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What a remarkable and successful venture the Theatre Group's presentation of "Sleeping Beauty" turned out to be! A pantomime is a very ambitious project for an amateur group to attempt, but the result gave pleasure and satisfaction to the 50 or so people involved in the production and enjoyment to a large audience - amounting to over one quarter of the population of the village. Just another example of the things that can be achieved in Harbury - well done, Theatre Group!

One of our editors leaves us this month. Gary Picken is joining the Army, and will train to be a doctor. Thank you for all your help, Gary, and best wishes from us all. We are pleased to welcome in Gary's place Andrew Hunt, who will represent the younger section of our community.

The subject of this month's profile is John Mann, licensee of the Old New Inn. We are sorry to record that John and Doreen Mann are leaving the village this month. There has always been a friendly welcome in their spotless and cheery Inn - they will be sorely missed, but we wish them well.

Open University successes - many congratulations to Betty Barr, wife of a former editor, and to Adrian Wright on gaining Batchelor of Arts degrees through the Open University.

Large numbers of spectators watched the now rare sight of a 'proper' train filling Harbury cutting with steam on a couple of Saturdays last month - if the oil dries up, maybe B.R. will have to buy them back from the preservation societies!!

P.S. Graham Gee had the best excuse we've heard for not attending a recent Harbury & Ladbroke News Committee Meeting - he was too busy trying to extricate his keys from the washing machine. His children had posted them down the soap dispenser!

### HARBURY DIARY

February

Sat. 2nd      W.I. 80's Dance to the Likely Lads, 8-12, V.Hall.



- Sun. 3rd Septuagesima. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.  
Sung Eucharist (Action Research for the  
Crippled Child). 4p.m. Evensong.  
All Saints' All Sorts, 7.45p.m., 2 Knightlow Way —
- Mon. 4th School meals up to 35p.  
Jogging, 8p.m. from the Foodmart (always on  
Mondays from now on)
- Tues. 5th Confirmation Class, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.  
Horticultural Society, 8p.m., Wight School.  
Bible Study, 8p.m., 15 Wagstaffe Close.
- Wed. 6th Confirmation Class, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
- Thurs. 7th W.I. ('Winemaking'), 7.45p.m., Village Hall.
- Fri. 8th Scouts' Beetle Drive, 7p.m., Scout Hut.
- Sat. 9th "Old Pull and Push" Novelty Band at Harbury  
Rugby Club, 8-11.30. Tickets £1 inc. food  
from Ian Holroyd, Southam 4234.
- Sun. 10th Sexagesima. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.  
Sung Eucharist (Bayard Dancing Academy).  
4p.m. Evensong.
- Mon. 11th Council for the Disabled Meeting, Waltons  
Lodge, Southam, 8p.m.
- Tues. 12th Confirmation Class, 6.30p.m. in Church.  
Playing Fields Committee, Village Hall.  
Harbury Friends, 8p.m., School.  
Prayer Group, 8p.m., The Flat, Harbury House.  
Conservatives' AGM & Ploughman's Supper,  
8p.m., The Crown - see ad. on back page.
- Wed. 13th Confirmation Class, 6.30p.m. in Church.
- Thurs. 14th St. Valentine's Day.  
Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Fri. 15th Playgroup Dance to Farriers Forge, 9-1, V. Hall.
- Sun. 17th Quinquagesima. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.  
Confirmation and Sung Eucharist (with first  
Communion of the newly confirmed) by Bishop  
John McKie. 4p.m. Evensong.  
All Saints' All Sorts, 8p.m., 11 Constance Drive.
- Mon. 18th School Open Evening.
- Tues. 19th Shrove Tuesday. Post-confirmation class, 6.30,  
Tufty Club, 2.15, Wight School. (Vicarage.  
Bible Study, 8p.m., Forelle, Temple End.





Lent begins on the following Wednesday - Ash Wednesday, 20th February. This year a series of Lenten Services which I hope many of you will be able to support has been arranged at different Churches in the Déanery on the Wednesday

evenings at 7.45p.m. The one on Ash Wednesday (but not any of the others) will take the form of Holy Communion. The places, preachers and subjects will be as follows:

- Feb. 20th (Ash Wednesday), at Bishop's Itchington Church:  
preacher the Revd. Arthur Longworth (Vicar of Bishop's Tachbrook) on "Lord of Creation".
- Feb. 27th at Harbury Church: preacher Canon G.R. Fishley on "Lord of History".
- March 5th at Radford Semele Church: preacher Revd. Peter Jackson (Vicar of Napton) on "Lord of our Times".
- March 12th at Priors Marston Church: preacher Revd. Stephen Tyrrell (Vicar of Bishop's Itchington) on "Lord of Life".
- March 19th at Ladbroke Church: preacher Canon A.G.R. Churchill on "Lord of the Church".
- March 26th at Napton Church: preacher Revd. F.R. Mackley (Vicar of Harbury) on "Lord in Glory".
- The general title of them all is, of course, "Christ our Lord".

On Ash Wednesday there will also be Holy Communion in our own Church at 10.15a.m.

I propose having the Children's Thursday evening Lenten Services again this year, beginning on 21st February at 6.30.

