HARBURY LUNCHEON CLUB

Would you like to hear a success story? That is just what the Harbury Luncheon Club is.

I went along one Friday lunch time to see how things were progressing and found all twenty two members (the membership has grown from twelve when it first started) having just finished a splendid meal of fish with sponge pudding afterwards, sitting chatting over the Englishman's life-saver - a cup of tea.

The luncheon club has really taken off and not just as a place to eat but as a place where friendships may grow. Everybody agreed that the meals were excellent, the chicken I was told was superb, and the steak and kidney pudding out of this world! What is more, there is always enough of it.

Mrs. Barron and her helpers do a really good job with the cooking and washing up. The response for help was very good but (there's always a but isn't there?) please are

there any more drivers who could spare an hour or so twice a week to take the aged and infirm to and from the village hall? They really are needed and would be welcomed with open arms.

This then is the success story of the Harbury Luncheon Club, may it go from strength to strength. It really fills a need and as one lady put it, "When you are old it's not much fun cooking for one dear".

G. H.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, 8th December - Village Hall - 2 p.m.
(Recreation Ground Advisory Committee).

Santa's Grotto; Cakes; Toys; White Elephant; Tin Tombola; Raffle; Books. etc. etc.....

Your support is needed to help us raise funds for the upkeep and improvement of facilities at the Recreation Ground and Village Hall.

A house-to-house collection will be made during the two weeks prior to the 8th December, when we shall be pleased to receive gifts of Tins and Bottles for the Tombola Stall, Books and Toys.

KEN HUGHES (Secretary).

HARBURY & DISTRICT NSPCC

Our Annual house-to-house collection took place in October and in the nine villages now comprising our District, we raised a total of £224.25. It was a fantastic effort both on the part of our collectors and all of you who gave so generously. We would like particularly to thank the following people who kindly collected for us: Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Catt, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Hutchins. Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hoare, Mrs. King, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. Ceney, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Poole, Miss Hillier and Mrs. Ball and all her helpers. And we are also very grateful indeed to all the people who gave so generously to help our collection leap from £168 last year, to over £200 in 1979, the Year of the Child.

Our next event is our Christmas Card & Gift Sale on Friday 9th November. It is at 17 Manor Orchard and includes a coffee morning from 6-8pm including a raffle. Everyone is welcome and admission is free, and we have some terrific cards and gifts for you this year, so do come along and bring

the children if you'd like to! We're also having a Bumper Jumble Sale on Friday 16th November at 6.30 pm in the Scout Hut, and you really mustn't miss that!

Thank you again for all your help and support.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN

(Hon Sec. Harbury & District NSPCC).

HARBURY W.I.

Welcome back to Mrs. M. Davies who accepted the vacant post of Secretary.

Mrs. M. Thompson thanked Mrs. Davies and the Produce Committee for their efforts which helped to make the Show a success. Excellent entries - the joint winners were Mrs. L. Hayes and Mrs. C. Barrett who share the cup. The costumes from the forthcoming Scene '80 play were displayed to perfection by Mrs. Zonik and Mrs. Hailey. Mrs. P. Middleton reported on the trip to Chatsworth and the Harvest Supper and Christmas Party were discussed.

Mr. Payne was the speaker and gave a very descriptive talk on his trip to Egypt - with slides and a first class edited film he had made showing all the interesting features of the country. Most enjoyable and highly recommended to other societies.

The evening ended with a full dress rehearsal of "Out of our Yesterdays" and the cast welcomed the useful comments and criticisms from the audience. We hope we will perfect our performance and 'be all right on the night'!

JEANNE BEAUMONT.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Many thanks to everyone for their help, gifts and support for our Handicrafts Sale. We didn't do quite as well as last year, but certainly well enough for us to have our Christmas Party.

Winners in the raffle were Mrs. Lawson (No. 23, Port Wine), Mrs. Shepherd (No. 45, Sherry), Mrs. Wallington (No. 18, Teabags), Mrs. Morgan (No. 27 After Eight Mints). The doll was won by Mrs. Hind with ticket no. 41, and the set of glasses by the holder of ticket no. 38 - please claim if you hold this ticket.

cont.



Mike Bloxham's photo above shows a sample of the delicious cakes on sale, being displayed by willing helpers.

We are organising a Christmas Shopping Trip to Coventry on Wednesday 12th December, leaving the Village Hall at 10 am and returning at 3 pm, giving you nearly 5 hours to spend your money! We have some spare seats, so please see me if you'd like to join us. The cost is £1 - cash with booking please.

