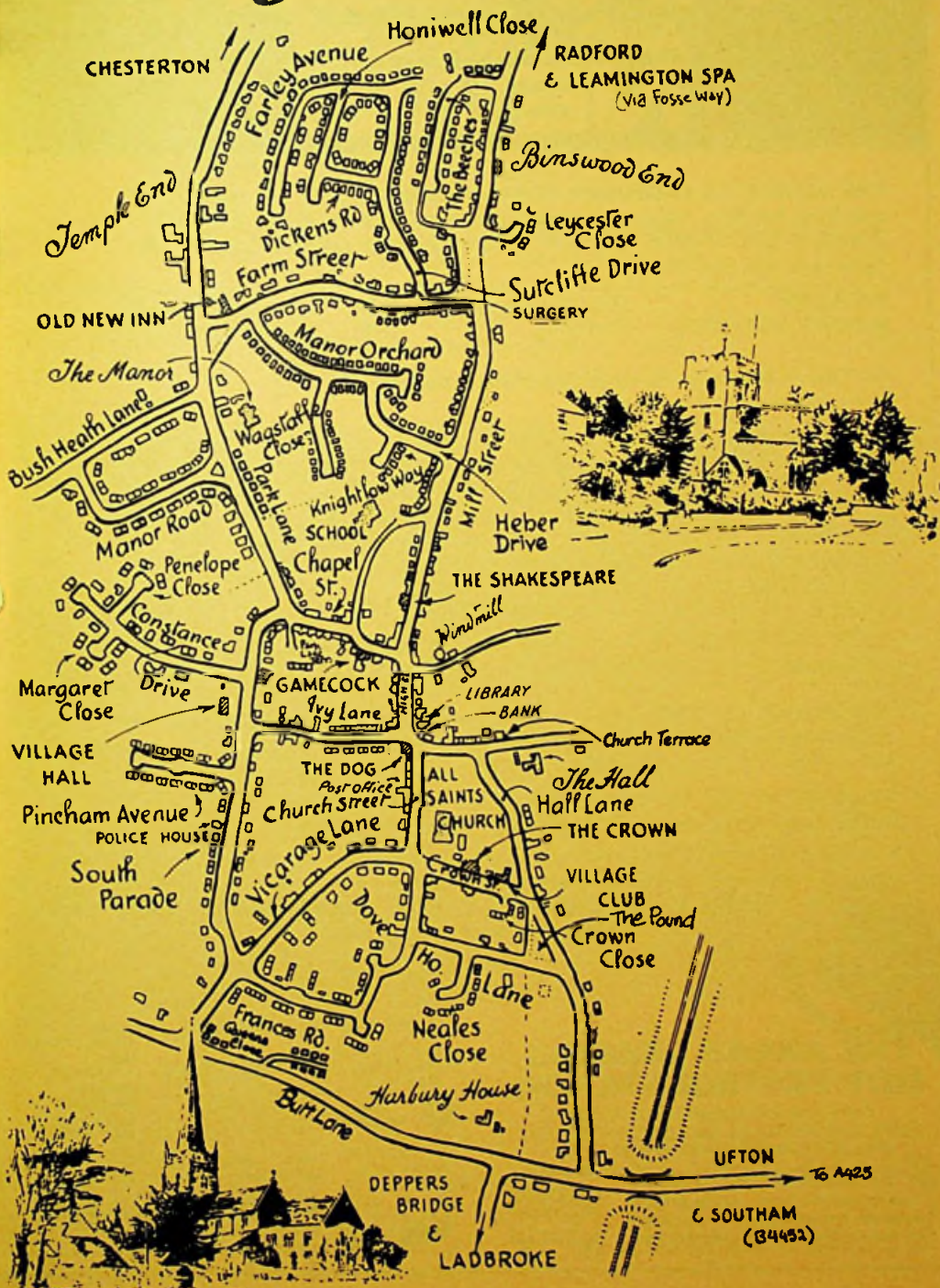


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**HAD A
BUMP?**



It seems that the glorious summer we enjoyed has barely faded, and yet here we are with the Christmas issue - but perhaps the apparently shorter weeks and months are a sign of the advancing years of some of the Editorial Committee!

The Annual Remembrance Service is always well attended but this year the Church was really packed. It is an annual opportunity for us to remember the tragedy of war, the sacrifices that have been made, and our obligation to those who died that we should not allow it to happen again.



A number of people in the village are very seriously ill at present - try to keep them in your thoughts amongst all the hectic activities of the Village Christmas. Remember too that to be alone at Christmas is especially hard - perhaps a part of your family's Christmas festivities could be shared with a lonely neighbour.

This year's Candlelit Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is on Christmas Eve, and promises to be as usual a splendid Village occasion.

The Editors and Committee of Harbury and Ladbroke Ne thank you for your support during 1983, and wish you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