During Lent, as indeed all round the year, we have not only the daily offices of Mattins and Evensong but also, whenever possible, a daily Eucharist. A daily Eucharist is possible, however, only when there is a congregation! How splendid it would be if, this Lent, some people would make sure that it always would be possible. The service lasts only 25 minutes, and I would be prepared to consider any alteration in the times at which it is held.

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Tarver, Mr. Maurice Riman, Mr. Henry Broom, and the two babies Susannah Bains and Andrew Hampton. May God comfort and guide those who are bereaved, not least the parents of the two infants. We commend the departed to His loving care.

With every blessing,  
Your sincere friend and Vicar,  
F. R. Mackley.



## FUNERAL SERVICES

December 31st, Susannah Bains of 55 Mill Street, aged 1 hour.

January 10th, Florence Annie Tarver of 6 Park Lane Terrace, aged 87 years.

January 14th, Andrew Hampton of 5 Church Terrace, aged 2 months.

January 18th, Maurice Sydney Riman of 29 Frances Road, aged 67 years.

January 19th, Henry W. Broom of 9 Manor Road, aged 70 years.

## From the Churchwardens

They do say you can prove anything with statistics! We've been doing the statistics for 1979 and, however you look at them, interpret or jiggle them, they show an encouraging increase in the number of communicants at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services, and at the various special services.

There has, however, been a decrease in the number of weekday communicants. This is sad to see in a Church in which there is a tradition of a daily Communion, and it would be good if some of our members would - perhaps as a Lenten exercise - make a special effort to attend one Communion Service during each week.

## ALL SAINTS' ALL SORTS

Members of the group took part in the 10a.m. service on Sunday, 27th January. Some had written the prayers, others had chosen the hymns and the version of the Epistle. Rob read this, and Sarah, Jen, Trevor, Deb, Russ, Helen and Colin read the prayers. Sara and Jonathan carried up the Bread and Wine. Members of the group, with the Church choir, sang a hymn written by Diana Holt (mother of two members of the group) and sung to the tune of "Mull of Kintyre".

We're planning to collect clothes for the Whitechapel Mission in the East End of London, and some of the members hope to visit the Mission and see the work being done there - see article in this issue called "Any Old Clothes".



## THE ADDITIONAL CURATES' SOCIETY

May I, on behalf of ACS, ask for your support for this great Home Mission Society of the Church, through the Lent Boxes which our Parish Secretary, Mrs. Anne Moore, will place in Church. Lent, amongst other things, is a time for self denial, and all the help that you can give to ACS will be more than welcome. The need for ACS is as great as ever, for we need more and more priests to bring the Gospel of Jesus to our country which is in a very sick state. EVERY penny that you give goes for the maintenance of curates and for help in training them, for the expenses of the Society are found from income from capital. SO PLEASE HELP our Home Missionary Society bring the love of Jesus to our distracted country. Please pray too that more and more men will offer themselves for the sacred ministry of the Church. God needs priests - He can only get them from the material that we provide. ROY CHURCHILL, ACS Dioc. Sec.



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### LADBROKE NEWS

Services, etc. for February and early March, 1980

- Sunday, 3rd February, SEPTUAGESIMA, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion; 11a.m. Morning Service with Procession of Light.
- Thursday, 7th February, 7.45 p.m., Men's Group at Harbury.
- Sunday, 10th February, SEXAGESIMA, 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 3.30p.m. Evensong.
- Wednesday, 13th February, 3p.m. Women's Fellowship, Hall Farm.
- Sunday, 17th February, QUINQUAGESIMA, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion; 11a.m. Matins.
- Wednesday, 20th February, ASH WEDNESDAY, 7.45p.m. Deanery Lenten Service (Holy Communion & Address) at Bishop's Itchington.
- Sunday, 24th February, LENT I, 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 3.30p.m. Evensong.
- Wednesday, 27th February, 7.45p.m. Deanery Lenten Service at Harbury.
- Sunday, 2nd March, LENT II, 8.30a.m. Holy Communion; 11 am. Matins.

Wednesday, 5th March, 7.45p.m. Deanery Lenten Service at Radford Semele.

Thursday, 6th March, 7.45p.m. Men's Group at Harbury.

Sunday, 9th March, LENT III, 11am. Holy Communion with hymns and sermon. 3.30 p.m. Evensong.

Wednesday, 12th March, 3p.m. Women's Fellowship in Church. 7.45p.m. Deanery Lenten Service at Priors Marston.

Altar Flowers - Feb. 3rd Mrs. Hudson. Feb. 10th Mrs. Veel. Feb. 17th Miss Benfield. NO FLOWERS IN LENT.

Women's Fellowship We spent a very pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Barnett, where we had our January meeting and discussed arrangements for our 1980 programme. We were sorry that owing to illness several members were unable to be with us, and we wish them a speedy recovery. Our next meeting will be on 13th February at 3p.m. at Hall Farm, Ladbroke, by kind invitation of Mrs. Winkfield. CH.

Lenten Observance Our Lent Savings this year are to be given to Christian Aid.....boxes will be available and the Church Council hope that all members of the congregation will help this very worthy cause. The Deanery Synod has asked all parishes to join in a series of Lenten Services, to be held at parish churches on Wednesday evenings at 7.45p.m. The theme of the series will be "Christ as Lord". Please see the Vicar of Harbury's letter for details of the services.