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THE BRITISH LEGION

Once again 'Poppy Day' is upon us. Very soon someone will be knocking on your door to ask for a contribution. Many people just give anyway, but some wonder why.

We cannot blame the younger ones among us who, thank God, have not known the ravages of war, for not understanding just what their contribution means. It means that it goes a little way to helping men and women who were maimed and handicapped through fighting for our freedom live in better circumstances.

For the very old soldier there are the British Legion homes, for the handicapped sheltered workshops, and help in other ways for the bereaved. Even advice needs money.

Our contributions on 'Poppy Day' help, but with rising costs, more money than ever will be needed this year. So on

behalf of the British Legion I would ask you - please be generous.

G.H.

A SECOND CHRISTMAS ART & CRAFT FAYRE

I'm sure everyone who visited last year's Art & Craft Fayre at Neale's Close was as enchanted with the display as I was.

Since one of the organisers of that event has left the village, I should like to offer The Old Mill House to all those talented people who contributed last year, and to others who did not.

If you would like a small stall, please contact me or Janet Beaumont (26 Neales Close - 612661) as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for a Second Fayre. We suggest holding it on Saturday, 24th November from 2 pm onwards.

We thought we might also serve refreshments so that visitors can sit awhile and chat.

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STRATFORD DISTRICT LOTTERY

It may not be generally realised that several village organisations have now benefited from the lottery. The list so far is:- Harbury Rugby Football Club - £900

Village Hall Committee £145

1st Harbury Scout Group £50

Leamington Spa Olympic Gymnastic Club - Harbury Branch	£50
Harbury Theatre Group	£50
1st Harbury Guides	£50

Many other organisations in the district have also received grants. By purchasing a lottery ticket you not only buy a chance of £1,000 prize, you also help many local organisations which in turn help our communities. Lottery tickets can be bought from the newsagent's.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Rising prices, and the ravages time and children effect upon the Hall continue to worry the Village Hall Committee.

Gill Gurden complained about youths who ran about on the roof of the Farley room whilst she was taking Brownies, but although the Youth Club Coffee Bar takes place on the same night, 'Bing' Bingham stressed that he thought the problem was 'Youth' not 'Youth Club' at root.

The Youth Leader now attended the Wednesday night Youth Club and she had agreed to take some of the Youth Club along to the next Carnival Committee meeting in the hope that they would become involved in the organisation of the 1980 Carnival.

The damage done to the Ladies' Cloakroom had now been repaired and the extinguisher replaced. The Youth Club had begun to decorate the rooms it used and the defective locks had been repaired.

A long list of items needing repair was laid before the Committee and it was agreed to make a start on the most urgent, but the Treasurer urged caution because the construction of the storage area would be a drain on the funds. Certain replacements and repairs were however, urgently needed. The Village Hall piano, for instance, had succumbed to the over enthusiastic attention of amateur musicians and the Committee agreed to advertise for another.

Next meeting, 20th Nov., 8pm in the Farley Room, Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

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BOOK REVIEW

"The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas à Kempis

Recently we have started a bookstall in our Church, and Mrs. Sara Bennett, who is in charge of it, has suggested I write an occasional book review. Most of the books she has obtained so far have been modern ones, but I have asked for a very old one - "The Imitation of Christ" - written early in the 15th Century yet astonishingly relevant to people in all ages including our own. Next to the Holy Bible itself it is, to my mind, the book of books, and for well over 500 years has been one of the most widely read books in the world. It appeals to, and is suitable for, people of both sexes and of all ages (except, of course, young children), but has perhaps a very special appeal to young men in their late teens and early twenties.

The translation on our bookstall is by Miss Betty Knott of Glasgow University and is published by Collins in Fount Paperbacks at 75p. It seems to me a very good translation, and Miss Knott's Introduction is well worth reading too.

The "Imitation" is composed of four books:

(1) "Some thoughts to help with the spiritual life" (25 chapters); (2) "Some advice on the inner life" (12 chapters); (3) "Spiritual comfort" (59 chapters); (4) "A reverent recommendation to Holy Communion" (18 chapters). It thus contains 114 short chapters. I do not recommend reading much of it at one time. Rather, read one of these short chapters - very slowly and meditatively - every day. After 114 days you will be able to start it again, and it may become one of your daily companions for life!

Let me end by giving you a short quotation from the 1st chapter as a specimen:- "What good can it do you to discuss the mystery of God the Trinity in learned terms if you lack humility and so displease that God? Learned arguments do not make a man holy and righteous, whereas a good life makes him dear to God. I would rather feel compunction in my heart than be able to define it. If you knew the whole Bible off by heart and all the expositions of scholars, what good would it do you without the love and grace of God?"

