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All the hard work put in by the Harbury Theatre Group in producing their pantomime "Cinderella", was amply rewarded by the time the final curtain came down on the Saturday evening. Over 600 people watched - and joined in - the show, which was a great success.

Such a show is really only possible in a community such as ours and the Theatre Group is to be congratulated for bringing it to us.

Although winter is not yet over, the arctic conditions do seem to have abated at least for the time being, and we are sure you would agree with us that we owe an enormous debt of thanks to those people who "kept the village going" despite it all. Milk, post, newspapers - all continued to arrive, whatever the weather. Very many thanks to you all.

The annual general meeting of the Harbury & Ladbroke News took place on January 19th and we are pleased to welcome Helen Taylor and Andrew Winter to the Editorial Committee, also Sheila Jackson to the main committee.

We shall soon start a new advertising year in the magazine, when the advertisements on our coloured pages are renewed. There may be some spaces available this time, and our large circulation (almost 1000 copies monthly) makes these advertisements an attractive proposition to anyone wishing to put a message across regularly to the residents of this district. If you would like details, Peter Holt (15 Wagstaffe Close, Harbury 612790) will be happy to hear from you.

We record with regret the sudden death of Geoff Fuller, former assistant county architect and a long time resident of Harbury, and we offer our sympathy to his wife and family. Geoff was a respected and popular man, and will be greatly missed.



HARBURY DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Sat. 6th P.T.A. Disco at School.
Charity Scout Gang Show, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, 7.30pm.
- Sun. 7th Septuagesima. 8am Holy Eucharist,
10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong.
- Mon. 8th Upholstery Classes 2 - 4 in Wight School
Meditation Workshop, 7.30pm in Vicarage.
Non-denominational Christian Fellowship,
8pm at 77 Mill Street.
Pottery & Flower Party, 35 Mill St., 8pm -
in aid of Warwickshire Gang Show.
- Tues. 9th Confirmation Class, 6.30pm in Vicarage.
Playing Fields Advisory Cttee, 8pm, V.Hall
Parochial Church Council, 8pm, Wight School.
- Wed. 10th "A Swimming Pool for the Southam Area?" -
public meeting, 8pm, Southam School.
- Thurs. 11th Coffee Morning in aid of NSPCC, 10.30am,
Hill Cott, Farm St. with Bring & Buy a
Cake Stall.
Keep Fit, 2 - 3.30 at Village Hall
Golden Age, 2.30pm at Village Hall with
Chiropodist.
Girls Club at Village Hall.
- Fri. 12th School, Playgroup and Dancing Classes break
up for Half Term.
- Sat. 13th Scouts Jumble Sale, 10.30am, V. Hall.
WI Valentine's Dance at V.Hall with
Likely Lads, Tickets Peggy Middleton.
Non-denominational Christian Fellowship,
14 Farm Street, 8pm.
- Sun. 14th Sexagesima. (ACS Sunday) 8am Holy Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist, 4 pm Evensong.
- Mon. 15th School Field Trip to Marl Hall.
- Tues. 16th Tufty Club, 2.15pm at Wight School
Confirmation Class, 6.30pm in Church.
Bible Study, 8pm, 16 Dovehouse Lane.
- Thurs. 18th NO GIRLS CLUB.
Scout Cycle Ride, Noon - 5.30 p.m.

- Fri. 19th 16+ Disco (WAGS), Harbury Rugby Club,
8 - 11.15, Tickets 75p from Helen Taylor,
9 Heber Drive.
- Sat. 20th Country & Western Dance, V.Hall, 8 - 12.
- Sun. 21st Quinquagesima. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung
Eucharist with Confirmation and First
Communion of newly confirmed, 4pm Evensong.
- Mon. 22nd Upholstery Classes at Wight School, 2 - 4.
Non-denominational Christian Fellowship, 8pm,
77 Mill Street.
- Tues. 23rd Shrove Tuesday.
A.C.S. Evening, from 8pm, 26 Binswood End.
Class for Newly Confirmed, 6.30pm, Vicarage.
Young Wives, 2pm, V. Hall
Village Hall Cttee, 8pm, V. Hall.
- Wed. 24th Ash Wednesday. 9am Matins, Litany & Commina-
tion, 9.45am Ashes & Holy Eucharist,
6pm Evensong (said), 7.30pm Ashes & Holy
Eucharist.
Council for Disabled Party, Wattons Lodge
(entertainment by Harbury Theatre Group).
- Thurs. 25th Keep Fit, 2 - 3.30 at Village Hall.
Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall.
Girls Club at Village Hall.
6.30pm, "Children's Special" in Church.
Parish Council, 7.30pm at Village Hall.
- Fri. 26th PTA "Home-made" Evening, 8pm, School.
Skittles Evening in aid of Harbury Scouts,
The Swan, Kinton (see ad.).
- Sat. 27th Edwardian Evening at Village Hall -
(entertainment by Harbury Theatre Group).
Non-denominational Christian Fellowship,
8pm, 14 Farm Street.
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MAGAZINE PLEASE.
- Sun. 28th First in Lent. 8am Holy Eucharist,
10am Sung Eucharist, 4 pm Evensong.