HARBURY DIARY

DECEMBER 1983

- Sat. 3rd CHRISTMAS FAIR, Village Hall, 2 p.m. See Santa!!
Rugby: 2nd/4th teams v Aylestonians at home.
- Sun. 4th 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
- Mon. 5th Upholstery Classes, 2-4 p.m., Wight School.
Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., 77 Mill Street, with
Rev. E. Harrison.
Catholic Bible Study, 8.30 p.m., 19 Farm Street.
- Tues. 6th Horticultural Society, 8 p.m., Wight School.
- Wed. 7th Mothers' Union, 2.30 p.m., 14 Sutcliffe Drive.
Slimming and Keep Fit classes, Village Hall,
7-8.30 p.m. and 8.30-10 p.m.
Young Ornithologists' Club, School, 7-8 & 8-9 p.m.
Adult Dancing classes, Wight School.
- Thurs. 8th Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.
Girls' Club, Village Hall.
- Sat. 10th Scout & Guide Christmas Food Fair.
Rugby: 1st/3rd teams v Shipston: 4ths v Leamington
5ths, at home.
SENIOR CITIZENS' Christmas Party, Village Hall.
Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., Corner Cottage.
- Sun. 11th 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
3 p.m. ADVENTURERS' CAROL SERVICE in the
Village Hall. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Round Table/Rotary Christmas collection of tins.
- Mon. 12th Toddler Group Christmas Party in Village Hall.
Upholstery classes, 2-4 p.m., Wight School.
First School concert, 6.45 p.m., School.
- Tues. 13th First School concert, 1.45 and 6.45 p.m.
Harbury Friends Christmas Dinner.
- Wed. 14th Playgroup Carol Party, Village Hall.
First School party.
Adult Dancing classes, Wight School.
Slimming and Keep Fit classes, as 7th.
PTA Carols round the Village, 7 p.m.
Southam School Christmas Revue, 7.30 p.m.

- Thurs. 15th Middle School concert, 7 p.m.
Whist Drive, Village Hall 7.45 p.m. (in aid of
Cancer Treatment Fund).
Girls' Club in Village Hall.
Southam School Christmas Revue, 7.30p.m.
- Fri. 16th Middle School concert 7 p.m.
Playgroup Christmas Party, Wight School.
Under 16s Disco, Village Hall, 7.30 - 10.30 p.m.
Southam School Christmas Revue, 7.30p.m.
- Sat. 17th Rugby: 1sts v Birstall/3rds v Bidford, at home.
Scouts 'Blue Peter' Bring & Buy Sale, Scout Hut,
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sun. 18th 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
3.30 p.m. Action Research CHRISTMAS CONCERT
in Harbury Church. 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayers
(said).
- Mon. 19th Middle School party/3rd & 4th year Disco, School.
Upholstery classes, 2-4 p.m., Wight School.
Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., 11 Constance Drive.
- Tues. 20th Tufty Club, 2.15 p.m., Wight School: Christmas Party
Top Middle School Carol Concert, Church, 7 p.m.
- Wed. 21st School and Playgroup end.
Keep Fit, Village Hall, 7 - 8.30 p.m.
Adult Dancing classes, Wight School.
- Thurs. 22nd (Shortest Day!)
NO Golden Age meeting.
Girls' Club in the Village Hall.
- Sat. 24th 6.30 p.m. FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS IN
HARBURY CHURCH BY CANDLE-LIGHT.
11.15 p.m. Midnight Mass.
- Sun. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
- Mon. 26th St. Stephen's Day. 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion.
- Tues. 27th St. John the Evangelist's Day. 7.30 p.m. Holy
Communion.
- Wed. 28th Dancing Show in the Village Hall.
- Thurs. 29th Scout & Guide Christmas Cheese & Wine Party.
- Sat. 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE
Rugby: 1st team v Dunlop, Coventry, at home.

JANUARY 1984

- Sun. 1st 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
and CEREMONY OF THE CRISTINGLE.
Articles for January magazine to editors by TODAY.

- Mon. 2nd Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., 8 The Beeches.
 Tues. 3rd Senior Citizens' Committee, 8.30, Village Hall.
 Horticultural Society, Wight School.
 Wed. 4th Mothers' Union, 2.30 p.m., 11 Constance Drive.
 Golden Age Christmas Dinner.
 Thurs. 5th 9.45 a.m., Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, Church
 W.I., 7.45 p.m., Village Hall.
 Men's Group, 7.45 p.m.
 8 p.m., Venture Scout Unit Re-Launch and Ploughman's
 Supper, 32 Mill Street.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30 p.m. second Sunday in
 the month. (NO service in December)
 HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30 a.m., Sundays.
 UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4, Mondays.
 GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30 p.m. Mondays.
 GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginners), 7-8pm
 (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10yrs), every Monday.
 BINGO, Village Hall, 8p.m. every Monday.
 TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.20 a.m. Mondays, and 2-3.30
 Wednesdays.
 PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.
 NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings.
 TUFTY CLUB, 2-3p.m. Wight School, 3rd Tuesday each month.
 BROWNIES, Village Hall every Tuesday evening.
 BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.
 HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8p.m. 2nd Tuesday each month.
 BABY CLINIC, 2-4 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45 p.m., Tues. Wed. Thurs.
 TODDLERS' DANCING CLASS, 3p.m. Wight School each Wednesday.
 SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45. Tues (1st troop): Wed. (2nd troop).
 POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20-3.30 p.m. every Friday.
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30p.m. every Friday.
 CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY, First Monday each month.

Dates for inclusion please to Linda Ridgley, tel. 612305
 For Village Hall bookings, telephone Mr. Picken, 612778.
 For Wight School bookings, telephone Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

OLD FRIENDS: Mr. Jock Stobo was up in Yorkshire recently and
 met Nurses Wade and Alexander who were both well known to
 many Harbury folk. They are hale and hearty, and send good
 wishes to everyone.

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

How lovely that Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday, so that we can have our service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve! It will make a wonderful start to this great Festival. We know that in many ways this season has become commercialised, but to see a child's wonder as he looks at the lit crib; to share in singing well-loved carols; to see families united round the dining table; to hear the whispers of 'Happy Christmas' as members of the congregation move to the Communion Table as the Church clock strikes the hour at our Midnight Service - these are the essence of Christmas. Let us make the most of these moments; give thanks for them and share them. While we share our joy and fellowship, perhaps we can try to remember - and to share with - those who will be in need of friendship at the family time. Remember the lonely, the hungry, the homeless, and those suffering in any way.

We wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear People of Harbury and Ladbroke,

If you want to grasp the true message of Christmas you need only turn to the Gospel according to John, and read the first fourteen verses of the first chapter. This is the portion appointed in the Book of Common Prayer to be read on Christmas Day, and from it you will get no fairy story ideas of Christmas, but the full implications of the coming of the Christ into this world, an account as relevant as ever it was. The world when Jesus Christ was born was very different from our world today - except that the hearts of people were no different. The problems of today, the fear, the doubts, the despair, are really basically the same. Suspicion, jealousy, prejudice, selfishness, oppression, injustice so often get the upper hand, although there is a deep yearning and searching for peace and light and righteousness. Christmas comes again and again, and people misunderstand and allow the trappings of the occasion to obscure what we are meant to see. It all becomes "Once upon a time....." in a backward and regretful glance to a happier, more innocent age than our own. But Our Lord was born into

harsh poverty, his parents little more than refugees and after a life when few people listened to him or loved him, he was condemned to die on a cross. Yet this is the very reason why Christmas means so much, because the Son of God meets us in this world of turmoil and frustration, and is there beside us, understanding, because he himself has been through it all and coped with it, even to the death. "He was in the world and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not, but as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Son of God - and the word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Jesus Christ, born at Bethlehem, is our joy and our hope and our strength in this life, because through him, if we will permit, comes light and peace and understanding.

I hope and pray that Christmas will be for you more than it has ever been before, and bring you joy in the faith that Christ was born for all people.

ANTONY ROWE.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptisms

20th November, 1983 - Tina Marie, daughter of Alan Douglas and Celia Ann Card, 7 Ivy Lane, Harbury

27th November, 1983 - Sally Ann, daughter of Robert Palin and Vivienne Susan Holt, 12 Dovehouse Lane, Harbury.

Holy Matrimony

19th November, 1983 - Albert Edward Dowdeswell and Helen Denise Ainge, of Deppers Bridge.

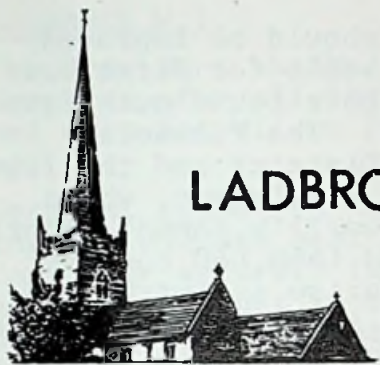
Funerals

16th November, 1983 - Florence Mary Wintle at All Saints', Leamington, followed by interment at Harbury.

21st November, 1983 - Helen Margaret Hensman, Church Cottage, Ladbroke.

POETRY

If you enjoy writing poetry you may be interested to hear about the competition organised by the Friends of Coventry Cathedral for a poem (not more than 50 lines) on "The Spirit of Coventry and Warwickshire". The top prize is worth £70, and the closing date is 29th February 1984. Entry forms from Diana Holt, 15 Wagstaffe Close (612790).



LADBROKE NEWS

DECEMBER DIARY

Sunday 4th, 9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns. 3.30 p.m. Evensong.
 Tuesday 6th, W.I. Party at Hatton Hospital.
 Thursday 8th, Round Table/Rotaract Tin Collection for Senior Citizens' Christmas Parcels.
 Friday 9th, 'Flying Dogs' at Ladbroke Village Hall.
 Sunday 11th, 9 a.m. Holy Communion. 11a.m. Matins (Sung).
 Sunday 18th, 9 a.m., Holy Communion with Hymns.
 Saturday 24th, 3.30 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB CAROL SERVICE.
 Sunday 25th, 9a.m. CHRISTMAS MORNING COMMUNION WITH HYMNS.
 Wednesday 28th, Holy Innocents' Day: 10.30 am. Holy Communion.

JANUARY 1984

Sunday 1st, NEW YEAR'S DAY, 9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.
 3.30 p.m. FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS.
 N.B. Each Wednesday at Ladbroke: Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL, 23rd NOVEMBER

Once again news of the Bypass was the most eagerly awaited item on the agenda, particularly as the second week of November had passed without the promised publication of the Enquiry results. Apparently this is due to a technical error in the letter authorising the start of compulsory purchase: as soon as this has been signed the Council will be informed, and will then urge our MP to ensure that the Bypass does not fall foul of the latest round of Government spending cuts.

The proposed Stratford Leisure Centre and Southam Swimming Pool were again important topics for discussion. The Area Meeting of Parish Councils had accepted Ladbroke's reworded resolution, to the effect

that facilities in rural areas should be improved before a new Leisure Centre is built for Stratford: this proposal does not seem to have found much favour with Stratford District Council! The financial relationship between the Rural District and the Town was also highlighted by Mrs. B. Williamson, whose researches into the District Council's Annual Report revealed that DC ratepayers paid £660,660 towards Stratford's street cleaning, tourism and parks and gardens, whereas a total of £32,403 was spent on the upkeep of fences, hedges etc. for the whole of the rest of the Area. Councillors decided to investigate whether any of this latter sum could be made available for Ladbroke.

The village's electricity supply had generally improved, although the series of short sharp power cuts experienced one recent Friday teatime was rather disconcerting! Various road repairs in Bridge Lane and alongside Ladbroke Hall were under-way, and the PC wished to record its grateful thanks to the villager who so expertly restored the vandalised seat.

The new Warwick Centre for the Blind had contacted the PC to ask for donations to enable the Centre to be properly equipped: the Council would welcome any suggestions or offers of fund-raising.

Finally, the Water Board has sent some telephone numbers for use in the event of flooding, sewage overflow or other aquatic disaster! They are:

(in an emergency) Stratford 67575, ext.211,
during office hours, or Stratford 293927
for other times:

(for non-urgent calls) Stratford 67575, ext.
208.