I hope that Mrs. Bennett will receive many orders for further copies of this book.

F.R. MACKLEY.

MRS. HATTIE WINCH

Mrs. Winch, who died recently at the age of 65, had lived in Harbury for many years, and had given valuable service to the community in many ways. She and her husband originally lived in Leamington, and came to live in Leamington House, by the Post Office, about 25 years ago. It was when her husband died that Mrs. Winch moved to Constance Drive.

The Committee which raised funds for the building of the Village Hall was formed in 1953, and Mrs. Winch joined it two years later. It was largely due to her efforts that the regular fund-raising dances in the Wight School were so successful, particularly the well-remembered New Year Dances. Along with Mr. Gurden and Mr. Keeling, she was one of the original Trustees of the Village Hall, and she maintained her interest, latterly being particularly involved with the Recreation Ground Committee.

Mrs. Winch ran the Annual Flower Show for many years, and also found time to continue her main interest of poultry keeping.

Perhaps her main achievement within the community was being the first woman ever to serve on Harbury Parish Council. She was on the Council for 6 years, from 1959 -1965, during which time her hard work and enthusiasm made her a valuable and popular member.

Her daughter Josie lives locally, and Mrs. Winch will be sadly missed by the many friends she had in Harbury.

D. M. H.

PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER 1979

Your Parish Councillors are slowly beginning to show themselves in shades of red and blue, as political decisions, made at national level, filter down to effect Parish matters.

Sharon Hancock reported that Capitation at Harbury School had been cut by 10%; there was an absolute ban on repairs and replacements, and the threat of staff cuts next year. This last was particularly hard because the PTA might make good the money cuts and do repairs, but it could not replace teachers! As a newly established Middle School, Harbury's specialist staffing was barely adequate and now even this is endangered.

David Winter warned that the County intended to charge parents for school transport at possibly £50 per year per child,

but Mrs. Catterall thought parents could easily afford this out of their Family Allowance.

Reporting on the Area Meeting of the Parish Councils, Cllr Winter said that the District Council had rejected accusations of unfair distribution of expenditure on amenities (much of the revenue maintains STRATFORD parks). Spending cuts in all services were, he said, now certain. He was able to give the PC some joy when announcing the acceptance, by the County PC's Association of Harbury's motion requiring developers to provide street lighting. This now goes on to the National Association.

The Councillors were thankful that Stratford DC had rejected the planned development at Honiwell Close/Farm Street as being contrary to the Structure Plan, of unsatisfactory design, and injurious to the general appearance of Farm Street. There was concern that road repairs in Farm Street were not completed and that the carriageway on Sutcliffe Pastures would not be disturbed when meters etc. were removed in October 1980 when the central oil distribution was discontinued. Several Cllrs voiced complaints about parked cars, in Binswood End, Church Street and outside the Old New Inn.

Bruce Hannay reported that the Playing Fields Committee had seeded round the cricket strip and would cut the hedges. Plans were completed for the young children's play area. He told the PC that the Tennis Courts needed repair, and requested that it contributed $\frac{1}{3}$ of the cost of the Play equipment for Deppers Recreation Ground.

Mrs. Catterall relayed fears that children using Deppers Playing Field were in danger of being injured by cars speeding through the settlement and the Cllrs sympathised with her and promised to attempt to alleviate the problem.

Mrs. Catterall also complained that the footpath between Deppers and Bishops had been ploughed up. David Winter had a long list of repairs needed - to stiles, to signposts and to bridges on footpaths throughout the Parish and it was agreed to plot these on a map and send it to the County Council for attention. Cllr Winter declared that SM62a was still impassable, but Ray Carter said it had been walked. Next meeting, 29th Nov., 7.30pm, Farley Room, Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

IN THE GARDEN

Now that autumn has arrived, we must expect weather and working conditions to deteriorate quite rapidly.

It is important that all fruits and vegetables in store should be inspected periodically during the winter months. You can still plant Broad Beans and Peas in a sheltered place if at a later date be prepared to cover same with cloches.

Choose a day when foliage is dry to remove decaying leaves from winter greens, a free circulation of air between the plants is then assured.

Dig whenever you can if the soil is fit to work.

Dig in farmyard manure or compost where next year's Peas and Beans, Onions and Leeks, Celery and Spinach are to grow.

Lift and store your remaining carrots and beetroot.

Will members write their question on paper and give them to the questionmaster on Tuesday Nov. 6th at the Wight School.