Annual Vestry and Parochial General Meeting This will be held in the Village Hall on Monday, 10th March, 1980, at 7.30. All those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are invited to attend.....they will all, I hope, receive a reminder nearer the time. Meanwhile, the Electoral Roll will be revised. See the notice in the Church porch - if you want your name added....or taken off....see Mrs. Flower, who is our Electoral Roll Officer.

Invalids We are glad to see Mrs. Teverson home from hospital and convalescent. The last news I had of Jim Holden (our one-time organist) was that he had improved but was not yet by any means well. Of my personal friends for whom we



have been praying, Mrs. Dunham is out of hospital and convalescent, Howard Sutton and Harold Butler are still far from well, and Mrs. Williams is in terminal illness. To return to the village, Mr. Hudson has made some progress but is not yet fit to leave hospital. Add to your prayers Hannah Hughes (one of the Reeves family) who is unwell.

Mothering Sunday falls this year on 16th March. At 3.30p. m. we shall have our usual Ecumenical Service with posies for the children to take to their mothers. The preacher will be the Ven. E. Taylor, Archdeacon of Warwick. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE, and let ALL the village children come... and others.

W.I. News Marquetry was the subject, and Mr. Wagstaff the speaker, at our January meeting. Members were most impressed by the expertise and beautiful workmanship shown by Mr. Wagstaff. Samples made by him were much admired, and it seems likely his evening classes will be well attended next year by our members.

A collection was taken for the Midland Societies for the Blind. We are hoping to have a Spring outing to Windsor on Sunday, 20th April. Please give your name to any committee member. Husbands and children welcome.

Mrs. Dupre and Mrs. West were the raffle and competition winners at the last meeting, and the competition next time, on 28th February, will be for the prettiest Cup and Saucer. IB.

Pantomime Trip The annual village trip to the pantomime took place on 4th January, when a coach load of children and 'young in heart' visited the Coventry Theatre to see 'Cinderella'. Although it wasn't as good a pantomime as we have seen in previous years, everybody enjoyed themselves. There was, as usual, plenty of audience participation - booing, hissing and singing - even Master Tanner emerged from behind his lollipop to sing the odd verse! The pantomime wasn't as traditional as some people would have liked and - much to the horror of a few male traditionalists (but to the delight of the ladies) - the two principal boys, who are usually shapely girls, were in fact (shapely) men. Anyway, a great night was had by all, and we look forward to next year, but please, will Reg Dixon get a local booking!

I. H.

Harbury and Ladbroke News The editors of this magazine would be delighted to see a representative from Ladbroke at our meetings. If you want to help in any way - or even if you just want to criticise! - please ring 612427 or 612790, and we'll be delighted to give you details. DMH.

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### HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

Senior Rugby December and early January saw a marked improvement in the fortunes of the Club on the playing side. The first team are enjoying a 50:50 season, the highlights being a hard-earned victory over Pershore and a pleasing 40-nil victory over Alcester, following a close defeat at Alcester earlier in the season. The 2nd and 3rds have also started to string a few victories together - but the pleasing thing has been the improvement of the 4th XV who won their first game of the season the other week! Dave Glassey, from the village, has made the 1st XV after a quick rise from the third team.

Mini Rugby A separate report is included from this section, but we are pleased to see that numbers have remained constant, and the standard has improved during the season quite remarkably. Congratulations to Dave Andrews, Neville Lee and Dave Davies for all their hard work in this sphere. On Friday, 28th March, the Club is holding a Wine & Cheese Evening for parents of the lads in the Mini Section. Details will be announced later, but we hope to make this an opportunity for the parents to meet Club officials at a social level.

Colts Rugby This age group, between 15 and 19 years, is not at present represented, and the Club would like to start this in the near future. Anyone wishing to participate in what will probably be Sunday morning fixtures, should contact Jerry Birkbeck on Leamington Spa 24053. JB, Hon. Sec.

Harbury Mini Rugby We have started our first season of Mini Rugby with 66 boys registered in 5 age groups (under 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12), most of the lads coming from Harbury, Bishops Itchington and Kineton. Training sessions and matches take place on Sunday mornings from 10.30 till 12, and so far this season we have played 7 matches, with the following results:



v Buckingham, u10s lost 12-0, u12s lost 18-10.  
 v Kenilworth, u9s drew 9-9, u11s won 0-10.  
 v Daventry, u8s lost 4-8, u10s lost 4-18, u11s won 34-0,  
     u12s won 38-0.  
 v Northampton Heathens, u8s won 28-8, u10s lost 8-16,  
     u12s won 36-16.  
 v Trinity Guild, u8s won 0-28, u9s lost 18-0, u10s lost 8-0,  
     u11s won 4-8, u12s lost 24-0.  
 v Stratford, u8s drew 0-0, u9s lost 0-14, u10s lost 10-12,  
     u11s lost 4-40, u12s won 32-8.  
 v Long Buckby, u10s lost 8-0, u12s lost 16-8.

