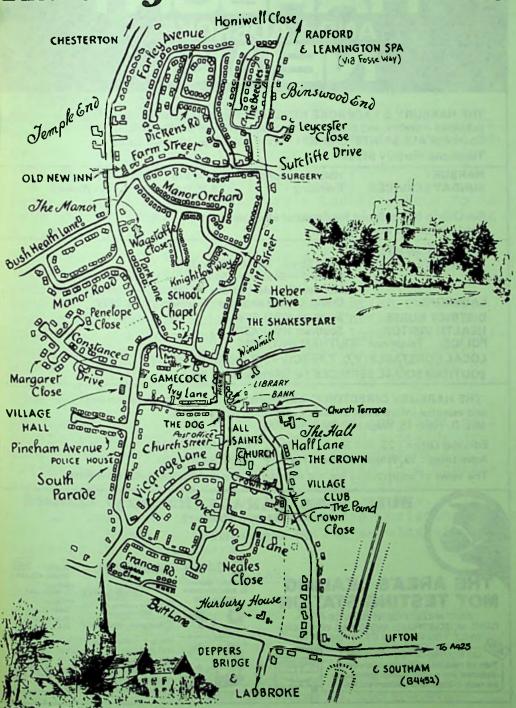
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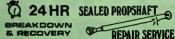
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Best wishes for 1984 to all readers of Harbury & Ladbroke News from the Editors and Committee.

On January 18th you have your opportunity to become a member of the Committee - or an Editor of your village magazine.

Or, you may just wish to air your views on its content or on some other aspect of its production. In any case, you will be very welcome at the Annual General Meeting of the Harbury & Ladbroke News to be held in the Shakespeare on Wednesday January 18th at 8 p.m.

There have been many admirable and enjoyable events in and around Harbury & Ladbroke over the Christmas period. Both Churches held successful Fairs, Harbury School dazzled us with its varied talents, and so did Southam School with its Christmas Revue. The older children involved in this latter show exhibited considerable skill, both musical and dramatic, and we were not a little proud to note that many of the "stars" come from this area! We do congratulate them all.

As always, the Carol Services were an important part of Christmas for very many people, and a new departure in Harbury this year was the ceremony of the Christingle, a service which culminated in a procession round the Church of children (and others) carrying oranges topped with lighted candles. A lot of hard work went into preparing these Christingles, and it is hoped that this enchanting service will be repeated in future years.

DIARY HARBURY

JANUARY 1984

7th 2nd & 4th Teams v Manor Park at the Rugby Club. Sat. Christian Fellowship, 2.30pm, Corner Cottage,

High Street, Speaker - Ivor Cooper. 8th Epiphany I. 8am Holy Eucharist, 10.30am Sung Sun. Eucharist, 2.30pm Free Church Service -(Dr. Esther Waterhouse), 6.30pm Evensong.

10th School, Playgroup and Dancing Classes start. Harbury Friends, 8pm at the School.

P.C.C., 8pm at Wight School.

11th Men's Group Dinner at the Dog. Wed.

12th Golden Age, 2.30pm, Village Hall. W.I., 7.45pm at Village Hall. Thurs.

13th Meeting re Palm Sunday play - see article page 10. Fri.

14th Scouts Jumble Sale, V. Hall, 10am (note time change 2nd & 4th Teams v Coventry Saracens at Rugby Club. Sat.

15th Epiphany II. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Sun. Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.

16th Upholstery Classes start at Wight Schl. (10 weeks). Christian Fellowship Open Meeting, 7.45pm, Colbour Mon.

House, Ufton. Speaker: Dr. Noel Greenhalgh, Chairman of Coventry Field Group, Institute of Religion & Medicine.

17th Village Hall Meeting, 8pm, Village Hall. Tues.

18th Harbury News AGM, 8pm, Shakespeare. wed.

19th Whist Drive, 7.45pm Village Hall. 20th Tufty Club, 2.15pm at Wight School. (Note change) Thurs. Under 16's Disco, 7.30 - 10.30pm, V. Hall. Fri.

