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Happy New Year-1982

The bitter weather of the last 3 weeks of 1981 - the worst weather for at least 18 years - brought out the usual British Cheer in the face of adversity. Harburians remained resolutely jolly in the face of temperatures as low as -20°C , burst pipes, glass-like roads, huge snow drifts and immovable motor cars. Happiest of all were the children as all manner of toboggans and even skis appeared, as Mike Bloxham's photo shows.



Happily the severe weather didn't keep people away from the Candlelit Carol Service which was a splendid start to the Christmas season in Church. And the Harbury Handbell ringers, and several groups of carol singers, brought pleasure to many in the days before Christmas.

And Christmas is by no means over - the Theatre Group's Christmas pantomime, "Cinderella", is in the

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Village Hall at the end of January. This production has become a regular and important feature of this season in Harbury, and promises to be a great evening's entertainment - don't miss it!

What does this magazine have in common with the Bonfire Party, the Harvest Supper, the Harbury Directory and the Annual Bicycle Event? The answer is that they are all backed by Harbury Church, and are organised solely for the benefit of the community. It is only once a year that the Church holds an event to raise funds for its own expenses - last year it was the 50-50 Auction, and this year it's to be a Spring Fair on 27th March. Do read the article inside, and think how you can help your Church to meet its ever-increasing costs.

The Annual Meeting of the Harbury & Ladbroke News will be on Tuesday 19th January at 8 pm in the Shakespeare. You - and your comments on the magazine will be very welcome.

We were very sorry to hear of the sudden death on New Year's Eve of a well known Harburian Gerry Sheasby, who for many years worked in Cowley's Butcher's shop. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and four children.

HARBURY DIARY

JANUARY

- Sun. 10th First after Epiphany. 8am Holy Eucharist,
10am Procession & Sung Eucharist,
4pm Evensong and Epiphany Carols.
- Mon. 11th Toddler Group starts.
- Tues. 12th Harbury Friends talk by Dr. Bill Allan,
8 pm, School.
Dancing Classes begin at Wight School
Confirmation class, 6.30pm, Vicarage.
- Wed. 13th Men's Group Dinner at the Dog.
- Thurs. 14th Chiropodist at Village Hall, p.m.
Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.
- Sat. 16th Non-denominational Christian Fellowship
meeting, 14 Farm Street, 8 pm.
- Sun. 17th Second after Epiphany. 8am Holy Eucharist,
10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong.
- Mon. 18th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.
Bible Study, 8pm, 26 Binswood End.
- Tues. 19th Tufty Club, 2pm, Wight School.
Harbury News A.G.M., 8pm, Shakespeare.

- Thurs. 21st Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
 Sun. 24th Third after Epiphany. 8am Holy Eucharist,
 10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong.
 Mon. 25th Conversion of St. Paul. Holy Eucharist 7.30am
 Conservative AGM, 7.30pm in the Crown.
 Tues. 26th Confirmation class, 6.30pm, Vicarage.
 Young Wives, 2pm, Village Hall.
 Prayer Group, 8pm, 26 Binswood End.
 Wed. 27th Art Evening, School.
 Thurs. 28th Keep Fit, 2 to 3.30pm in Village Hall.
 Golden Age, 2.30pm in Village Hall.
 "CINDERELLA", 7.30pm, Village Hall.
 Fri. 29th "CINDERELLA", 7.30pm, Village Hall.
 Sat. 30th "CINDERELLA", 2.30 and 7.30pm, Village Hall.
 Holy Eucharist 7.30am.
 Non-denominational Christian Fellowship
 meeting, 14 Farm Street, 8pm.
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 magazine please.
 Sun. 31st Third after Epiphany. 8am Holy Eucharist,
 10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong.

FEBRUARY

- Tues. 2nd Presentation of Christ. Holy Eucharist 7.30pm
 Confirmation class, 6.30pm, Vicarage.
 Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School.
 Wed. 3rd M.U. Overseas Bring & Buy, 2.30 pm.
 Thurs. 4th Keep Fit, 2 to 3.30pm in Village Hall.
 W.I., 7.45pm, V.Hall - Nature Conservancy
 by R. Whitmore.
 Men's Group, 7.45 pm, (at Mr. J. Barnes' home.)
 Sat. 6th P.T.A. Disco, School Hall, 8pm - midnight.
 Sun. 7th Septuagesima. 8am Holy Eucharist,
 10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong.
 Mon. 8th Meditation Workshop, 7.30pm, Vicarage.

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, 2-4p.m. every Monday.

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

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

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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, 9.30-11.30a.m. Mondays;
1.30-3p.m. Wednesdays.
NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues. to Fri. mornings.
BROWNIES, Village Hall, 6.15p.m. every Tuesday.
BADMINTON, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.
DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-5.30p.m. Tuesdays,
4-9p.m. 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, Village Hall, 8-10p.m. Wednesdays.
BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.
GOLDEN AGE, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays.
VENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8p.m. every Thursday.
POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.30-3.30pm every Friday.
CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30p.m. every Friday.

