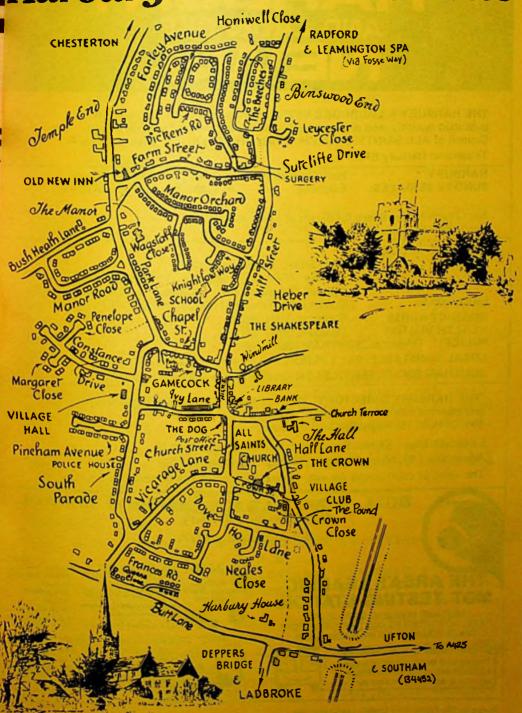
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Holy Communion

Evensong

: 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. (Sung) 6.30 p.m. (4.00 p.m. in Winter)

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November is past, and the smokey bonfire and crackling fireworks are like a reasonable bus service - only a memory!

The piles of salt stand ready on Treen's Hill, the footpath along Mill Street is crumbling fast, and log fires have started to appear in the pubs.

Sorry about that and now to business -

Christmas will shortly be with us. It is surely the time to remember older neighbours who find this a difficult time of the year if they are on their own - loneliness is particularly difficult to tolerate at Christmas. Ice and snow are especially hazardous to the elderly, so do offer to shop, and check on heating. Every year many thousands of old people die of cold. The Pop-In Club is looking for two helpers, so here is an opportunity to give practical help.

The Christmas Fair is run by the Church this year - we hope that it is well supported. And that most popular of Christmas services, the Candlelit Carol Service, will be on Sunday 19th December at 4 p.m.

The Editorial team has been joined this month by Jenny Scott. We welcome her - and we wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

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DECEMBER 1982

Sat. 4th CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR at Village Hall with

Santa = 2 p.m.

Rugby v Aylestonians. 1st team at home.

Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m.,77 Mill St.

Sun. 5th Second in Advent: 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

10 a.m. Sung Eucharist. 4pm, Evensong.

Mon. 6th Agenda for Apostles, 8.30, 13 Manor Orch.

Tues. 7th Confirmation Classes, Vicarage, 6.30 p.m.

1st School Concert: Coppelia, 7 p.m.

at the School.
Horticultural Soc, 8 p.m., Wight School.

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Wed. 8th Holy Eucharist, 7.30 a.m. 1st School Concert, Coppelia, 1.45 and 7 p.m. at the School. Thurs. 9th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m. at Village Hall. Girls Club, Village Hall. Whist Drive run by Mrs. Bastock, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m. Under 17s Disco, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Fri. 10th Sen. Cits. Benefit Assoc. Christmas Sat. 11th Party, Village Hall. Rugby v Shipston. 1st team away. Third in Advent: 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sun. 12th 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist, 4pm, Evensong. Adventurers Carol Service, 2.30, V. Hall. Toddlers Party, Village Hall. Mon. 13th Christian Fellowship, 8p.m., Corner Cottage, High Street. W.I. Group Carol Service at Napton. Tues. 14th Pre-School Carol Party, 11 a.m. in V. Hall. Tufty Club Christmas Party, 2.15, Wight Sch. Confirmation Classes, Vicarage, 6.30p.m. Harbury Friends, 8 p.m. in School. Recreation Ground Committee, 8pm, V. Hall. First School Party. Wed. 15th P.T.A Carols Round the Village, 7p.m. from School. All welcome! Soup afterwards! Thurs.16th Middle School Party. Middle School Carol Service, 7.30, Church. Everyone welcome! Playgroup Christmas Party, 3p.m, Wight Sch. Girls Club, Village Hall. Windmill Singers Concert & Pantomime, Southam Community Centre. Nursery School Party, 10a.m., V. Hall. Fri. 17th Nursery School breaks up. Rugby v Birstall. 1st team away. Sat. 18th Green Mountain Breakers Dance, V. Hall.

CAROL SERVICE by CANDLELIGHT.

Christian Fellowship, 8p.m. Corner Cottage,

10a.m. Sung Eucharist, 4p.m. NINE LESSON

Sun. 19th Fourth in Advent: 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist,

High Street.

School ends. Tues. 21st Southam School Carol Service. Scouts Carols round the Campfire. Confirmation Classes, 6.30pm, Vicarage. Young Wives Carol Service (with MU), Wed. 22nd

2.00 p.m. in Church.

Thurs. 23rd Blood Donors in Village Hall, 12 - 9p.m. Golden Age, 2.30 p.m. in Village Hall. Action Research Carol Singing: start 9pm at the Shakespeare.

Christmas Eve: 11.15 p.m., Blessing of the Fri. 24th Crib and Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day: 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sat. 25th 10 a.m. Procession & Sung Eucharist. 11.30 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass, celebrated by Fr. Boulton, in Harbury Parish Church.

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist. 4 p.m. Evensong.& Procession Sun. 26th

Boxing Day: St. John the Evangelist: Mon. 27th 7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

Holy Innocents: 7.30am Holy Eucharist. Tues. 28th Young Wives, 2p.m., Village Hall. Confirmation Classes, 6.30, Vicarage.

New Year's Eve .. Fri. 31st

JANUARY 1983

Circumcision of Christ: 7.30am. Eucharist. Sat. 1st

8a.m. Holy Rucharist. 10 a.m. Sung Sun. 2nd Eucharist. 4 p.m. Evensong.