21st Second Team v Brackley at Rugby Club. Sat.

W.I. Dance, Village Hall. Christian Fellowship, 8pm, Corner Cottage, High St.

22nd Epiphany III. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Sun. Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.

24th Greenpeace Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30, Tues.

30 Temple End. Young Wives, 2pm, Village Hall.

25th Conversion of St. Paul. 7.30pm Holy Communion. Wed.

26th Golden Age, 2.30pm, V. Hall. Thurs. 27th Tennis Club Disco, V. Hall. Fri.

28th 2nd & 4th Teams v N Casuals at Rugby Club. Sat. PTA Video at School. Stage erection in V. Hall (No Badminton Sunday)

29th Epiphany IV. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Sun. Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.

30th Conservatives AGM, 7.30pm at Dog Inn. Mon.

Christian Fellowship, 8pm, The Spiers, Chesterton 31st Harbury Society Social at Crown Inn, Tickets £1.5 Tues.

FEBRUARY

1st Mothers' Union, 6 Dickens Road, 2.30pm. Wed. 2nd Men's Group, 7.45pm, 6 Dickens Road. Thurs.

H.T.G.'s "Aladdin", 7.30pm, Village Hall. 3rd H.T.G.'s "Aladdin", 7.30pm, Village Hall. Fri.

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Sat. 4th H.T.G.'s "Aladdin", 2.30 & 7.30pm, Village Hall. Christian Fellowship, 77 Mill Street, 8pm.

5th 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, Sun. No Evensong in Harbury.

Stage dismantled. Badminton recommences.

Wed. 8th Study Course at John & Sally Stringer's home.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm 2nd Sunday in month. HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am, Sundays.
UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4, Mondays (10 week course starts Jan 16)

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm, Mondays. GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginners). 7-8pm (7-10yrs),8-9pm(over 10 yrs) every Monday.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 9.30-11.20am Mondays, and 2 - 3.30pm Wednesdays.

PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings. NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings. TUFTY CLUB, 2-3pm Wight School, 3rd Friday each month (N.B.) BROWNIES, Village Hall every Tuesday evening. BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday. HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm, 2nd Tuesday each month.

BABY CLINIC, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm, Tues. Weds. Thurs. DANCING CLASSES for children & adults, 4-9pm, Wednesdays in

Farley Room, Village Hall.

SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village Hall, 7-8.30, 8.30-10pm, Weds. SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45 Tues.(1st troop): Wed. (2nd troop). POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20-3.30pm every Friday. CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm 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.

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

New Year is often a time of mixed feelings and thoughts; a time of looking back with pleasure and with sadness; a time of looking forward with anticipation and apprehension; a time of regret and of resolve.

There is a splendid passage in the rather obscu-Old Testament book of Nehemiah which can refer to Christmas day, to New Year's day or indeed to any d The passage in the Living Bible translation reads "Don't cry on such a day as this! For today is sacre before the Lord your God - it is a time to celebrate with a hearty meal and to send presents to those in need for the joy of the Lord is your strength. You must not be dejected or sad." Most of us will certainly have celebrated Christmas and New Year with hearty meals and with Harbury's famous and frequent parties and many of us will have remembered to send presents to those in need. May we also remember during the coming year that the JOY of the Lord is ou strength. May the JOY of the Lord be ours during the coming year, whatever sadness and difficulties may assail us. VCA.

CHURCH TOWER



The Church tower has been clothed in scaffolding during the last month, in order t effect repairs necessary due to erosion of the cement in the upp section. A number of the pieces of stone were loose, and in order to prevent massive expenditure in th future, these hav been removed and replaced, and the brickwork re-grou The tower was las

The tower was last repaired in the early 1950's, whe the entire struct was re-grouted, a a cost of approximately £1200, the

cement required being donated by the local cement works. Hopefully, when the present work is completed, we should not need to worry about the tower structure for some years to come.