Next meeting: 7.30p.m. Tuesday 24th January, 1984.
(NO meeting in December). CATHERINE TODMAN.

LADBROKE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our November meeting, held at my home, was well attended, and we were pleased to welcome back Mrs. Catterell. Our next meeting will be at Woodlands Farm, Radbourne Lane, at the kind invitation of Mrs. J. Barnett. CH.

LADBROKE W.I.

The President thanked the tea ladies, Ann, Janice and Margaret, for all their hard work over the past year, and also Pat Wilson for faithfully putting the posters up.

Sergeant Joiner, Crime Prevention Officer for Leamington, did his best to get us to lock our homes and cars more securely (most burglaries occur between 1pm and 4pm) and not to carry our cheque cards in our handbags with our cheque books, but on our person!

Our Christmas party at Hatton is on 6th December: meet outside Hatton at 7.30 p.m. Cakes to Mrs. Laidler, please.

There is NO meeting in December, and the speaker in January will be Mr. Vic Billington, giving his Mark I talk on 'Loos'. A theatre trip is being arranged for 13th February.

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

If you have any oddments of PLAIN CREAM CROCKERY, please could you donate it to the Village Hall? At present the china cupboard is a pottery version of Joseph's coat, and a little more uniformity would look better at functions like the Harvest Supper.

Donations to Dr. Liverton, Mr. Venn Dunn and Mrs. Bennett.

And don't forget the highlight of Ladbroke's social calendar - "The Flying Dogs" on Friday 9th December from 8.30 to 1 a.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets are £1.75 from Committee members or at the door.

AUTUMN FAIR

Ladbroke held their Autumn Fair on Saturday 26th November; it was a well-attended and happy occasion and raised £360.

The proceeds are to be distributed as follows: one half to the Church Fabric Fund, and the other half divided between the new Centre for the Blind at Warwick, and St. Crispin's Home, Poonah, India.

AR.

"A WINTER'S THOUGHT"

I sit alone watching the fire,
 Watching the flames getting higher and
 higher,
 Watching the smoke rushing to the top,
 Nobody knows when it will stop.
 The coal is so black,
 The logs are so white,
 That it looks like a golliwog
 Having a fight.
 The warmth blares out;
 I give a shout,
 My Mum rushes in
 With a rolling pin.
 I stoke up the fire with a few more logs;
 The jumping flames look like frogs.
 It looks as though, from here to there,
 That those fierce flames just don't care.
 It just isn't fair.

REBECCA BRISCOE aged 11.

SOUTHAM ROUND TABLE

The Southam Round Table and Rotaract have jointly
 organised a Tins Collection for Christmas food
 parcels for elderly residents. The collections will
 take place in Ladbroke on the evening of Thursday
 8th December, and in Harbury on the morning of
 Sunday 11th December.

FREE CHURCH SERVICE

These services have been underway for almost a year.
 They have been held once a month, and led by
 Ministers from Methodist, Baptist and United Reformed
 Churches. The congregation are very appreciative of
 the kind hospitality given by Howard and Shirley
 Petch, and Paul and Yvonne Hancock, who have opened
 their homes afterwards for the extended fellowship
 and cups of tea.

There will be NO service in December: the next one will
 be on 8th January, and services will then continue on
the second Sunday in the month for the future, in
 Harbury Church.

There is a wide age-range attending, and ministers include one address for children and one for adults. Anyone is very welcome to attend, however infrequently, and whether or not they belong to any church. S.J.

HARBURY ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

With little prospect of a resumption of Sunday Mass in Harbury, a group of Roman Catholics in the village have decided to keep in touch with one another by meeting regularly for prayer and Bible study. These meetings will take place at 8.30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in various homes. On December 5th the meeting will be at 19 Farm Street. Further information from David Winter on Harbury 612585. D.W.W.

HARBURY SCHOOL

First of all may I record my sincere thanks to all those who contributed in so many ways to making our record total for the School fete of £440. It would seem that the time of day and the time of year are very popular, so due note has been made.

Time marches on, however, and as Christmas approaches the school gets into gear for Christmas productions, parties etc.

The First School classes are doing 'Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime Plus' on the evenings of Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December at 6.45 p.m., and also on the afternoon of the Tuesday at 1.45 p.m. The collections from this will go to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

The Lower Middle School are producing an Old Tyme Music Hall on the evenings of Thursday 16th and Friday 17th December, at 7 p.m., and proceeds from these evenings will go to the school fund.

The theme of the Upper Middle School Carol Service in the Church at 7 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday 20th December at 7 p.m. is Local Christmas Memories, and should be fascinating. This time the collection will go to All Saints' Church.

The PTA's Carols Round the Village starts from the school hall at 7 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday 14th December, so parents and friends can start practising any time from now. The collection will be sent to the Birmingham Children's Hospital Scanner Appeal.

I am very pleased to say that at last we have been able to appoint a permanent successor to Mr. Stuart. As from the start of the Summer Term, 1984, Mr. Tony Crawshaw will be joining the staff. At the moment Mr. Crawshaw is teaching in a primary school in Bilston, West Midlands. NCO.

P.T.A.

Singers of the village unite, and join us for our 'Carols Round the Village' at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 14th December!

May we take this opportunity of reminding all current PTA members that membership subscriptions are due in January. This will also be an ideal time for parents of new children, and any other interested parties, to take out family membership. Details can be obtained from any committee member or from school.

Our day trip to London was a great success. This coincided with the Lord Mayor's Show which, although it was rather chilly, was well worth the wait.