Try scorers (points in brackets) were Mark Lee(40), Ian Puller(32), Stephen Padbury(24), David Andrews(20), Martin Padbury(16), Robert Parker(16), Paul Winchester(16), Robin Taylor(12), Christopher Warden(12), Chris Gaggero(8), Edward Russell(8), Vincent Crossan (8), John Winchester(8), Stephen Luke(8), Dylan Adams(4), Gregory Taylor(4), Martin Dufresne(4), Lee Abraham(4), Timothy Harrison(4), Adam Johnson(4), Sean Sutton(4), Martin Bunting(4), Simon Farley (4), Philip Vaughan-Jones(2).

A very creditable start to our first season, in most cases against sides with considerably more experience than our own teams.

On Sunday, 16th December, a party was held for children of members and Mini Rugby players, during which the Walt Disney film "Robin Hood" was shown. Many thanks to Sean Sutton's dad for this.

On Sunday 23rd our Senior team played the ladies - and this proved valuable experience to those youngsters who watched on how not to play the game!

Anyone wishing to join Mini Rugby should contact David Andrews (612528), Neville Lee(612566) or Dave Davies (612206).

#### HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club emerged after their Christmas festivities to display their footballing prowess against Chadwick End in the first game of the decade! After weeks of undistinguished results in the latter part of 1979, the 1st team were successful, and tore

the opposition apart with a 4-0 win - scorers were T. Betts(1), K. Bloxham(1), J. Sheasby(1) and A. Peebles(1). At the same time the reserve team notched up their first success for some time with a 2-1 win - scorers were R. Grinnell and I. Lowe. In the weeks following these notable successes there have not been any games, as the frozen pitches represent danger to limb.....if not life!

In the closing week of January, the Club has been pleased to welcome newcomer Trevor Montague of Ivy Lane, who expressed a desire to join the Club as a way of making friends in the village (.....and influencing people?!) He joined the Reserve team for their game against Norton Nomads but sadly the 0-3 result did not continue the team's successful vein. The Club is always anxious to include NEW TALENT in its teams, and anyone interested in the game should make inquiries (tel. 612305). Age is no barrier, as some of the present members will testify!!!)

C. F.

#### FIRST HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

January has seen the formation of our second Cub Pack, under the leadership of Barry Smith, Carol Bastin, Lynn Chick and Gwen Miles. This marks the end of a year of rapid expansion by the Group, with the formation of our Venture Unit a year ago and our second troop in April. The new pack has started with 12 boys, and we plan to increase to 24 during the coming year. This means that we shall be using up our waiting list in the next few months, so if you have a son of 7 or over who wishes to become a Cub when he reaches 8, now is the time to contact John Small on Harbury 612843, to put his name on the list.

Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased items at our Blue Peter Cambodia Appeal bring & buy sale - a cheque for just over £50 has been sent to Blue Peter.

15 scouts set out on a ten-mile hike on Sunday 20th Jan. At the halfway point, members of the Venture Unit laid on soup. We were kindly allowed to use St. Andrew's R. C. Church Hall, Radford Semele, for this sustaining stop. A questionnaire used on the hike included "How would you recognise these buildings as a maggot farm" - the common answer was "by the stink"!!



Summer camp, all being well, will be held at Llyndu Isaf, Nantgwynant, Beddgelert, North Wales, by courtesy of Mr. K. Owen. The dates are 26th July to 2nd August.

Twelve months ago we reported the first ever meeting of the Venture Unit. Since then we have steadily grown in numbers and now have 14 members. We have only lost one original member, Christine Clarke, who was married in November and now lives near Stratford.

We have had a very active year, including hiking and lightweight camping (one camp as close as you could get to the summit of England's highest mountain), advanced canoeing, mountain climbing, swimming, ice-skating, 10-pin bowling and athletics. The end of 1979 was celebrated by a Unit dinner at the Dog - we hope we didn't outstay our welcome! Unit members have assisted in Scout and Cub activities, notably the Summer Camp and the Carols round the Camp Fire.

Already being planned this year - one member is walking the Pennine Way, and 3 are camping in the Pyrennees. The first Unit Monthly Newsletter will be published at the end of February. Training activities will include First Aid, Life Saving, help on Conservation Projects, and Foreign Cooking. A weekend at a climbing hostel is booked for May, and a Unit film evening will be held on 21st February.

Special congratulations to Gary Picken who recently survived the Army's tough officer selection course and 'joins up' this month. He begins studying medicine at Bristol University in October, and plans to serve when qualified in the Army Medical Corps.

New members - boys over 15½ and girls over 15 (and willing adults who want to join us) - are always welcome on Thursdays at 7.45 p.m. at the Scout Hut. This report from one of our members will give you some idea of our activities: "On Saturday, 26th, four of the "less intelligent" members of the Unit left the village at 10.30 p.m., off for a night's camping on the Burton Hills. After 2½ hours of walking, accompanied by Andy Hunt's persistent moaning that he was "hungry, cold, thirsty, tired, and wanted to go home", they reached base camp. A cold night was spent, during which the thermometer went as far down as it would go - and further. The next morning, when it was not much warmer, they were

up at the crack of dawn, cooked a good breakfast of porridge and bacon & beans, broke camp and left hurriedly in Bob Wilkins' car."