MARCH

- Mon. 1st St. David's Day.
Upholstery Classes 2 - 4pm, Wight School.
Meditation Workshop, 7.30pm in Vicarage.
Harbury Society Social & Folk Evening
at Crown Inn with "The Poachers".
- Tues. 2nd School Open Evening.
- Wed. 3rd School Open Evening.
M.U., 2.30pm, Mrs. Redgrave on Recruitment:
Deanery Lenten Service, 7.30pm, Radford Semel

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Wed. 3rd Pandora Open Day, 9 Heber Drive, 10 - 12.30
& 1.30 - 4pm
- Thurs. 4th Keep Fit, 2 - 3.30pm, V. Hall.
Girls Club, Village Hall.
WI, 7.45pm, V. Hall, with Mr. Southorn of
Southorns Shoes.
6.30pm, "Children's Special" in Church.
Men's Group, 7.45pm, "Edgeways", Vicarage
Lane.
- Sun. 7th Second in Lent. 8am Holy Eucharist,
10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong,
6.30pm Youth Service (in Church).
- Mon. 8th Upholstery Classes, 2 - 4pm in Wight School
Spring Fair Sub-cttee, 8pm, 11 Constance Drive
- Wed. 10th Deanery Lent Service, 7.30pm at Marton.
Sat. 13th Tennis Club Jumble Sale, 11am, V. Hall.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Hall Chapel, 10 a.m.
every Sunday
- ROMAN CATHOLIC INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN, Harbury Hall
10.45 a.m. every Sunday.
- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V. Hall, 11.30a.m. every Sunday.
- ALL SORTS, 7.45 p.m., 11 Constance Dr., alternate
Suns.
- UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2 - 4pm every Mon.
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30 p.m. every Monday
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 5.30(5-8yrs), 6.45(over 9)
every Monday.
- JOGGING, from Foodmart, 8p.m. every Monday.
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8 p.m. Every Monday.
- PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tues. to Fri. mornings
- TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.30am Mondays;
1.30-3pm Wednesdays.
- NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues. to Fri. mornings
- BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.
- BADMINTON, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.
- DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-5.30pm Tuesdays,
4-9pm Wednesdays, 4-5 Thursdays (beginners)
- SCOUTS, Scout Hut: 7.45pm Tues (1st troop) Wed (2nd troop)
- YOUTH CLUB COFFEE BAR, V. Hall, 7.30-10pm Tuesdays.
- YOUTH CLUB, V. Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays.
- BABY CLINIC, V. Hall, 2pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.
- GOLDEN AGE, V. Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays.

VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8pm every Thursday
 POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.30-3.30pm every Friday.
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday:

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.
 Dates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley, 912792:

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



The Vicar's Letter

My dear friends,

We are looking forward to the Confirmation on February 21st by Bishop Daly. For several years now we have been very fortunate in having a Confirmation in our own Church every year, each time in the course of our 10 a.m. Parish Family Sung Eucharist on the Sunday before Lent (Quinquagesima). It is so again this year. The newly confirmed will also, of course, be making their first Communion at the same service. Please continue to remember them in your prayers, and support them by your presence.

We mourn the loss from the village of Mr. Gerald Sheasby, Mrs. Helena Goodman and Mr. Geoffrey Fuller, and also of Mrs. Rita Cowley who formerly lived in the village. We commend them to God's loving care, and we pray that God will comfort and guide those who are bereaved.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 24th. A list of times for Shrovetide Confessions before Lent will be found on the notice board inside Church, and the list of Ash Wednesday services will be found in the "Harbury Diary" section of this magazine. There will, of course, be throughout Lent the daily offices of Mattins and Evensong and a daily Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. There will also be on the Thursdays of Lent (beginning on Feb. 25th) at 6.30 p.m. a "Children's Special" in Church at which everyone will be welcome. Then on

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the Wednesdays (excluding Ash Wednesday) there will be a Deanery Lent Service at a different Church each week at which the Revd. Canon Raymond Cyster will preach a course of sermons. The first of these (on March 3rd) will be in Radford Semele Church. The one at Harbury will be on March 24th. I would also like to suggest that some people might consider coming to a second service on the Sundays during Lent. We have a splendid number coming to the Eucharist, which is as it should be ("The Lord's Own Service on the Lord's Own Day"), but I suggest that Evensong, though it can never take the place of the Lord's Own Service, can be a very good second Service, and indeed can be regarded as a thanksgiving for the morning Communion (especially when we sing in the Nunc Dimittis "For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation").

With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

HOLY BAPTISM

January 10th - Tammy Shield, 66 Wilkins Rd., St. Budeau
Plymouth, and 10 Sutcliffe Drive,
Harbury.

FUNERAL SERVICES

January 8th - Gerald Hugh Sheasby, aged 55 years,
of 13 Dovehouse Lane.

January 27th - Helena Goodman, aged 89 years,
of Montgomery House.

February 2nd - Geoffrey Mason Fuller, aged 61 years,
of 3 Park Lane.

From the Churchwardens

It was with great sadness that we heard of the sudden death on Sunday, 17th January of Mauro Rustici. Mauro had come to look on Harbury as a second home and during his year as a resident and during other shorter visits he endeared himself to so many. He shared very faithfully in our worship and was a member of the men's group and a regular at both prayer group and Bible study. Our deepest sympathy and loving prayers go out to Gina, his wife and Chiara his daughter, both of whom are friends of so many in the village, and to his sons Claudio and Augusto. We give thanks for Mauro's life and for his steadfast faith.