Ideas are being sought by the committee for next year's programme, and anyone who would like to put ideas forward can reach me on 612246.

Best wishes to everyone for the forthcoming festive season.

JACQUI POWELL.

1st HARBURY SCOUT TROOP

News is probably leaking out concerning a reorganisation of the troop. Starting on Tuesday 10th January, the troop will amalgamate for meetings (i.e. NO Wednesday night Scouts). There will be six patrols. Scouts and parents will be receiving a letter about this change shortly.

This year's 'Blue Peter' appeal is aimed at raising money (by means of bring & buy sales) for drought and famine relief in ten selected Third World countries. The troop is holding a sale at the Scout Hut on Saturday 17th December, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please support our efforts in this very worthwhile cause.

JLH.

1st HARBURY SCOUTS AND GUIDES FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

There will be a CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR at the Wight School on Saturday 10th December - see advertisement. Donations of cakes, mince pies or other Christmas fare will be gratefully received, and these may be taken to the Wight School on the morning of the Food Fair after 9.30 a.m., or given to members of the Committee. If this is not possible, a call to Janet Watts (612603), Sue Jones (613261), Anne Mayer (613314), or Rosemary Ottewill (613402) will arrange for their collection. Looking further ahead, please start sorting out your jumble now for our GRAND JUMBLE SALE on Saturday 14th January at the Village Hall, starting at 2 p.m.

Since the sale of bonds for the building of the extension to the Scout Hut, all our fund-raising activities have been directed towards the repayment of these bonds which is due in 1984. This means that the Treasurer is unable to sanction the purchase of equipment until after all the bonds have been repaid. Because of this some extra fund-raising is planned for the purchase of particular items. The first event is a CHRISTMAS CHEESE AND WINE PARTY on Thursday 29th December - see advertisement - for the purchase of a calor gas oven for the use of Cubs when on camp. Please give this project your full support - come along and bring all your visitors too!

JW.

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A HARBURY VENTURE UNIT.....

Since those halcyon days at the turn of the decade, the wit of the unit has not been heard in the village. Its tread has stilled. The unit had come close to winning the District Athletics Championships (or had it actually won? Anyway it was close!). It had walked the length of the county, and its members had huddled together for warmth in small tents at 2500 feet on Scafell.

Now we hope the Venture Unit will rise again. Its ex-leader, Bob Wilkins, is hopeful, and so is the Scout Support Committee and many old unit members. Entry to the unit is open to all young people between 15 and 20 years (no sex discrimination - EEC Directive) and no scouting background is necessary.

Old members of the unit, and new recruits, are invited to attend a planning meeting at 32 Mill Street on Thursday 5th January, 1984, at 8 p.m. There will be a Ploughman's Supper and a cup of coffee, with a chance to air your ideas on the sort of activities and ventures you would like.

SHARON & JOHN HANCOCK

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be at 14 Sutcliffe Drive on Wednesday 7th December at 2.30 pm. We look forward to hearing all about Mrs. Curry's Hong Kong holiday.

On January 4th, at 11 Constance Drive, Mrs. Backhouse will talk on "Teenage Relationships" - this is an OPEN MEETING to which all are welcome.

We have Corporate Communion on 5th January at 9.45 a.m. in the Church.

E.W.

HARBURY R.F.C. MINI & JUNIOR RUGBY



Several of our young players were included in the Southam School under 16 team which went on tour to SW France, and is pictured above. The Harbury members are David Andrews, Stephen Padbury, Stephen Luke and Stephen Hancock.

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moustaches and beards), and he's now a policeman! On the other hand, a very slim niece once asked for a gigantic box of chocolates - mind you, she is also now very smart and fashionable, and I see that she was at the age of 6 asking for clothes, and for jewellery at the age of 8, so maybe.....

What a lot of fun and interest one can get from old lists. Why not start making lists now, and keep them? I'm sure the Harbury & Ladbroke News will be delighted to hear about them in the year 2019.

VIV AGGETT.

WROTH SILVER

Since Saxon times a curious custom has been observed at dawn on St. Martin's Day (11th November) at Knightlow Hill, which is near Stretton-on-Dunsmore. On the top of the hill is a square hollow stone, the remains of a wayside cross. The hill is at the centre of the 'Knightlow Hundred', an ancient division of the County, and the Lord of the Manor of the Hundred of Knightlow is the Duke of Buccleuch. The Duke's Steward collects annually at sun-rising on St. Martin's Day the dues of all the parishes in the Knightlow Hundred, and these dues are called the Wroth Silver. A representative from each parish casts the required sum into the stone, crying "Wroth Silver".

The parishes called are Arley, Astley, Birdingbury, Bramcote, Shilton and Barnacle, Little Walton and Woolscott (1d each); Bourton and Draycote, Napton, Radford Semele and Whitley (1½d each); Bubbenhall, Churchover, Ladbroke, Princethorpe, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Toft, and Weston under Wetherley (2½d each); Hillmorton, Hopsford, Wolston and Lillington (4d each); Leamington Hastings (1s.), Long Itchington (2s2d), and Harbury (2s3½d).

Quite why Harbury pays so much, no-one seems to know. For non-payment there is a fine of 20s for each penny not paid, or the forfeit of a white bull with red nose and ears!

After the ceremony the Steward invites those who have participated to a substantial breakfast at 'The Dun Cow', and the traditional hot milk and rum is drunk.

All sorts of theories have been advanced for the origin of this curious ceremony, and you can read about it in a booklet called "Wroth Silver Today" by William Waddilove and David Eadon, available from local bookshops.