We have been raising funds during the year, with the help of our friends the Guides, for an extension to the Scout Hut, which we plan to start in the Spring. So we have plenty to do for any adults who have time on their hands. Our leader complement is now 14 strong, but we are always happy to welcome new blood and new ideas. In particular, Assistant Venture Scout Leaders, with a taste for adventure and the time to indulge it, would be very welcome! Anyone interested in lending a hand can contact me on 613270. G.GOODCHILD.

### HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

The Club will be holding two discos this month, one on Wednesday, 6th February from 8-10p.m. and a 'Leap Year Disco' on Friday, 29th February from 8-11p.m. Also, on Tuesday, 19th February there will be a trip to Solihull Ice Rink. The cost is £1 including skates. Forms will be available at the Youth Club for those wishing to go.

Remember, Youth Club is open on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 10p.m. and Wednesdays from 8 to 10p.m. Friends and new members are always welcome. J.T.

### HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB REPORT

The Club made a successful start to the 1980 season with the annual film show, which was organised in conjunction with Harbury Scouts and the Youth Club. About 70 people attended for a programme of films on motor sport and leisure activities.

Prizes for the 1979 trials championship were presented by Mr Soans; the winner was Richard Wright, followed by Christopher Buck, with Jon Bently third.

Following the success of the training and practice sessions held last year, another similar event is proposed for the afternoon of 9th February. Anyone interested in learning to ride should turn up - the Club has a bike for you to use. For final details contact John Moore on 612427 or John Buck on 612786. JBM



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As from February, Tufty Club will be held at the Wight School, from 2.15 until 3 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on 19th February. For further details please contact Dorothy Groves or Mary Thompson (612050).

## MOTHERS' UNION

Our speaker in January was Mrs. Parsons from Radford Semele, with a talk entitled "Strings and Things". She began by asking members to cast their minds back to being young and visiting granny and searching for treasures in the attic. People have recently become very conscious of preserving items which a few years ago would have been regarded as junk. In our affluent society it seems there is still a place for the tried and tested treasures of the past.

Mrs. Parsons then asked us all to imagine we had an old tin box containing odd lengths of string, and to think of the different ways in which they might be used.

By joining together several small pieces of string and tying up a parcel to send to a friend, we can communicate a message of friendship.

Strings joined together form nets for protection, screening, storing and catching. Musical strings playing merry, soothing or sombre melodies can stir our emotions in many directions.

Telephone cables (more string!) link all the countries of the world, enabling communication with family and friends or for business. Electricity cables bring us light and power. Heavy ropes are used in shipping to give strength and support.

We think of bell ropes summoning worshippers to Church - more communication and contact. In this fast-moving world we must never forget the importance of corporate prayer. We must join together to form a Network of Christians, and convey the message that God is present at all times - not only when a crisis occurs in our lives.

A.M.

N.B. Mrs. Goodchild (613270) tells us there are a few vacancies in the Gymnastics Club - see the Diary for dates & times.

## YOUNG WIVES

At our last meeting we had an enjoyable 'Beetle Drive', although we only managed to fill two tables. Our next meeting is on 26th February, which is half-term, so please bring the children along - they may well like to listen to Miss Robinson who is talking to us about Guide Dogs for the Blind. Incidentally, milk bottle tops are still needed for fund-raising, so could you please save your milk-bottle tops and bring them along to the Village Hall at 2p.m. on the 26th when they will be collected.

M. C.

## W.I.

Some of the items discussed at January's meeting were the successful cake stall at the Christmas Bazaar, the visit to Hatton to provide tea for some elderly patients (a letter of thanks was read), the enjoyable Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Warwick (Mrs. Bradley reported on this), and a visit to Denman College by Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson had attended a week-end course on 'Party Dishes for the Festive Season', and from her account one got the impression of a five-star hotel with superb food.

Congratulations to Miss J. Lodge on reaching the semi-finals of the Scrabble Competition. Many thanks to Mrs. C. Barrett for providing the dance posters, and to Mr. G. Harridence for his help with the dance tickets.

Mrs. Caves spoke to us about herbs and their medicinal value, which members found very interesting. I can visualise some strange potions being brewed around the village! JB.

## HARBURY CARNIVAL 1980

Letters will be delivered shortly to village organisations and householders, requesting help for stalls at the Carnival. If you would like to run a stall - or help to run one - please fill in the form and return it as soon as possible to the address given. Don't worry if you have no idea of the type of stall; we have plenty of suggestions to offer. JEAN COX.

## HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

"Sleeping Beauty", our Christmas Pantomime, gave enormous pleasure to a very large number of people - back-stage staff, actors, dancers and singers, as well as our four capacity audiences. Diana Holt's contribution as both author



and producer was tremendous.

The costume budget for "Sleeping Beauty" was £30 - an impossible figure unless you acknowledge the value of given materials to us. The cupboard is now bare; we would welcome more material (especially plain), more trimmings, more buttons and more 'ends-of-paint-cans'. Please contact your nearest Theatre Group member for rapid collection, or telephone 613488 - our Wardrobe Mistress. Thanks!

The welcome and unexpected profits of "Sleeping Beauty" enable an outstanding debt to be cleared, a small charity donation, and our construction of a wooden 'stage apron' which doubles the acting area for future plays.