Christian Fellowship, 8pm, Old Mill House, Mon. 3rd Mill Lane.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Church, 9am. Sundays. HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V.Hall, 11.30a.m. Sundays. UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4 Mondays. GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30 p.m., Monday.

GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 5.30 (5-8 years), 6.45 (over 9s), every Monday.

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

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.20 Mondays, and 2.-3.30 p.m. Wednesdays.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues - Fri. mornings. BROWNIES, Village Hall every Tuesday evening.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.
DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-5.30 Tuesday: 4-9

Wednesday: 4-5 Thursday (beginners).

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45 Tues(1st troop), Wed (2nd troop BABY CLINIC, V.Hall, 2.30p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8p.m. every Thursday. POP-IN, V.Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 p.m. every Friday. CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30 p.m. every Friday.

Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, 612792.

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, 612778. For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Once more we had a crowded Church for the Remembrance Sunday Service, and the collection for Earl Haig's Fund was a record one of £93.24. We are fortunate in having such a big Church, for looking at the Church accommodation as given in the Coventry Diocesan Directory, I notice that - with the exception of Southam - Harbury is the only Church in this Rural Deanery which is large enough to hold a congregation of the size we got on that occasion!

Thanks to all those who brought such a splendid lot of clothing, blankets and money contributions to Church for the 'Help the Aged' Appeal, and to those who gave time in receiving them, sorting out the clothes, and putting them into appropriate sacks.

The classes in preparation for the Confirmation on 13th February are now in full swing. Please

remember the candidates in your prayers.

We thank Mrs. Anne Moore for kindly taking on the conducting of the choir practices on Friday evenings. She has been doing this since 9th July, and I have heard several remarks on how well the choir are

singing now.

Advent reminds us that Christmas approaches. Our Nine-Lesson Carol Service will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday 19th December. There will, as usual, be the three traditional celebrations of the Eucharist - the Blessing of the Crib and the Midnight Mass (sung) at 11.15 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the Mass of the Dawn (said) at 8 a.m., and the Mass of the Day (sung, with Procession) at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day. It is hoped that the 10 a.m. one will be a great family service. It would be sad indeed if any of the children were not at the Lord's Own Service on the day whe

the Church celebrates His birthday. According to modern regulations, those who have made their Communions at the Midnight Mass may, if they wish, receive Communion again at one of the Celebrations on Christmas Day. A list of times when Absolution may be received before Christmas will be found on the notice board inside the Church, or an appointment may be made if none of these times is possible.

We mourn the loss of Mr. Roy Cooper, and we remember him and his widow in our prayers.

Wishing you all a holy and blessed Christmas, Your sincere friend and Vicar, F. R. Mackley.

HOLY BAPTISM

November 7th. Paul Robert Reid. Old Forge House, Binswood End.

November 14th, David James Taylor, 5 Ivy Lane: November 28th, Lisa Clare Heritage, 11 Hicks Close, Woodloes Park, Warwick (and 1 Vicarage Lane, Harbury).

FUNERAL SERVICE

November 12th, Roy Edward Cooper, aged 56 years, of 18 Constance Drive.

From the Churchwardens

This edition of the Harbury and Ladbroke News will be published on the day of the Village Christmas Fair, so we can neither advertise it nor tell you how it went! The P.C.C. undertook its organisation this year, and the whole village has rallied round magnificently and - whatever the financial result we are deeply grateful for the wonderful support so many have given so willingly. We are sure that the Fair will have been a very happy and enjoyable village event.

During December, in the days leading up to Christmas, we celebrate the season of Advent, and we started on the first Sunday with the 9 o'clock Eucharist and Parish Breakfast - a good start to this special time, a time when we think of the first coming of Christ to this earth as a baby, and we also look forward to His second coming in glory. In his sermon at the 9 o'clock service, the Vicar summed up the message of Advent:

Christ has come! Christ is with us now! Christ will come again!

We wish you all a happy and prayerful time of preparation during Advent, and a truly joyous and peaceful Christmas.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Many thanks to all the ladies who have voluntered their services, and particularly so to the stalwarts who have been keeping things going in the past. Please can I re-assure everyone that I do not want to be a new broom! The idea is just that any gaps can be filled and then the burden does not fall too heavily on the faithful few!

Please sign on the Church notice board for your

particular anniversary or favourite date.

Christmas decoration will be as usual on Christmas Eve: Can you please indicate your chosen section: Many thanks: MARGARET RIGDEN, 612200.

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Sunday 5th, Advent II, 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Matins. Monday 6th, W.I. Dinner at Grand Union Restaurant. Thursday 9th, 7.45 p.m. Deanery Synod at Southam (St.

James ! School) Sunday 12th, Advent III, 11 a.m. Holy Communion with

Hymns & Sermon: NO EVENSONG.
Thursday 16th, Carol Singing round the Village, and W.I. Christmas Party in Ladbroke Village Hall.

Sunday 19th, Advent IV, 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

3.30 p.m. Carol Service.

Saturday 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY, 8.30 a.m. Holy

Communion. 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.

Sunday 26th, S. Stephen M. 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns (Canon Churchill).

House Communion for the sick and infirm will be arranged between Wednesday 29th & Friday 31st Dec

JANUARY 1983

Saturday 1st, Circumcision of our Lord (New Year's Day Sunday 2nd, Christmas II, 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion:

11 a.m. Matins. Thursday 6th, Epiphany of our Lord: 7:45 p.m. Men's Group at Harbury:

Sunday 9th, Epiphany I, 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon.

Tuesday 11th, W.I. Party for patients of Hatton Hosp. Wednesday 12th, 3 p.m., Women's Fellowship at Hall Farm

ALTAR FLOWERS: No flowers in Advent. December 25th and January 2nd, Mrs. Rutherford. 9th, Mrs. Badman and Mrs. Wilson.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: After a Communion Service conducted by Canon Fishley, the meeting was concluded at 4 Bridge Lane where an excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Edwards, to whom we extend our thanks. We were all pleased to welcome Mrs. Chapple among us again. At the invitation of Mrs. Winkfield, our next meeting will be held at Hall Farm, Ladbroke, on 12th January, 1983. I wish all members a very happy Christmas.

SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE: Replies received suggest that the 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion and the 11 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns) or Matins (sung) were preferred by a majority. There was little sign of favour for Evensong. I think therefore that in 1983 there will be Evensong on great Festivals only, i.e. Easter, Whitsun, Harvest Thanksgiving......Otherwise, I will try to continue the present order of 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (said) and Matins (sung) on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, and 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

OUR THANKS...for a donation of £7 to Church funds:

AUTUMN FAIR: This is being written on the evening of 27th November, and I am happy to say that the proceeds amounted to £370 plus. I can only say thank you to all who helped, gave and bought on this occasion. It was a happy afternoon.....

May you all have a Happy and Blessed Christmas: G:R:F:

LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS
First of all, I think I should apologise for the
non-appearance of this section last month. It was
due to my own inefficiency, and I hope it won't
happen again!

Several newcomers to welcome to the village this month. Kevin and Kathy Varney and Mike and Jo Rollason have recently moved into the 'Bell View Cottages', and a special welcome to Anna Victoria Todman, who, despite her rather sleepless start, is now happily settled into 'Quince Cottage' with her proud parents, Michael and Kate.

It won't be long before Anna joins all the other village children under school age in the new mobile PLAY BUS which is due to go into operation in the New Year. The Bus has been converted into a fully operational Toddler/Playgroup centre, and includes a library, sandpit, painting area, kitchen, and of course lots and lots of toys. It is hoped that the bus will come to Ladbroke for a morning or an afternoon once a week. So far we have found 11 children in this age group - but if there are any more hiding away, please let me know!

PARISH COUNCIL, 12:10.82: The Council praised the appearance of the Churchyard, due to help from lads doing community service: The recent developments at Chapel Ascote had been found to be lawful.

PARISH COUNCIL, 22:11:82: This was a much livelier meeting than last month's, and three members of the public were present (could this be a record?) The item on the agenda which caused most concern was the new 'Crystal's Snack Bar', which seems to have taken over the Ladbroke layby! The converted coach has caused a lot of comment and genuine concern for several reasons, including the 9 unlawful road signs, lorries crossing and queuing in the road, and kitchen waste running out on to the grass: And apart from all this, the place is an eyesore! Therefore the Council have decided to take vigorous action to stop this mobile transport cafe as soon as possible.

Considerable interest was shown in the plans for the BYPASS which have been sent to all households directly affected by the new road scheme. The compulsory purchase information has been published in the Courier, and the Council have decided to remind WCC that the village have said they only want one exit to the south. The published maps show two exits.

Finally, at the Southam Area Meeting, the Parish Council was reminded of the need for Civil Defence, particularly in the case of an air or road disaster, and they have been asked to participate in a scheme to get Civil Defence into the villages, as well as the towns:

Next meeting: Tuesday 18th January, in Ladbroke V. Hall.

P.S. Happy Christmas to all our readers?

KATE LIVERTON:

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

Our 10th Anniversary Party was on 23rd October. This sparkling event was held at the Village Hall, and current members were joined by Founder and past members, many of whom had travelled from near foreign climes. The very entertaining Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Ray Stanley, ensured that not a moment was wasted in the pursuit of happiness, and our very grateful thanks go to him for one of the most enjoyable of W.I. do's: The catering committee organised a splendid meal. We all look forward to our next anniversary.

We thank the two tellers from Harbury who helped at our AGM on 28th October, when the following were elected: President, Mrs. M. Williamson. Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Norgate. Secretary, Mrs. G. Moore. Treasurer, Mrs. C. Jerome. Speakers, Mrs. J. Hanscombe. Raffles, Mrs. J. Harris, Competitions, Mrs. P. Laidler, and Press, Mrs. I. Bennett.

A delightful evening was the unanimous vote by members at their November meeting. Mrs. Clarke of Birdingbury showed us how to make Christmas crackers and then gave each member and guest the 'makings' to have a go themselves. Very pretty results indeed - even from your cack-handed correspondent? Our speaker donated two 'His' and 'Hers' crackers for the raffle. She was presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums in thanks, and Miss Edwards, her presenter, received a potted plant.

Our annual visit to Hatton will be on Tuesday 11th January, and help with donations of food, mincepies etc. would be very much appreciated. Staff at the hospital say that the patients very much enjoy our little parties, and talk of them for weeks afterwards.

PLEASE NOTE: Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 16th December, when we will have a social meeting after business. Entertainment by ourselves. Would each member please bring a plate of food. 50p each will be charged for wine, and surplus monies will go into funds.

Mrs. Bennett reported that the profit on the Webb Ivory cards would be approximately £20, which will be donated towards the Hatton Hospital party.

It was regretted that funds were too low to give the customary Christmas present to senior citizens this year. But cards will be sent to each, and it is hoped to have a party within a year or two.

P.S. The Grand Union Dinner is 7.30 for 8 p.m. I.B.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDRENS SOCIETY
This society, formerly known as Waifs and
Strays, was founded in 1881. Its intention was to
take children from the streets, give them food and
clothing, and a home in a Christian environment.

Today the problems facing the Society are different, and it has had to learn to grow and develop to meet the needs the family in the 1980s. It aims to work with teenagers, giving them a purpose in life, reducing juvenile crime, and provide an alternative to delinquency. Another aim is to work with the handicapped to help them to achieve an independent life, and yet another to work in the community with those vulnerable to the pressures of society, helping them to learn to cope for themselves and cease to be dependent on the State, so also working to reduce the incidence of children received into residential care:

Apart from its 22 children's homes, the Society has numerous other projects such as teenage units, family centres, support units for the handicapped, and a holiday centre:

There will be a display showing the work of the Society in the Church during the month of December, and a collection box will be provided. Should you require any further information, please contact me - Harbury 612285.