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For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, 612778.

For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Despite the difficult weather we have had crowded congregations for some of the Christmas Services. For a village Church ours is a very large one (according to the Diocesan Directory it has the largest accommodation of any Church in the Deanery) and it takes a lot of heating, but when one notes in the Directory what is the accommodation of other Churches one realises that quite a number of them would not hold the congregations which we sometimes have, so we must be very thankful that we do have a large Church, and that we do, on a number of occasions, get it full or almost full.

Our two new bells were dedicated, and rung for the first time, on Saturday December 5th at the Bell Ringers' Service which was attended by a large congregation both of our own parishioners and of ringers from other towers who, after refreshments, had their Ringers' meeting. It is delightful to have eight bells calling us to come and worship. Some of our own ringers have saved us an enormous sum of money by

doing so much of the work themselves up in the tower, and also by doing jobs to earn money for the bells, and we are very grateful to them. We now need only another £500 to complete the cost.

The Confirmation classes are now in full swing, and you are asked to remember the candidates in your prayers.

We shall observe January 18th to 25th as a week of prayer for Christian Unity.

1982 is the year of the Episcopal Visitation of the Diocese. The week-end for the Southam Deanery will be May 8th and 9th. Delegates from the parish to the Deanery Congress have to be chosen, and a Bible Study Course called "Agenda for Apostles" (six studies in the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospels) has been written specially for the Congresses by Prebendary John Davies. It is hoped that a good number in Harbury will attend this course when we start it in preparation for the Visitation.

We remember before God Mrs. Bond, Mr. Job Atwood and Mr. Harold W. Taylor, and we pray too, for those who are bereaved.

May we all commit ourselves afresh to the Lord Jesus for this New Year.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
F.R. Mackley.

HOLY BAPTISM

January 3rd 1982 - Rebecca Anne Hill,
Littleton House, South Parade

FUNERAL SERVICES DURING DECEMBER

Jessie Isobel Bond, of Montgomery House.
Charles Job Atwood, of 34 Frances Road.

From the Churchwardens

Somehow one doesn't seem to hear quite as much about New Year resolutions as one used to. Nevertheless, New Year is a time when one looks back on what has happened in the past twelve months and forward to what is to come. For many years to come we shall undoubtedly remember the past month. How often shall we say "Do you remember December 1981? That was the year we had that 3 weeks of snow and ice"? There are many other reasons for which we shall remember 1981; many of them sad - riots assassinations and attempted

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assassinations, Poland and unemployment; but many of them happy - the Royal Wedding, England's victory over Australia in the test series and others. It is all too easy to look back on the past with regret; regret at what has happened and regret at what we have not done - "if only...". Arguably, they are the saddest words in the English language "if only". So often we realise what we should have done only when it is too late. However, that very unfashionable poet, Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote what seems to be as good a New Year message as any:-

"Build on resolve and not upon regret
The structure of thy future".

P.C.C.

At our last meeting we were delighted to record that our two new bells are installed and ringing! At a very moving Dedication Service on 5th December, we heard the eight bells ringing together - particularly exciting for the many people who'd worked so hard to raise the necessary money. More is still needed, and Harry Windsor, 5 Park Lane, said further donations would still be very welcome.

This brought us to the main topic of the meeting - Money. Normally we like to put that subject fairly well down on our list of priorities, considering the strengthening of the spiritual life of the village to be far more important.

However, as rising costs affect us more and more, we are compelled to study ways of increasing our income.

Many people only come to Church for special services, such as those at Christmas, and whilst we are delighted to welcome them then, the fact must be faced that without an increased year-round income, we cannot maintain the Church so that it will be there when people need it.

Also, there are many regular attenders to whom we would ~~commend~~ the idea of covenanting their donations. As most people know, it costs no more to covenant - ALL YOU HAVE TO DO is to fill in the necessary form. Covenants are much more flexible these days, and only last for four years. Sally Stringer, 613214, 23 Farley Avenue, has the details.

We are planning a fund-raising SPRING FAIR on Sat: 27th March - see advert for details. We really

do need your support - CAN YOU IMAGINE HARBURY
WITHOUT ITS CHURCH?

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STREET REPRESENTATIVES

Some years ago Harbury Church adopted a scheme whereby a card with details of all our church services was delivered by a street representative to newcomers to the village. Also on this card was the name of the representative.

The original list of representatives has long since disappeared, making the compiling of a new one a little difficult. Will any present or former representative who is willing to continue, or resume and has not spoken to me about this recently, please contact me by January 18th when a new list will be prepared.

MOYA WATERMAN (612285)

ADVENTURERS CAROL SERVICE

Despite the blizzard which hit Harbury one Sunday afternoon before Christmas, the atmosphere inside the Village Hall was warm as the children of the Adventurers performed their nativity play, interspersed with carols. A lot of hard work had gone into the preparation - some of the children were quite small, but all played their parts excellently. The illuminated angels in the darkened hall were particularly effective, and it was clear all the performers enjoyed themselves - as did the audience.