The next play will be in rehearsal by the time you read this; we hope that many of the new friends made for us by "Sleeping Beauty" will come to our production in April.

To finance the next play, we shall hold a grand "Jumble Sale and Auction" in March. Watch for details!

Well - "Did you Ever" ?

JNS.

### HARBURY SOCIETY

The Social and Folk Evening at the Crown was a great success - and it made a small profit! This year, as well as a Folk Group who were called (for the night?) Green Apple Sludge, there was a teller of Victorian Monologues, and two lady clog dancers. The Crown was packed as usual, with a roaring fire and Ploughman's Supper provided by Mr. & Mrs. Playdon. By great good fortune, and I must admit no effort on my part, "George" was once again a member of the group. Ladies expressing the view that he was handsome, played wonderfully, sang beautifully and was altogether rather special should append their names to the long list of those who have said so in previous years (I was first!)

Contrary to my fears, none of the male members of the Society suffered palpitations of the heart at the sight of the lady clog dancers, who were roundly applauded for their part in the entertainment, so I think I can safely say the event went off well. Prizes were won by Dave Rolf and Tim Millington, with the booby prize going to Jill Winter.

Our next meeting will be at the beginning of March, when we hope to have Lyndon Caves of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England as our Speaker. Members will receive

more details, and there will be posters around the village.

The AGM has to be held before 1st April, and the Treasurer has already given notice that he must relinquish his post. The Chairman is making similar noises, and I would like to hand over the Secretary's job to someone else. What we would dearly like are offers from members and suggestions from their friends for new officers. Failing that, coercion will be necessary!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### \*\* LIBRARY UNDER THREAT \*\*

Our Library is threatened by expenditure cuts, and only our support will save it, so perhaps a quick run-down of the facts will help:

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If you're not keen on novels, perhaps you do enjoy cookery or antique collecting or business studies etc., and all these are offered by the library as well as the fiction sections. If we don't use our library we could lose it, which would be a terrible loss, and maybe especially for the children and the elderly, who rely on books for so much pleasure and look forward to their visits to the library to choose them. A community of our size needs, and has the right, to a good library, so let's show the County Council that we also want it, and will not give it up without a fight! Supporting the library now may become a habit, and it's one of the happiest you'll ever acquire!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

#### HARBURY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee decided that in future children caught climbing on the flat roof of the Village Hall will be charged for the damage they cause. Parents will receive bills for the broken drainpipes, and the repairs to the leaking roof, which have been the result of this anti-social behaviour. Mr. Gurden suggested that the Committee surround the roof with barbed wire to deter the vandals.

Other repairs and replacement costs occur with depressing regularity, and are a great drain on Village Hall funds.

The Committee had to refuse Mrs. Macgowan's request on behalf of the NSPCC for preferential rates when her charity hired the Hall. Mrs. Keen pointed out that the Village Hall was itself a charity, and that the NSPCC already qualified for the Hall's cheapest hiring rates, as did all non-profit making events for village organisations.

A sub-committee was set up to look into the MEB's recommendations for reducing heating costs. It appeared that a saving could be made by switching to a cheaper off-peak tariff, but that major savings could only be made at considerable expense by improving the insulation and replacing the old heaters with more efficient modern units. This would cost

several thousand pounds, but would cut the heating bills by at least a quarter.

The Village Hall is once more looking for a new Bookings Secretary, as Mr. Andrews has had to tender his resignation. Anyone willing to take on the job should contact Midge Keen, 21 Sutcliffe Drive, or Sue Andrews at Harbury House.

Next meeting, 26th February, 8p.m., Farley Room. L.R.

### " SLEEPING BEAUTY "

In writing a review of the Harbury Theatre Group's pantomime, I find myself in danger of over-using the adjectives 'marvellous', 'fantastic' and 'wonderful', because such a performance merits them all and, if you saw the panto, you'll know what I mean! I asked Emily and Anna, aged 6 and 8, for their opinions on what is traditionally a children's entertainment, and both agreed it was 'really fabulous', and that Beryl Checkley as the Good Fairy and the Megeney boys as Ermintrude the Cow were two among many highlights!

Diana Holt wrote and produced this pantomime, and combined a witty dialogue with plenty of action - a sure winner - and she should already be starting on her script for 1981! All the cast deserve equal praise as they were all so good, as were all Bayard Burford's dancers, and the scene with the dancing skeletons will stay in my memory for a long time, as a marvellous combination of technical skill (thanks to Peter Holt), music and choreography by Keith and Bayard Burford, and expertise by the dancers themselves.

Perhaps the most memorable parts were the little touches - the Fairy caught knitting, the singers Anne Moore and Bryan Harrison bringing a lump to the throat with an old song, the exquisite voice of Caroline Holt, and the usual cameo performances by David Greaves in all his roles, but it is difficult to single out anyone from so professional a cast, and one is led almost reluctantly to point out the great good fortune of Harbury Theatre Group in having the talent of Tony Knight who, as always, filled the stage with his performance as Nurse McPhee, and showed his seemingly unending skill in both acting and in holding an audience in the palm of his hand!