MOYA WATERMAN.

PLEASE NOTE:

Roman Catholic Mass will be celebrated by Father Boulton in Harbury Church at 011.30am. Christmas Day

A group of Methodist Church members in Harbury have been anxious to have the occasional free church service in the village. Some of the group have attended the Parish Church, and it therefore seems right that the first service should be held in All Saints! Church. With the kind and loving support of the Vicar and the Parochial Church Council, it is hoped that the first service will be held towards the end of January on a Sunday afternoon. The service will be led by the Rev. Edward Harrison, Superintendent Minister of the Leamington Methodist Circuit, and Minister of Dale Street Church, Leamington.

Further details will be given in the next issue of Harbury & Ladbroke News, but all those concerned hope that members of all churches will share in the service as a further expression of the Christian Community at Harbury.

DENNIS BALL AT UFTON

Dr. Dennis Ball was the guest speaker at a recent
meeting at Colbourne House. He is a member of a
Christian community of 20 people living in Dorset, and
his teachings about Christianity have taken him through
most of the world. He explained how the community
works - all income is shared, and because no-one has
a steady source of income all their needs are prayed
for, and so far have always been met. His main talk
examined the symbolism of water in the Bible, and
was illustrated by pictures and tapes which were very

From comments afterwards it was obvious that his sincerity, love of God and also of his fellow men, had affected everyone present. Perhaps this is why Dennis Ball is such a well-loved visitor to Harbury.

professionally edited.

A local Bible Study group arranges such meetings throughout the year, inviting a variety of speakers. If anyone should wish to join the Group, they meet on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. at Colbourne House in Ufton.

"CHRISTMAS WITH THE WINDMILLS"
On Thursday 16th December, the Windmill Singers will
perform at the Community Centre in Southam. The
evening will consist of special arrangements of carols

PLUS the Windmills Pantomime - and that's a laugh in itself!

Tickets are £1 (proceeds to the Mayor's Charity) and are available from Anne Moore, 612427.

We look forward to seeing you. KEN NORDON:

HARBURY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS 1982: Christmas always comes somewhat earlier in primary schools than most other establishments. Already the first notes of carols have been heard drifting along the corridors, whilst in the Hall from time to time small children become transformed into the many characters involved in the 1st School production of 'Coppelia'. By the way, you will be able to see this in the School Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 7th December, and at 1.45 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday 8th December.

The Middle School concert takes place in Church on Thursday 16th December at 7.30 p.m. This year our theme is Christmas traditions, customs and folklore, and everyone will be able to join in lustily with the singing of a number of traditional carols.

I hope that many parents and friends will be well tuned in by then because on the previous evening we have our PTA !Carols Around the Village!!

We have two changes of staff to report. Mrs. Pearl Wilkins, who has been a cleaner at the school for 7 years, has now moved to Warwick. She was presented with a small gift by the teaching staff on her last day in school. We welcome Mrs. Pamela Scholtz, who was appointed to take Mrs. Wilkins! place.

Mrs. Catherine Eastaff begins maternity leave at the end of term. At the end of February she will be actively engaged in her own nativity! All our very best wishes go with Mrs. Eastaff at this time. Taking over from her as reception class teacher for the Spring Term will be Miss Judith Rees-Jones, who at the moment lives in Solihull:

Last day of term: Tuesday 21st Dec. Return, Monday 10th January, 1983. Finally, the staff of Harbury School send Christmas Greetings to you all. N.C.O.

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SPORT: The boys and girls have achieved considerable success in the CROSS COUNTRY league, where 22 schools take part: The girls team have won all 3 races, and the boys have come 5th, 7th and 6th respectively, which leaves them in 4th place overall. Jane Hancock had the distinction of winning the 3rd league race, run over Campion Hills: The girls! team also won bronze medals at a Cross Country event at Stoneleigh which attracted schools from all over the country; Results are listed:

9/10/82 at Priorsfield, Kenilworth - Sarah Burnham(3), Jane Hancock (7), Wendy Ottewill (10), Karen Hoare (17), Sally Barrett (72). Martin Dufresne (19), Vincent Crossan (29), Darren Boiles (36), Tony Bastin (37), Darren Board (39), Philip Mancell (47), Ian McDonald (65), Stephen Lambert (76), Simon Waddell (95), David Smith (128), Duncan Williams (129), Charles Mayer (133).

6/11/82 at Southam High School - Sarah Burnham (3), Jane Hancock (5), Wendy Ottewill (12), Karen Hoare (17), Sally Barrett (48). Martin Dufresne (15), Vincent Crossan (34), Darren Board (57), Ian McDonald (58), Philip Mancell (69), Simon Waddell (75), Duncan Williams (99), Alan Padbury (133), Charles Mayer (164),

David Smith (171).

20/11/82 at Campion Hills - Jane Hancock (1), Sarah Burnham (4), Claire Turner (5), Wendy Ottewill (9), Karen Hoare (17), Sally Barrett (61). Martin Dufresne (16), Vincent Crossan (20), Darren Board (32), Ian McDonald (58), Philip Mancell (61), Simon Waddell (85), Charles Mayer (97), Alan Padbury (145), David Smith (151), James Turner (189).

23/10/82 at Stoneleigh - Girls under 13 - Sarah Burnham (11), Jane Hancock (15), Karen Hoare (19), Sally Barrett (46). Under 11 - Wendy Ottewill (8) Boys under 11 - Vincent Crossan (16), Ian McDonald (28), Simon Waddell (43), Charles Mayer (57), Duncan Williams (84), David Smith (85).