The afternoon ended with a very moving presentation of gifts to Jeanne and Ken Clarke, who retired after 12 years as Leaders. Mary Catt paid tribute to them both, expressing the thanks of many for their efforts over the years, and very good wishes for their future. Jeanne replied by assuring everyone that they'd enjoyed their time as leaders, and would always be on hand to help in an emergency.

We were delighted to see Fred Hutchins looking so marvellous after his recent major heart surgery. We hope he continues to make good progress.

Notice in Church:-

Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.

Ladbroke Diary

Sunday 10th Jan. Epiphany I. 11am Holy Communion
with Hymns & Sermon, 3.30pm Evensong.
Wednesday 13th Jan. 3pm Women's Fellowship at
4 Bridge Lane.
Sunday 17th Jan. Epiphany II. 8.30am Holy Communion,
11am Matins.
Monday 18th Jan. Parochial Church Council, 7.30pm
in Church.
Sunday 24th Jan. Epiphany III. 11am Holy Communion
with Hymns & Sermon, 3.30pm Evensong.
Monday 25th Jan. Conversion of St. Paul.
Tuesday 26th Jan. Ladbroke Parish Council, 7.30pm
in Village Hall.
Sunday 31st Jan. Epiphany IV. 8.30am Holy Communion,
11am Family Service with procession of Lights.
Thursday 4th Feb. 7.45pm Men's Group at Harbury
Sunday 7th Feb. Septuagesima (Education Sunday)
8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.
Wednesday 10th Feb. 3 pm Women's Fellowship
Sunday 14th Feb. Sexagesima. 11am Holy Communion
with Hymns & Sermon, 3.30pm Evensong.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Jan 3rd & 10th Mrs. Badman & Wilson;
Jan. 17th Mrs. Garner; Jan. 24th Mrs. Clarke;
Feb. 7th Mrs. Chaplin.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. We were all very sorry to hear
of the death of Mrs. Fell who had been a member for
many years, and extend our sympathy to her family.

By kind invitation of Mrs. Edwards our first
meeting of 1982 will be at 4 Bridge Lane, when we
shall discuss the year's programme. I hope the
weather continues to improve and that we shall all
be able to be there. C.H.

EXTRACTS FROM REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY: 28th December, 1981

Geoffrey Raymond Clarke & Margaret
Banfield.

FUNERAL SERVICES:

24th December, 1981 Norma Sutton
(followed by cremation)
31st December, 1981 Dorothy Mary Fell
(followed by interment at Ladbroke)

Our sympathies go out to the families of Mrs. Norma Sutton and of Mrs. Dorothy Fell; many people came to the services to surround them with love and to pay a tribute of respect and affection. Continue to pray for the bereaved and for the departed.

CHURCH NEWS

Christmas weather was grim and I regret that on two Sundays in December there was no celebration of Holy Communion at Ladbroke: on both occasions Mr. Rutherford stepped into the breach and led Matins. I am very grateful to him, not only for this but for dealing so swiftly with the problem of a burst radiator, and countless other duties.

Christmas congregations, though smaller at 8.30am were surprisingly good in view of the weather.

The very hardy Carol Singers made their rounds in spite of frost and snow and raised over £40 to help equip a Social Club room for patients at the Central Hospital, Warwick. The Carollers want to thank all the generous donors and those who entertained them on their way.
E.J.W.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Clarke who managed to keep their secret so well!

The ladies of the Women's Fellowship and others who have undertaken knitting on behalf of various clients have during the year raised £70 for the Church Fabric Fund - a wonderful result - and thanks to all of you from Mrs. Winkfield and the Church Treasurer! Mrs. Winkfield hopes you will keep the orders rolling - and anyone who enjoys knitting would be very welcome to join the band.

The meeting of the P.C.C. is postponed to Monday 18th January at 7.30 pm in Church.

Finally, may the New Year be happy and prosperous for all, may peace reign in the hearts of men and women everywhere.

G.R.F.

GENERAL NEWS More Good News to finish the year on:- Clive and Annette Hart of 2 Village Farm, Banbury Rd., have had a baby son - David, and Roger and Stella Land of "New Cottage", Bridge Lane have also had a baby son Christian Michael. Congratulations to all of them!

Finally I'd like to wish all our Ladbroke readers a Happy New Year! and will you all make a New Year's

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Resolution to contribute more news to the Harbury and Ladbroke News!

KATE LIVERTON.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I. The Christmas outing to the Grand Union Restaurant was a great success when members were lavishly wined and dined. A superb six course meal of seasonal fare launched everyone into the festive season in style.

The severe weather prevented members attending the Carol Service at Ufton, but many carols were sung with enthusiasm by the Village Carol Singers who came to entertain the older members of the village who were well enough to join the Christmas Party on 17th December. Members and guests were served with food and a warming glass of sherry and later coffee.

We are delighted to welcome two new members from Deppers Bridge, and hope to have more new members in this New Year.

The competition for January is a holiday snapshot - funny or picturesque. May I also remind you that the February competition is a handknitted matinee coat - so ladies, don't forget to start knitting in plenty of time!