What a tour de force this was - the Group have yet more to achieve if they are to beat this latest triumphant production,



but they just get better and better! Book now, or you'll be disappointed next time, and will miss a rare treat'.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

"Scenes from the  
Show"

Left:

Nurse McPhee (Tony Knight) with Ermintrude the Cow (Simon and David Megeney).



Right:

The Prince (Anne Megeney) and the Princess (Carol Percival).





Beryl Checkley and John Stringer as the Good Fairy and the Demon King.



Caroline Kennedy, Andrea Burford, Hayley Green, Penny Simcock, Karen Mancell and Joanna Reid.

#### PARISH COUNCIL, JANUARY 1980

The carefree air of balmy days has gone. Depression, caused by the ever increasing financial restrictions, weighs heavily upon your Councillors. Issues seem more serious, alternatives harsher, views more extreme, so that a humorous aside is welcome relief!

Regretfully, Sharon Hancock reported Harbury School must lose a teacher. Neville Ellis admitted to being favourably impressed by the RAF explanation of low flying, but warned that overflying at 500ft. could go on until 11 at night when the Tornado comes into service!

Bruce Hannay thought "Harbury had received a fair deal" in the re-scheduling of the bus services. The early morning buses would come from Kineton and Gaydon, not Banbury as feared, the evening route would include Farm Street and



Park Lane, and a 25% cheaper Day Return (valid after 9a.m.) would be introduced. Seven buses would be lost on Saturday, and there would be no bus for hospital visitors in the week, but the Company had promised to look into the overloading on the afternoon bus from Leamington. Complaints about the unreliability of the services had been ruled out of order at the meeting with Midland Red!

A slight smile was raised when David Winter reported his shocking experience on Footpath SM59 where he was tripped up by an electric fence! However, he mapped all the repairs and improvements needed, and plans go to the County for action.

The state of the Old New Inn Green wall and the vandalised seat were causes for concern, as were the proposals for the Dovehouse and the Holland House site, but action was being taken to make the Pump Street well safe (Mr. Taylor was undertaking the work) and the pump would be replaced when funds were available.

The Council was shocked by Sharon Hancock's revelation that some of the Old Persons' Bungalows in Frances Road had not received the promised roof insulation and were still bitterly cold.

Now Cllr. Mike Ellis is a fair man. He may seem tight-fisted, but he has a difficult job in difficult times. He may seem vociferous in his complaints, as when he berated the officers of Stratford D.C. for their "rotten communications" over refuse collection times at New Year, but he is generous in his praise, marvelling at the speed with which the DC dealt with a sewer blockage in The Beeches. So when Mick Brant sought to prevent Harbury Rugby Club securing a further option on the recreation ground pitch (arguing that they "haven't got more than one team of players from Harbury" and that they had received quite enough money "in the name of Harbury") Mike Ellis calmed his irate colleagues, who were arguing the merits of the Club's Colts and Mini Rugby teams, its benevolence to village organisations, and its provision of extra facilities for parishioners, by pointing out that the issue "should be decided only on what other calls there are on the pitch".

He had an equally logical approach to the Tennis Courts maintenance problem, calling it a "frightening liability" now that the "cost of tarmac was getting out of all reason". An

independent expert was to give advice on maintenance, but Mike Ellis warned that, if people who used the courts could not help to keep them, an exclusive Tennis Club might be the only answer. The PC "couldn't have the responsibility for maintaining this facility for such a small section of the community". Throughout the meeting he kept reminding the Councillors that "money will be extra-ordinarily TIGHT" this year.

The Council agreed that Burial charges should be raised from 1st April, 1980.

Next Meeting, 28th February, 7.30p.m. in the Farley Room of the Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

### MYTON HAMLET HOSPICE APPEAL

The Bishop of Coventry is Chairman of an Appeal Committee aiming to raise £500,000 to purchase and equip a Hospice for the care of cancer patients in this area. The Hospice will provide treatment and rest for patients, thus giving relief to relatives caring for them, and also making available more hospital beds that would otherwise have been occupied by cancer patients.

Leamington and District Ladies Circle is organising, in aid of this Appeal, a Musical Evening at the Spa Centre on Friday, 22nd February, 1980, at 8p.m. The Bishop of Coventry, and the Mayor & Mayoress of Leamington will be amongst those present.

The musical items will be provided by the Warwickshire Youth Orchestra, who will perform a programme of light classical music, the Trinity Girls Choir who will provide a varied programme ranging from the Beatles to Nunc Dimitis, and the Windmill Singers who will perform their highly successful Royal Show "Rustic Romp".

It is, therefore, a varied programme of music suitable for ALL members of the family, and with this in mind the tickets have been reasonably priced at £1 per head. These are available in the village from Trisha Harrison (612533) or from the Spa Centre.

All proceeds will go to the Hospice Appeal, and your support is much needed so as to help make a substantial profit and thus give a considerable contribution to this most worthwhile local appeal.

PHH.



## ANY OLD CLOTHES?

If you visit London regularly you could be forgiven if your reaction to the meths drinking vagrants who sleep under the Charing Cross railway bridge is one of revulsion. But if you look further into this part of London you will find many other tragedies - abandoned wives and children, homes where one parent is in jail and so on. Among the organisations who work amongst these people is the Whitechapel Methodist Mission, who offer shelter, food and comfort.