H.W.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear People of Harbury and Ladbroke,

I suppose I am one of those people who is the bane of editorial committees. For here I am writing my contribution to the magazine after the New Year has begun. Of course it ought to have been thought out, days ago, carefully planned and written, instead of scribbling away furiously in the most illegible script trying desperately to meet the deadline. Already people have exchanged their New Year greetings, and here we are launched into 1984 and although over and over again hopes for the future have been expressed, underlying all this are the fears and concerns deeprooted in many hearts. Sometimes I wonder if the things we say jovially to one another at this time of the year are said with any conviction, but rather are expressions of what we really want for others and for ourselves, yet hardly expect to happen. It is as if in saying all these good things, it might really come true, almost by magic. But it is not for magical things that we are longing - not for the fairy-tale ideas of wealth and possessions to enable us to live happily ever after, rather a better way of living and the opportunity of making the best of what God has provided for us in his world he has created and given into our hands to use.

There are of course the major issues of today's world, the horror of nuclear war, the problem of unemployment, the ravages of poverty and disease and the prevalance of violence and inhumanity. Surely these are concerns which loom large in the hearts and minds of most people, but they are concerns which are so large that we feel overwhelmed by them and powerless to do anything. However there are other concerns, which are within the scope of individuals to do something about and which if undertaken with determination would undoubtedly begin to effect the major problems of this world.

.:6. Among many other things I would wish for in the year ahead is a more sensible use of time. The worl does rush along at an insane pace. The term 'leisure industry' is heard often and really the two words are almost contradictory. People seem to have so little time for one another. Nevertheless people complain about boredom and the dullness of life. There is no time to ask ourselves why we persist in prejudices am perpetuating long-standing bitterness, why we hold to narrow views and are sometimes indifferent to the problems, which are on our own very doorstep. We need time to think, time which is not cluttered up with other things, time when we are still, quiet and receptive. That is the value of community life in monasteries and convents, but that is a vocation and an opportunity for very few and only available to mos of us if ever we decide to go on a retreat. Nevertheless, if there is the will to do it, even in the busiest of lives, a brief period of quiet time each day is possible and beneficial and is an antidote to a life with not a moment to think.

May I wish you all a year to bring you joy and happiness, a year free from anxiety and fear and a year when you can take the time, from time to time, to be quiet.

ANTONY ROWE.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism
Ilth December, 1983 - Frederick William Bernard,
son of Sean Rupert St. John & Celia Anne Neill,
19 Mill Street.

18th December, 1983 - Nicola Georgina Clare, daughter of Ronald Francis & Andrea Jeannette Holmes, The Shakespeare Inn, Mill Street.

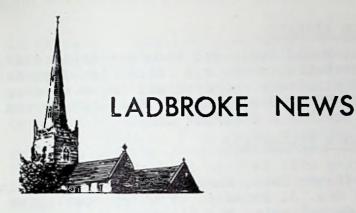
Funerals

December 9th, 1983 - Anne Palmer, 45 Mill Street. Keith Edmund Nicholls, 24 Binswood End.

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY AND LADBROKE

Tuesdays: Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m. in Harbury Wednesdays: Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. in Ladbroke Thursdays: Holy Communion, 9.45 a.m. in Harbury Fridays: Holy Communion, 7 a.m. in Harbury.

(these dates apply except for special festivals and Holy Days)



JANUARY DIARY

Friday 6th, 7.30 p.m. Communion Service Sunday 8th, 9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns Wednesday 11th, Ladbroke Women's Fellowship, Woodlands Farm. Ladbroke P.C.C., 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 15th, 9 a.m. Holy Communion (said), 11 a.m. Matins (sung) Sunday 22nd, 9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.

Wednesday 25th. The Conversion of St. Paul. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 29th, 9 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th, 9 a.m. Holy Communion, 3.30 p.m. Evensong.

First of all, a Happy New Year to all our Ladbroke readers - let us hope that 1984 will be the year of the Bypass!!

The Coffee Morning organised by Ros Pearson in aid of the Playbus was well attended and the impressive sum of £50 was raised towards the upkeep of the Playbus.

