



HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS

- Harbury Friends, 8p.m., School.
 Prayer Group, 8p.m., Colbourne House, Ufton.
 Horticultural Society, 8p.m., Wight School.
- Wed. 9th Confirmation Class, Vicarage, 6.30p.m.
- Thurs. 10th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Sat. 12th Scouts Bring & Buy Sale for Blue Peter's
 Cambodia Appeal, 2.30p.m., Scout Hut.
- Sun. 13th Epiphany I. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
 Sung Eucharist (Men's Group). 4p.m.
 Evensong.
- Mon. 14th Guides begin, 7.30p.m., Scout Hut.
- Tues. 15th Harbury Society Folk Evening, Crown Inn; tickets
 £1.30 from Linda Ridgley, 612792.
 Tufty Club, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
 Confirmation Class, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
 Bible Study, 8p.m., 16 Dovehouse Lane.
- Wed. 16th Confirmation Class, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
- Thurs. 17th Theatre Group PANTOMIME, 7.30p.m., V. Hall.
- Fri. 18th Theatre Group PANTOMIME, 7.30p.m., V. Hall.
- Sat. 19th Theatre Group PANTOMIME, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.,
 Village Hall.
- Sun. 20th Epiphany II. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
 Sung Eucharist (Christian Unity). 4 p.m.
 Evensong:
 All Saints! All Sorts, 7.45p.m., Walnut Tree
 Cottage, Hall Lane.
- Tues. 22nd Confirmation Class, 6.30 p.m., Vicarage.
 Young Wives, 2 p.m., Village Hall.
 Village Hall Committee, 8p.m., Village Hall.
 Prayer Group, 8 p.m., The Cottage, Windmill
 Hill Farm, Chesterton.
- Wed. 23rd Confirmation Class, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
- Thurs. 24th Golden Age, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.
- Fri. 25th Conversion of St. Paul. 9.45a.m. Holy Eucharist
 Motor Cycle Club Film Show, Village Hall.
- Sun. 27th Epiphany III. 8a.m. Holy Eucharist. 10a.m.
 Sung Eucharist (All Sorts). 4p.m. Evensong.

- Tues. 29th Confirmation Class, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
P.C.C. Meeting, 8 p.m., Wight School.
(No Prayer Group or Bible Study this week.)
- Wed. 30th S. Charles, King & Martyr. 9.45a.m. Eucharist.
Confirmation Class, 6.30p.m., Vicarage.
HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS A.G.M., 8p.m.
Village Club. Everyone welcome.
- Thurs. 31st. Blood Donors, Village Hall.

FEBRUARY

Sat. 2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple. 9.45a.m.
Holy Eucharist.

W.I. Dance, Village Hall.

Tues. 5th Horticultural Society, 8 p.m., Wight School.
Bible Study, 8 p.m., 15 Wagstaffe Close.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10a.m. every Sunday.

CRUSADERS, Village Hall, 2.30p.m. every Sunday.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30p.m. every Monday.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, 2-4p.m. Wight School, every Monday.

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

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, Monday a.m. & Wed. p.m.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, 6.15p.m. every Tuesday.

YOUTH CLUB COFFEE EVENING, Village Hall, 7-10p.m., Tues.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 7-7.45p.m. Tuesdays, 4-7.10p.m. Wednesdays, 4.30 - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays.

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.30p.m., Tues(1st troop), Wed.(2nd troop).

JOGGING CLUB, meet outside Foodmart, 8p.m. Tuesday.

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

YOUTH CLUB, V. Hall, 8 p.m. every Wednesday.

GOLDEN AGE, Village Hall, 2.30p.m. 2nd & 4th Thursdays.

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

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS. Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, tel. 612792.

For VILLAGE HALL bookings, ring Mr. Andrews, 612301.

For WIGHT SCHOOL bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

We have just had several well-attended Christmas services, and a very large number of communicants. It was wonderful to see the Church filling up for service after service during Christmastide. The Church was beautifully decorated, and we thank those who gave the lovely flowers and evergreens, did the decorating, and set up the Crib and the Christmas tree. The retiring collection at the Nine - Lesson Carol Service amounted to £55.84, and is being divided between two children's charities - the Church of England Children's Society and Action Research for the Crippled Child.

One of the most inspiring events of the past year, to my mind, has been the visit of the Pope, John Paul II, to Eire and the United States of America, and the message which he so boldly and fearlessly proclaimed there. One felt that here was the authentic Christian voice proclaiming the authentic Christian message of faith and morals. How splendid it would be if the Holy Father, the Chief Bishop of Christendom, could pay a pastoral visit to England, Wales and Scotland during the coming year.

We thank God for the work and witness of our retiring Archbishop of Canterbury, Donald Coggan, and we pray that he may have a long and useful retirement. We pray for our new Archbishop, Robert Runcie, that he may be guided and upheld by Almighty God.

Please continue to pray for those who are to be confirmed in our Church on Sunday, 17th February, at 10 a.m.

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Ethel May Humphrey, and of Mrs. Frances Mary Moore. May God grant them His rest, and may He comfort and guide those who are bereaved.

May the New Year find us ever striving to be faithful to our Lord.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F. R. Mackley.

HOLY BAPTISM

December 9th, Frances Anne Crute, 25 Frances Road.