We commend to you our Lenten Appeal for the

Additional Curates Society: This is one of the home missions we support and we are making a very special effort this Lent. We start the appeal with A.C.S. Sunday on 14th February (Yes we know that's BEFORE Lent but it's in preparation for Lent!) Canon Churchill, the Diocesan Secretary for A.C.S., will preach and there will be the opportunity for members of the congregation to take Lent boxes. If we decide to make some act of self-denial during Lent, it is a good idea to give any money saved to a missionary or charitable organisations. Why not make it A.C.S. this year? The Appeal continues with an A.C.S. evening at 26 Binswood End on Shrove Tuesday, 23rd February. This will be an informal evening at which we can eat and drink together, find out a little bit more about A.C.S. and share ideas for ways in which we can fill our Lent boxes. There will be a nominal charge to cover the cost of the refreshments and a bring and buy stall (proceeds, of course, to A.C.S.)

To Parents of Harbury Adventurers:-

A belated but very sincere thank you from us both for the Smith's token you so kindly gave us on our retirement from "Adventurers" in December. Thank you also for the flowers.

We shared the token by buying the "New Shell Guide to England" and a record of 6 Beethoven Piano Sonatas. We'll leave you to guess who chose which!

Thank you for your wonderful support in the past and also a big thank you to your children. We look forward to joining you at Adventurers' services for families and friends in the future.

KEN & JEANNE CLARKE

SPRING FAIR

Many thanks to those who have already offered us help for the Fair on 27th March. If you are willing to assist, I would be most grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible, as this would help us with our planning. Handicrafts, cakes, sweets, plants - all would be very welcome for this event to raise much needed funds for the Church. Thank you.

PAM CLARKE (612311)

(or ring 612790 or 612273).



LADBROKE NEWS

LADBROKE DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Sun. 7th Septuagesima (Education Sunday)
8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.
- Wed. 10th 2.0pm Women's Fellowship at Woodlands Farm
(by invitation of Mrs. J. Barnett)
- Sat. 13th St. Valentine's Dance in Village Hall
- Sun. 14th Sexagesima. 11am Holy Communion with
Hymns & Sermon, 3.30pm Evensong
- Sun. 21st Quinquagesima. 8.30am Holy Communion,
11am Matins.
- Tues. 23rd Parish Council
- Wed. 24th Ash Wednesday. 7.30pm Holy Communion
- Thurs. 25th W.I. Meeting - Paper Sculpture.
- Sun. 28th Lent I. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns &
Sermon, 3.30pm Evensong.

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- Wed. 3rd 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service at Radford
Semele.
- Thurs. 4th 7.45pm Men's Group at Edgeways, Vicarage
Lane, Harbury.
- Sun. 7th Lent II. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.
- Wed. 10th 3.0pm Women's Fellowship; Corporate
Communion; 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service
at Marton.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Feb. 7 Mrs. Chaplin; Feb 14 Mrs. Ross
NO FLOWERS IN LENT.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Despite the inclement weather
several members were able to enjoy the hospitality
of Mrs. Edwards in January, and I hope that all our
members will be able to meet at the home of Mrs.
J. Barnett on February 10th.

C.H.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Weather and other difficulties forced the postponement of the meeting to 26th January. The Treasurer and the Secretary reported on their discussions with Diocesan bodies on the new assessment of potential income and were awaiting a decision. Lent Savings boxes would be for U.S.P.G. this year. The Treasurer presented the draft accounts for 1981, which were accepted with thanks. There was a discussion of the Deanery Congress to be held on May 8th, and five representatives were nominated: the exact number allocated to the parish was not yet known. Arrangements for Lent and Easter services were made. It was decided that at the Ecumenical Family Service on Mothering Sunday the collection should be for the Diocesan Children's Holiday Project.

The Annual Vestry and Annual Parochial General Meeting will be held on Monday 22nd March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. The attendance of all those on the Electoral Roll of the Parish and any residents not on the Roll is cordially invited!

The next meeting of the P.C.C. will be on Monday 19th April at 7.45 p.m. in Church. G.R.F.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN. It was suggested at the P.C.C. that we should have a special Spring Clean of the Church during Lent. A list of special corners etc. for which volunteers are needed will be published. Please help wherever you can. G.R.F.

PARISH COUNCIL. The Parish Council met on Tuesday 26th January, when apologies were received for the absence of Mrs. C. Jerome. The meeting opened with a discussion on how to make all parts of the village available to people pushing prams and pushchairs, as both footpaths connecting the main part of the village to Windmill Lane are at the moment inaccessible to anything on four wheels! Nothing has been decided at present, but the Council have shown their concern over this difficulty.

Following considerable objections to the introduction of heavier lorries, Parliament has decided to look at the matter again - so it is obviously worthwhile for local councils to make their opinions known.

Planning permission has been granted to "High House" and "Bridge Cottage", and also retrospective permission has been granted to "Bell View Cottages", though the Parish Council do not really approve of being presented with a "fait accompli".

Mr. Sheasby showed some concern at the meeting at the number of people walking their dogs along the stream in Farmyard Field. He would like to take this opportunity to draw villagers' attention to the fact that the public footpath does cross the field, but on the other side, near to the Church. Could anyone using this facility please keep to the paths and if anyone is in doubt as to where local footpaths are - would they like a map displayed on the village Notice Board?

Ladbroke is of course entering the Best Kept Village Competition - we may not win, but we can of course try! - so let's make a real effort this year!

Next meeting - Tuesday 23rd February, 7.30pm in Village Hall.