Although the "Flying Dogs" were unable to fly into Ladbroke for the Village Hall Dance, their substitutes proved to be more that adequate and it was a most enjoyable, successful event. I have never seen the Village Hall so beautifully decorated - congratulations to all concerned.

The Carol Singers who sang all round the village on Friday 16th December, raised the magnificent sum of £45, which has been donated to the N.S.P.C.C. KATE LIVERTON.

CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS

Southam Lions, Round Table and Rotaract thank everybody who contributed to the tin collection from whic approx. 4,000 tins were received and these made up into a record 415 food parcels for the elderly and needy in the Southam & District area.

LADBROKE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting will be held on January 11th at 3 p.m. at Woodlands Farm, Radbourne Lane at the kind invitation of Mrs. J. Barnett, at which meeting we look forward to welcoming Mrs. Churchill of Harbury. C.H.

TIME FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION

A new course of study together is shortly to begin with an initial meeting on Wednesday 8th Feb. at 8 o'clock. This is to be a following to the previous course undertaken, 'Agenda for Apostles'. The intention is to have fortnightly meetings and we are kindly invited to hold our meetings at the home of Sally and John Stringer.

HARBURY SCHOOL

At last the term came to an end in an absolute welter of activities. Our thanks to all our parents who support us in a number of ways so that we can have two lovely parties.

I am sure that everyone enjoyed the First School Pantomime 'Jack & the Beanstalk', which played to hugaudiences. The resulting collections totalled £70 for

Dr. Barnardo's.

The P.T.A. Carols Round the Village was another 'warming' experience. At least it was dry this year and we collected £60 for the Scanner Appeal for the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The lower Middle School 'Old Tyme Music Hall' wanother gem! Again the school hall was packed on booccasions, and £60 was collected for School Funds. A

these activities are the result of teamwork and very hard work by children and parents. It is good to se that these efforts are appreciated.

The upper Middle School Carol Concert in church did provide some very warm memories of Christmas pas

in Harbury. There were a number of recollections of Christmas parties at the Wight School, skating on the pond at Temple End, baking Christmas cakes and pork pies in Thornicroft's ovens, Cement Works parties etc. What a different world to the computers and videos of today.

We had some fine carol singing both by the children and the congregation, and £33 was collected

for church funds.

Sadly we say goodbye to two of our teachers,

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Schmidt.

We wish Mrs. Brown every success at her new school and thank her for five splendid years at Harbury School. To Mrs. Schmidt we say thanks for the two terms she has been with us, and we wish her well in the future.

Finally, we at Harbury School wish you all a

peaceful and happy 1984.

HARBURY P.T.A.

A very happy New Year to everyone. Our new programme will be available from this month giving details of all events for the coming year. The first of these events will be a video morning on 28th January.

We had a very successful year in 1983 and hope for your continued support in 1984. All new members will be especially welcome although anyone interested may attend any of our meetings which are always published in the Harbury News Diary.

CLIVE TAYLOR

Clive, who is the son of Brian and Josie Taylor of Harbury Post Office, received a City & Guilds silver medal for coming top out of 1800 students in toolmaking examinations.

Clive works in the toolroom at Automotive Products, and we congratulate him most warmly on

this splendid achievement.

THANK YOU to everyone who so kindly gave books to the folks at the Royal Midland Counties Home.

MARY ROLF.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Woodward. Three of his pewter miniatures were selected by the Queen for Christmas Crackers used at Windsor.

lelyullal thoughts after Christmas

Christmas is very much about God's search foman. Always loving Him, ever seeking Him out, Go wants man to respond to Him. Christmas has jus finished and it is an apt time to reflect on God'= desire to draw man to Himself.

Before that first Christmas God had graduall revealed Himself to the Jewish nation. Sometimes the Jews tried to obey Him, sometimes they turned away but either way they often failed Him. So nearly 2000 years ago God stepped directly into human history by coming to earth Himself as a human being called Jesus. We all know the Christmas story so well, but we often forget that the baby grew up. He was God incarnate, God's perfect gift to man. He alone is the way to life and salvation. There is no grave in Christianity, only a glorious empty tomb.