Coffee will be served at the interval. W. F. LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The October meeting, although changed to the Crown at very short notice, was well attended and those present heard a very interesting talk on floral art by Mrs. Walker.

The November and December meetings will be held at the Wight School and the 6 November will be a "Gardeners' Question Time" when a panel of local experts will answer questions from the floor. Written questions may be handed in on the night or in advance to Stan Finch, New Stone House, Temple End.

TONY BRUNTON.

EATING OUT (1)

A rare eating out session recently took me to the Charlecote Pheasant. Since my last visit they have moved the restaurant but it is still tastefully and attractively laid out with a comfortable bar area. I took advantage (an appropriate choice of words) of the carvery where 4/5 different meats were available. The portions were very generous and I really felt the meal represented good value for money at about £5 per head including a sweet and coffee.

RHH.

EATING OUT (2)

"The Quiet Woman" at Chipping Norton (look out for sign - a woman with her head chopped off carrying her head under her arm).

Possibly a bit on the expensive side, but recommended by Mr. Cecil G. Bloxham of 2, Bush Heath Lane.

HELP!

Once more I am appealing to anyone who has a few hours to spare each month.

Every four weeks, on a Monday, we send two teams of people, four in the morning and four in the afternoon, to the Central Hospital to man the canteen and shop. We already have some very willing helpers, but to ease the burden would be grateful for more. If you can help, please contact me at 6 Farley Ave., or phone 612965.

GLADYS HUTCHINS.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

I have kept silent until now in the interests of village harmony and self-preservation, but an item in the October Harbury News mentioning these low-flying aircraft has persuaded me to wade in! Researching old H/News copies, I see these planes were first mentioned in a Harbury Society report in April this year, when the address of the Ministry of Defence was given for individual complaints to be sent. This was followed in the May issue by a letter from J.A. Chapple pointing out that the R.A.F. were hardly an unnecessary luxury and we should be proud to support them. In July the Parish Council Meeting reports that the Air Ministry reply on low-flying aircraft was "absurd" because it stated planes would not "fly lower than the regulations required". In October, from the P.C., we read that the "Nuisance"... "has not abated" and that "they now come in pairs".

Individual complaints are one thing, but on what basis did the P.C. object? Who, apart from the Harbury Society, did they ask? What did their letter say? The Ministry reply may be disappointing to them, but not absurd as it states that safety and noise regulations will be upheld so we've no reason to be anxious or suspicious. Flying in pairs wouldn't seem too ludicrous since planes don't always operate by themselves and if they'd never flown in pairs could conceivably bang into

each other during "the real thing". Can you imagine in an emergency the R.A.F. saying their pilots couldn't fly below enemy radar or more than one at a time because we didn't like them practising?

Unless we feel the R.A.F. should be disbanded, we accept that the pilots have to learn to fly things, to practise and do it over and over again in all conditions, if they're to be effective when needed. So, what makes us so special in Harbury that we have not just country air, no pollution, slums, crowds, factories etc., but we should also object to noise from our own planes, thereby insisting the poor town and city folk should suffer them on top of everything else?

I find it really disturbing that our united approach in letters to Ministries etc. should present us as an insular, selfish lot who have most of life's good things and cannot tolerate what amount to a minor irritation - a small disturbance of our abundant peace and quiet. To doubt the need for low-flying is arrogant since nobody's going to take millions of pounds worth of equipment out for a joy-ride, and if the R.A.F. consider it essential, surely they know more about it than we do?

I don't object to the planes, neither does J.A. Chapple. The Parish Council says that Harbury does. Do you...really?

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

Friends,

We are being threatened, our liberty is at stake and I feel it my duty to warn you.

Recently to my horror what did I see walking along the street in Southam?...Southam?... Yes, Southam. Two, not one, but two traffic wardens.

They are on our doorstep friends and the invasion must be repelled!

G. H.

Dear Sir,

Pupils at the school where I teach returned in September to find that some of their courses were cancelled and that money for text books and other essential equipment had all but run out, as a direct result of spending cuts imposed by Warwickshire County Council during the summer.

The Council's latest plans include reducing further the amount of money available for text-books, and reducing the number of teachers by at least 250. Classes will therefore become larger at the same time as the supply of text-books

dwindles.

I should be grateful if someone would explain to me how, with more pupils and fewer books, I am expected to maintain standards of work and prepare pupils for the new technological age. My concern is that the present generation of children will never forgive us for depriving them of the first-class education to which they should be entitled, and my hope is that parents, teachers and other interested parties will lobby their councillors at Shire Hall on November 20th in order to protect our biggest investment for the future - education.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth A. Adams.

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