P.LAIDLER.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL. The December meeting was held on the 15th and all members were present, which was a good effort for such a cold, snowy night. The meeting got off to a jovial start with at last some good news about the village bypass! The Council had received a letter from the Department of the Environment, stating that they still intended to proceed with the bypass and that statutory orders were to be published in 1982 with a view to work commencing in 1983-84. This is the first official mention of a timetable for the scheme and the Council was naturally delighted with the news!

Other items discussed at this meeting included the completion of the work at the silted up bridge in School Lane and the need to monitor the situation regarding the need for planning permission at Bell View Cottages.

The Council also decided to write to our Member of Parliament urging him not to vote for the introduction of heavier lorries, and also to ask

our European Representative for support in this matter

The Council also debated the question of next year's rate precept and came to the conclusion that it would not need to be increased. At the same time they unanimously decided to increase the Parish Clerk's salary to make it up to the minimum recommended.

A draft register of electors is now available and if you want to check if you are on it, the Post Office, Library or Parish Clerk has a copy.

Next meeting Tuesday January 26th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

HARBURY SCHOOL

We have come to the end of another Christmas term which has been full of drama in more ways than one! The Lower Middle School was very well attended and much enjoyed by a large audience, as was the First School 'Nutcracker' extravaganza! A great deal of hard work goes into these productions, as many people realise, and I would very much like to thank the staff who make it possible, plus of course, the parents who give us so much support in making costumes and helping to dress the children etc.

What a shame that we had to cancel our Middle School Carol Concert in church on December 14th, but I know that everybody understood the obvious reasons for this.

We are not too disappointed however, because we have arranged to have the concert in Church on FRIDAY, January 8th at 7.30 p.m.

Our P.T.A. Carols Around the Village on December 16th was a huge success, and over £35 was collected for the Year of the Disabled Appeal, but it was slightly chilly towards the end!!

I am sure that everyone would be as delighted as we were to know that as a result of collections taken at our Middle School and First School concerts we have already sent a cheque for £95 for the same appeal, so with our Carols Round the Village collection, our grand total is £130.

The school staff and I would like to wish all parents and friends of the school a very enjoyable, interesting and rewarding 1982.

N.C.O.

HARBURY SCHOOL SPORT

The Cross-Country teams rounded off a successful term with a double success at Kineton High School meeting; both Boys and Girls teams won their respective events with the Girls 'B' team coming second to the 'A' team.

This event is organised annually by John Wright of Harbury, a biology teacher at Kineton, whose son David, a former Harbury pupil, has become a very successful local runner with the Leamington Athletic Club. David was placed 4th in the under 15 race, and was selected as 1st reserve for the County team to meet Gloucestershire, Shropshire and Buckinghamshire. Results in the under 13 races were as follows:-

Girls: Sarah Burnham	1st	Boys: Martin Padbury	5th
Rebecca Burnham	2nd	Martin Dufresne	11th
Jane Hancock	4th	Martin Boag	12th
Caroline Taylor	6th	Tony Bastin	13th
Karen Hoare	7th	Darren Boiles	18th
Nicola Jervis	8th	Stephen Lambert	24th
Tracey Taylor	10th	Carl Chick	44th
Lorraine Andrews	17th		
Vicky Ridgley	20th		

Both the U12 and U13 football teams made early exits from their respective cup competitions, the U12's losing to St. Anthony's and the U13's to Southam after a replay. The U12's 6-a-side team selected from Martin Padbury, Tony Bastin, Paul Turner, Stephen Lambert, Maxwell Summers, Duncan Williams and Mark Evans, recorded a victory and a draw in their 5 games in the Smith Crisps 6-a-side competition held recently in Leamington.

The U13 Mini-rugby team made their debut at the Central Warwickshire Mini-rugby festival on Dec. 5th. They displayed a lot of spirit but showed there are many aspects of their game which could be improved upon. Having lost their first 3 games they recorded a fine win over St. Teresa's to end the festival on a happy note. My thanks to Bob Taylor for providing transport. Team:- Ian Percival, John French, Edward Russell, Philip Riman, Gregory Taylor, Martin Boag, Craig Knowles, Martin Padbury and Martin Dufresne.



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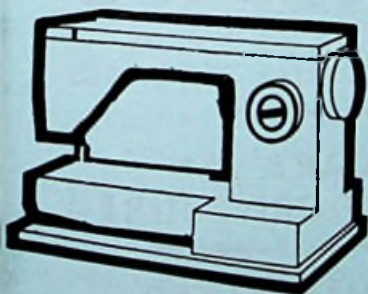
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"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

Many congratulations to all involved in this splendid production - the first musical show ever by Southam School. Several people from Harbury took part, including Helen Keir who shared the taxing role of Mabel, and gave an accomplished performance.

The sets and costumes were superb, and the singing generally of a high standard. As always, however, in a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, the audience responded most enthusiastically to the comic chorus. In this case it was a line of Policemen with one police woman played hilariously by Chris Finch, who kept the audience laughing all through "A Policeman's Lot is not a Happy One".

