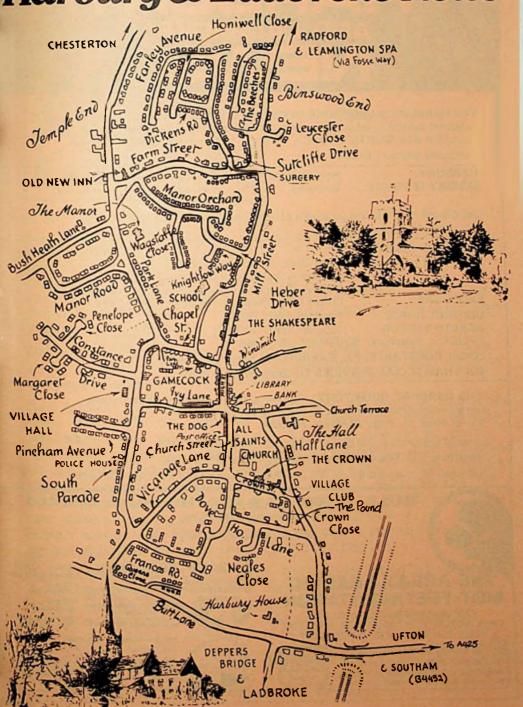
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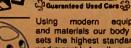
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After 26 years as Vicar of Harbury, Father Mackley has decided to retire this year. He makes the announcement in his monthly letter in this edition. There will, of course, be much more that will be said and written on the Vicar in coming months. Suffice it to say here that Father Mackley will be greatly missed in the Parish and our thanks and good wishes will go with him.

This month has been an important one in other ways in the life of the Church in Harbury, as two of the articles and one of our letters show.

The Annual General Meeting of the Harbury & Ladbroke News was held on January 18th. Most of the committee stood for re-election. We were sorry to lose the ever cheerful services of Ray Hoare, but pleased to welcome Joan Lodge to the committee. The reports showed we are surrently distributing 920 copies of the magazine each month. Financially - thanks to our advertisers, and to our distributors - we just break even. We just hope that the typewriter can be persuaded to continue functioning.

The "Long Term Diary" kept by Linda Ridgley contains lots of dates during the Spring and Summer, so do check with her before fixing YOUR event, or it may clash with someone else. She is at 7 Wagstaffe Close (612792).

Recent discussion of the importance of village shops highlights the danger to local post offices which is considered in one of our articles.

FEBRUARY

1st Confirmation Classes, 6.30pm, Vicarage Tues. Horticultural Society, 8pm, Wight School Village Hall Cttee, 8pm, Village Hall

2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Wed. 7.30am Holy Eucharist. Southam School 4th yr Parents Evening, 7.15

LEND Supporters Meeting, 8pm, Wight School

Thurs. 3rd Girls Club at Village Hall WI Village Hall, 7.45pm

4th PTA Homemade Evening Fri.

5th Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 11 Constance Dr Sat. Rugby v AP, 1st team - away.

6th Sexagesima. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Sun. Eucharist, 4pm Evensong.

7th Harbury School Open Evenings (Mon. & Tues) Mon. 8th Southam School 2nd yr Parents Evening 7.15 Tues. Confirmation Classes, 6.30pm in CHURCH.

Coffee Evening with Make-up Demonstration (in aid of Church Funds) 8pm, 15 Wagstaff

9th Agenda for Apostles, 8pm, 23 Farley Ave. Wed. Thurs.10th Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall. NSPCC Coffee Morning, 10.30am at Hill Cot Farm Street - Cake Stal

Girls Club in Village Hall. Institute of Religion & Medicine, Queens Rd. Baptist Church, Coventry speakers Rev. Tony Gardner & Margaret White (ring 612790 for details).

11th School, Playgroup and Toddlers break up. Fri. Under 16's Disco, 7.30pm, V. Hall.

12th Rugby v Atherstone, 1st team - away. Sat.

13th Quinquagesima. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist with Confirmation by the Sun. Lord Bishop of Coventry,

4pm Evensong and Poetry Readings. Harbury Hawks v Drillsure Dynamoes,

Playing Fields 14th No Upholstery Class at Wight School today

Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 11 Constance Film "Treasures of the Snow", Spa Centre, 7.30 - £1.

3. Tues. 15th Shrove Tuesday Class for the newly confirmed, 6.30pm in the Vicarage. Tufty Club, 2.00pm at Wight School. Wed. 16th Ash Wednesday. Holy Eucharist (with Blessing & Imposition of Ashes) 7.30am & 7.30pm. Thurs.17th Maundy Thursday 6,30pm "Children's Special" Lent Service *H.M.S. Pinafore by Windmill Singers Southam Community Centre. Sat. 19th WI DANCE with the LIKELY LADS, V. Hall. Christian Fellowhip, 8pm, Corner Cottage, High Street. 'H.M.S. Pinafore' at Southam (as Friday) 20th First Sunday in Lent. 8am Holy Eucharist, Sun. Mon. 21st School, Playgroup and Toddlers return.
Harbury Society COMMITTEE meeting. Tues. 22nd Young Wives, 2pm, V. Hall, Talk on WRVS. Wed. 23rd Deanery Lent Service, 7.45pm at Southam. H & L News committee meeting 8.30pm. Thurs.24th Girls Club in Village Hall Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall.
"Children's Special" Lent Service, 6.30pm in Church. Southam School Fifth Year Parents Evening 7.15pm. Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, V.Hall. 25th Theatre Group Meeting, 8pm, Wight School. 26th Rugby v Aylestonians, 1st team Away. Fri. Sat. 27th Second Sunday in Lent. 8am Holy Eucharist, Sun. 10am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Evensong. with Rev. David Clarke

2.30pm Free Church Service, Harbury Church 28th Christian Fellowship, 8pm, 8 The Beeches. Mon.