FUNERAL SERVICES

December 19th, Ethel May Humphrey, of 20 Frances Road, aged
85 years.

December 20th, Frances Mary Moore, of 3 Mill Street, aged
79 years.

From the Churchwardens

As we look back over the past year, we have much to be thankful for. There has been a steady increase in the number of those sharing in worship in our Church, and a growing depth in its spiritual life.

As we look forward to the coming year, we pray for the extension of Christ's kingdom throughout the village; we pray for Robert Runcie, shortly to become Archbishop of Canterbury; and we look forward to a year in which the message of God's saving power is made known throughout the world; we hope for peace; we should like to see some more adults in our church choir!

Perhaps each one of us could find a resolution among those items - to pray, to come, to join (either the congregation or choir!).

May I quote and echo the last two lines of the carol written by one of our young people and quoted elsewhere in this issue -

"Come on everybody, come,
Let's all see you there".

CRUSADERS' CAROL CONCERT

More than a hundred people came to join in the carols, and we started with "Good Christian Men Rejoice". The Minis sang "Little Donkey" and "The Star" around a Christmas tableau. Then there were several carols and readings about Christmas, and a poem. The music group sang "No room for the baby" and the Calypso Carol. The carols were accompanied by flutes, recorders and clarinets. Mr. Clarke, who was in the chair, presented badges and a Bible to Stuart Simcock. Mummies and Daddies sang different verses of 'Good King Wenceslas'. Mr. Clarke said the prayers, and we finished with 'O Come all ye Faithful.

ALISON BARNES.

ALL SAINTS' ALL SORTS

This is the name chosen by the newly formed Church Youth Group, which goes from strength to strength. The group prayer is, of course, that for All Sorts and conditions of men! Numbers grew to about 25 for the pre-Christmas meeting, at which members cooked spaghetti and various sauces, masterminded by Chiara Rustici. Members had written new words to well-known carol tunes, and had a go at singing these, accompanied by Caroline Holt on flute and Andrew Winter on guitar. The new carols were submitted to Shirley Keir for judging, and she placed Andrew Holt's first, Robert and Colin Hughes' second, and Deb Cooke and Helen Stubbs' third. The winner will receive a small prize of - yes, you've guessed it - a box of liquorice allsorts!, at the next meeting on 6th January at Britt Ingram's, 17 Farm Street, and the following meeting will be on 20th January at Vicky Harrison's, Walnut Tree Cottage, Hall Lane. All young people (13 to 19) are welcome. V.C.A.

Andrew's winning carol (to the tune of Good King Wenceslas):

It's the season of goodwill,	When we watch the TV set,
When we all feel jolly.	Hear the Christmas singing,
It's the season of goodwill,	We are called to go to Church,
Christmas trees & Holly.	By the Church bells ringing.
Everybody eats too much,	Hark we hear their joyful sound,
Goes to lots of parties.	Filling all the air,
Stockings bulge with gifts	Come on, everybody, come -
and toys,	Let's all see you there!
Apples, nuts and Smarties.	

LADBROKE NEWS

Services, etc. for January and early February, 1980

Sunday, 6th January. Epiphany. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion.
11a.m. Matins.

Sunday, 13th January. Epiphany I. 11a.m. Holy Communion
with Hymns and Sermon. 3.30p.m. Evensong.

Wednesday, 16th January. Women's Fellowship, 3p.m. at
Woodlands Farm.

WARNING. The Parochial Church Council will meet at 7.30p.m. on Monday, 21st January, in Church, not on the 14th as originally intended.

Sunday, 20th January. Epiphany II. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins.

Monday, 21st January. 7.30p.m. PCC, in Ladbroke Church.

Friday, 25th January. Conversion of S. Paul.

Sunday, 27th January. Epiphany III. 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns and Sermon. 3.30 p.m. Evensong.

Saturday, 2nd February, Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas).

Sunday, 3rd February, Septuagesima. 8.30a.m. Holy Communion 11a.m. Morning Service with Procession of Light.

Thursday, 7th February. Men's Group at Harbury.

Sunday, 10th February, Sexagesima. 11a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon. 3.30p.m. Evensong.

Altar Flowers. Jan. 6th and 13th, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs.

Badman. Jan. 20th, Mrs. Garman. Jan. 27th, Mrs. Garner. Feb. 3rd, Mrs. Hudson. Feb. 10th, Mrs. Veel.

Women's Fellowship Just a reminder that Mrs. Barnett has kindly invited us to Woodlands Farm on Wednesday, 16th Jan. at 3p.m. I look forward to seeing you all. Meanwhile, a happy New Year to all our members. C.H.

Carol Singers. The singers returned from their marathon on 19th December in aid of 'Riding for the Disabled' with a record collection of £41. They would like to thank all the generous givers and the helpers. G.R.F.

Christmas Day. The number of Christmas communicants exceeded 80, and Church attendance at the two services that day was over 100..... Thanks be to God. But, as we enter 1980, will you remember that there are 52 Sundays in the year when that God who was "born a babe in Palestine" yet lives today in bread and wine. Come and swell the company that meets him then. G.R.F.