These days, incidentally, representatives have to book and pay for their own breakfast, and Harbury's representatives this year were too late to obtain a booking! Sadly, having paid Harbury's dues, they drove home in the cold dawn, leaving behind the smell of bacon and egg wafting from 'The Dun Cow'. MSH.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

Our meeting last month was well attended. Mrs. Hancocks from Carolyn's Cakes, Southam, gave an impressive demonstration of cake icing, and made it look very easy. She has kindly donated a Christmas gateau which will be raffled at the Tufty Party to be held on Tuesday 20th December.

This year we will be helping at the Christmas Fun Show to be held in the Church at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday 18th December, in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child. Will members who have kindly offered to make mince pies bring them to 14 Manor Orchard, or bring them with you to the Show.

Have a very Happy Christmas, and see you all in the New Year.

VANDA BALL.

HARBURY W.I.

Mrs. Beaumont was our guest in November, helping us to elect officers for 1984: Mrs. C. Barrett (Pres.), Mrs. L. Edwards (Sec.), Mrs. J. Cowan (Treas.) Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Brunton, Mrs. Burdett, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Kettle, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Woodward complete the Committee.

33 members spent an interesting morning being shown round Barker Ellis, silversmiths in Birmingham, and were able to buy some of the articles.

Also at our November meeting our Drama Group performed the play "None the Wiser". It was very well done, and much enjoyed, and Mike Bloxham's picture

shows the cast and producer:



From January we shall be meeting on the SECOND Thursday of each month - please note this change.

Don't forget the Dance on 21st January, 1984!

BET.

GOLDEN AGE

On behalf of the members of the Golden Age Club, I should like to express my thanks to the Theatre Group for letting us have a sales table at their three Saturday Coffee Mornings. The raffle was drawn, and the winning numbers were 135 (the blanket to Mrs. Savage), 183 (tea set to Miss Aggett), and 296 (storage jars to Mrs. Barrow).

I should like to thank all who helped, both in selling and buying. I'm glad to say we did quite well, and are able to have our Christmas Dinner at the Dog Inn on 4th January 1984.

Our next ordinary meeting is 8th December, and there will be NO meeting on 22nd December. L.KNIGHTON.

HARBURY LIBRARY

You may join the library by completing a new membership form which entitles you to a Telepen ticket to use in Leamington, Warwick and other larger libraries. Harbury Library will also issue you with 4 yellow tickets for use in Harbury or Southam libraries. You may only join one library but are entitled to use them all. If you have joined Leamington or Warwick Libraries, and wish to use Harbury Library, please produce your Telepen ticket, and 4 yellow tickets will be issued to you. Books should be returned to the library from which they were borrowed.

May I remind children that there are fines for overdue books - 8p per week or part of a week (16p for adults)

There has apparently been some confusion over the new notice outside the library. The times of opening have not changed - they are Monday and Thursday, 10.30a.m. to 1p.m., 2p.m. to 5p.m., and 5.30p.m. to 7p.m.

SHIRLEY KEIR, Harbury Library.

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CHRISTMAS FUN SHOW -- SUNDAY, 18th DECEMBER

Christmas isn't just an excuse to overeat and be persuaded by persistent advertising to buy expensive gifts. It is a festival to celebrate the birth of a Child, and thankfully children still play a central part in those celebrations. Unfortunately there are still thousands of children born every year who suffer from crippling diseases. Action Research strives throughout the year to aid vital medical research to prevent future disablement, and to relieve the suffering of those not so fortunate as ourselves, and with the kind permission of the Rector and Churchwardens we will be holding our Christmas Fun Show in All Saints' Church.

Everyone is invited to a show which incorporates the combined talents of such village organisations as the Theatre Group, the Scouts, the Bayard Academy of Dancing, and the Rugby Club. We are indebted to these, and all the other organisations, together with our more professional musicians who are all participating in what we hope will be an enjoyable afternoon of Christmas fun and frolics.

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A recent BBC television news broadcast highlighted the plight of sick people in Swaziland. The Government there, devoid of funds, has not bought any drugs or medical supplies for nearly 4 months. Consequently the shelves in hospitals and clinics are virtually empty. Sick children, many suffering from malnutrition, are lying in rows waiting to die. Simple anti-biotics and other medicines used to save, and still could save the lives of many. One of the nursing sisters interviewed was clearly distressed as she talked about the soaring mortality rate of the children because of the lack of adequate medical supplies. Swaziland has put out a worldwide appeal for help. A few of us who saw the feature want to respond to that appeal, and I'm sure many others in Harbury and Ladbroke probably saw it too and may also want to help.

Mr. John Algar, 8 The Beeches, has kindly agreed to act as trustee for a fund set up to send money which will buy basic life-saving medicines. The money will eventually be channelled through the British Red Cross. If you feel you would like to give, donations would be gratefully received either by John Algar or Jill Winter, 19 Farm Street.

ROYAL NATIONAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN

The sum of £34 was collected during October, and the organisers would greatly appreciate offers of help for October 1984. Please ring 612525 if interested.
JD & ID.



HELP WITH READING AND WRITING

For most people, reading and writing is easy: others face real problems. Through the Mid-Warks. Adult Literacy Scheme, anyone can improve their reading, writing, spelling and basic English with individual teaching help. The local Centre is at St. James School, Southam, meeting

on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9 p.m. during term time. (Lifts can usually be given from Harbury.) If you would like further information, please contact Mrs. Margaret Thornton, the centre leader, telephone 39352. Your enquiry will be treated in strict confidence.