MARCH

1st St. David's Day. Tues. 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' Sale 10am -4pm, 13 Mill St. (see ad. for details).
Horticultural Society Meeting, Wight Schl.
Riding Lights Theatre Company in *Promise* Spa Centre, 7.30pm.

4. M.U. Discussion, 2.30pm. Wed. 2nd Deanery Lent Service, Bishops Tachbrook, Thurs. 3rd WI Talk and Demonstration on Crochet by Mrs. Greenley, 7.45pm, V.Hall. Girls Club in Village Hall. "Children's Special" Lent Service, 6.30p= in Church Men's Group, 7.45pm. Tennis JUMBLE SALE at Village Hall. Sat. 5th Christian Fellowship, 8pm, Old Mill House, Mill Lane. Sun. 6th Third Sunday in Lent. Tear Fund Sunday. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10am Sung Eucharist 4pm Evensong. Wed. 9th Deanery Lent Service, 7.45pm at Long Itchington.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE, Harbury Church, 9am Sundays.
HARBURY ADVENTURERS, V.Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4 Mondays.
GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays.
GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7m(under 7s & begs)
7-8m(7-10yrs), 8-9m(overs 10yrs) every Monday.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.
TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.20 Mondays,

and 2-3.30pm Wednesdays.

NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues - Fri mornings.

BROWNIES, Village Hall every Tuesday evening.

BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-5.30 Tuesday:

4-9 Wednesday: 4-5 Thursday (beginners).

SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45 Tues(1st troop)Wed(2nd troop)

BABY CLINIC, V.Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

TENTURE SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 8pm every Thursday.

OP-IN, V.Hall, 1.20 - 3.30pm every Friday.

IOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

ates for inclusion PLEASE to Linda Ridgley,612792.

N.B. All articles for inclusion in March H & L News to editors by Sunday 27th February For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken,612778.

For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504

My dear friends,

The united ecumenical service at 4 p.m. on January 23rd (the Sunday in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) was fairly well attended, and, from what I have heard, was greatly appreciated. It was good to have Methodists and other Free Church members, Roman Catholics and members of the Church of England meeting together for prayer, worship and fellowship. It gave me great joy that Father Boulton (the Roman Catholic priest) and I were able to give the blessing jointly at the close of the service.

We are looking forward to the visit of our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Revd. the Lord Bishop of Coventry, on Quinquagesima (Sunday 13th February) at 10 a.m. to celebrate the Eucharist, administer Confirmation and give the newly confirmed their first Communions. We look for a big congregation. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on February 16th. On this day there will be the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist at both 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. On the following Wednesdays in Lent (with the exception of the Wednesday in Holy Week) there will be a Deanery Lenten Service at 7.45 p.m. at different churches in the Deanery and with various preachers. A list of these will be found elsewhere in this 'Harbury & Ladbroke News". On the Thursdays in Lent there will be a "Children's Special" at 6.30 p.m. in Church. There will, of course, be the usual daily Eucharist and the usual daily Mattins and Evensong, and the study and prayer groups which have already been arranged.

We mourn the loss of Mr. Sherrif, Mr. Ash and Mr. James Freeman. We pray that God will grant them reast and peace in His nearer Presence, and that He will comfort and guide those who are

bereaved.

I have decided to retire in about 3 months time. It is true that I am at present very fit and healthy and fully active, but it is also true that I have already continued as Vicar for more than 12

years beyond the age which is now officially regarded as the normal age for the Clergy to retire, and I am determined, if I can help it, that Harbury shall not have a Vicar who is an invalid or who is "getting beyond it"! It will, of course, be a great wrench to me, but I shall always be tremendously grateful to Harbury and its people. I have suggested that the 3rd Sunday after Easter (April 24th) might be my last Sunday. With every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

F.R. Mackley.

Funeral Services

January 10th - Herbert Sherriff, aged 70 years, of 23 Binswood End.

January 18th - Cecil Felix Macdonald Ash, aged 74 year of 13 Ivy Lane.

January 26th - James Freeman, aged 70 years, of 21 Bush Heath Lane.

Deanery Lenten Services (followed by refreshments) on Wednesdays at 7.45 p.m.

1. February 23rd in Southam Parish Church (Preacher: Canon S.S. Smalley of Coventry Cathedral on "The Source of Christian Unity").

2. March 2nd in Bishops Tachbrook Church (Preacher: The Revd. Graham Dow, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Coventry, on "The Content of Christian Truth")

3: March 9th in Long Itchington Church
(Preacher: Charles Bradshaw on "Responding to Christian Unity")

4: March 16th in Harbury Church (Preacher: Bob Telford on "Sharing Christian Truth

5. March 23rd in Marton Church
(Preacher: Roger Spiller, Vicar of Chilvers Coton
on "Christian Truth and Folk Religion")

From the Churchwardens

The news of the Vicar's impending retirement comes as a sad blow to both Church and Village, but we have been fortunate indeed in having had his faithful ministry among us for so many years. Now is neither the time nor place to express our thanks to him at any length - much will be said or written in the next three months - but we would wish to assure him of our prayers as he prepares for a new sphere of

service; the village will not be the same without him.

A new venture for us is the poetry reading in church on Sunday 13th February as part of the normal 4 p.m. service. The theme is 'God's wonderful world' and we do hope that many will come and share in the service and the singing and listen to the

Lent is traditionally a time of self-denial. We would commend to all our Lent offering boxes for the Additional Curates Society. Last year, our boxes contained a record amount to help those training for the ministry and parishes in need of extra help. We hope to increase our giving this year and one of the ways of doing this is for those who 'give up' something for Lent to put any money saved into their Lent offering box.

Don't miss this month's Diocesan Diary which is available on the table at the back of the church. The Diary has a new look and is full of interesting information. It's particular theme this month is

Healing.