Looking forward. At the last Deanery Synod it was agreed to try a new style of Deanery Lenten programme, not concentrated in Southam but visiting a different parish Church each week. It

will begin on Ash Wednesday at 7.30p.m. at Bishop's Itchington Church. There will be a Course of addresses by different priests. The meetings (or services) will be on each Wednesday in Lent, and the one at Ladbroke will be on 19th March. All details next month, but please mark off Wednesday evenings in Lent, Feb. 20th and 27th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and April 2nd, when there will be the usual Spy Wednesday gathering at Southam.

W.I. News

The meeting was held on Thursday, 13th December, a Christmas Party which made a fine start to the festivities. The Beetle Drive was a great success, won by Mrs. B. Williamson. Mrs. M. Emus made the table decorations for us, and judged the Christmas decoration competition, winner being Mrs. Jill Moore. Raffle prizes were won by Mrs. Emus and Mrs. D. Wright. The meeting was ably chaired by Mrs. B. Ross, Vice-President. Our President, Mrs. I. Bennett, came later to join us at supper buffet time, an array of tasty eats and a good variety of drinks topping the happy evening.

Ten members made a trip to Hatton Hospital on 18th December to give a party for the patients in Christopher Wren ward. Food and drinks were consumed with great gusto, and the evening was rounded off with carol singing from pupils of Kings High and Warwick Schools.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 24th January. Speaker, Mr. Wagstaff on Marquetry. Competition, a picture out of dried flowers and leaves, the best one going forward to the W.I. area competition.

Would members please note that they may bring guests to all meetings.

I. B.

Ladbroke School Children's Christmas Party

On Saturday, 15th December, a Christmas Party was held by the Ladbroke Village Committee. A colourful long table set with goodies, which the ladies had prepared, was enjoyed by all the children. Super games were organised by Mark Dupres and Geof Tagg, not least whacking Santa Claus's candy filled sack while blindfold as it gyrated on a rope. Mark Wilson provided effective disco effects throughout, and Father Christmas appeared later on with gifts to round

off a very happy day. It was good to have Miss Harris, Miss Smith and other staff members there. Hopefully next year this party will be held again. P.S.F.

Ladbroke Parish Council

All councillors were present for the meeting on 18th December. The Alibone Trustees gave £500 to the Parish Council to be used for the village hall. Mr. Lawrence wrote about fluoridation, and will let us have any information, from the anti-fluoride campaign. Radbourne Lane, E824, Mrs. Wrycroft. The Divisional Engineer has written to the County Secretary for permission to commence conversion work of the Green Lane. Enquiry re poultry farm. Mrs. B. Williams gave a detailed report on the public enquiry held in Stratford on Avon earlier this month. It will be six to eight weeks before the result. M.W.

Poppy Appeal.

Mrs. Pearl Edwards has been a cheerful and untiring worker for this good cause, being the collector for Ladbroke for 24 years. Well done, Pearl, and her total of £33.14 was the best yet. That amount, coupled with the Church collection of £28.78 and the Bell Inn's box of £2 plus, made the final total over £64. PSF.

Ladbroke Church

The church looked exquisite with its Christmas flora, and both the early Communion Service and the Mid-Morning Service were well attended. The Duchess Dudley plate gleamed on the altar on Christmas morn, and outside a white world complemented this scene. We do thank our dear 'Rector' for the sterling work he puts in for us and All Saints at all times. P.S.F.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Carol Concert

Again it was lovely to see a full Church for our Carol Concert. This took the form of readings describing Christmas through the ages, with traditional carols and two recorder items. Our thanks to Mr. Michael Barnes for accompanying many of the carols on the church organ. The total collection was £30. This will be shared between a contribution to Church heating costs and a donation to St. Michael's School for Handicapped Children in Warwick.

School Parties

Always looked forward to with great enthusiasm! The Middle School had their tea altogether in the Hall on the last Monday of term, whilst the First School classes had tea in their own classrooms on Tuesday afternoon. Party games were played and enjoyed, and the three older Middle School classes had their own disco after school on the Monday. Our thanks to all the Mums who helped on either day.

Hans Christian Anderson

On 5th and 6th December, the lower Middle School provided parents and friends with a musical entertainment based on the work of Hans Christian Anderson. The centrepiece was a re-telling of "The Tinder Box". The children sang the tuneful songs with vigour, accompanied by a lively band of percussionists, and Philip Riman provided a splendid trumpet fanfare. The costumes and scenery were colourful and full of fun. All the actors did well, but special mention should be made of the accomplished narrator, Karl Lindon, the soldier, Ian Percival, the witch, Lorraine Andrews, and the Queen, Nicola Jervis. Congratulations and thanks to Mr. Thorburn, Mrs. Wallington, Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Buck for all the work they put in to give us a super Christmas show.

Christmas Through the Ages

The First School gave an equally enjoyable and colourful rendering of Christmas Through the Ages by way of space-age travel, and concluding with the traditional nativity scene. Clearly, a lot of Mums had spent many long hours making the range of costumes which were on view, and these and the many songs and dances included made the concert a most enjoyable prelude to Christmas. Appreciation is again due to the staff involved.

School Football

On Wednesday, 19th December, the final of the Dave Williams House Cup took place. Farrow and Dickens were the two houses who reached the final. Each house had two teams, a lower middle and an upper middle team. The final had 4 quarters, the younger boys playing the 1st and 3rd, and the older boys playing the 2nd and final quarters. In an exciting match, cheered on by the whole of the Middle School, Farrow

ran out comfortable winners, mainly due to the strength of their younger team. Mr. Oliver presented the trophy to Jamie Williams and Mark Lee, the two captains of Farrow.