Altogether a good evening's entertainment, for which much of the credit must go to Peter Wilson, head of the School's Religious Department, who produced the show as well as taking a major role.

D.M.H.

HARBURY P.T.A.

A number of children and parents braved the extreme cold of December 16th to sing carols around the village and a total of £41.31 was raised for the disabled. Many thanks to all who supported us.

The winner of the November 100 Club Draw was Mrs. Ryman and the December winner was Mrs. Simcock.

We start a new programme of P.T.A. meetings on January 27th when we shall be having an Art Evening; come and try your hand at painting, collage, clay etc. Old clothes are a must!

The first social event of the year will be on Saturday February 6th when we shall be having a Disco in the School Hall, dancing to K.C. Disco; watch out for further details. Tickets will be available from school or committee members.

A further date for your diaries is Friday Feb. 26th when we hope to stage a "revival" of some traditional food crafts. We envisage an informal evening with a short talk followed by people walking around sampling the drink and food on display. We would be pleased to hear from any members of the community, not just PTA members, who would be willing to exhibit food or drink that they make themselves - wine, beer, bread, chutney, pickles, pork pie, brawn, cheese etc. Anyone interested should contact Mr. N.

Chapman or Mrs. M. Brown at Harbury School or Mrs. M. Thompson (612050).

M.T.

THE TODDLER GROUP

We hope everybody has had a happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again. Our Spring Term starts on Monday 11th January with the final meeting on Wednesday 7th April. The half term break is on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th February.

If you are a newcomer you'll find us at the Wight School (behind the Library). The times are on page 4 of this magazine.

HARBURY PLAYGROUPS

On Tuesday December 7th, Harbury Playgroups joined together to sing Christmas carols and songs. The first snow of the winter had fallen overnight giving some problems, but providing a very seasonal atmosphere. Playgroup mothers had made appropriate costumes and the children presented a moving Nativity Tableau with a professionalism belying their ages, while others accompanied the singing with percussion instruments. Then a child from each Playgroup lit a candle on the cake and we sang Happy Birthday to Jesus, followed by some Christmas action songs. We were delighted to see so many parents and friends, and some of the younger children from school on this occasion. After coffee and biscuits the morning ended and a collection for Action Research made £11.68.

CELIA NEILL

VENTURE UNIT

Sixteen past and present members 'took over' the Crown dining room on 18th December for the Annual Christmas Dinner. Christmas is one time when present 'regulars' can get together with those who are studying or working away from Harbury.

The recent arctic weather has not deterred the making of final preparations for the usual winter night camped on the Burton Dassett Hills, planned for 4th January (full report next issue). Those members who will be camping are unlikely to experience the sort of conditions they heard described by Chris Bonnington in his lecture on climbing Mt. Kongur, given at the Spa Centre on 8th December. R.E.W.

HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The past few weeks have with the weather brought a period of enforced inactivity - and perhaps an opportunity to review the season to date. The last game played prior to the freeze saw Harbury's departure from the Warwickshire Cup. Beaten 24-4 by Coventry Welsh in the third round of the Cup, the Welsh - winners in 1979 and 1980 - presented a strong challenge to Harbury. The scoreline belies the tremendous effort by the home side taking the lead and they were unfortunate to be on the wrong end of two controversial scores by the Welsh and a fine killing try in injury time. But the same effort was evident in recent matches, following a poor spell in October. Without a doubt the Club need a Coach - and perhaps I could take the opportunity to ask whether there is any reader of this magazine who might be interested in helping? Should there be such a person, either contact me on Leamington Spa 24053 or come down to the Club on a Wednesday evening or Saturday afternoon. The other teams have shown improvement on the playing side and it has been pleasing to see the re-emergence of the fourth team - who after two heavy defeats emerged with a big win over Aylestonians in the last game before the freeze.

The Junior Colts have done well with six wins out of eight, whilst the under 13's have had excellent results with wins over Solihull and Leamington Spa. The Mini Section continues to flourish and the Entertainments Committee managed to cope with two separate Sunday parties for the lads just prior to Christmas.

Finally a happy New Year from the Club to the village - and if any of you fancy playing or merely becoming a Social Member of the Club we would be delighted to see you. JERRY BIRKBECK (Secretary)

TABLE TENNIS

After the completion of all but one game in the first half of the season it is pleasing to report that all four teams are playing at least as well as expected. The A, B & C teams are all in the top half of their divisions and although the D team is languishing in the bottom half of Division 5 their efforts should not be underrated. All four young players are

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new to league table tennis and the improvement in their play so far this season augers well for next year. If they maintain their interest and play together again next season they will be real promotion prospects. Perhaps one of them could emulate Matthew Checkley who played his first league table tennis last year and this year is leading the Division 5 averages. Matthew's excellent results have been recognised by the Leamington District T.T. Association who have selected him for special coaching. Unfortunately the first representative match he was due to play for Leamington fell victim to the snow and was postponed.