THE ADDITIONAL CURATES SOCIETY

The display in church for the months of February and March shows the work of the Additional Curates Society. This is a missionary society which helps to proclaim the gospel in England and Wales. It does this by helping the Church to have more priests, especially in poor and populous areas. It gives grants to parishes towards the cost of a curate's stipend, housing and expenses. It also engages in vocational activities to foster more vocations to the priesthood. Theological students are helped too, by financial assistance from the ACS. At present the society gives £150,000 a year to the Church at home and helps support one quarter of the curates in England and Wales.

The ACS Lent Boxes (mentioned in the Church-wardens article above) are available in Church or

from Anne Moore (23 Mill Street - 612427).

LADBROKE NEWS

FEBRUARY

Sunday 6th, Sexagesima. 8.30am Holy Communion. llam Matins.

Wednesday 9th, 3.0pm Women's Fellowship at Hall Farm Sunday 13th, Quinquagesima. 11am Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon.

Wednesday 16th, Ash Wednesday. 7.30pm Holy Communion. Sunday 20th, Lent I. 8.30am Holy Communion, llam Matins.

Tuesday 22nd, Parish Council Meeting. Wednesday 23rd, 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service at Southam. Speaker: Canon S. Smalley, Precentor or Coventry Cathedral.

Thursday 24th, S. Matthias A. W.I. Meeting:

Sunday, 27th. LentII. llam Holy Communion with Hymns & Sermon.

MARCH

Wednesday 2nd, 7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service at Bishops Tachbrook, Speaker: Rev. Graham Dow, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Thursday 3rd, 7.45pm Men's Group at Harbury. Sunday 6th, Lent III. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11am Matins.

Wednesday 9th, 3pm Women's Fellowship in Church, afterwards at Briarwood.

7.45pm Deanery Lenten Service at Long Itchington. Speaker: Rev.C. Bradshaw, Team Vicar of Wyken.

Thursday 10th, Deanery Synod at S. James School, Southam.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Feb. 6th Mrs. Chaplin Feb. 13th Mr. Gould. NO FLOWERS IN LENT.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Members able to attend enjoyed our January meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. June Barnett to whom we extend our thanks for her hospitality and the excellent tea she provided. Our next meeting will be on February 9th at 3 pm at Hall Farm, Ladbroke, at the invitation of Mrs. Winkfield:

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: At the meeting on January 17th the Council heard the Treasurer's Report on the 1982 Accounts, thanked Mr. Shaw for his services as

Auditor during past years, and decided to enquire whether he wished to continue now that he had left the parish. If he did not wish to do so, Mr. Geoffrey Clarke was asked to act in his stead, and consented so to do. The report on the Christmas Fair was received and thanks expressed to all who had worked so hard to produce the record result.

It was finally agreed that the South Aisle roof should be replaced by tiles in place of the lead. Other priorities in repairs were mentioned and it was felt that these should be arranged in order and included in a faculty application.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 11th April 1983 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Council also confirmed the new Service arrangements detailed in last month's issue.

WELCOME to Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs who have come to live at Ladbroke Hall. We hope they will be very happy among us.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST. Our congratulations and thanks to the Knitting Circle who by their efforts contributed £80 to Church Funds in 1982. Further orders to G.R.F. Mrs. Winkfield, please!

LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS

The Playbus is now fully furnished, equipped and ready for use, and is due to start visiting Ladbroke in February. A lady driver, Mrs. Brenda Clarke, has now been appointed, but the committee is looking for relief drivers with HGV or PSV licence, to help out from time to time. Volunteers are needed to assist the driver in running the sessions and anyone interested should contact Mrs..J. Walker, Kineton 640128.

Many thanks to Christopher Gaggero for undertaking to deliver the "Midweek News".

PARISH COUNCIL - 18th January 1983

One of the main items of concern this month was the continuing nuisance of the Snack Bar Coach in the layby. The Planning Department has agreed that the Parish Council's complaint is justified, but the layby is the responsibility of the Department of the Environment, who are all for free enterprise! What puzzles the Parish Council is why the Council tried to remove the previous inoffensive caravan?, and as the bus is

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now parked on the County verge, should it not pay rates? As you know by now, our fearless Councillors do not take no for an answer and fully intend to pursue this matter to a more satisfactory conclusion!

The remainder of the meeting was taken up by the annual discussion of the Rates Precept. The Accounts for last year balance, but without a surplus and charges are increasing more than income; in a village like Ladbroke rateable values do not increase to keep pace with inflation as no new houses are being built. It is interesting to note that the cost of electricity (the ten village street lamps) accounts for over 50% of the Council's expenses! It was with considerable regret that the Council decided that they would have to levy a 1.4p rate, an increase of .3p over last year's rate.

On a more cheerful note the village has been asked if they would like to provide a float for Stratford's Carnival on July 30th. Any ideas welcomed.

Next meeting - Tuesday 22nd Feb, 7.30pm, V. Hall.

There is a vacancy for another resident of Ladbroke to serve on the committee of the Harbury & Ladbroke News. If anyone is interested, I can assure them that the duties would not be arduous, and I'll be glad of the company! KATE LIVERTON - Tel: 3341. LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The first meeting of the New Year started us off very well with a very stimulating demonstration and talk by Mrs. Linda Doyle on Spinning. Mrs. Doyle explained that there were many types of fleece and sources. After explaining the process of carding and spinning, all members were given an opportunity of spinning a length of yarn themselves. The whole evening was thoroughly enjoyed, and we now realise why 'hand spun and knitted garments' are so very expensive - they are the product of a great deal of time and expertise!

Our February meeting will be on Feb. 24th when we welcome Mr. Morris for a humorous talk about tombstones:

We were pleased to welcome eighteen boys and girls who were coming to school for the first time. After some initial tears from some, they have now settled down very well and are part of the school

family.

Mrs. Dorothy Bishop went into hospital for an operation at the very beginning of term, and so has not been in school at all as yet, and, in fact, is unlikely to be for the rest of the term. I am glad to report, however, that she is making good progress and we all wish her a very sound and speedy recovery. We have welcomed Mrs. Margaret McDonald to the teaching staff as a temporary replacement to Mrs. Bishop.