The final league race is at Priory Park, Warwick, on

Saturday, 22nd January

FOOTBALL - Disappointing results have not dampened the boys! enthusiasm, and if spirit was all that was required to win matches Harbury wouldn't be coming second so often. The under 13s won v Bishops Tachbrook 4-1, lost to Southam 0-3 and to Radford Semele 3-4. Against Newburgh (a cup match) they drew 0-0, and they lost to the same team 2-4 on penalties after extra time. They were beaten 0-3 by BishopsItchington. The under 12s lost to Southam 2-6, and to Lillington 0-3, whilst the under 12s 6-a-side lost 0-2 to Bishops Itchington, drew 0-0 with Milverton, and triumphed over St. Anthonys, 1-0.

RUGBY - the following boys have been selected to represent the Southam area against other area teams of Warwickshire - Martin Padbury, Greg Taylor, Dylan Adams, Vincent Crossan, Mark Evans and Martin Dufresne: Results so far this season are a 32-4 win over St. Teresa's, 0-0 draws with both Telford and Newburgh, and a defeat by Lillington, 6-16.

NETBALL - Surprising themselves and dazzling the opposition with their skill and tenacity, the girls netball team retained their 100% record by beating Bishops Itchington 3 goals to 1:

SWIMMING - the following have passed survival tests at Leamington Pool: Stage 1 - Lynsey Spencer, Stephen Lambert, Nicky Ball, Chris Ottewill, Mark Burford, Darren Board, Greg Taylor, Gail Davies, Alison Barnes, Ceri Edwards and Graham Westerall. Stage 2 - Lynsey Spencer, John Turner, Darren Board, Gail Davies, Simon Waddell, Philip Mancell, Alison Barnes, Ceri Edwards, Wendy Ottewill, Chris Ottewill, Debbie Simcock. Bronze - Martin Padbury.

The AGM was at Harbury School during October, when the following were elected: Chairman, J. Kemsley; Treasurer, G. Bennett; Secretary Mrs. J. Powell; members, Mr. N. Chapman, Mrs. D. Wallington, Miss P. Nurser, Mrs. M. Thompson, Mrs. C. Bennett, Mrs. J. Ellis, Mr. I. Crute, Mr. J. Black and Mr. E. Coupe; and Mrs. M. Barnes. Mr. C. Oliver remains as President of the Association. The meeting ended with talks on the Warks. PTA/PA and on the education

P.T.A.

cuts, given by Mr. Kemsley and Mr. Oliver:
On 17th November we heard a very interesting
talk on 'Safety in the Home' by Keith Thompson. He
illustrated his thought-provoking talk with many
slides, and finished with a short film.

100 Club winner - Mrs. Connolly. Do listen for us. or join us, carol singing on 15th December. J.P.

DANCING EXAM SUCCESSES

Another 100% pass rate was achieved in the recent exams in Harbury, when DDA examiner Miss P. Heath expressed pleasure at the high standards in all subjects, particularly Grade IV Tap which she said was 'enhanced by the above average pianist'. I would like to thank all parents, the entrants for their hard work, and my husband Keith for accompanying them.

(PP = Pass Plus: H = Honours: HP = Honours Plus: C = Commend: SpC = Special Commend) Introduction to Ballet: Melanie Heath C, Anna Wilkins HF

Alexandra Watts HP, Rebecca Shaw H, Lisa Burton H, Haidee Bingham C, Emma Rawlings H, Katy Brown C, Emma Bloxham H, Vicky Hayes HP.

Grade I Ballet: Emma Finch H, Leonie Carter H, Clare Critchley HP, Joanne Phillips PP, Sonia Taylor H.

Grade II Ballet: Andrea Burford HP, Hayley Green PP, Grade II Ballet: Andrea Burford HP, Hayley Green PP, Rachel Hingley H, Sacha Lee C, Claire Turner H.

Prep. Tap: Melanie Heath H, Emma Wilkinson PP, Alexandra Watts PP, Rebecca Shaw H, Kathryn McDonald HP, Anna Wilkins H, Katy Brown H, Vicky Hayes HP.

Grade II Tap: Michelle Coupe PP, Leonie Carter C, Julia Brown HP.

Grade IV Tap: Sacha Lee SpC, Lana Marsh C, Rachel Hingley SpC, Claire Turner C.
Grade I Theorem Alison Barnes Contact UP Alison Barnes Contact UP

Grade I Theatre: Leonie Carter HP, Alison Barnes C, Michelle Coupe H, Julia Brown H, Emma Finch HP, Sonia

Taylor H.

<u>Grade II Theatre</u>: Hayley Green C, Sacha Lee SpC,
Rachel Hingley SpC, Lana Marsh HP, Melanie Ceney C,
Claire Turner HP.

Grade I Acrobatic: Emma Finch C, Julia Brown H, Anna Wilkins H, Haidee Bingham HP, Katy Brown H. Grade II Acrobatic: Alison Barnes SpC, Melanie Ceney SpC, Sarah Bingham HP.

The above are all pupils of Mrs. B. Burford, 612028:

Mrs. Rawlins was the VCO at our AGM when the new committee was elected. Mrs. Julie Ellis is President, Committee was elected. Mrs. Julie Ellis is President, Mrs. Celia Barrett Secretary, and Mrs. Lyn Watkin is Mrs. Celia Barrett Secretary, and mrs. Lyn Watkin is Mrs. Celia Barrett Secretary, and mrs. Lyn Watkin is Mrs. Celia Barrett End Ender we had a General Knowledge Quiz and a Beetle Drive, and prizes were won by ledge Quiz and a Beetle Drive, and prizes were won by Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Baron. Mrs. Lapraik and Miss Lodge won raffle prizes. The Group Carol Service is Lodge won raffle prizes. The Group Carol Service at Napton on 13th December.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

Our meeting in November was well attended, and it was nice to see several new faces. Ann Roden did a Christmas Decoration demonstration. This was very informative and gave us lots of useful ideas.

The next event will be our Carol Service in Church with the Mothers' Union. This will be on WEDNESDAY 22nd December, at 2 p.m. Could members please bring a few mincepies and if possible a small toy the child doesn't play with anymore. If the wrapping could indicate Boy or Girl, and what age, this would help with sorting before the toys go to underprivileged children. Thank you:

VANDA BALL.