Finally my personal thanks and congratulations go to the players and their parents who have been responsible for arranging the transport for away matches and making certain four full teams turn out each week to represent the village. Please keep it up for the second half of the season.

A Team: Lynn, Ian & Ron Stanbridge

B Team: Phil Cockerton, Russ Cooke &
Gordon Humphreys

C Team: Matthew Checkley, Pam & Trevor Clarke,
Stephen Hancock & John Luke

D Team: Chris Cockerton, Stephen Luke,
Stephen Padbury & Nick Timms.

R.S.

R.S.P.C.A.

Many thanks to all who so generously helped and supported the R.S.P.C.A. Coffee Morning.

Another record was raised this year - £137.

PAM SPERLING.

HARBURY W.I.

About 70 members and visitors attended the December meeting which was mainly a social one, so business was kept to a minimum. Mrs. Ellis presented Mrs. Thompson with gifts on her retirement as President.

After a lovely buffet supper provided by members we exchanged gifts and then Mrs. Burdett showed us some unusual ways of arranging flowers for Christmas. Two of these arrangements were given as raffle prizes and were won by Mrs. Allington and Mrs. Clifton. Mrs. Boydell won the box of fruit.

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The next meeting is on January 7th when Mr. Goddard will talk about the Royal Yacht Britannia.

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B.E.T.

HARBURY SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION -
CHRISTMAS PARTY 1981



The Christmas Party was held on Saturday 12th December 1981, in the Village Hall and approximately 136 Senior Citizens from Harbury and Deppers Bridge turned out for the event despite the freezing weather. The meal this year consisted of hot soup, hot jacket potatoes with cold turkey and salad, followed by sherry trifle and tea or coffee. Drinks were served throughout the meal.

I would like to thank Di Lawler for arranging the cooking of the food and for all the hard work she put in on the day - also a big thanks to all the people who helped her in the kitchen. I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking all the people who helped with the serving of the food and the general running around on the day; these same people turn up every year and without their help we just could not carry on. Also a big thank you to Beryl Sheasby who arranged the excellent entertainment and

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to her troupe 'The Harbury Street Players' who were magnificent in their costumes (they have been on tour to Southam already):

The Christmas Raffle made £137.10 which will greatly help our funds, and I would like to thank the Traders in the village for so generously donating prizes for the Raffle.

Thanks are also extended to Keith Burford for playing the organ and also to Doug Powell of the Dog Inn for allowing us to borrow the organ from his premises.

Due to the dedication of the above mentioned people a good time was had by all. The Party ended at 9.30 pm and a lot of satisfied people left the Village Hall well able to combat the cold night air.

TIM PERCIVAL (Chairman).

GOLDEN AGE

Our Christmas Dinner at the Dog was a tremendous success, and thanks to Doug and Mavis Powell we all enjoyed it very much.

Our next meeting will be at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 14th January in the Village Hall, and we shall be pleased to welcome old and new members.

L.K.

CONGRATULATIONS:-

to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Foxton of 13 Neale's Close who celebrated their GOLDEN WEDDING on Saturday, January 2nd.

"OH YES IT IS!!" "OH NO IT ISN'T!!"

Oh yes it is - it's the Harbury Pantomime on 28th, 29th and 30th January. Come and see Cinderella's magic coach! Boo and hiss the horrid Mr. Squeers! Laugh at the antics of the Ugly Sisters! (Will they dodge the custard pies this year?) Be entranced by the Fairy Godmother's magical feats! And listen to - and join in with - lots of well-known songs.

All this and more is in "Cinderella", Harbury Theatre Group's traditional family pantomime. Details are in the advert at the back of this magazine, so hurry and get your tickets from Philip Lindop's Drug Store.

As you can see, one of the Ugly Sisters is already preparing for the Ball, helped by Cinderella, while Prince Charming looks on in disbelief!

D.M.H.



A TRIP TO BE ON TISWAS

On Saturday 7th November ten girls from Harbury Girls Club travelled down to Birmingham to be on the children's television programme, Tiswas. The ten girls Helen Kelly, Tracey Taylor, Michaela Sedgley, Paula Kelly, Rachel Rainbow, Nicola Jervis, Clare Finch, Tracey Powell, Jayne Archer and Emma Finch travelled in cars to Leamington Station with the Girls Club Leaders, Mrs. Rainbow, Mrs. Roden, Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Meditzky. There we caught the 8:05 train to Birmingham. Then we had to walk to the ATV Centre. When we arrived at the centre the time was 9:45 a.m. We had to wait outside until 10 a.m. then we were let in.

We were led to a corridor where we were separated from the grown-ups. We had to be in the studio by 10:15 a.m., where we were given places to stand. The studio was very tiny which surprised everyone a lot as we all imagined a great big room.

When the show began it was all very exciting. The "Phantom Flan Flinger" went around squirting foam at everyone. Gordon Astley, Sally James, Fogwell Flax and Ollie Spencer spoke to everyone and were very friendly. The special guests that week were The Jam, Godley and Creme and Benny and Miss Diane off Crossroads. The Jam got told off by the producer for making too much noise while Godley and Creme were being interviewed, which we all found

very amusing. The show was continually mad all the way through - just like on the television - and we loved every minute of it. It ended all too soon but we didn't leave without one of us (Emma Finch) winning a Tiswas tee-shirt, and all of us getting autographs.