Although all this seems a far cry from our cosy life in Harbury, we would ask you to consider how you can help - not by giving money, but by donating old, unwanted clothes. Baby clothes and overcoats and raincoats are especially needed, and also underwear, old spectacles and razor blades. The Mission will distribute these things to the most needy, remembering Christ's words, "You saw me naked and you clothed me..... that you did it unto one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it unto me".

If you have anything, however small, please ring George Aldhouse (612155 - weekends only), Viv Aggett (612711), or the Vicar (612377). We will arrange for everything to be collected.

G.A.

## PROFILE - JOHN MANN

John Mann has been publican of the Old New Inn for about 15 years. In that time he and his wife Doreen have become very much part of life in Harbury. His character has grown to overshadow that of the pub, and it is no surprise that the Old New Inn is known affectionately as "Manny's". John comes originally from Bishop's Itchington. He was born in the cottages adjoining the Manor House, where his father, Jack, worked on the farm for Mr. Andrew Clark. The Manor itself still stands today, but the cottages have since been demolished.

John started school in Bishops but later moved to Harbury School while he was living with his grandfather, who kept the Shakespeare Inn. He spent the last few years of his education at Leamington Central School, which was then a technical college in Leycester Street. He left school at 14 and started work on Manor Farm. John had grown up around horses and now a large part of his job involved working with them. For some years he held a professional jockey's licence and used to ride in steeplechase events.

Jack Mann later became tenant of the Butcher's Arms in Bishops Itchington, and so John moved from the farm and took a job on the local milk round. The round not only included Bishops but also Knightcote, Northend and the RAF camp at Gaydon - quite an area to cover in one morning.

John first met Doreen at school in Bishops, and several years later they were married at St. Michael's Church in Bishops. They moved to Harbury, and for 7 years lived in "Ti Gwyn" ("The White House") in Hall Lane. Then Jack Mann retired as tenant of the Butcher's Arms, and he and his son swapped houses - Jack came to live in Harbury, where he is to this day, and John became manager of the pub. After 7 months he was offered the tenancy of the Old New Inn, and so John and Doreen returned to Harbury. At that time the Old New Inn was owned by a local brewery, Hunt Edmunds of Banbury.



John and Doreen have two daughters, Wendy (who now lives in Ti Ni ("Our Home")) and Jenny; and four grandchildren. Both Wendy and Jenny were married in Harbury Church, and all the grandchildren have been christened there.

John has two great hobbies, golf and, of course, horses. He is a member of Stratford Golf Club and gets to play a couple of rounds each week.

Sadly, on 18th February, John and Doreen are leaving the village and moving to a cottage in Oxhill. There is no doubt that Harbury will miss them immensely, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them both every success and happiness in their future life. GARY PICKEN.

#### GOLDEN AGE

We would like to say thank you very much to the Brownies for the lovely Christmas cards they sent us, and for the gifts which they and the Football Club gave us. These were distributed to our members by a Lucky Dip, and were greatly appreciated.

LK.



### IN THE GARDEN

The year begins to stir a little, but don't be impatient - even the hardiest seeds germinate only slowly in cold soil, & if it is also wet they will rot. It is now time to cover your rhubarb to obtain those early sticks. Your early potatoes should be put in boxes for chitting. If you have a heated greenhouse and propagator, plant a small amount of onion seed, also leek seed. It is also time to sow Alpine Strawberry seed. If the ground is dry, pull a small amount of soil to your spring cabbage to prevent them falling over in the March winds. Why not try a few early potatoes in pots, and French beans in your greenhouse? W.F. LINES.

### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The meeting on 8th January was entertained by Mr. Bernard Jones of Warwick, whose enthusiasm for sweet peas is infectious, and should result in better blooms than ever in the coming year.

The next meeting will be on 5th February at 8p.m. in the Wight School, when the speaker will be Mr. D. Walkey on the subject of "Growing Alpines". These are a particular speciality of Mr. Walkey, and in relating them to the methods of the everyday gardener he should provide us with a very interesting evening.

TONY BRUNTON.

### MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

At the winter session of music exams, the following were successful: Practical - Grade I, Wendy Bloxham and Claire Turner; Grade 3, Sarah Wright. Theory (max. marks 99) - Grade 1, Launa Rolf (93 marks), Caron Lucas (95 marks). The above are students of M. Jill Coope, 38 Sutcliffe Drive.

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### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sirs,

I was very impressed and delighted with the performance of 'Sleeping Beauty'. The cast put up a very good show, and I am sure the audiences went home having had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. I hope there will be another Pantomime next year.

A.C. OVER.

Dear Editors,

An idea for "Eating Out" - a leisurely drive through Kineton will bring you to Whatcote and the Royal Oak, where in pleasant surroundings one can enjoy a good meal at a reasonable price in a friendly atmosphere. A drive home along the Fosse will complete an enjoyable experience.

W.S.

Dear Sirs,  
My family and I would like to thank neighbours and friends in Harbury for the kindness shown to us all after the sudden death of my husband. I would particularly like to thank Rev. Mackley for his kind words, and also my neighbours who contributed towards the donation made to the British Heart Foundation.

MARY RIMAN.

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