We have our formal Open Evenings this term on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, 7th & 8th Feb. With Easter being so early this year, the term is a very short one, so all the dates come hot on the heels of each other. Half term week commences on

Monday, February 14th. Congratulations to our Cross Country teams, who ended their league programme in splendid fashion, completing their final league race at Priory Park, Warwick on 24th Jan. The Girls team continued their winning form by coming first for the fourth time thereby winning the league with maximum points. They received a trophy for overall winners, whilst the Boys team, striving to emulate their success, received a trophy for being overall fourth in their league. This was achieved by a



12. splendid third position in this race, which is the highest position the Harbury Boys have ever been placed. This result is exceptionally commendable as all the boys are 3rd years, competing against boys a year older than themselves.

Special congratulations go to Sarah Burnham who was awarded a shield for having, with 2 other girls, the lowest aggregate place total for the four league

races

The individual results are listed below:-

Girls - Sarah Burnham (2nd) Jane Hancock (5) Wendy Ottewill (7) Claire Turner (10) Sally Barrett (40)

Boys - Vincent Crossan (22) Dylan Adams (23) Darren Board (24) Ian McDonald (32) Philip Mancell (41) Simon Waddell (83) Charles Mayer (99) David Smith (125) Duncan Williams (137) James Turner (167)

HARBURY P.T.A.

This year's programme got off to a swinging start as the school hall was invaded by dozens of teeny-boppers and some teeny-weeny boppers. I refer, of course, to our Under 13's Disco held on 21st Jan. which was a resounding success thanks to the cttee and David Andrews who was our D.J.

The Video was just as successful and it is

hoped to run other such events in the future.

I take this opportunity to remind the slightly older PTA members that they may enjoy themselves with just as much gay abandon at our Homemade Evening on 4th February. Come and taste a selection of homemade wine and foods and try your hand at traditional pub games. J.P.

HARBURY PLAYSCHEME

This year the Recreation Ground Committee aim to provide a playscheme for the entertainment and occupation of any school age children who will be in the village during August 1982.

It is proposed that children will be welcomed from 10am to 1pm and 2 to 4pm, Tues. to Fridays inclusive for 3 weeks in August.

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they enter into the spirit of the scheme.

We would welcome any FIRM offers of help if only for one afternoon - whether to play football, rounders, scrabble, teach dancing, gym, carpentry or any other craft or hobby. We are particularly keen to have demonstrations of various skills for which we would pay expenses.

If you have any constructive ideas, suggestions, offers of equipment (tennis racquets, rounders equipment, paint, jigsaw puzzles etc.) or are willing to help in any way whatsoever, please write to or ring:-Kay Pallot, 31 Manor Orchard - 613270 (after lpm).

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

Keep it up ladies, keep coming! All are welcome, children are looked after from 2 until 3 pm, entrance 15p, tea and biscuits 10p, free squash for the children.

Our last meeting was on the topic of Health and Beauty when Chris Gillies showed us a wide range of Shaklee Health and Homecare products.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd Feb. at 2pm in the Village Hall when the talk will be given by W.R.V.S. VANDA BALL.

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

'JADED in JANUARY' might be the apposite reference to the efforts of Harbury's footballers this month, with only a single win by the 1st team against Cubbington, 2 goals to 1. Martin Hyde ("Jeckyll") might have cause to celebrate, as he has won back his 1st team place, whilst Mick Pratt has reason to rue the hard tackle which left him on crutches for a short time.

The Club now uses Southam School Gym for training (Wed. 8.00pm cost now 70p) and it might be advisable (for the sake of Club funds, as well as the actual exercise!) to persuade the dilatory members to come. There are 10 regular participants, and as Brian Wade is a non player (but most welcome!) it means that only 9 out of more than 30 players take advantage of the training. Come on footballers.... you need the fitness (the results show that!) and the Club needs to reduce the weekly liability caused by your absence.

On a brighter note, best wishes to Steve Wilkins

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who has enlisted in the Army at Aldershot recently - and also thanks to Dot Boneham for her expert care of the football Strips.

Next month the present 1st team manager Dave Raggett is taking over these reports. 1st team - BE WARNED - your every move will be analysed now!

RESULTS: 1st Team

Jan. 9th Harbury O Wheatsheaf 2 LOST
16th Harbury 2 Kingmaker 3 LOST
23rd Harbury 2 Cubbington 1 WON
30th Harbury O Snitterfield O ABANDONED:

Reserves

Jan. 16th Whitnash 3 Harbury 0 LOST 23rd Kestrel 4 Harbury 0 LOST

C.F.

HARBURY HAWKS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The first game of 1983 saw the Hawks cruise to a 5-1 win against Kenilworth WMC. The Marksmen being Tony Bastin 2, Stuart Crowther, Max Summers and Sunil Mehra scoring his first goal for the Hawks.

On Jan. 9th the Hawks played host to top side Cubbington Albion. The Hawks gave a tremendous performance before going down 3-0. The following week the Hawks met Kenilworth Youth Club for a hard match played in terrible conditions. Two nil down at half time, the team battled back to 2-1 through a Stuart Crowther goal and gave the Kenilworth defence a real bashing.

On Jan. 23rd the Hawks made a start on their cup campaign, against Kenilworth WMC. At half time we were 1 goal down. The Second half saw a hard struggle by both teams before club captain, Tony Bastin got the break to score our leveller, and Max Summers hammered home the winner six minutes from Time - Phew! This game also saw our largest crowd

so far.
A special mention for Mark Evans, John Gulliver,

Tony Bastin, Steve Lambert and Sunil Mehra.

Two local men who have been in the middle for us this month, Bob Fields and Bob Holt. Our sincere thanks to them for giving up their Sunday afternoons, and to the Working Men's Club committee for all their help.

D. WALLINGTON (Team Manager)

HARBURY HAWKS FIXTURES FOR FEB.