That child - the word made flesh - is now the Risen Lord, very much alive in our world today and still seeking each one of us out. He wants us to

respond to His love.

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JW.

PALM SUNDAY PLAY

Plans were afoot in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to get rid of that embarrassing, if temporaril popular, figure Jesus. And plans are afoot at the moment in Harbury to present a play on the subject in the church this next Palm Sunday (April 15th).

However, such an undertaking does not happen miraculously: a bit of human co-operation is needed; plans will be discussed at a meeting in the Wight School at 7.45 p.m. on Friday January 13th. If you are interested in helping in any capacity - acting or otherwise - please come along. The play calls fo nine male actors, four female (including two in teen or twenties) and three children, including a young, at any rate smallish, girl. Characters include a Me Trader (any Brummie accents around?), his none-toobright hulk of a'minder' (are there any hulks, credible or incredible, in the village?) and that ho headed character from St. John's Gospel, the young man blind from birth, who has problems with both parents and girl-friend in the play.

A lively dance needs choreographing, songs will

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need singers, a flute needs playing (and your name needn't be James Galway), and if you're a dab hand with a palm leaf, then join the Crowd!

If the date of the meeting clashes but you'd like to be considered for a role or will offer help, drop your name, address and area of interest in at the Rectory: a register of willing people could prove most helpful. E. ALGAR.

HARBURY SCOUTS

As a result of the Bring & Buy Sale held by the Scouts on 17th December, we have been able to send £100 to the Blue Peter Weatherbeater Appeal. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this event. J.J.V.H. (Scout Leader)

1st HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Do not forget our Grand Winter Jumble Sale on Saturday 14th January at the Village Hall. Jumble collections will be made around the village during the previous week, but for any special collections, please contact Ken Hughes on Harbury 612273, Janet Watts on 612603, Rosemary Ottewill on 613402 or any other member of the committee. Please note 10 a.m. start and not 2 p.m. as mentioned in last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News.

Many thanks to all those who supported our Cheese & Wine Party to provide cooking equipment for the Cubs, and also those who are helping in any way with obtaining the cookers. £61.34 was raised.

J.W.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

A very big THANK YOU to all those children who brought a present for the underprivileged children to the Action Research Fun Show last month, and to the mums who helped with the refreshments and pro-

vided the mince pies. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th Jan. 2 p.m. at the Village Hall. Mrs. Cathie Robins who is a psychotherapist will be giving a talk and explaining how she uses hypnosis (her main weapon) to help people with weight problems, shyness, phobias VANDA BALL. stammering, exam nerves etc.

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WIGHT SCHOOL BOOKINGS

It would be much appreciated is people who make long-term bookings for the Wight School, and subsequently find their plans are changed, could notify Mrs. Windsor (612504) as soon as possible to avoid other users being disappointed. There have been some last minute cancellations recently, resulting it confusion all round.

A.M.

"ALADDIN"

Harbury Theatre Group is presenting its third traditional pantomime in the Village Hall on Thursday Firday and Saturday, 2nd, 3rd and 4th February. Evening performances are at 7.30 p.m., with a 2.30 matinee on the Saturday.

As always there'll be lots of opportunities for audience participation("Oh no there won't!" "OH YES THERE WILL!") and "fun for all the family". Get your tickets NOW (price fl or 60p) from Phil Lindop's

Drug Store.

Lots of weird and wonderful effects, costumes are props will be used - and we would welcome help with a few of these. Please has anyone an appropriate land (we will supply the genie!), a gong or other instrument suitable for heralding an Emperor's entourage, or a recording of "Baby it's Cold Outside" by any chance? If so, I would be very grateful to hear from you.

DIANA HOLT, 612790.

Singalong with Keith & Clive at the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

HARBURY ALBION F.C.

Over the last 2 months things have certainly been happening for the better on the football field. Our two senior sides have really put Harbury on the map with a great run of results. The lst team have played 7 won 6 lost 1, and climbed to 2nd place in the 2nd division. Leading goal scorers were Colin Sheasby (9), Ian Lowe (7) and Clive Coleman (6).