The success of the Adult Literacy Scheme is largely due to the number of volunteers who have come forward to give tuition on a one-to-one basis. Although tutors with previous teaching experience are always welcome, it is equally important to have people with a fair amount of patience and sympathy, who can give a regular weekly commitment during term time. The voluntary tutors are given a chance to go on a training course, and the Southam Centre is run by an experienced teacher who is on hand to give advice when required. If you have time to spare to help others in this way, Margaret (telephone number above) would be pleased to hear from you. YH.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

When I report on the Parish Council meetings I try to be factual and impartial. My aim is always to let you know what goes on, and try to entice you to come to the meetings (that's why I add the funny bits!). What you must not do is to take what I tell you as the official Minutes - the Parish Council publishes these (they're in the Library) and though they won't tell you what was said they do record the decisions that were taken.

A problem has arisen because I reported that the PC had no objection to Mr. C. Bloxham's application for Planning Permission at the Water Tower. The official minutes say otherwise. That's not the impression I got at the meeting: however, the Council did apparently object subsequently, and Mr. Bloxham appealed against refusal of Planning Permission, believing that the PC had supported his request. He was present at the meeting, and Cllr. Hancock explained the PC's limited powers, and insisted that all was now in the hands of the Dept. of the Environment Inspector.

To Mr. Bloxham I can only say that I am sorry he was misinformed, and the moral of this is, I suppose, 'don't believe everything you read in the press', or alternatively come to the Parish Council meetings yourselves - they are the best free entertainment in the Village.

The 'dog' notice on the playing fields is to be re-printed. The PC had to decide whether to forget the whole thing, reproduce it, or 'amend the lettering to appease' the offending defacer. Cllr. Davies was opposed to appeasement, but David Andrews asked what the notice said, and questioned whether or not it caused offence. You know, and I know, it ended "Owners who allow their dogs to foul these fields are irresponsible and anti-social. Are you one?", but the PC could not remember the wording - but will nevertheless repeat it!

In an excellent and comprehensive report, Denis Atkins outlined plans to upgrade the village lighting at little cost, whilst cutting down on the energy costs. Initially it is proposed to change the tungsten lamps on the through roads, and as money becomes available to convert the other patches of old lighting. To convert all lamps now and have them run all night would cost £2700 and save £35 a year in electricity.

A spark of hope for Deppers' speed limit glowed for a moment when the Clerk read a circular stating that street light provision automatically conferred a 30mph speed limit, but it died as Bruce Hannay reminded the Councillors that ours is officially "Footway lighting". There was not, he said, much hope, although the County had been measuring speeds of traffic through the hamlet, and perhaps something would come of that.

The optimism of last month, that the Social Services would be able to fund the construction of the hard standing for the playbus at Deppers, has died down, but the PC is actively fanning the embers, encouraging the organisers to apply to the Lottery fund. Social Services believe that there may be grants available from the National Playing Fields Association, and they themselves may be able to find a small amount towards the estimated cost of £800+.

The PC agreed to put some money towards the purchase of a replacement for the Igloo donated to Deppers. The Playing Fields Committee is to purchase a robust picnic table for the Fields, the Rocking Horse is to be refurbished, and the Mound will be contract mown next summer.

The Horticultural Society is producing a scheme for the replanting of the rose garden, and the PC will contact WCC landscape architect Jerry Birkbeck for advice on the replanting of the Allotments hedge. There are 3 allotments still to be let.

The recent icy weather has highlighted several problems in the village. Salt has appeared on Treens Hill, but not at the corner of Farm Street, and the burst main on Temple Hill which caused a large icy patch has been reported to the Water Authority.

The application for change of use at the Manor has been allowed, with a string of conditions designed to minimise nuisance to neighbours. Cllr. Hannay objected to the proposals for extending the Old New Inn. He wanted new building to be in exactly similar materials to the old part, for the pub was in a prominent position. For the Harbury Society, Mrs. Ridgley pointed out the importance of matching the coursing of the stonework with the original.

Despite vigorous objections from the local District Councillors, Stratford has approved by 4 votes to 3 retrospective planning permission for the controversial stables at Binswood End. The owner must improve the vision splays at the highway, and change the roofing tiles to a slate grey. Cllr. Drinkwater expressed his disappointment at the decision which he saw as a matter of principle.

There was much concern amongst both Harbury and Ufton PCs about the application by Mr. Frost of Bull Ring Farm for a Tipping Licence. Mr. Shepherd of Ufton PC was present to put the views of his Council. Mr. Frost was applying to tip up to 120 tons per day of general waste from the construction industry from 8am to 5pm, 6 days a week. Sharon Hancock explained that she believed the authorities were trying to regularise the situation and bring it

under planning control. After all, she said, "It is a tip, and has been for several years". Concern was expressed about the possible access to the tip and the number of vehicles involved. A similar application which proposed access from Ufton Lane was rejected in 1978. The Council was unhappy about making a decision on the Tipping Licence before they had discussed any planning proposals for the site, and agreed to defer the matter until it was clear what the access will be, how much land is involved etc.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Mike Harrison was welcomed to the Committee, and was duly co-opted.

Some members felt a system which confirmed bookings for the Hall should be introduced, to avoid confusion. Vice-Chairman Peter Holt pointed out that such a system did exist, and was increasingly used by the Bookings Secretary.

It was agreed to hire the Fosse Room to the Tennis Club from April to September, and it was also agreed that the scale of charges for the Hall would be displayed at the Hall and in the Library. Notices would also be erected giving instructions for the use of switches controlling lighting and heating.

Improvements to the heating were suggested which should make the Hall warmer, quicker. Various repairs to the interior were in hand; the new roof was completed and the Farley Room was to be decorated.

The Maintenance Committee has to decide what maintenance and improvements are needed for the next financial year, and will report to the Fundraising Committee how much money has to be raised to cover these items.

PROFILE - BRYAN HARRISON

Bryan and Trisha Harrison have lived in Harbury for almost 15 years, in the delightful Walnut Tree Cottage, situated at the end of Hall Lane. They both take an active part in village organisations, whilst their daughter Vicky is Harbury Carnival Queen, and

son Tim has been a member of the Church choir and of the Cubs and Scouts.