6th - Leam Hibs - Away

13th - Drillsure Dynamoes - Home

20th - 2nd Round Cup

27th - Cov. Continentale - Away

March 6th - Coten End - Away.

TENNIS CLUB

A few keen members are playing tennis during these winter months, but those of us who are less enthusiastic have been able to enjoy the continuing

social side of the club.

The dance held in the Village Hall on Friday 14th January was very well attended by members and friends and we were also pleased to renew acquaintance with a number of members from Byfield and Alcan (Banbury) Tennis Clubs. The Megafound Disco encouraged energetic dancing 'til 1.0 a.m., with a brief interlude for an excellent pizza supper.

Our next event will be the Jumble Sale on March 5th, so do please start putting aside items for

eventual collection.

HARBURY BADMINTON CLUB

Half way through the new season and both 1st and 2nd teams are struggling to record their first win.

The 1st team have had some close results but even the skills of newcomer Dave Weaver haven't been sufficient to raise them off the bottom of Division II:

The 2nd team's promotion last season seems to have gone to their heads (or racquets!) as they haven't won since. Now trailing bottom of the IIIrd Division with one of the worst records overall things can only look up surely?

If you play badminton and feel you might be able to improve our positions come along to the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings after 8 pm or phone Dave Cox (612693). ANNE TASKER.

FREE CHURCH SERVICE

It was a great pleasure to see a good congregation, from many denominations at the Free Church Service at Harbury Church on Sunday 30th January, 16.

and we have been told how much it was enjoyed by those who came. It seemed a fitting follow-up to last week's United Serviced and the week of Christian Unity. The Free Church Service was led by Rev. Edward Harrison of Dale Street Methodist Church, Leamington. This was a service of family worship and included a special talk for the children. Mr. Harrison's address was based on 1 John 1,1 - 'The Word of Life' - and he spoke of the significance of Christian love in all aspects of our lives. He developed this theme with reference to several verses in Chapter 3 of John's first letter.

The February Free Church Service will be led by the Revd: David Clarke, Minister of Spencer Street United Reformed Church, Leamington and once again all will be welcome to join the worship and fellowship

at 2.30 pm on 27th February.

NOT TO BE MISSED!!

At Evensong on Sunday 13th February in Harbury
Church at 4 p.m. many local people will be reading
varied poems about life and Gold's wonderful creation
DO COME and experience something different!
Coffee and a chat afterwards.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Last month we were delighted to be presented with a cheque for £750 which had been raised by the very enthusiastic members of Kineton School's sixth form. They had certainly thought of some very novel ways of raising money, judging by the list of activities on show when we went to the school to receive the cheque.

Also just as gratefully received were varying amounts which had been raised by the children of Southam and Harbury: Claire Finch, Tracey Taylor, Tracey and Anthony Gulliver went 'trick or treating' on Hallowe'en; Tracy Taylor, Jacky Dover and other members or Southam Guides held a coffee morning and Donna and Sally Revitt went carol singing. Thank you all - it is very much appreciated.

A dance/buffet has been organised for Friday 11th March at Chesford Grange, dancing to the ever popular Likely Lads. There will also be a disco, featuring one of the winners of a recent disco dancing competition, during the interval and hopefully an auction for a colour T.V. Tickets (price fully an auction for a colour T.V. Tickets (price £5.50) will be available shortly - if you would like £5.50) while the sound on 612857.

WINDMILL SINGERS



We are proud to present in costume, a concert version with dialogue of 'H.M.S. Pinafore' by Gilbert & Sullivan in Southam Community Centre on Thursday

17th and Saturday 19th February at 8 pm. Tickets £1 can be obtained from:-

Bryan Harrison (612533), Sheila Scott (612637) or Anne Moore (612427).

If you belong to an organisation, why not arrange a party from amongst your members and make it a night out. A bar and refreshments will be available.

Sail the Ocean Blue with us! KEN NORDON.

RESULTS OF MUSIC EXAMS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SESSION

Practical:

Grade 2 - Nicholas Ball, Analie Hoare and Samantha Neill - Pass

Grade 3 - Carole Moore - Pass

Grade 4 - Andrea Burford - Pass

Theory (Max marks 99)

Grade 3 - Georgina Ball (82) Anna Catt (94)

Grade 5 - Caron Lucas (73)

The above are all pupils of Mrs. M.J. Coope (612556)

GOODBYE AND HELLO - AGAIN

It is not often that we see dramatic results as a result of fearless press campaigning, though Watergate was impressive. Our column of thanks and resolutions for 1983 had one startling outcome. The chap who always dumps plastic bags in the ditches along Bush Heath Road, must be an avid reader of the Harbury & Ladbroke News. The day after the publication of the resolution in the January edition the plastic bags were joined by a large bunch of holly

18:

and a fine dead Christmas Tree.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. N.G. Boydell who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary last month.

They have lived in Harbury since 1950, first at Gaddlers! in Chapel Street, then at 'Henry's' in Bush Heath Lane where they lived for 15 years before moving to their present home in The Beeches. We wish them many more happy years in the village.

"ALL LOOKS WELL 1"



Carrying out a
trial at her well
so as not to be
caught napping if
the mains water
is turned off
is Harbury born
and bred Miss
Dinah Warwick of
Brethrens Farm,
with her dog Mack.
(photo by
Mike Bloxham).

It is hoped that a P.H.A.B. Club in Southam (Physically Handicapped & Able Bodied) will be started in the near future. If anyone is interested in participating please contact Rosemary Ottewill (Tel: 613402).

50/50 AUCTION - APRIL 30th

The P.C.C. of Harbury Church will be organising a 50/50 Auction to be held on Saturday April 30th, in aid of Church Funds.

Articles may be entered in the sale on the basis that half the sale price is paid to the entrant and that the other half goes to Church funds. Alternatively of course, articles may be donated for sale, in which case the total sale price goes to the Church.