"BLITHE SPIRIT"

Television is a form of entertainment with massive finance & endless professionalism at its service - the wonder is that it produces so much that is not memorable. Harbury Theatre Group has very limited finance, very poor material resources, and a small group of dedicated amateurs - but it is no longer a wonder that it produces plays which are a joy to their audiences. 'Blithe Spirit' was another success - and a considerable one at that.

Beryl Checkley gave her usual inspired performance as the eccentric medium, Madame Arcati. Her sceance created more than a few problems for Charles Condomine, played by Trevor Grundy, who was not left with a 'ghost' of a chance when dabblings with psychic powers by Edith the maid (Caroline Holt) lead to the re-appearance of his first wife Elvira, excellently portrayed by Anne Megeney, and then later his second wife, superbly played by Carol Percival. A special mention must be given to the make-up and costumes of both ghosts, and to the very clever special effects. Steve Checkley and Jill Tucker completed the cast, who gave everyone who went to see them a very enjoyable evening out. JS/IJ.

N.S.P.C.C.

Our recent house to house collection in Harbury and surrounding villages raised £341.32. My thanks to all who donated, and especially to our collectors who carry out the task with such tenacity and cheerfulness.

Our Christmas Card Sale also proved to be very successful.

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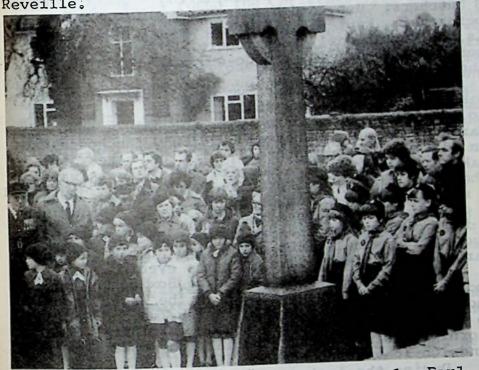
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HARBURY & DISTRICT POPPY APPEAL 1982

Harbury Church was packed for the Annual Service of Remembrance for the dead of two World Wars. After the service the congregation - led by the choir, members of the British Legion, and Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies - processed to the war memorial for the reading of the names of the fallen, the sounding the Last Post, the two minutes silence, and Reveille.



A record amount was collected this year for Earl Haig's fund, despite the recession, and thanks are due to Mesdames Barnes, Bunting, Bush, Dodds, Farley, Finch, Goodman, S. Hancock, P. Hancock, Haynes, Keeling, Rigden, Sperling, Suttie, Tucker, Wilson and Winterbottom. Other areas are covered by Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Rofe. Their house to house collections, together with donations from Harbury Church, Ufton Church, Ufton Bingo and Raffle Evening, Harbury School and many shops and pubs, added up to £515.62 - a 20% increase over last year. JOHN BARNES, Harbury Dist. Organiser.

CHRISTMAS PAST IN HARBURY

We thought that, as we lead up to a very busy time for most shopkeepers, it would be interesting to hear a shopkeeper's view of Christmas 60 years ago, so we talked with Bob Thornicroft. In the days before convenience foods, freezers and easy transport, communities had to be largely self-sufficient, and Harbury was no exception, having 4 bakers and 3 butchers. Bob, and his father and grandfather before him, kept the bakery in Chapel Street, which is now Muglestons' greengrocery. Other bakeries were in Farm Street, the Co-op, and what is now the 'Top Shop'

baking until there was sufficient for one of them to take their horse drawn van, not only around Harbury but out to Chesteron, Ufton, the Fosse etc. In addition to baking bread, pies and cakes, the bakery would provide a service to villagers wanting their own pies and cakes baked, and their joints and birds cooked. Bob remembers the huge joints of specially seasoned beef, weighing 40 lbs or more, being brought from the Manor in a wheelbarrow to be cooked in their 14 foot oven. And so the very busy

hard day would end, late into the evening.

When Mr. Dampre was Vicar, a Boxing Day Dance and Whist Drive would be held in the Wight School, and also there would be the Parish Tea and Social, to which many shopkeepers would contribute - the Thornicrofts would bake special long square-section sandwich loaves for the occasion:

During the last war, when food was rationed and luxuries like cakes only a memory, Bob recalls Mrs. Kitchener, who taught at Bishops Itchington, asking him to bake a Christmas cake for the school. Dozens and dozens of tiny pieces of fat and little portions of fruit were collected from the children, and went into the cake - so big that a dartboard was used as its base. A wondrous sight for the children!

These snippets of memories make us realise how quickly life has developed, and whilst we all have reservations about some of these 'developments' we can be grateful that even in these difficult times

Christmas will be enjoyed by most considerably more comfortably than was the case in years gone by. JBM

CHRISTMAS PAST IN LADBROKE

A member of my family has acquired, and become the first home builder, of the small village school I attended as a boy, and so I returned last Christmas Day for a family party after 'playing truant' for

65 years.

Entering, I found the Christmas tree standing where it had stood all those years ago - and I was back as a young lad staring wide-eyed at that tree, coloured wax candles in tiny candlesticks, and gifts and home-made decorations hanging from the branches. I recalled being given coloured paper, small blunt scissors and a pot of glue to make streamers, and watching the caretaker turn down the oil lamps hanging from the rafters, while a mistress lighted the tiny tree candles with a long taper.

It's 3.30 p.m. on Christmas Evening - the Christmas Tea Party - and we're standing, eyes closed, behind our chairs waiting for the Rector to say Grace. At "...to receive", eyes opened and swept the laden tables; at "...truly", 34 chairs scraped back; and "thankful" was accompanied by 34 bumps as we descended and got busy. When the games are over there's a scuffle at the door - Father

Christmas has arrived!

Now the parents arrive for the dancing - mums raring to go, dads backing away. We are circling now, singing 'Auld Lang Syne', now at attention for 'God Save the King', and with all good wishes we set off to walk home.