Thank you very much Mrs. Rainbow and Co. for giving us such a lovely time.

PAULA KELLY.

GOING UP IN THE WORLD!



Chris Macgowan, who has recently been made a director of Hymac, with his wife Vicky, and Emily and Anna, standing proudly by - or beneath - their mammoth snowman in Manor Orchard.

A WORD OF THANKS: to Ralph Gurden for his valiant efforts in clearing Treens Hill and making the road safe for commuters travelling in and out of the village during the snow. His vigilance and sheer hard work over the years must have prevented many a nasty accident and is much appreciated.

NATURE NOTES

No one needs me to tell them that the outstanding feature of the natural scene has been the weather. It will be several months before the full effect of the cold spell on our wild life can be evaluated. However my first impressions are that the effect has not been too devastating. Generally speaking plants, trees and shrubs are fairly resistant to low temperatures although some evergreens and semi hardy plants will have suffered some frost damage. The weights of snow will have caused some natural pruning of some species but overall the effects seem slight.

Many of the common animals around the village will be in a state of hibernation. No doubt many of you, like me, will be playing host to one of our small mammals that does not hibernate and will have a long tailed field mouse either indoors or in the garden shed. Most years my lobby is invaded by one or two mice in October or November. Unfortunately they are capable of causing considerable damage to fabric and leather and are not welcome in the place I keep my walking boots. My normal procedure is to trap them alive and release them in the countryside. I used to release them back in the garden but quickly discovered that they could walk the length of the back garden and return to the lobby in well under 24 hours! However this year I will wait until the snow has gone before putting them out.

I am sure many of you have been providing food for the birds. Despite all our efforts I am sure many of the small birds such as wrens, robins etc. will have died. I think these small birds, together with the shrews (close relatives of the mice), will have been the main sufferers. Thrushes, which usually fare badly in cold weather seem to have survived reasonably well. This is partly because the cold spell has come early before the wild berry supply has been used up and partly because the very intense cold has caused many of them to migrate further South.

FOOTNOTE: I understand that one fortunate house has a Blackcap feeding in the garden. Most of these birds migrate in the late summer to spend the winter in the African continent. A few birds break with tradition and overwinter in this country during mild winters. I hope this bird survives the rest of this

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winter but I do wonder whether it now wishes it had migrated to warmer climes with the rest of its tribe.
R.S.

HEAD LICE

During the past year many localities, including Harbury, have experienced an outbreak of head lice amongst their children. Teachers, school nurses and parents have tried very hard to eradicate this nuisance. However it does require every single parent and child to co-operate for us to be able to have any prospect of removing all the head lice from a community.

The head louse is always with us. It is a versatile parasite which is usually quite happy to remain on one head. It is also more than willing to transfer to another head if given the opportunity of close contact.

In order to keep ahead of the ability of the head louse to develop resistance to the medicines used we alternate treatment annually, in South Warwickshire. The current treatment being used in the Harbury area is 'PRIODERM' lotion which contains Malathion. One treatment correctly applied as per the instructions given should be sufficient to kill both lice and eggs (nits). A second treatment may be required a week or so later to kill any lice which have hatched out from unkilld eggs. If the infestation persists after correct treatment then the person concerned is either being reinfested (most likely from another member of the family or from a close friend), or the lice have developed resistance to the medicine used.

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In these circumstances it is unwise to carry out regular preventive treatment since this may actually result in the development of resistance by the head lice.

Here's to a Happy New Year without too much head scratching!

DR. GORDON AVERY

District Community Physician.

WEATHER IN HARBURY

I have kept a weather record since 30th May 1981, only missing out four days at the beginning of September. Each day I take down eight readings: maximum and minimum temperatures, rainfall, wind speed, direction, cloud type, cover and the air pressure.

The weather this year has been very unsettled; early on in the year it was very wet and in late April we had the blizzard and we have a very early winter with frost and snow. The only settled weather we have had has been the six weeks of the summer holiday, of almost uninterrupted sun. The only thing that spoiled that was the thunderstorm on 6th August 6th when we had a record rainfall of 85mm (3.35 inches).

This winter I have recorded the lowest temperature I have ever recorded and that was -20°C on 13th December; some places recorded readings of -29°C .

Normally you expect lower air pressure in late autumn, and not high, but this year I have found that in about mid autumn I had the highest air pressure over the whole record, 1032 millibars, and the lowest pressure of 966 millibars. At high pressure you expect clear skies, and cloudy dull skies at low pressure, but this November has proved that theory wrong; when it was at 1032 millibars on 6th November the sky was almost completely covered by a high altitude cloud.