Bryan qualified as a Chartered Surveyor and Auctioneer in 1962, and spent a total of 13 years in private practice before joining the Leamington office of the local District Valuer/Valuation Officer. In



1978, promotion took him to the Chief Valuer's Office in London, commuting there and back every day. This was followed by a 4 year stint in Birmingham, but now he hopes to be settled for a time in his new position as Deputy District Valuer and Valuation Officer in Coventry. His responsibilities include the valuation of all types of property - industrial, commercial, domestic etc.

A keen sportsman, Bryan particularly enjoys Lawn Tennis and Real Tennis. Real Tennis evidently originated in France nearly 1000 years ago, and is said to be the origin of all modern racket games.

A major influence in his social life has been his involvement with Round Table. He is a past Chairman and President of Leamington Round Table, and was instrumental in forming the Warwick & District and Southam & District Tables. He considers Round Table to offer a valuable opportunity for young men to take responsibility for organising projects for the benefit of the community, while at the same time there is a great sense of fun and fellowship. Bryan was Chairman of the organising committee of the first "It's a Knockout" to be held in Leamington.

Compulsory retirement from Round Table at 40 has now enabled Bryan to bring his organisational abilities

to the PCC of Harbury Church, and using his professional qualifications he has played the key role in the last two 50/50 Auctions, and has the knack of creating a sociable and enjoyable atmosphere.

Music has also played an important part in Bryan's life, being a member of Harbury Singers, part of which subsequently merged with the Windmill Singers, and he is well known for his performances at various Village Hall functions. He is also the instigator and organiser of exchange visits between the Windmill Singers and the Heemstede Chamber Orchestra from Holland.

Having been born in Coventry and brought up in Radford Semele, Bryan's roots are firmly in Warwickshire, and he enjoys life in Harbury which, he feels, is "a village where there is something for everybody". JBM

IN THE GARDEN

December is the month when catalogues keep arriving and you say to yourself, "I shall not have any more from that firm as their seed didn't do well", but you want to consider what you did wrong, because the bulk of the ordinary seed all comes from the same growers. Keep on digging when the ground is not too wet, and plan where you are going to put the vegetables you fancy most, so you can give that ground extra manure and cultivation, and show off your skill at Show time. If you are a vegetable grower, try growing a few flowers, and if you grow flowers, try some vegetables.

The winter is the time to come to the Horticultural Society meetings and listen to the professionals, even if it is not the subject you are interested in. I myself am perfectly satisfied should I obtain one hint from any meeting.

Rhubarb should now be covered with plenty of manure. All the cuttings you have taken need looking at, and the compost they are in should be just moist, not wet.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

W.F.LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mr. Crisp from the Wellesbourne Research Station gave a talk with slides to a very appreciative gathering at the November meeting on the growing of unusual vegetables, and he passed round some very strange ones indeed! The December meeting will take the form of a Social and a talk on "The Marriage of Food and Wine", followed by refreshments.

Looking ahead to January, we shall have Norman Clark who will be bringing slides of New Zealand plants.

E.P.LINES.

DOORSTEP DELIVERIES

By now most of our readers will be aware of the legislation which is allowing EEC milk into our country. Indeed, upwards of 300 Harburians signed a petition in the Co-op to try and stop the Act going through. For those who don't actually know what I am talking about, allow me to explain.

Because of a ruling by the other members of the EEC, Britain is now under an obligation to allow milk from other EEC countries to be brought here and sold in shops and supermarkets all over the country. This milk is heavily subsidised by the country of origin, and is therefore able to be sold at a lower price than our own. The dangers in allowing this milk in are manifold.

We in this country take it for granted that when we open our front door in the morning our milk will be on the doorstep, no matter what the weather, and in Harbury we already know what a sterling job Mr. Parker and his team do. This service could be in jeopardy from the import of foreign milk. If we do not support our own industry, then we stand to lose our doorstep delivery. If we lose our doorstep delivery, thousands more join the dole queue, and everybody has to go to the shop to fetch their milk. It would mean that the old or infirm would just have to do without if they were unable to get to the shops or hadn't a friendly neighbour. Which, of course, brings me to another point. All over the country milkmen (and women) are performing a social service by keeping an eye on the old, even if it is only to let a neighbour know if someone's milk has

not been taken in, by acting as policeman if they see anything suspicious, and sometimes being the only person to whom a lonely soul might speak each day. It is important therefore that we keep our unique doorstep delivery, and not allow an EEC ruling to drastically alter our way of life. Spread the word far and wide, support your local milkman, and lobby your MP.

G.C.H.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

May we through your pages express our most sincere thanks to all those kind people of Harbury who came to our aid and supported us during Jim's recent illness.

First and foremost, to Dr. John Hancock and Nurse Luke: to the Rector and congregation for their prayers: and to all our dear friends and neighbours for their invaluable help and comfort during a time of great stress. We have been overwhelmed by your many kindnesses, and thank you all.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas to everyone in Harbury.

JIM & MARJORIE HODKINSON.

Dear Editors,

I should like to thank those responsible for repairing the pavements in Mill Street, making them much safer for all pedestrians.

Also, I am pleased to see that work on the Village Hall has been completed. Let's hope the Hall will remain in its present tidy state. It is up to all members of the community to be watchful, and to report any signs of misuse of this precious amenity.

ALFRED OVER.

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If you would like to give a Christmas present of a Bible to someone who will use it not only on Church days but every day, please give, send, or let me call for your donation.

God bless you, and a Merry Season to you all.

WALTER MARSHALL.

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