What's the shouting? Oh - it's "Wake up, Grandpa - it's tea time!". F. A. WALL.

DID YOU KNOW?

Behind the brief facts of name, service and phone number of our advertisers are many interesting details which the Harbury & Ladbroke News are trying to uncover! During the next few issues of the magazine we hope to talk about all our advertisers, and this month we turn the spotlight on Dovehouse Autos and Philip Blair.

Did you know that you can get Pink Parafin delivered to your door from Dovehouse Autos? This service,

offered by Ted Buckle and his 'family' of staff, must be of considerable help to the housebound, specially in wintry weather. Ted runs his car repair business on the theme of 'At Your Service', offering the best attention to your car, or spares and accessories for DIY fitting. In addition to the full range of garage services, Ted does a growing business in photocopying from his own machine.

Personal service to buyers and sellers - that's the aim of the two partners of Philip Blair Assoc, our Warwick estate agent. Advertiser Philip Blair is now Warwick's leading estate agent, and they offer free advice on valuations and all aspects of moving house. Their current advice is that - with house prices due to move up in early 183 - anyone thinking about moving up market should do so sooner rather than later:

More 'Did you know?' next month....

P.J.H.

TUFTY CLUB

November brought our special meeting with Mrs. Thompson from ROSPA showing slides and telling Tufty stories to a delighted young audience. Mrs. Thompson brought some inexpensive fluorescent items which can be worn in the dark and fog - these are still available through Tufty Club's

This month also heralded the formation of a new committee, who would like to thank the previous kind Mums, especially Dorothy Groves, for the many Tuesday afternoons they've spent involved with the Club.

The new Committee members are Sue Dormer (613254); Vanda Ball (612783), Jean Champ (613698), Kay Pailott (613270), Syline Youngman (612901) and Linda Harrison (613800). They will be pleased to answer your querie and to hear constructive ideas and offers of help, especially with teas and games.

TUFTY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Don't miss this Event of the Year! Games, stories, party fare, treat for Mums and perhaps a 'Special Visit'. (Do let a committee member know if you can come). The party is on Tuesday 14th December, 2.15 to 3.30 (extended time) at the Wight School.

First meeting 1983 - (new time) 2 - 3, Wight School, Tuesday 18th January: Reader, Mrs. Anne Megeney. KP

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Little did Brian Hewins of Knightlow Way suspect, when he and his wife Angela taped his grandfather's racy memories of late Victorian and Edwardian Warwickshire, that one day they would make a best seller! This is what happened, and 'The Dillen', recently published in paperback by Oxford University Press, is now in its 5th impression, and has been read by people as far away as New Zealand and Canada! Why not get your tape recorder out this Christmas, while your Mum and Dad (or Nana and Grandad) are in a reminiscing mood? A.H.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Society has decided to press ahead with the re-submission of its Conservation Areas report to Stratford D.C. Recent developments within the village have highlighted the lack of protection for our historic buildings, and it was felt that Conservation Area status would encourage the public and local authorities to give more thought to the detailing of new housing and changes to older buildings. Walls, trees and other important ancillaries would also be more carefully treated.

Mitchells & Butlers have arranged for the walls round the Old New Inn to be repaired, and have submitted plans for a stone-fronted extension to the Inn.

Quentin Nichol has nearly completed the survey of trees in the village. It is hoped to recommend that important vigorous young trees in prominent positions, are protected by tree preservation orders. The ash tree in Farm Street which Mr. Nichol recently felled was suffering from Heart Rot Fungus (Innonotis Hispidis) and had a very limited life.

The Society's next event will be the New Year Social & Folk Evening at the Crown: Members will receive details in due course. LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

A strangely short but seriousmeeting, followed by a private deliberation on Finance.

Planning: lack of it, and its inadequacies topped the list. There are 2 appeals pending on sites in Harbury Lane, both of which the PC considers constitute traffic hazards. Moretons have objected to the conditions imposed on them as a result of their application for a 'change of use', and there is an appeal to be

heard on the industrial site next door. Both sites have difficult access on a bend, and in addition the industrial site offends the PC's taste for the tidy.

Councillors were amazed at the DC decision to grant permission for a 2metre high wall on the eastern side of Ivy Lane bounding Holland House. John Drinkwater pleaded the case personally, but swayed only half the Council. Bruce Hannay questioned whether the DC had seen the site, and David Winter was for appealing against their decision.

On behalf of the Harbury Society, Linda Ridgley asked for the Council's support for the Conservation Areas Plan - an attempt to protect important areas from unsuitable development, and to encourage general improvement. She agreed to circulate copies.

The future of the Old New Inn is dear to the hearts of councillors, who always used to repair there after meetings. All agreed that the 'gents' was primitive, but they did not let this outweigh aesthetic considerations. They wanted to know if the new building was to be in 'Harbury' stone. The consensus was that the stone would be satisfactory if it was properly coursed.

Plans sent by Stratford DC for the PC to comment upon have been taking an inordinately long time to arrive, and David Winter suggested that the DC could at least use First Class stamps;

A letter from the DC which did arrive revived the smelly saga of the sewerage pipe that broke in Mill Street in the summer. The 3-day delay was caused, they said, because first the Water Board was sent out looking for a burst main, and then the Council Works Department overlooked the leak because the sewage was intermittently pumped. They must have suffered from both defective sight and smell, complained Sharon Hancock, who was at this meeting presented with her annual task of weeding out deceased voters from Harbury's electoral roll:

The Christmas Fair almost expired when the Recreation Ground Committee cancelled it, but the Parochial Church Council stepped in at short notice and took it over - so Santa rides again in Harbury:

The Recreation and Tennis Committees have replaced the dead Cypressus, and are to purchase a bench for the children's play area. Deppers was not discussed because Mrs. Caterall was unable to attend, but the Chairman has used his influence to dissuade her from resigning before the Spring Elections.