The two previous 50/50 Auctions held by the Church proved to be interesting and enjoyable events with many unusual lots coming under the hammer (no,

not literally!)

More details next month regarding how to enter articles for the sale. In the meantime, why not look out those things you have tucked away somewhere which are too good to throw away but somehow do not fit into your home?

JBM.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Spotlight on Advertisers turns this month on to Brian's Furs, Mitre Electrical and Spon Street Sewing Machines:-

BRIANS FURS. Owned and run by Brian and Eunice
McCracken, this business was started about 10 years
ago. Brian has been in the fur trade for some 35
years. They are assisted by Mrs. Colston and Mrs.
Whitmore. It takes as little as one day to make up
a coney (rabbit) coat or as long as 5 days for a
stranded mink coat. Brians Furs offer the full
range of coats, hats, jackets and capes and can
undertake any renovation, cleaning or re-styling job.

MITRE ELECTRICAL. Keith Saul has split his business into two, now running "Multi-Heat" for heating and boiler repair services and "Kool-Kit" for fridge & freezer repairs. Both sections offer a full range of repair, maintenance and replacement services.

SPON STREET SEWING MACHINES. This business run today by John Saumers, who lives in Harbury, was started by his father 12 years ago. He deals with Viking, Bernina, Elna, Pfaff and Riccar sewing machines and Knitmaster knitting machines. Also supplied are industrial machines and sewing centre cabinets,

20: second hand machines, accessories and wool which are on display in the shop in Spon Street, Coventry. This old part of Coventry has several family businesses and craft centres.

Repair of all types of machines is a speciality as is the free cleaning and collection from Harbury area. John Saunders believes that service is the cornerstone of his successful business.

ADVICE TO LOCAL SHOPKEEPERS.....

February! For an old English custom advises young single women to pin five bay leaves to their pillows on St. Valentine's Eve, then they will dream of their future husbands. If this doesn't work, girls, try writing the names of all your possible suitors on pieces of paper, roll each in a little piece of clay, and drop them into water. The first piece of clay which rises to the surface will contain his name. Alternatively, you can circle the Church 12 times at midnight on St. Valentine's Day, reciting suitable incantations, and your true love will appear (although I have a shrewd suspicion it's more likely to be P.C. Percival wanting to know what you're up to!)

Lots of old customs are associated with St. Valentine's Day, which began as the Ancient Roman Festival 'Lupercalia' which honoured Juno, the Roman Goddess of Women and Marriage. In AD 496, Pope Gelasius noted that two Roman martyrs, both named Valentine, had been beheaded on 14th February, so anxious to give the Festival a Christian meaning he decreed that it should be named after them. Neither of them had any connection with courtship or romance; in fact little is known about them, although one of them (a Roman priest who was beheaded in about AD269) was believed to have cured his jailer's daughter of blindness before he went to his death:

In modern times cards and small tokens of affection have been exchanged by lovers, ranging from elaborate ornate Victorian cards to modern humorous ones.

St. Valentine's Day in 1983 may not be a seriously observed festival, but I hope you receive

Kathleen Ellis

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a card from someone you love. And if you're not sure yet who your Mr. (or Miss) Right will be - well, the bay leaves might be worth a try! DIANA HOLT.



TUFTY SAYS:-

"Mums, please bring your children along to my club meetings (on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Wight School).

There, they can be taught properly about road safety; using stories, games and songs, so that they can have fun while they learn".

It's only 10p a time, and for that they can have a badge, an attendance card and a different road safety stamp to stick on the card each time they come.

For mums, there is a cup of tea, at only 5p: and for the children, there is free squash and biscuits. Everyone is welcome:

HARBURY SOCIETY

I am struggling to resolve a moral dilemma which at present prevents me from saying very much about the next event.

What I can say is that we hope to have a meeting on an historical topic of great interest and entertainment value and that I would thoroughly recommend it as an evening out for members and their friends.

There will be full details and an explanation of the problem in our next Newsletter. This could be construed as a ploy on my part to get members to read the thing, but it isn't!

Finally start thinking about the Best Kept
Village competition now! Do you want Fenny Compton
to win this year?

LINDA RIDGLEY.

LET'S GO MEDIEVAL....

Let's put even more fun into our Harbury Carnival by giving it a historic flavour.
Only with your support (yes, you the individual)

we could have the Medieval Fayre of the millenium. We need your contribution of time as an individual or as a member of your local group, and your ideas and opinions.

Each year the Harbury Carnival has been a superb event - often full of surprises. Let's make

this one just as good.

We are suggesting a medieval theme (defined in the Oxford dictionary as being "of middle ages; old-fashioned; historical") Ideally having stall holders, stalls and the procession and fancy dressers depicting historical characters or scenes would be most gratifying. However if you prefer to be more futuristic or come as you are, your support will be equally welcome.

We would like MORE stalls - especially arts & crafts type and stalls run by families. (Expenses for home produced items, hire of special effects etc

may be claimed).

Stalls under consideration are: Ducking the Witch in the Pond, CoconutShy, Stocks, Jousting, Fortune Telling, Punch & Judy, Olde Worlde Steptoe, Welly Wanging, Arts & Crafts, Olde Worlde Teas, Pig Roast - plus all the more modern favourites and any ideas you may have.

The celebrity guest will be asked to select the best dressed medieval / historical stalls and stall

holders.

Don't forget the dance in the evening to help you unwind and to show everyone's appreciation of your hard work! Why not come in your medieval outfit or just "come as you are". Prizes for best costumes of the evening too.

All offers of help and ideas gleefully welcomed by:- Mrs. Kay Pallot, 31 Manor Orchard, 613270 (after

Mrs. Anne Glaze, 2 Honiwell Close (after 6pm)

TEAR FUND TEA

ly time we buy tea we help - though probably ly - to perpetuate the appalling conditions ntation workers, one of the most exploited people, with poor living quarters and low wages. Tear Fund has found a tea plan-Assam, run by Christians who, because of th, provide proper care and welfare for thers.