KATE LIVERTON.

Village Hall:- After a very quiet winter so far, the Village Hall Committee is holding a St. Valentine's Dance in the Hall on Saturday 13th February. Live Music, bar, refreshments - what more could you want?

Let's see everyone there at this fund raising event.

Tickets £1.25 from Committee members. K.L.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The first activity of the New Year took place on 5th January when members visited patients of the Christopher Wren Ward, Hatton Hospital for a belated Christmas Party.

"Looking at Pictures" was the intriguing title of the talk at the January meeting. Our speaker Mrs. Zonik gave an interesting and informative talk on art, from the first efforts of prehistoric cavemen, through the ages and artistic styles to the impressionists, and abstract art of today.

The competition was won by Mrs. Helen Colvin. A final reminder that the February competition is for a handknitted matinee coat, and the winning garment will be entered in the Spring Council Competition. *

Paper Sculpture will be the subject of next month's talk by Mrs. Burdett, and we look forward to meeting more new members.

PAULINE LAIDLER.

HARBURY SCHOOL

What a start to the Spring Term 1982! We shall long remember the snow, the ice and the cold. I am sure that some of the children were beginning to forget what an 'outdoor' playtime was like.

In spite of the many problems, however, we were very fortunate that we only had one instance of burst pipe, and that was in the 'Spoooner' classroom. As the school is heated by gas or overnight storage heaters (depending on which part of the building is referred to) we were not caught out by shortage of oil which caused the closure of so many schools in the area. I should like to pay tribute to those members of staff who had to drive through very difficult conditions and always managed to arrive in school on time.

We did go ahead with our Carol Concert on Friday, January 8th, although in the blizzard conditions which prevailed that day it did seem at one time that it was not meant to be. The collection on that evening came to £19, and this was given to the Harbury Church Bell Fund.

During the half-term week in February, a party of fourth-year Middle School children will be staying in Marle Hall near Llandudno for an educational visit, during which time they will be kept very busy studying the local environment and visiting places of interest. The party will be led by Mr. Stuart, who will be ably assisted by Mrs. Wallington, Miss Nurser and Mrs. Buck. We wish them 'bon voyage'. No doubt we shall have some first hand reports in the next issue of Harbury News!

N.C.O.

STOP PRESS: Congratulations to the Girls' & Boys' Cross Country teams. On Saturday January 23rd the last race of this season's Middle School Cross Country League was held at Priory Park, Warwick. The Girls' team finished third and received a trophy and the Boys' team received the George Phipps shield for the best Small School team. Details next month;

HARBURY P.T.A.

The Art Evening on January 27th proved to be most enjoyable, although the attendance was a little disappointing. Members of staff had displayed a range of Art and Craft topics covered throughout the school; parents were able to "dabble" in painting, junk modelling, wood burning, curve stitching, clay, lino printing and straw weaving - with very pleasing results - in some cases!

The PTA committee has tried to plan a varied programme for 1982 and programmes are now available from school or committee members; family membership costs 75p.

Recent purchases for the school by the PTA have included a large screen for the hall, display panels, carpet for a story corner, and a number of books. Some of these items have been purchased with profit made from the 100 Club; anyone wishing to join the 100 Club should contact Julie Ellis (612345) or any Committee member. The winner of the January Draw was Mrs. Tessa Adams.

Finally, a reminder about our HOME MADE EVENING on Friday February 26th at 8 pm. We are looking for dabblers or experts who can bring along samples of their products - beer, wine, chutney, bread, butter, cheese, pork pies etc. - for a light-hearted (headed?) evening. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Nigel Chapman at school. Of course, we are looking for plenty of support from parents and friends at what we hope will prove to be a very enjoyable evening.

M.T.

TODDLER GROUP

The toddler group is having a bring and buy sale with a coffee morning on Tuesday 16th March. Apart from being able to have a good natter over coffee and home made cake there will also be plenty to buy. Playpax will be selling toys, craft material and children's books. The bring and buy stall will have a children's theme so used toys, baby equipment, sweets and cakes would be gratefully accepted although anything is naturally welcome. We'll also give you half the selling price of any large toy which you can't just give away. Apart from anything else it's an incentive for you to sort through the toy cupboard. If you are interested in half the selling price for

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your item, contact either Liz Crute (25 Frances Rd., 613326) or Anne Tasker (Binswood Croft, 613273) anytime before 16th March.

Finally, coffee will be served from 10 am - 1.00 pm so we look forward to seeing you at the Paddox House, Crown Street on Tuesday 16th March.

LIZ CRUTE

1st HARBURY SCOUT TROOP

Since Christmas we have gained four recruits from the 'pack'. Christopher Ottewill and David Bant have joined the Wednesday Troop while Timothy Harrison and Martin Padbury have joined Tuesday. They are proving keen members of the troop and I hope they enjoy their scouting always remembering that the more they put in, the more they will gain from the movement.

We gain new scouts only to lose a long serving and valued leader. John Ridgley has seen the troop grow and divide since he volunteered after Ken Hughes' appeal for leaders in 1978. He has led three excellent summer camps at Kingsbury, Dolgelly and Welford-upon-Avon. Those have been the highlight of the scouting year and I know from my early scouting days that it is camping memories, camping friendships and shared hardships and pleasures that endure.

Thanks John, we shall miss you. New volunteers please contact Mike Pallott, 31 Manor Orchard (613270).