HARBURY P.T.A.

A Happy New Year to all - and thank you to those who raised, by carol singing, over £31 for the Joe Homan's Boys' Towns. Next year's programmes (or I should really say this year's programmes) will soon be on sale, for the membership fee of 20p per family. In fact, why not come along and join at the meeting on Wednesday, 30th January, when there will be a demonstration and a chance to try Origami. Other events during the year will be an outing to the R.A.F. Museum at Hendon, a Cheese and Wine Disco, a talk about Artificial Respiration and First Aid, a Sports Cavalcade, a Sponsored Walk, an Open Evening, Square Dances, Supper Dance, Quiz Night, Film and Carols. Any suggestions for extra meetings or outings are always appreciated.

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

If you have a child nearly three or over, and would like a morning to yourself, then why not enrol your child at the Playgroup in the Wight School. We are open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings each week from 9.15 a.m. until 11.45 a.m.

You are welcome to call in and see the children at play and have a chat with the staff, who will be pleased to give you more information, or you can contact Pam Taylor, 47 Mill Street, Harbury 612720.

1st HARBURY SCOUTS REPORT

Jonathan Walters and Stephen Padbury will be joining the troop this session. They took part in 'Link Badge' activities with the Scouts during December. Jonathan took part in a tracking morning in Chesterton Woods (by permission of Mr. Tilley), while Stephen helped collect wood for our Christmas Camp Fire (our thanks to Mr. Keeling for his permission to take wood from his land).

Carols round the camp fire were enjoyed by a large crowd of parents and friends. The fire itself was lit by remote control (Venture Scout David Clark doing the

honours). I have heard more tuneful singing, but the cold night, combined with the smoke, may have affected some voices. Gary Picken and Bob Small did a great job as camp fire leaders. Thank you to Mick Chick and his band of helpers, and also to Tony Knight. The collection raised £14 for the H.Q. fund.

During January we are visiting Leamington Fire Station. We have also been invited to join the Motorcycle Club in a film evening at the Village Hall.

On Saturday, 12th January, at 2.30p.m. there will be a Bring and Buy Sale at the Scout Hut in aid of the Blue Peter Cambodian Appeal. Anyone wishing to offer items for sale please contact myself (at 32 Mill Street) or any Scout leader.

JOHN HANCOCK.

RECREATION GROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE -

CHRISTMAS FAIR, 8th December

The response from the community was tremendous, and ensured the financial success of the Fair. That it was also such an enjoyable day is due, in no small measure, to all the people who helped to run the stalls, and the Committee wish to thank all concerned for making it such an easy day for the organisers.

Gross takings were £376, making a Nett Profit of around £300 (compared with £170 in 1978). We have just ordered equipment to the value of £650 for a Small Children's Play Area, so this money will not lie idle.

A special mention must be made of Miss Horsfall, of Ashow, who so very kindly supplied (and drove) Santa's Pony and Trap.

KEN HUGHES, Hon. Secretary.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE PRESENTATION TO PETER SHAWCROSS

At a pleasant get-together in the Village Hall in December, the Village Hall Committee presented an engraved pewter tankard to Pete Shawcross. Pete was for many years the Bookings Secretary for the Hall, and he did a great deal by way of repairs to keep the Hall running smoothly.

Making the presentation, Midge Keen, the Chairman, said that it was in gratitude for all the valuable service he had given to the Hall and, she added, all that he had done for

her whilst she had been Chairman.

Replying, Pete said he was not one for words, and (when the laughter died down) he continued that, as a romantic, he saw the tankard as a token of the good fellowship and the friends he had made in his period on the Village Hall Committee. He had thoroughly enjoyed the work he had done, and had often felt that he WAS the Village Hall! LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY CARNIVAL AND FETE

The 1979 Carnival Committee would like to announce that the total profit from this year's Carnival was £916.12, which has been divided between the Village Hall and Recreation Ground funds.

Believe it or not, the 1980 Committee is already beaver away, organising the next Carnival! If you can offer any assistance or would like to put forward any ideas, please contact Bing Bingham or any committee member.

HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS' BENEFIT ASSOCIATION - CHRISTMAS PARTY, 15th December, 1979

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, 15th December, 170 senior citizens from Harbury sat down in the Hall of Harbury School and enjoyed a full Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, which had been cooked throughout the day by Brenda Thomas and her band of very willing helpers. After a thoroughly enjoyable meal, boxes of groceries were raffled off, and a large number of senior citizens went home with their 'food parcels'. The groceries were collected by members of Harbury Youth Club and handed to me prior to the function, and I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to the members and organisers of Harbury Youth Club for such a considerable and thoughtful gesture on their part.