The Reserves remain the only unbeaten side in the fifth division having won 4 drawn 2, with 27 goals for and 7 against, an impressive record in anybody's book. Leading scorers were Neil Humphreys

(12) and Rob Davis (5).

David Hagan, a newcomer to the Harbury side, gets more impressive with every game. He scored a superb Hat Trick in the drubbing of Warwick University 7-0.

Keep it up lads and we will have a double celebration at the end of the season! Well done to players and managers alike.

K. & A. PEEBLES



HARBURY ALBION F.C. celebrated Boxing Day with a match between the under 20's and the somewhat over 30's!

(see overleaf for Oct. & Nov. results)

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RESULTS

1st TEAM 2nd TEAM

Central Hospital O Harbury Res. 4 Southam 1 Harbury 3 Kenilworth 3 Westlea Res. 2 Harbury Res. Harbury Hampton Magna 0 Harbury Res. 1 Lillington 2 Harbury Harbury 3 B. Itchington R. 1 Courier Press 0 Harbury Res. 1 2 Harbury Res. 2 Leam. Postal Harbury 3 Cubbington Warwick University 0 Har. Res. 7 Old Hearts 2 Harbury West Mid. Police 2 Harbury 6

TUFTY CLUB

Sadly, we are having to announce the departure of one of our hardest working and most enthusiastic committee members - Kay Pallot.

It is a very sad occasion for us and we would like to thank her for all her past help - we will all

miss her a lot!

Another important announcement - though on a much brighter note - is that we have managed to change the day of the Tufty meetings, to the 3rd FRIDAY of the month, starting in 1984 with Friday 20th January. They will still be held in the Wight School, from 2-3 p.m.

So please, mums and dads, bring your pre-school children along to the Harbury Tufty Club. They can join in with the games and songs, listen to stories and have a lot of fun - all the time, learning about road safety.

Don't forget - in accidents occurring whilst crossing the road, the majority of victims are either elderly people or young children! So it is never too soon for them to learn.

THE NEW VILLAGE HALL ROOF

You will recall that on January 5th 1983, the Parish Council, tegether with the Village Hall Management Committee called a public meeting to discuss the condition of the Village Hall roof, which at that time was in very poor condition, with many leaky and rotting timbers. It was agreed at that meeting to levy an additional 2p Parish rate for one year to finance the provision of a new

roof. This was duly done, and the contract was awarded to DWAG Builders. They began work on rebuilding the rear aspect of the roof in September 1983.

Work was completed in November 1983, at a total cost of £8620.90; the breakdown of expenditure being

as follows:-

tollows:-	£	£
Professional Fees (note 1)	400	
Planning, Building Regs, Inspection Fees.	82 6314	
Original Estimate Insulation	479	
Tiles (price increase)(note 2) Timber (" " ")	134 231	
Plywood decking for new loft	84	
Access doors to loft area	136	0005
Guttering and downpipes	165	8025
Repairs to Kitchen & Storeroom	1.66	
roof (note 3) V.A.T Kitchen roof repairs	466 69.90	
- Architects fees	60	595.90
	111 111	8620.90

Notes on the above

Note 1 - Professional fees include both design work together with the associated calculations, and regular inspection of the work to ensure correct construction etc.

Note 2 - the additional costs of tiles and timber were due to price increases/inflation between January when the estimate was prepared, and September when the materials were purchased.

Note 3 - During construction of the new roof, the builders identified several areas of the kitchen and storeroom roofs which were in very poor condition. These were repaired while the workmen were on site, to minimise repair costs and prevent further deterioration.

To pay for the drive, the necessary amount was raised as follows:-

IV. 1) Parish Council Contribution

The 2p rate raised £5460. This was received in April 1983 and invested. Therefore the Parish Counc agreed at the November meeting to contribute £6500, (plus £90 VAT) of which £400 was fees. The addition amount being accrued from Bank Interest and other reserves.