Since 1981 'Tear Fund' has marketed their superior quality Assam tea, and profits made from its sale will go to support the work being done by 'Tear Fund' for the benefit of other, less fortunate, tea plantation workers. To give these workers in the Third World a reasonable standard of living, we in the West must be prepared to pay more.

The tea comes in 250 gram packs (8.82 ozs) for 78 pence. I hope to carry a supply for 'Tear Fund' here in Harbury. Please call in any time to buy some

from me at 19 Farm Street.

Tear Fund Sunday falls on March 6th, and after the 10 am Sung Eucharist we hope to offer this tea instead of the usual coffee. So if you would like to try some please come along.

JILL WINTER.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

I have to report that for the first time ever voices were raised and tempers were in danger of bei

lost over Deppers!

Councillors have always shown extraordinary politeness and concern towards Deppers problems and Mrs. Catterall, but the episode of the 'Broken Light' was the last straw. It had been 'out' for six months Mrs. Catterall claimed and the Electricity Board would not repair it because the Parish Council could not afford to pay.

An explosion of megaton proportions ensued as Mike Ellis hit the already shaky roof. "We have a Maintenance Contract - they <u>must</u> repair it" 'Well I've rung up twice'. "What number's the light?" 'Two men complained they couldn't see to walk their dogs' said

a shell-shocked Mrs. C.

The Electricity Board is in for a tough time having already incurred Councillor Ellis's wrath for losing the letter authorising the upgrading of the lighting.

P.C. Percival was pleased to report that British Rail were laying the hedge at the Tunnel and that the obscured road signs had re-emerged from the under-

The farming faction got together to discuss the technical problems of Playing Fields drainage and it appears they will, between them, solve this and arrange for the hedge to be cut at the same time as, SM62a hedge is trimmed (lory Davies having success-

fully negotiated this and repairs to the stile too).

The Council agreed to Mrs. Kelsall's request
that they press the County Engineer to raise the
seats in Vicarage Lane and they will also add their
not inconsiderable weight to the campaign by the
residents of Queens Close to have their road completed:

They gave wholehearted approval to Mr. Towell's plan to erect a teak seat in memory of his late wife, on the wide verge in Vicarage Lane where it will be of benefit to the pensioners who live in Frances Rd.

In a nicely turned note Mrs. Wilkinson informed the Council her trees had been cut back from the Lover's Lane footpath and asked when they would deal with THEIR trees which overhung the same right of way.

Harbury Carnival is due to take place on 11th June. The Pony Show runs from 18-19 June and there will be a Fair on the fields from 26 June to 3 July-let's hope the farmers have solved the drainage

problem by then!

District Councillor MacCauley warned that Midland Red was already planning its next round of service cuts and there looks little hope of the Cheap Fares experiment being extended to Harbury but the Parish Council will take advice from neighbouring councils whose areas were blessed with this pre-Christmas bonus. Midland Red has promised to investigate the overcrowding on the 07.45 bus.

Bruce Hannay did not have a good night. The Council was almost apathetic towards his insistance that they monitor the outcome of the Alcester area Council's struggle to get Stratford to cough up for street cleaning. It is a bone of contention that out of the District Rate Stratford employs 11 men to clean its streets whilst the villages have to make do with occasional visits from the County Council gang. Why can't they employ street cleaners and claim back the cost from the Distric?, Councillor MacCauley asked.

Bruce suffered again at the hands of Sharon Hancock who, through gritted teeth, asked how the District Council was supposed to take note of her corrections to the Draft Electoral Roll if it was not returned to them. She has been left with a certain amount of egg on her face having complained

bitterly about the errors on the previous Roll, and having received a Draft to which she made meticulous amendments - amendments which have 'unfortunately'

remained in Harbury.

Chesterton's Electoral Roll is in the hands of John Drinkwater, and the Boundary Changes, and the Planning Changes, and the Planning Applications, and the M40 bumph. Chesterton has no Parish Council nor even a Parish Meeting and according to Iory Davies has no wish whatever to be represented. Our Parish Council feels morally obliged to keep a weather eye open for matters which may affect the hamlet. It is not empire building it's just a very responsible body with an overwhelming desire to do what is right for the whole community.

The individual members come up for re-election in April - you have only two more opportunities to see them in action before you cast your votes:

LINDA RIDGLEY.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

If you collect a pension or allowance from th Post Office you'll have been given a note about "alternative methods" of receiving your money. These methods mean having the money paid direct into a bank or building society account. Other changes are also afoot - family allowances can now be paid monthly

instead of weekly, and fortnightly pensions may be introduced. All these changes could lead eventually to the closure of our local Post Office. If you don't want that to happen (and surely none of us does!) you should elect to continue collecting your money in Harbury.

Have a word with Mr. Taylor or any of his staffthey'll tell you it's YOUR Post Office - USE it -

or LOSE it!!

YOU ARE INVITED

....to two events being held in aid of Harbury Church: The first is a Coffee Evening at 15 Wagstaffe Close, at which there will be a demonstration of skin care and make-up techniques. This is on Tuesday 8th February at 8 p.m.

Then, on Sunday 13th March, there will be a Coffee Morning from 11:15 to 12:45 at 23 Mill Street.

At both events there will be raffles, and we

very much hope you will come along, enjoy yourselves, and help the Church at the same time.

DIANA HOLT and ANNE & JOHN MOORE

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



The week of prayer for Christian Unity was marked by a special service in All Saints Church. Representatives of a number of denominations participated in the Evensong, and the Vicar gave a short sermon on the meaning of unity in Christ. All who took part in this service felt that this was a very positive demonstration of the growing desire for closer fellowship amongst the

Churches. The photograph shows Howard Petch, Father Mackley and Father Boulton - representatives of the Free Churches, the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church - after the service.