We then commenced the programme of entertainment, which started with members of the Bayard Dancing Academy of Harbury presenting a very entertaining performance, and for this I would like to thank Keith and Bayard Burford for their efforts. We then had community carol singing led by Ron Needham of Southam, and accompanied by our faithful and reliable Clive Watts on the organ. Thank you, Clive, for

your continued support. We then had entertainment provided by Beryl Sheasby's troupe of very talented players!!! Firstly Janet Thornley's singing was superb, and Rex Smith and Tony Ceney were as always on fine form with their Flanagan and Allen sketch, and various other sketches in which they performed. Then, at great expense, we were pleased to welcome five members of the Bolshoi Ballet (!) who performed an excellent extract from Swan Lake - or was it the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy!!! John Ridgley, Gary Picken, Neil Humphries, Joe Field and Stan Finch danced magnificently, and looked beautiful in their ballet dresses!

This entertainment rounded off a very enjoyable evening, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to those already mentioned, and also to the very willing helpers who come along each year to set out the tables, serve the dinner and wash up afterwards, to Mr. Oliver for allowing us to use the School Hall and Kitchen, to the traders in the village who gave the prizes for our Annual Christmas Draw, and to Harbury P.T.A. who provided transport for the senior citizens to and from the function. Last but not least, may I thank my Committee members who work hard with me throughout the year to organise the Summer Outing and the Christmas Dinner - thank you all very much indeed.

TIM PERCIVAL,

Chairman, Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Assn

YOUTH CLUB

The Club had quite a busy month in December. We took part in the County Youth Quiz at Southam Youth Centre, and although we didn't win any of our matches we were well supported and enjoyed taking part.

The Club also created Santa's Grotto for the Village Christmas Fair, and we were delighted to be able to give 25 grocery parcels to the Senior Citizens Party for Raffle Prize. The members who helped collect and decorate the parcels got very cold and wet, but enjoyed helping. We would like to thank all the people who contributed so generously.

Youth Club starts again on Wednesday 2nd January, and also meets on Tuesday 8th January.

J.T.T.



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HARBURY JUBILEE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB REPORT

Our training afternoon on 8th December again attracted a good number of youngsters eager to try their hand at the Club Honda and, in some cases, to give their own machines an airing. We hope to run another Saturday afternoon event early in February - weather permitting - see the next issue of this magazine for details.

The event this month is our film show, to be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 25th January, starting at 7.30 p.m. See you there!

J.B.M.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

The Football Club approached the festive season with the spirit of 'goodwill to all men' including, unfortunately, the opposition (although the game at Stockton resulted in a 2-2 draw)!

The main event of the past month was the performance of the corps-de-ballet (or corpse???) at the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. The troupe, which included Stan Finch, Joe (Narrow) Field, Neil Humphreys, Gary Picken and John (Prima Ballerina) Ridgley, performed with undoubted grace and poise, and reports circulating the village suggest that the performance should rival all the BBC and ITV repeats for the 'Entertainment of the Year'.

The Annual Boxing Day match between the Over 30s and Under 30s ensured success for the village (since all participants were village residents), with some members of the former category possibly qualifying for the Under Fifties!! The Under 30s enjoyed humbling their older colleagues with a 3-2 win. Scorers were David Bishop 1, Clive Coleman 2 (for the Under 30s), and Colin Ingram 1 and Doug Green 1 (for the Over 30s). The spectators enjoyed the warming delights of a seasonal rum punch on the sidelines, provided by the Club. Thanks are due to Ken Romero, who braved the elements and the potential wrath of the opposing teams to referee the game, and also to the spectators who gave vocal encouragement. CF.

HARBURY SOCIETY

On Tuesday, 4th December, an audience of 50 heard Mr. Geoffrey Fuller, Assistant County Architect, talk on the restoration of Chesterton Windmill. The mill was last worked at the turn of the century, and in 1965 Mr. Derek Ogden of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings began a national appeal for money to put the mill back into working order. Despite many problems the work began, and in 1971 the new sails were fixed. September 1971 saw the first Open Day when tremendous crowds saw the sails turn for the first time in scores of years. After his talk, Mr. Fuller was thanked for a most interesting evening.

The Society's next event will be the New Year Social on Tuesday, 15th January, for which tickets (£1.30) are available from me.

LINDA RIDGLEY, 612792.

W.I.

A super finale to our 1979 activities was the Christmas Party, with refreshments made by members. Miss Wooley demonstrated Christmas cake decorating, and Mrs. G. Gallagher won the lovely cake. Mrs. P. Middleton won the photograph competition. Mrs. Zonik announced the good news that we have been chosen to perform our play at Warwick University in March.

Now, once again, for the benefit of those of you who have said that you know nothing of our forthcoming dance - it is on Saturday, 2nd February, at the Village Hall. Dancing is to the Likely Lads, and the price is £1.75 including refreshments. Tickets available from Mrs. P. Middleton, Mrs. J. Ellis and Mrs. L. Watkins - so no excuses please!

JEANNE BEAUMONT.

GOLDEN AGE

Our trip to Coventry was very successful, and everyone enjoyed the outing.

Our Christmas Dinner was also a great success. Unfortunately, Lady Watherston was unable to be with us, but she sent her good wishes and hopes to visit us in the Spring. The meal, and the entertainment by Moira and Jean, were greatly enjoyed by our members, and our guests - Mrs.

Farley, Mrs. Sperling and Mrs. Tucker. One great sadness was that this was our first Christmas without Miss Hiron after so many years.

We would like to say a very big 'thank you' to the Brownies for their generous gift of groceries, which will be distributed by a 'lucky dip' at our next meeting on 10th January.