You may have heard in the news about the weathermen getting complaints for not getting the weather right, but we must appreciate that it is very difficult to forecast the weather, especially British weather! We have a book which contains agricultural records from A.D. 220 and I have found two "bits" from 1947 and 1963 about the weather. "1947 was a year of extremes; with intense cold and excessive heat; floods, drought and heavy snowfall". Under 1963 it says, "Exceptionally severe winter snow which fell in late December, 1962, was still on the ground in mid March though augmented by subsequent blizzards, very low temperatures and cold east winds".

GEORGE RUSSELL (14 yrs.)

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Mr. Jim Durrant of Deppers Bridge has recently retired as our local 'Man from the Pru'.

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Since his retirement Jim has looked after his smallholding. He keeps himself fit by sawing up firewood from a huge stack of timber.

Mike Bloxham's picture shows Jim with his pet donkey.

HARBURY CONSERVATIVES

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Crown on Monday 25th January at 7.30 p.m. The business part of the evening will be followed by a 'Ploughman's Supper'. Tickets are £1.30 (to include a drink) and can be obtained from me.

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IN THE GARDEN

First of all let me wish you a happy New Year and may your gardening be easier this year than last.

Before you go through the seed catalogues, consider what you want to eat fresh and second that which is suitable for deep freeze.

January is the month to plant onion and leek

seed if you have a heated greenhouse and think of showing on Sept. 4th, but for many just wait.

Your Broad Beans have been protected by the deep snow but now they require protection from frost so this is the time to cover them with cloches.

If you can obtain any farmyard manure, now is the time to spread it on your garden and let the worms draw it underground.

W.F.L.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

My name is Tracy Taylor, I am 12 years old and I am a Girl Guide.

I would like to help one or more housebound or ill people in Harbury at any time apart from Sunday mornings. I am prepared to do shopping and any work in the house. So if you are ill or housebound or know someone who is, please contact me at 5 Ivy Lane or telephone Harbury 612408.

I would also like to just visit any ill or housebound person if they already have someone who does their housework and shopping.

Thank you,

Tracy Taylor.

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HARBURY P.T.A.

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Kathleen has recently taken over the hairdressing salon in Chapel Street and has impressed everyone by her cheerful attitude to the most adverse weather conditions - travelling from Coventry whenever possible to work in the salon.

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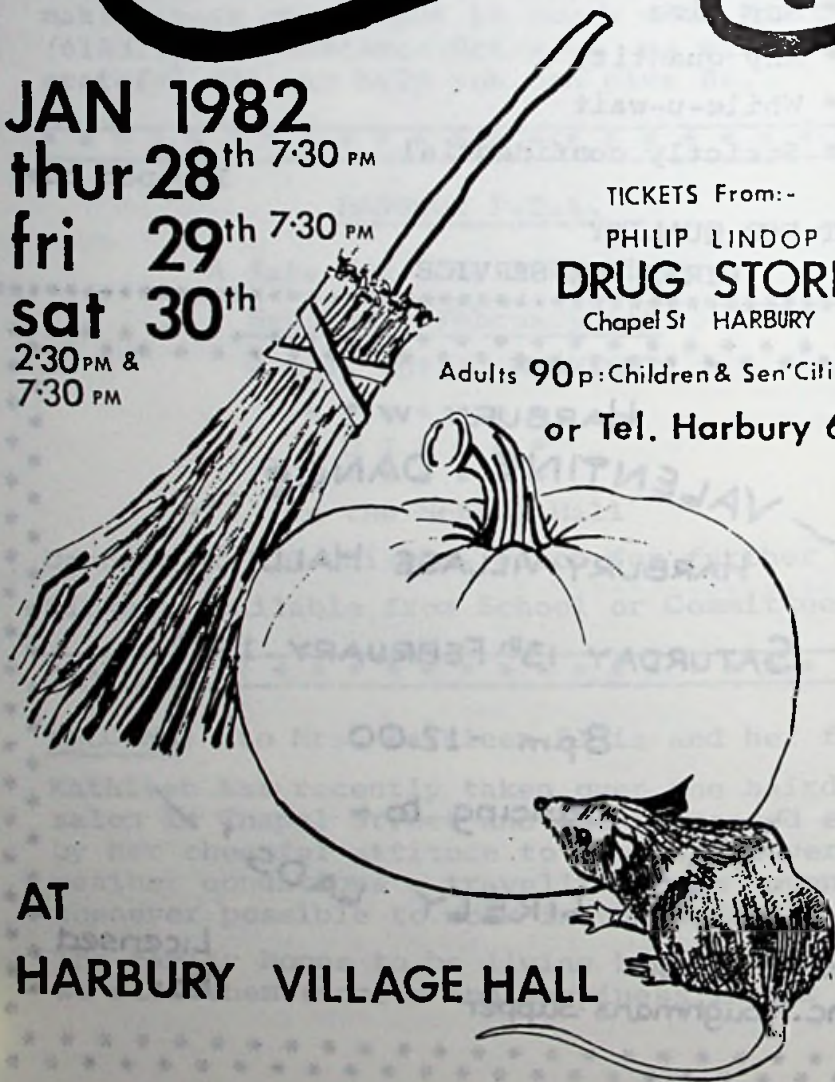
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