PUBLIC MEETING ON VILLAGE HALL ROOF REPAIRS

The flat roof to the Farley Room leaks and on Wednesday 5 January over 100 interested Parishioners crammed into that room to discuss ways and means of effecting repairs.

The Parish Council and Village Hall Committee had come to the conclusion that a Supplementary Rate would have to be levied to cover the costs and Iory Davies, Chairman of the Parish Council explained that either another flat roof could be laid or a pitched roof could be constructed.

Parish Council Finance Chairman, Keith Thompson said that the flat roof had defeated all attempts at repair, and that the Hall Management Committee, whose income derived from the letting of the Hall had looked to the Parish Council for financial assistance in solving the problem. He outlined the two repair plans, saying that a new flat roof would always pose problems due to 'water ingress', but

that it could at least be funded by the Parish Council and Village Hall jointly or by the levy of

only a lp rate.

A new pitched roof, running from the apex of the original Hall building to the outer wall of the extension would cost around £7000 and would need the levy of a 2p rate for one year, with extra funds from the Parish Council and Village Hall, or a lp rate could be levied for 3 years and a loan raised.

For the Village Hall committee, Ken Clarke, the Treasurer, advocated the building of a pitched roof the most permanent solution. The Village Hall had raised and spent much money in the past 10 years to build and repair the Hall, whilst keeping the rentals as low as possible as a service to the Village. It did not want the constant worry of paying for repairs:

Ken Clarke vigorously defended himself against Mr. Ayres Hunt's accusations that he had not allowed enough funds for the depreciation of the Hall. He pointed out the building had APPRECIATED

fivefold or more since its construction.

Mr. Hunt was confused over the amount to be raised by a 2p rate and claimed that the Village Hall was not a viable concern. "Are we", he asked,

"putting a roof on a White Elephant?"

He complained that the Council had acted precipitously in calling a Public Meeting before acquiring Planning Permission for changes to the roof of the Hall, but Keith Thompson was able to assure him that the Parish Council had not wished to commit the Parish to the expense involved until it had determined what the public wanted.

Mr. Bristow was concerned that even a pitched roof might be subject to vandalism and Mrs. Sperling asked whether the 'Belsen construction' (the barbed wire entanglements on the roof) had succeeded in their purpose. Keith Thompson explained that it was difficult to put into perspective the damage that

vandals had done to the roof.

Mr: King vehemently opposed any addition to HIS rates and he did not stay to vote on the issues.

Keith Thompson, putting the costs in perspective explained that for the average ratepayer with a three bedroomed semi-detached house of £400 rateable value, a lp rate would cost £4 and a 2p rate £8. Miss Vivienne Aggett thought it a waste of money to repair the flat roof and said she would support a levy of up to a 2p Supplementary Rate to build a pitched roof.

Mr. Wilkins argued that the public would donate money, pointing out that £12,000 was raised in five years to build the Hall. He was concerned that people on low and fixed incomes would find the extra rate a burden.

Mrs. Windsor was also of the opinion that the necessary funds would be raised voluntarily, but Cllr Sharon Hancock doubted that there was enough enthusiasm for the Village Hall. The money needed to be raised quickly.

Mrs. Watts was given much applause for her declaration that she, am Old Aged Pensioner, would willing give £4 for all the pleasure that the use of the Hall had given her.

There were various suggestions from the floor on how the Village Hall Committee might save money. Gladys Hutchins asked if the Hall could be run at a profit once the roof was mended and Chairman Iory Davies assured her that it could.

Linda Ridgley echoed Sharon Hancock's point that the roof must be repaired quickly and argued that the Hall Committee was in no position to raise extra funds

Mike Bloxham proposed, Vivienne Aggett seconded and the meeting unanimously approved the building of a pitched roof for the Village Hall extension.

There then followed discussions on how the money was to be raised. Mike Ellis ('I have been quiet so far') thought it better to spread the increase in rates over two or even three years. Mr. Bailey was also in favour of spreading the increase over several years and of trying to raise funds as well.

Peter Holt advocated a $l\frac{1}{2}p$ rate over two years with extra fund raising attempts, but Tim Millington pointed out that a 2p rate for one year would bring in the money without the extra expense of having to raise a loan.

Vivienne Aggett proposed and Bill Middleton seconded the motion that a 2p rate be levied for one year and it was agreed.

Ken Clarke, on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee, thanked the Parish for its support and Chairman Iory Davies thanked everyone for attending and proving how much they cared for their Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

ONE MAN AND HIS LAMB



Joe Van Hoorebeek with his children Sally and Mark and their newly adopted pet lamb known as 'Minty'.

(photo by Mike Bloxham)

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Harbury News,

May I take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to the parents and children of Harbury School for the most generous gifts presented to me at the end of last term, and to send everyone my very best wishes.

CATHERINE EASTAFF.

Dear Editors,

Thoughts and best wishes appreciated......

I would like to thank all those who have enquired about me during my recent stay in hospital. Pleased to say I am progressing satisfactorily and look forward to seeing all friends in the village again soon.

LAURA CLIFTON (Pool Farm).

30: Dear Editors,

Tuesday, 18th January 1983 marked the beginning of a week of prayer for Christian Unity - a goal long discussed by the leaders of all denominations in this

country and overseas.

All Christians in Harbury may care to meditate for a moment on the fact that on Sunday, 30th January there were services for those of Roman Catholic, Anglican and Free Church persuasions all in the same church in Harbury. In other times perhaps, these moves would have resulted in different church buildings in the village, but no, in this age of economic hardship we were all under the same roof, albeit at different time, and should praise God for this.

Surely here in Harbury, in the words of the well known and much loved hymn; God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year?

ROSEMARY ELD.



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LORNE COTTAGE HOME PLAYGROUP

It is with regret that due to changing circumstances the playgroup will be closing in July '83.

Many thanks to those of you who have participated and helped with the group, and a special thank you to Helen Johnson for being so reliable, conscientious and understanding with the children:

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