2) Village Hall Management Committee Contribution

The Committee applied for a grant from Stratforce District Council lottery fund. They subsequently received £1100, their total contribution amounting to£1811.

3) Drama Group

Since the Drama Group were to be the main beneficiaries of the large storage area created in the neroof space, they agreed to finance the total cost of the access doors and decking amounting to £220.

Finally, my thanks to everyone involved in the scheme. To you the ratepayers for exercising sound judgement at the public meeting by agreeing to the extra rates, which allowed a sound, lasting structure to be created; to Mr. Borland for his professional expertise and guidance; to the sub committee for the assistance and support; and especially to Mr. Green (DWAG Builders). He was concerned throughout that tratepayers should have value for money, while endeavouring to keep costs at reasonable levels. He therefore did an excellent job on our behalf.

KEITH THOMPSON.

THE CHRISTMAS FUN SHOW

What an action packed show Action Research for the Crippled Child put together for the enjoyment of a packed village hall on the Sunday before Christmas. Village Hall you ask; but surely the posters said the show was in the church? And so it was to be until 36 hours before the audience arrived with the discovery of that age-old problem - the technical hitch.

Luckily, the Village Hall Committee came to the rescue with a new venue. The Theatre Group turned or

in force and gave an excellent performance in transforming the village hall. Tim Percival showed great prowess on point duty by directing anyone who ventured near the Church to the Village Hall.

And so, as the curtain rose Bryan Harrison stood confidently upon his rickety trestle secure in the knowledge that the carefully planned stage directions rehearsed in the church had gone and that he was about to compere a show where everyone was surviving on a diet of improvisation and blind panic. However, the professionalism of Robert Harding's rendition of 'The Carol Singer' set the standard and by the time the Fairies and Robins of Bayards Academy of Dancing had given their charming display everyone was enjoying themselves.

The 1st Harbury Scouts and Guides sang a selection of camp fire songs with great gusto and were followed by the Theatre Group who acted out Hans Christian Anderson's seasonal tale of 'The Fir Tree.' Further fine performances from Bayard's dancers followed and Graham Shurvinton delighted the audience with his singing. The show was interspersed with carols to enable everybody to take part and during two of these the children brought gifts on to the stage to be blessed by Canon Rowe before being sent to underprivileged children.

A complete change of mood followed with the PTA's 'Cops & Robbers' sketch which had the audience in fits of laughter. The Action Research Committee gave us a typical St. Trinian's carol concert of their own and the show was concluded by Richard Johnson's beautiful singing of 'O Holy Night'.

The collection and the sale of coffee and mince pies provided by the Young Wives resulted in about £60 being raised to further aid research into crippling diseases.

R.S.P.C.A. COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to so much help and generosity £135 was raised at the R.S.P.C.A. Coffee Morning held recently. PAM SPERLING.



Nora Bastock with her team of fundraisers and the £240 they have raised for the Coventry & Warwickshire Cancer Treatment Fund by holding Whist Drives and Discos. (photo by Mike Bloxham)

ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD CASINO EVENING: FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Did you lose your shirt in Monte Carlo or gamble the night away in Paris? Well, Action Research are providing you with another chance to spend an evening as a high roller. Our Casino will be opening its doors at 8 p.m. on Friday 10th Feb. but gone are the bright lights of the Windmill Casino of Monte Carlo and the Can-Can Dancers of gay Paris. This time as you enter the village hall your destination will be the Golden Nugget Saloon in Las Vegas at the turn of the century.

The exchange rate remains excellent though. For only £2.50 you get supper, full cabaret entertainment and two hundred Harbury dollars with which to play the roulette and blackjack tables. You may not win a fortune but we guarantee that you won't lose one. There are also prizes for the most successful gamblers of the evening so come along and

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SICK CHILDREN IN SWAZILAND

The response to the above appeal has been quite staggering. Within three days of publication we had collected £226 to send to the Red Cross. The final amount is £260, and we thank God that the hearts of so many people have been touched to give.

J.W.

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HARBURY SOCIETY

Our last venture was a tour of the village which no-one came on but we are hopeful that the New Year will see an improvement in attendances.