L.K.

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST.....

.....for "Sleeping Beauty", the Harbury Pantomime on 17th, 18th and 19th January, so if you haven't bought yours yet, don't delay! Philip Lindop at the Drug Store is our 'box office', and phone bookings can be made with Carol Percival (612175).

It promises to be an exciting production, with all the usual ingredients of a traditional pantomime - plus a few surprises too! Lots of 'audience participation' of course, magnificent costumes, and fine singing and dancing. Do come along and enjoy the show - performances are at 7.30p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the Saturday.

A great show for children - and lots of fun for parents too, although adults may find the Demon King a bit frightening, and should really be accompanied by a child! . DMH.

PARISH COUNCIL

This month inflation hits death and tennis; controversy over pollarding, and David Winter's purgative effect on footpaths - he keeps them open! Plus Mike Ellis's annual moan about the Precept.

Councillors Winter and Hannay studied the Burial Charges at present in force, and came to the reluctant conclusion that there should be a doubling of the rates. They looked at what other areas charged - Warwick District Council's was a minimum of £82 for a burial, Harbury's £11 plus the cost of the grave digging. Cllr. Winter said he realised it was a difficult time to bring in the rise, and he regretted that the Death Grant had not been increased since 1931, but the Council had to keep the rates down, and even at the proposed charges the cemetery would not be

self-financing. Cllr. Hancock saw no objection to the Parish Council continuing to subsidise the Burial Grounds to some extent, for those who were buried there were usually people who had lived the greater part of their lives in Harbury. Cllr. Mike Ellis thought the increases a modest suggestion, having regard to the rate of inflation and the fact that it could be up to 12 months before the new rates came into force. He was glad positive action had been taken.

Ray Hoare and Neville Ellis both offered their help to do some of the repairs necessary to keep the Tennis Courts in Good order. A major financial crisis has hit the courts. Income last year was only £50, and an estimate for repair work for £580 + VAT (and £180 + VAT for work to the fencing) has been received by the Parish Council. The Council did not feel the outlay of such a sum could be justified on a facility used by so few people, especially as in 1980 they would be working on a very tight budget.

The pollarding of the Burial Ground Lime Trees raised strong objections from some quarters, and Bruce Hannay reported that he had questioned the immediate neighbours and discovered that the majority were in favour of the operation. The County Land Agent had advised that as the trees had previously been pollarded they should be kept in order either by further pollarding at regular intervals or four strong branches should be selected and allowed to grow up to form a new crown. One tree had been excluded from the recent pollarding because it already had an attractive shape, but examination had revealed that it had a water-filled cavity which would have to be treated if it were not to cause rot and the subsequent weakening of the tree. It had been at least 15 years since the trees were last attended to, and Cllr. Winter moved that a regular programme of maintenance be adopted.

Footpaths are David Winter's private obsession, and he is determined that they shall be regularly used. To this end he had persuaded the Parish Council to provide him with a map of the Parish on which he will mark those paths where repair work is needed to stiles and bridges. He had investigated Mrs. Catterall's complaint that the footpath from Deppers to Bishops had been ploughed up, and discovered that the farmer had not given the requisite 7 days' notice to the WCC before ploughing.

Chairman Iory Davies protested that it was now too wet for the farmer to roll the path out, but Cllr. Neville Ellis suggested that he could at least re-define the path by running his tractor wheels down each side.

Mike Ellis is the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and as such he has the unenviable task of preparing the Precept - the amount of money the Parish Council raises through the rates each year. There are so many variables and unknowns that he feels the Council might have no spare cash for emergencies. The major problem is not the amount of money, but the cash flow, so that it might be necessary to review spending each quarter. But Cllr. Ellis is confident that the Parish Council can get through if it is very careful. A big question mark is the amount of double rating relief we will receive. Everyone pays in their District Rate for the maintenance of the Playing Fields and the Greens, but this work is undertaken by the Parish who claim the money back from the District. This year the District has only set aside £18,000 for this, and will pay pro rata if this sum is exceeded, therefore Harbury could receive considerably less than it hoped from this source.

The Council has been invited to comment on the revisions in the bus service, and intends to make its dissatisfaction with the 555 service known. Cllr. Hannay also aired complaints that Harbury people were left at Leamington bus station because the buses were packed out in the afternoons with passengers who only travelled as far as Radford Semele.

Cllr. Mick Brant appealed to householders with trees and hedges along their frontages to ensure that they did not shade out the light from street lamps. In parts of the village the lighting was not very good, and overhanging branches cast patches of shade. Cllr. Winter seconded the suggestion, adding that such branches were also a hazard to pedestrians, and asked parishioners to "remember that some of us are taller than others".

Next meeting - January 24th, 1980, at 7.30p.m. in the Farley Room at the Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

PLACES TO EAT: Eleanor Zonik recommends The Bell at Ladbroke which, she says, is moderately priced, has a lovely atmosphere, offers wonderful cooking, and is close at hand for Harbury folk!