This year's summer camp will probably be during the spring bank holiday week (29th May - 5th June). The venue, to be arranged, will again be beside the 'water' (by popular request) and be within an hour's drive of Harbury (to cut costs). Try to encourage your scouting sons to support those events extra to troop night. For a start we are having a cycle ride on Thursday 18th February leaving the hut at noon and stopping for a packed lunch.

JOHN HANCOCK.

SCOUT GROUP - NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

The recession has brought about the closure of most of the Board Mills which pulped newspapers and magazines, and we have, for many months, been trying to find an alternative outlet for our paper. This search has proved fruitless, and it is with much regret that I have to announce that the Scout Group has had to stop the collections.

Should the market recover, then we shall resume collections as soon as is practicable. In the meantime, the Group would like to thank everyone who has supported us in the past; and all parents, Scouts, Guides and Cubs, who devoted so much of their time to collecting and sorting.

KEN HUGHES (Group Chairman)

WARWICKSHIRE SCOUT GANG SHOW (WAGS)

Pat Taylor is selling "WAGS" bears in three sizes at £3.50, £4.75 and £6.50. All bears wear a WAGS neckerchief. Available from 9 Heber Drive. Proceeds to the Dallas Trip Fund. Also to raise funds there will be a Pottery Party and Flowercraft Display on 8th Feb., 8pm at 35 Mill Street, and a Pandora Open Day on 3rd March from 10.00 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 4.00 when the range of Pandora garments will be on display. Bring & Buy. Coffee Or tea - Pat Taylor, 9 Heber Drive.

There will also be a 16+ Disco - 19th Feb. 8.00 - 11.15 at Harbury Rugby Club. Tickets 75p from Helen Taylor, 9 Heber Drive.

The above are all in aid of WAGS funds.

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Mrs. Taylor's Wednesday evening Youth Club in the Village Hall is a valuable facility for youngsters - aged 12 and over. It operates in school term time from 8 pm to 10 pm each Wednesday and new members are very welcome.

YOUTH CLUB COFFEE BAR

The Youth Club coffee bar operates in the bar room of the Village Hall from 7.30 to 10 pm on Tuesday evenings. It provides a meeting place where young people can get together, and there are some games available. Dave Wallington and Wendy Knowles would be pleased to welcome new members - just turn up at the Village Hall.



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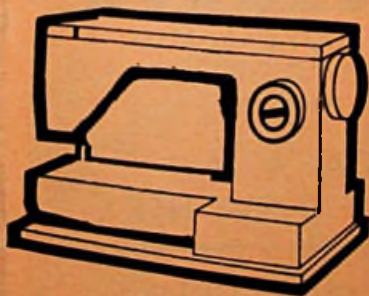
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Harbury Girls Club held their January Sale on Saturday 29th.

Mike Bloxham's picture shows Karen Hoare walking round the centre of Harbury to promote the sale.....

whilst below a group of members wait to tempt customers with a tray of jam tarts.



HARBURY RUGBY F.C. CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS

1st 00063 Bull Ring Garage - Holiday
 2nd 00749 Mrs. F. Eastercon - Hamper
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 4th 00904 Stuart - Brandy 5th - 00622 Russell - Port
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The sum of £350 was raised and this will go towards making the clubhouse burglar proof to prevent any further break-ins.

We thank all raffle ticket buyers and are sorry that everyone cannot win. Do please help us again next year and maybe you will be the star prize winner.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

The teams have had a 5 week 'lay-off', but it doesn't seem to have hampered the returned form of the 1st team unduly. Although the Theatre Group extracted hollow laughter (!) from their Pantomime audiences by the suggestion that the F.C. might win their League (?!) they do have more chance of doing just that, than for many years. Unfortunately the Courier has overlooked the Sunday League tables so that the 1st team can only guess that they are about 2nd or 3rd in the table. The last 4 games have seen 3 wins and 1 draw with new signing T. Frost of Southam gaining a M.O.M. award. The latter much sought after recognition also received an honourable mention in the Pantomime and if the Ugly Sisters are now out 'on a limb' after their performances, there could be a place for them in Harbury's defence - with those legs!

The Club was most saddened to learn of the sudden death of Gerry Sheasby, father of two first team players, Colin and John, and a player himself for 20 years. Gerry played for the Army 1st team, both here and in Germany and when he returned to village life he joined the Albion as their 'ace' Centre Forward. There are several villagers who remember Gerry's devastating skill at No 9 in the days when the village did win most of the football

trophies for this area. His sons say that one of his most treasured possessions was a miniature cup awarded to him after the Club won the Aston Villa Cup for the top team at an Easter Monday tournament fixture. The Club extends its sympathy to May and Geraldine in their bereavement and wishes to record its gratitude for his services.

The Club has retained the use of Southam School gym for training sessions and regular attenders are unanimous about the benefits provided by the vigorous exercises devised by Stan Finch. It is hoped that others will make the effort to take advantage of the facilities, since the cost of hiring requires 20 present to cover the outlay.

The Club had to cancel its traditional Boxing Day fixture but it may be rescheduled to close the season. The next social event will be the Club's Dinner Dance, anticipated on March 19th at the Charlecote Pheasant, to which all participants and followers of the Club (and their partners) are invited.