David Winter was pleased with the response to the campaign to cut back overhanging trees, but he has had less luck with improvements to the FIELD footpaths. The Chairman has STILL not seen Mr. Trice about SM62a although he has been promising to do so for months.

'Overcrowded and unreliable' was the opinion of the new bus service. Cller. Mike Ellis called it 'the magic formula to take buses off the road'. The Council discussed the many complaints it has received about the unreliability of the Harbury service.

Warwickshire CC informed the PC that it had not been possible to recommend the re-instatement of the Sunday services, and neither would Midland Red introduce Off-Peak rates. The Council resolved to press Midland Red to change the route of the 10:49 from Stockton to the 555 service so that it runs through Bishops Itchington and Harbury, but Mrs. Hancock warned that there was no point in the experiment unless the Bus Company changed its advertising policy. People would not and could not use this cheap travel if they knew nothing about it!

LINDA RIDGLEY.

JOE BAMFORD

The Editors have had a letter from Joe, who is obviously as busy as ever, and has founded a Model Boat Club in Nantwich, Cheshire. He has 6 boats in sailing condition, and another 8 or 9 requiring refit or completion. Joe, who drew so many of the Harbury scenes which adorn sitting rooms and halls throughout the village, was 80 on 28th August, this year. He sent us the following poem which his daughter wrote for him in 1972, when he was 70.

The P.M. said unto the Queen,

The P.M. said unto the Queen,
Oh by the way, I stose you know
That Harbury chap whose name is Joe The painter fella, don't you know Is seventy this year.

The Queen said, 'I'm afraid I know
No painter by the name of Joe.
Or is it Henson that you mean?'
Once they knew just who they meant
The Queen at once gave her consent
Unto an Act of Parliament,
And soon they made this proclamation,
Far and wide throughout the nation,
About a Day of Celebration.
"On the 28th day of August
All shops and such-like must
Close and have a holiday
Because it is our Joe's birthday".

Joe explained that in 1972 his birthday happened to be made a national holiday - hence the verse! We send him and his wife our warmest good wishes.

CHRISTMAS PROFILE

He's getting on in years now - he must be - and as time goes by his behaviour seems more and more eccentric, but that's because the world's changed. HE is still the same gentle man he always was.

His most endearing characteristics are his great good humour and his remarkable rapport with the younger generation to whom his is the architypical father figure. His greatest asset is his stamina. The man works like a Trojan giving public appearances here, there and everywhere during the season, and his work behind the scenes in the off-peak period is just as taxing.

He has a definite sartorial style, yet it is the style of yesteryear. Fashion changes have passed him by. He goes for comfort, convenience and suitability for the job. His clothes are warm, all-enveloping, and instantly recognisable.

For all his apparent bonhomie, he is a very private person and few get to know him well. He does not entertain, and is rarely seen out in society, yet for all that he remains an institution, beloved by all and welcome wherever he goes.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

NB: You can see Father Christmas this Saturday, 4th December, at the Church Christmas Fair in the Village Hall, from 2 p.m.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Harbury's Annual Firework Display and Bonfire was held on the Recreation Ground on 6th November, and



Mike Bloxham's photo shows a group of young bonfire builders, many of whom worked all day. After the display, over 500 repaired to the Village Hall for soup, hot dogs and tea, organised this year by members of the Scouts and Guides Support Committee:

IN THE GARDEN

This is the dead time of the year for doing, but you need to be thoroughly alive to your plans for next year. Study seed catalogues, and compare them well: Even the most reliable seedsmen tend to over fertilise! their catalogue prose, but, whilst being suitably sceptical, do experiment with something new each year - perhaps a previously untried vegetable, or a new variety of a favourite one. You may find it ideal both for your garden and your taste. Having decided, order quickly, as because of the vast increase in vegetable growing only the early orders will catch the popular varieties; Protection against frost can include covering celery

trenches with straw. Everything in store should be

in a frost-proof - but not warm - place.

Go through your stored crops to make sure that nothing is rotting, and corrupting the others.

W.F.LINES:

CORRESPONDENCE

The following is an extract from a letter recently

received by the Vicar:

"Recently I visited Harbury on my birthday, and I went to the house in Hall Lane in which I was I was more than interested to find its present occupants come from Cumbria. Moreover, I picked up a copy of Harbury & Ladbroke News in the Church, and saw an advertisement mentioning Silecroft in Cumbria. I saw that the names of the people running the guesthouse there were David and Judy Kitchener and Charles and Nita Shields. The first of these is my Godson, and I hadn't seen him for nearly 40 years. And I well remember Nita when, as a small girl, she started school: She was then named Povey, and was blessed with a lilting Welsh voice, and she introduced the school to a poem which started 'Under the hedges, after the snow, then do the dear little violets grow!.

Anyway, I have now met my Godson again, together with his wife and grown-up daughter - and all

through your magazine:

ALICK E. CLEAVER, Aspatria, Cumbria.

Dear Editors,

I couldn't agree with Pat Summers more with regard to our village shops. If you read the estate agents adverts they describe Harbury as the ideal village in which to live, so surely if that is the case we should support our shops. Where in the big stores can you go, to be greeted like a friend? Where can you go and ask for a special item (however small) and find they are willing to try and get it? Harbury is a wonderful village with a caring community, and I think it is up to us to shop locally whenever we can, and at the end of the year, everything taken into account, we are not out of pocket. If our shops go, what will our village be like without them?

Dear Editors,

May I, through 'The News', say thank you to all who sent me their good wishes during my stay in Walsgrave Hospital. I am pleased to say that I am making good progress, and I have returned to our new home in Leamington. I'm sorry that I did not say farewell to the many friends that we made in the village during the 21 years that we lived in Harbury.

Those years are full of memories, especially of the Harbury Singers and the Church Choir, which will not be forgotten easily. Also there were the

Friday evening parties in the Crown.

We look forward to returning to the village from time to time to see familiar faces.

Thank you once again. MICHAEL BARNES.

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