BOOK REVIEW

It seems appropriate that the book reviewed this month should be by Donald Coggan, retiring this month as Archbishop of Canterbury. "The Prayers of the New Testament" is described by the writer as not a book for hurried reading at a sitting - rather to be used over a longish period "to be taken in daily doses". All the prayers are included, from among the shortest "Peace be to thee" and "Here I am, Lord", to the much longer ones, including of course The Lord's Prayer. The full text is given both from the Authorised Version and from the New English Bible, and a full commentary is given with cross reference to other Bible passages and to other writings, both ancient and modern. Although the book is scholarly in the best sense of drawing on a vast knowledge of the Bible, literature, history and life, it is also very practical, and has a real personal and human touch. The reminder of the greatness of the simple word "Amen" is most timely, and is given in delightful words - "We regard it as little more than a full stop to prayer. We use it as a mere breathing space in which we can ask ourselves, 'What comes next in the liturgical menu?'". VCA. ("The Prayers of the New Testament" by Donald Coggan, published by Hodder at 80p, is available from the Church bookstall.)

PROFILE - DEREK LOWE

There can be few people in Harbury who have not at some time come into contact with Derek Lowe; as manager of the Co-op he is in touch with the general public every day. Born a Yorkshire man (a point of which he is very proud), he has a passion for cricket and until fairly recently played a keen game. Now, he says, his



cricket is limited to listening on the radio and watching whenever he can.

When he was about three, Derek's family moved to Harbury and at five years of age he started school at the old school in Crown Street. He remembers being taught by Miss Bird and Miss Johnson, and one of the things which sticks out in his memory is a copy of the "times tables", written large and placed above the fireplace in the classroom, so that the children - always confronted by their tables - had little excuse for not learning them. The handicraft lessons for the five to seven year olds consisted of cane and raffia work, and as the materials were kept in the attic the boys were always sent to get them, but they knew that the attic was haunted, and would only go up in pairs, and then rush as fast as they could before the ghost got them! When he moved up to the Wight School one of his favourite lessons was woodwork, which was taught by Mr. Farrow in what is now the Scout Hut. At one end of the room the boys would be learning woodwork, whilst the girls would be learning how to cook on the old black iron stove at the other.

At 14 years of age, Derek left school, and his first job was with a firm of builders as a bricklayer. That experience began and ended in six months, although some of the skills he learned are still with him. He then started in Melias grocery store, which was one of a chain of 300 stores, and was situated under the bridges in Leamington. At that time the lower end of the town was the thriving end, and no shops existed beyond Warwick Street in the Parade. His hours were from 8.30 in the morning until 7 o'clock at night, and 9 o'clock on Friday and Saturday. All for fourteen shillings a week (or 72½p for the uninitiated). Just by Leamington Parish Church used to be a building where anyone could go to either drink or fill a bottle with Spa water. Derek says it tasted awful, but people came from all around to get it.

It was not long before the second world war started that Derek came to work at the top shop in Harbury. Although it was even then a grocery shop, there was a great deal of ground at the back of it (it extended right through to South Parade), and in huge greenhouses Derek and his boss grew tomatoes and vegetables which were sold to Burgis and

Colbourne (Rackhams now). The village hall was privately owned at that time, and was at the top of Ivy Lane. In it was held the weekly film show, and also dances at which members of famous bands such as Oscar Rabin and Bob Chimes played. Three bus loads of people would come to the dances from Leamington and outlying districts - travel and dance would cost two shillings and sixpence (12½p).

During the war Derek was a member of the Rescue Service, and they did their training in a carriage in a railway siding at Leamington, although their headquarters were at Harbury Hall. Thirteen bombs fell on Harbury during the war - they dropped in a straight line from Bush Heath Lane to Iory Davies' field, killing a cow and blowing down Ralph Gurden's barn in the process. 130 evacuees from Dagenham came to Harbury, three of whom were billeted with the Lowes, and at odd times one of them still visits Derek.

It was 32 years ago when Derek started at the Co-op - then it was just what is now the hardware department, and the present grocery department was the bakehouse. There was, of course, counter service and free delivery, and a staff of about 20 assistants. Everything from pig meal to biscuits and glace cherries had to be weighed by hand, and of course the customer was always right.

Derek has been happily married to Eve for the past 32 years. They have four children and two grandchildren, and this year he realised a life-long ambition by going on holiday with his wife and friends to Vancouver. It was, he says, one of the greatest thrills of his life.

A happy man, who loves his job and meeting people, Derek is one of the few people I know who is content with his lot in life. This he attributes almost entirely to his wife and happy home life. He looks upon the recent influx of people to the village as an asset, and feels that they have brought with them a lot of ideas and the enthusiasm for carrying them out. Derek's hobby is gardening, and at the end of a busy day he looks forward to the quiet peace and contentment he finds in his garden among the plants. G.H.

IN THE GARDEN

This month dig in some winter goodness - by that I mean farmyard manure - or spread it on the ground and dig in when the soil is reasonably dry. At this time of the year attention should be given to any necessary draining of the garden. Review the past season's results and try to account for any failures which have occurred.

In anticipation of heavy falls of snow or periods of prolonged frost, it is advisable to lift a small quantity of celery, leeks, parsnips etc. and place them in some accessible place such as a shed or coldframe. If you have any peas or broad beans showing above ground, it is advisable to give them protection should the weather get very cold. A lot of people have ordered their seeds for the new season, but do not contemplate sowing these unless you have a greenhouse and also cold frames to follow on hardening off. Don't be discouraged if you only have a small garden, because at the last Show the very best onions were grown in a small garden - this was achieved by care and attention. Why not join Harbury Horticultural Society, and ask questions there, and get satisfactory answers.