RESULTS:- 1st Team

6.12.81 1st v Tachbrook Whittle	W 6-1 MOM A. Peebles
10.1.82 1st v Shipston	W 4-2 MOM A. Latham
24.1.82 1st v Southend Res.	W 3-2 MOM J. Luke
31.1.82 Shipston v 1st	D 1-1 MOM (T. Betts (T. Frost)

Reserves:-

24.1.82 Offchurch Res. v Harbury	W 5-1 MOM P. Rowell
31.1.82 Res. v Warwick Univ.	L 2-0 MOM K. White

HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB

With the season now more than half way over all three teams are doing well in their respective divisions. The Mens & Ladies team have won all their matches this month and now are top of Division 1. With only two more home matches to go they must stand a good chance of taking the trophy.

The first team have had mixed results in the second Division, but with one away and three home matches to come they will hopefully be able to keep their place in the Division.

The second team slipped from joint first place in Division 4, to second place after a 7-2 defeat by Binswood; but five days later they had a

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good win away from home beating Kineton 7-2. After an exciting 5-4 win against Trinity Street, the second team may still get promotion to Division 3 as they only have three more games left this season.

ANNE TASKER.

WINDMILL SINGERS

The Windmill Singers are going to Holland as guests of the Heemstede Chamber Orchestra from April 15th to 20th. and hope to perform two concerts in Holland with the orchestra. Arrangements have been made with Catteralls Coaches to provide door to door transport.

Two coaches have been booked and a few spare seats are available. If anyone is interested coming along, please 'phone Dudley Lewin on Southam 3333.

KEN NORDON.

HARBURY W.I.

In spite of the bitter weather a good number of members turned up to the January meeting, when we heard about the duties carried out by the Royal Yacht Britannia. Mr. Goddard, who had served on the yacht for a number of years, explained the various uses to which it is put. We tend to think of it purely as a cruiser for holidays but that is not so. It sounded like hard work but very interesting.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. King.

B.E.T.

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee has two functions in the near future to which everyone is invited.

Some weeks ago the Theatre Group did an Old Time Music Hall Entertainment for a PTA evening which was very good. They are repeating this in the Village Hall so that a wider audience may see it. It will take place on February 27th and tickets will be £1.25 to include supper. We will begin at 8.30 with supper and the entertainment will follow.

Our second event is another Race Night to be held on April 2nd which is the eve of Grand National Day so hopefully everyone will be in the mood for a little flutter. Tickets for this will be £1 and again will include supper. 1st race 8.05.



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In the near future the storage heaters in the Village Hall will be replaced by some new fan heaters in the ceiling which, we hope, will be a much more efficient and economic way of providing heat. The leaking roof will also be repaired and all the doors on the Playing Field side of the hall, which are rotting, will be replaced.

The Committee therefore has a great deal of expense at the moment and needless to say the proceeds from both the Music Hall Evening and the Race Night will contribute towards this. Please support your Village Hall.

MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

At the recent session of Music Exams the following students were successful:-

Practical - Grade 1 - Samantha Neill (Merit)
Grade 2 - Sarah Burnham (Distinction), Carole Moore;
Grade 3 - Karen Hoare; Grade 4 - Wendy Bloxham.
Theory - (max marks 99) - Grade 1 - Richard Buckler (85), Andrea Burford (99), Karen Hoare (99), Carole Moore (99); Grade 2 - Debbie Keir (85).

The above are all pupils of Mrs. M.J. Coope.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Harbury Society is holding its annual Social at the Crown Inn with a Folk Group (the renowned 'POACHERS' and Supper on Monday 1st March.

Tickets are now on sale to non-members at £1.75 from Linda Ridgley, 7 Wagstaffe Close, Harbury 612792.

The A.G.M. will also be held in the Crown Inn on Monday 29 March at 8 pm when Mr. Jock Stobo will give a talk on Staffordshire Figures. All are welcome.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

CINDERELLA - HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

This year's village panto was up to the very high standard we expect of Harbury Theatre Group's productions. The classic Cinderella script was very ably "localised" by the producer, Diana Holt, with Harbury's public transport, or apparent lack of, connecting all the scenes, but not taking Janet Thornley to Leamington Little children, and Mums and Dads, should beware

of South Parade, where Mr. Squeers lives; his alter ego is Jim Haines, who battled with laryngitis to lead most of the "Oh no you don'ts". Steve Checkley played Baron Bankrupt, a generous father with sadly nothing to give but his love for his daughter Cinderella (Launa Rolf & Caroline Healey), and it's not every man who can claim to have a fairy godmother as a wife. Yes, Beryl Checkley saved the day - with a little help from Peter Holt's group of technicians she turned a pumpkin into a moving carriage, a teddy into a horse, and with a cleverly planned use of actresses, enabled Cinderella's dress to appear in a second. Although Buttons (Keith Hayes) would have liked to marry Cinderella, he saw that she would really prefer to marry the Prince (Louise Healey), although the Ugly Sisters (John Stringer and Robert Waterman) had other ideas. Luckily, the Prince finds the owner of the slipper, left behind at the ball, and the two are duly married.

The hard work put in by all the actors, especially the youngsters, must have been exhausting, and in spite of the fact that there were only two stage rehearsals (as the Group can only build its stage the weekend before), the performance was very polished. The Group deserve all the thanks that they receive for managing so well despite the restraints of time and facilities.

The next production is a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn to be presented at the end of April.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Councillors were full of appreciation for the way in which the post and milk continued to be delivered during the snows. Cllr Sharon Hancock had special praise for Ralph Gurden's work in keeping Treen's Hill open when other routes were impassable. Cllr Gurden repudiated the suggestion that he was only clearing a path for himself to the Rugby Club Bar. Cllr Thompson reported that the Road Safety Cttee had failed to meet because of unsafe roads.

Rupert Kettle will be asked to ensure that the County Council devote more money to the repair of roads damaged by the frosts.

Derisory hoots of laughter greeted the District's reply to Parish Council complaints of delays caused by the Sydenham Traffic lights. In a letter admitting

'a few delays at the junction' the Council said that members of the Highways Department had not experienced long queues on the several occasions they had visited the site. The lights, it explained, had been put in to alleviate delays for those using Sydenham Drive! Bruce Hannay, who claims to have been caught in several jams tailing back as far as the Fosse Roundabout, agreed to log his experiences over the following month and armed with this information the Parish Council will once again berate the Highways Department.

Anyone who objects to the notice prohibiting dogs fouling the Playing Fields should stand up and make his reasons known to all at the Annual Parish Meeting, the Councillors decided. They are to replace the Notice which so mysteriously disappeared and add another forbidding unauthorised vehicles from the Fields.

A Fair is to be given permission to use the Recreation Grounds from July 1 - 4 as this does not clash with any other events such as the Carnival and Pony Show and the Parish Council believes that it is a facility it should provide for the young. The Fair owners were such exemplary tenants last year that no-one had any objections to their returning in 1982.

The Village Hall Cttee applied for money from the Parish Council's Sinking Fund to repair the rotten doors in the Extension. It listed many other vital works including making the roof weather-proof. Mike Ellis thought it would be better if the Parish Council contributed to Capital works which would have the effect of reducing running costs. He was thinking in particular of the upgrading of the heating and the installation of insulation to make the Hall more thermally efficient and so reducing the horrendous heating bills.

The Councillors were delighted when Ray Carter read out a letter from the Electricity Board announcing a refund of £26.80 on their Lighting Bill, but their joy was short lived for the next item of correspondence was a second letter from the Board warning of increases in the costs of maintaining the lamps.

Your Council is affronted that its corrections to the Draft Electoral Roll were not all accepted

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by the District Council and that it was given only three days to object. Sharon Hancock complained that of the 'Electors' had been dead for three years, but that Stratford had refused to remove the names of deceased parishioners. It was the result of their lunatic policy that decreed electors remain listed if they fail to make their returns to the District. She demanded to know what enquiries the Council had made to verify her corrections.

Mike Ellis suggested the Parish Council warned Stratford that it had the responsibility to investigate the complaints and ensure that next year's register IS correct.

Next meeting 25th Feb.

LINDA RIDGLEY.



This is not Lord Emsworth and the Empress of Blandings in a P.G. Wodehouse novel!

It is in fact Cecil Bloxham with 'Sally' -

Mike Bloxham took the picture at the Water Tower Holdings.

The year begins to stir a little, but do not be impatient. Even the hardiest germinate only slowly in cold soil, and if it is also wet they will not.

Most people believe the snow does a lot of harm, but if you look round after it has cleared away, you will find the deep snow has actually protected a lot of vegetables such as Jap onions, spinach, spring cabbage and Brussels Sprouts, also broad beans. But if it comes a hard frost and no snow these plants will need protection for at least a month. If you have not ordered your seeds it is advisable to look round the seed shops because you will often find that the particular variety is not in stock and it will give you time to send away for them. If you are buying seed potatoes the best way is to fill a tomato box with a mixture of soil and peat and then place 6 potatoes in each box and water same; then put them in a frost proof room at a temperature not lower than 40 degrees and not in the dark. Rhubarb should now be covered if possible with a thick layer of horse manure and built round with old bricks or boards excluding all light.

W.F.L.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 2nd at 8.00 pm at the Wight School when the speaker will be Mike Davies, a nurseryman from Mappleborough Green near Redditch. It is hoped that there will also be plants for sale.

Subscriptions will also be due at the meeting for the coming year.

SOUTHAM & DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE DISABLED

Our project to mark the year of Disabled People was the setting up of a transport fund for the district. We received considerable support and by the end of 1981 the fund stood at £2,216. The committee has already received three requests for help with transport problems, two from groups and one from a family with a severely disabled member. We hope to be able to assist them all.

We would like to thank everyone in the district who has helped us either by fund raising or by donation. If we are to continue to assist our disabled people we will have to keep adding to the fund, and we hope that our supporters will still

remember us in the future.

Our postponed Christmas Party will be on 24th February at Wattons Lodge.

WITH THANKS

The Harbury & Ladbroke News Editors have received the following anonymous poem. It expresses the gratitude of the whole village to the people who served us during the recent bad weather. Because of pressure on space this month, we have had to shorten the poem.

Who is this brave and gallant band
Whose spirit never wilts or bends?
With frozen feet and chilblained hands
These are the gallant few, my friends.

Who got the papers to your door
To read in your fireside chair?
Those young kids with hands so raw
And frost clinging to their hair.

Then there was the post crew
On their bikes of black and red
Sorting mail of every hue
While we were still snug in bed.

What about our milk so good
Delivered to you by the frozen three.
In gumboots, anoraks and hoods
So that we could have a cup of tea.

What about our pair of Docs
Who toiled both night and day
To soothe our aches and tend our knocks
On fevered brow their hands did lay.