Wishing you all a prosperous New Year. W. F. LINES.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The meeting on 4th December was entertained by a very interesting illustrated talk by Mr. D. C. Watkins of Watkins Roses, and no doubt next year's rose gardens may see some of the new varieties which he brought to our notice.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 8th January, 1980, at the Wight School at 8 p.m., when there will be a return visit by the sweet pea specialist from Warwick, Mr. Bernard Jones.

TONY BRUNTON.

CHILDREN ON A KIBBUTZ

(Erica Robb, whose parents live in Harbury and who has recently moved to the village herself, spent several weeks during the summer of 1979 on a Kibbutz in Israel, and has sent us this interesting account of life in that community.)

What is a kibbutz? Very simply, it's a community sharing a way of life which all members support. A kibbutz is established on government-leased land, very often unproductive land,

which the kibbutzniks farm and turn into a valuable asset for Israel. Less than 3% of Israelis live on kibbutzim, yet kibbutzim supply 40% of Israel's exports. Kibbutzim have also established light industry factories on their settlements, but agriculture is the principal work.

By the age of six weeks a kibbutz baby is given by the parents to the babies' house on the kibbutz. This frees both parents to work eight hours a day on the kibbutz. This may sound harsh, but when we realise that a father, for example, may work from 4 a.m. to 12 noon, it's obvious that the time he may spend with the child, away from the babies' house, from noon until whatever is evening bedtime, is by far greater than many working men in England may spend with their young children.

As the babies grow up they move together from children's house to children's house, each house designed for a specific age group. The women who look after the children are all kibbutzniks - members of the kibbutz. When the children are old enough they begin their primary school education on the kibbutz, and are taught by kibbutzniks who are trained teachers.

The children thus have very little contact with outsiders. The kibbutz is a very self-contained settlement providing its own films, small shops and entertainments, and adults themselves seldom have any need or desire to go off the kibbutz. There is no policy of segregation - it is a result of the way of life.

When the children are old enough to attend secondary school they make their first daily forays away from the kibbutz to a school which teaches all the children from the surrounding kibbutzim. Again, the teaching is by trained kibbutzniks. At this stage the children are expected to work on the kibbutz in addition to schooling, and are employed at first for an hour or so daily, increasing to 6 hours a day by the time they are 15 years old. Once they are old enough to help, the children work daily on the kibbutz during their holidays, and may have two free weeks during the long vacation.

Secondary education ends when a child is 18 years old. At that point each child may elect to be considered as a member of the kibbutz. The decision is taken by the entire body of members, and membership is by no means automatic. The child's qualities important to it being a fully sharing member of the kibbutz are considered; rejection means the child has to leave the kibbutz.

At the end of school years, each Israeli is expected to join the army, the boys for 3 years, the girls for 2. This is the kibbutz child's first prolonged contact with contemporaries who have been brought up in a more European manner, whose parents own houses, cars and so on. Also, it is their first exposure to widely available live arts. Televisions are installed on kibbutzim, and there is usually a weekly film, and touring companies perform in the winter months. It is a time for testing all that they have known, and although they have a lot to give people they also have a great deal to learn, especially as they have been brought up in a community where there is no violence and virtually no crime, as any kibbutznik found, for example, stealing is immediately expelled. They are left with the decision whether to return to a kibbutz life and sponsored further education, or to leave. E. J. R.

LEYCESTER CLOSE COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS

On Saturday, 8th December, our annual Christmas Party was held for the children and Senior Citizens of Leycester Close. A delicious tea was supplied by parents and friends, after which some of the children sang some of their favourite songs. The children could not contain their excitement when Father Christmas arrived with presents for old and young alike. In the evening, after more 'eats', we danced the night away to Trevor's Disco. Even some of the 'older' residents were seen enjoying themselves as midnight approached.

We would like to record our thanks to Oldhams Transport, Barford; Crosbee & Atkins, Warwick; and Rhine Hill Electrical Services, Leamington Spa; for supplying some of the items without which it would be impossible to hold the party. Also, thanks are due to everyone who supports our efforts in organising what we are sure is a happy day for everyone.

M. E. M.

HARBURY DIRECTORY

A new edition of the Directory will be issued shortly. Will you please let me know if the information on the current one is incorrect - I need to know the name and address of the Secretary of every village organisation, and would be grateful for your help in gathering up-to-date information.

DIANA HOLT, 15 Wagstaffe Close, Harbury
612790.

HELEN JOHNSON, of Cottage Close, Chesterton Road, would like to thank all her friends very much indeed for all the lovely cards, kind messages and gifts while she has been in hospital, which were very much appreciated.

Dear Editors,

On behalf of all the members of the Golden Age, and myself, I would like to offer our sincere thanks to Mrs. Knighton (a splendid leader) for all her work involved on our behalf, and also the committee, which enabled us to enjoy a lovely Christmas Party. Well done!

MRS. CONSTANCE MANN.

Dear Harbury News,

Many thanks to all the kind people of Harbury for the gifts of mince pies and money I have received this Christmas, and also the lovely Christmas Dinner and the entertainment we had on December 15th. Many thanks to all.

From an O.A.P.

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