If there are some I haven't mentioned
To give credit where it is due;
It isn't my humble intention
to forget, and thank everyone of you.

Francis Badman has been a member of Ladbroke Parish Council since 1974 and Chairman since 1977. He finds his service to the community deeply satisfying. He also brings to it the same enthusiasm that has run through his whole life and through all his careers, for in fact Francis has had at least four different careers.

He was born, brought up and educated in South Wales. It is hardly surprising that rugby is such an abiding interest, and one of the few topics where he differs from other people in Ladbroke. He is an active Vice President and former Secretary of Harbury Rugby Club, and actually describes his hobbies as the three Rs - Rugby, Real Ale and Rough Shooting.

When he left school, Francis took the Civil Service Exam and joined the Board of Trade. It was hardly a desk bound job - he worked for the Mercantile Marine Office Service. At the time of the Munich crisis Francis joined the Monmouthshire Regiment as a Territorial. He went to camp in July 1939, and laughingly suggests that it didn't finish until April 1946. After a brief spell in anti-aircraft units, he found himself working in radar after a mysterious trip to London. He was eventually posted to the Fourteenth Army and was training for the invasion of Singapore when the war ended.

After his territorial camp had finished Francis came home and married Gwynne. They have two sons - David is in management with Shell International and Jonathan is now National Sales Manager for Holiday Inns.

Francis returned to the Mercantile Marine Office Service but was eventually transferred to the Ministry of Civil Aviation at London Airport. He became officer in charge of passenger handling at Heathrow. During this period he became acquainted with many well known and distinguished people - 'from the Queen to Diana Dors' he says. His success in



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this post led to an appointment in the Diplomatic Service in 1958:

Most of his postings were in the Far East - including Pakistan, Malaya and Sarawak and Brunei. Francis clearly enjoyed this work, and recalls with particular pleasure a private audience with Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip in Karachi. Francis had helped to arrange a State Visit and he is very proud of the gifts he was given on that occasion. His final overseas posting was as British Consul in Cyprus for nearly four years, and his reception there seems to have been equally warm - he was shot at impartially by both sides during the Civil War.

When Francis retired from the Diplomatic Service in 1970 he and Gwynne found their dream - a thatched cottage in Ladbroke. He is now National Secretary of the British Junior Chamber - an organisation concerned with management training - which he recommends to all those between the age of 18 and 40 who hold, or are training to hold, a position of responsibility. There are local chambers in Leamington, Warwick, Coventry and Rugby. Needless to say he brings the same energy and enthusiasm to this job as he has in his previous four (or five?) careers.

Francis describes himself as a life-long Liberal - he was briefly chairman of the local constituency party. But his political stance shows most clearly in his total commitment to grass-roots democracy.

In addition to his Parish Council work, Francis is a member of the Management Committee of Southam Community Centre, of the Ladbroke Parochial Church Council, and a Church sidesman.

Although Ladbroke is a small village it has a lively and campaigning Parish Council. Francis is particularly proud of the recent designation of the village as a conservation area. At the same time he will clearly not be satisfied until Ladbroke has a by-pass. Francis feels that the main road is not only dangerous, but almost splits the life of the village. He is also keen to see Ladbroke detached from Southam with regard to District Council elections, he clearly doubts the identity of interest.

Many villages which have lost their schools,

feel that they have lost their social centre. Ladbroke, on the other hand, seems to have united to meet the challenge to its social life. The village shares with Francis a willingness to fight enthusiastically for its future. When Francis Badman says 'I've had a wonderful life' - you know he means it.

I.T.J.

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

The recent discussion in Sidelines on the Sports page of the Observer (17.1.82) gave the record for the most members of one family in one team to the Hiley family. The Observer article said that six Hiley brothers had appeared for Harbury in the Leamington and District Football League in the 1950's.

Harbury and Ladbroke News have managed to interview Ron Hiley in Warwick. Ron says that the team was actually Bishops Itchington and that they played at the Cement Works Ground. He also said that actually only three Hileys played regularly and there were only about three occasions when six brothers played.

It's a shame Harbury can't really claim this record but the Observer did its best.

I.T.J.

A PROBLEM PEOPLE TEND TO FORGET

I would like to tell about people like myself who are unfortunate enough to be deaf. We live our lives in plate glass prisons, losing your line of communication means you have lost your all. The hearing world will never understand or accept the deaf. They cannot see the disability, so therefore cannot understand the loneliness. Deafness brings out the worst in other people, it irritates them, and becomes intolerable at times. Nobody after a time bothers to try to hold a conversation with a deaf person. It is difficult to understand shop assistants giving your total bill, traffic is not heard and crossing the road can be terrifying. So do not ignore the deaf, their problem causes loneliness. It could be your problem one day, and then you would know what it is like never to hear the birds, music, a baby's cry or gurgle of laughter. Your family talk to each other and you don't hear

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them. There is no radio or T.V. You are alone in a crowd. So, please, spare a thought for the deaf.

JOAN GRIFFIN (Long Itchington)



Correspondence

Dear Editors,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the people who have sent me messages of comfort and well being. My recovery would not have been possible without the care and attention of Drs. Wilne and Hancock to whom I shall be ever grateful.

Fred Hutchins.

Dear Editors,

I know I speak for many of my neighbours when I say how grateful I was to Dick Whatcott for his help with snow clearing during the recent severe weather. His efforts were very much appreciated.

Gladys Hogben

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