On February 21st at 8pm in the Wight School, Peter Westmacott will give an illustrated talk on 'Our Canals, a neglected heritage', to which everyone is welcome. Before that on Tuesday 31st January, at the Crown Inn, we are holding our Social Evening when the entertainment will be a one man show entitled "The history of the Cockney - in Song & Verse." This is educational as well as being entertaining and promises to be an excellent night out with the usual Ploughman's and Baked Spud thrown in. Tickets at around f1.50 will be available in a week or two from your committee member, and are strictly limited so order them promptly, when your newsletter arrives.

Non-members who would like to attend should

ring Linda Ridgley, 612305.

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MUSIC EXAMS

Only two pupils were entered for examination this December. They were:

Sarah Johnson - Grade 1 Carole Moore - Grade 4

They were both successful in passing.

M.J. COOPE.

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GREENPEACE

Greenpeace has launched an appeal to save itself frebankruptcy. It recently received a £50,000 fine for refusing to give an undertaking not to attempt to be the radioactive discharges into the sea from the

Sellafield nuclear plant in Cumbria. We hope those who support its work will also support a coffee morning and collection towards the £50,000 needed. It will be on Tuesday 24th January at 30 Temple End, from 10.30 to 12.30.

CHRIS ANDREWS & JILL WINTER.

DISTRICT COMMUNITY SERVICE

CLUB SEEKS HELPERS

Southam and District Lions Club is part of the largest service organisation in the world and we hope that most people have heard of the service provided by ourselves or associated Lions Clubs.

We are a voluntary organisation providing a service to the community in which we live. Our scope of activities is wide and our aims are practical in that the money we raise from the public is all used for charitable purposes.

By combination of efforts and abilities of members and helpers, we can continue past projects

and initiate new plans.

We are seeking to make contact with men willing to participate in community service and will be pleased to explain our background and the fellowship and enjoyment that we and our families gain from Lionism.

We promise a warm welcome to our meetings in Southam and arrangements will be made to accompany visitors in the first few "getting to know you" occasions.

Please ring Keith Brailsford on Southam 2148

for more details.

ROUND TABLE

Many of you will have heard of Round Table, the nearest being Southam and District. We do a variety of things which can be described in two main ways as broadly charitable, and social. Recently we have been most active in raising funds for youngsters and for disabled people. We meet once a fortnight, with a wide variety of activities. Membership is open to men, aged between 18 and 40, and is a good way of getting to know other people in the area. There is also an active Ladies Circle.

If you would like to know more of what we do,

or are interested in joining, do give David Johnston on Southam 3148, or Roy Rogers on Marton 633176 a rital and we'd be very happy to hear from you.

IN THE GARDEN

Many gardeners have a love/hate relationship with birds; they value them for their intriguing ways and their value in helping to reduce the garden pests like greenfly and caterpillars. We should reward them for this labour, if not we shall regret it in years to come.

Now down to gardening. All the showmen and show ladies are starting their seeds and cuttings so that they can retain their present prestige. For the average gardener common sense plus experience - yours and your neighbour's - must ultimately be your guide.

In a heated greenhouse you can sow cauliflowers (early varieties), onions, leeks, strawberry seed and plant a few potatoes, French beans for a very early crop.

Wishing you all a happy growing new year. W.F. LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I think I missed a very good speaker at our December Social Evening. Mr. Ott, who was born in France and brought up in Yorkshire spoke with a good deal of humour on the marriage of food and wine. He was thanked by Mrs. Zonik. In February Mr. Brian Cooke will talk on pruning - all are very welcome. This is a subject that has been requested and should prove very popular.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

As a service to the readers of the Harbury & Ladbroke News could you publicise an updating of the Community Nursing Service in the villages please

Sister Köhler and Sister Wild are not at prese the Nursing Sisters in the villages. Anyone requir ing a Community Nursing Sister should contact their G.P. or telephone the Nursing Office during office hours.

The telephone number is Leamington Spa 881451, and after 5.30 p.m. and at weekends and Bank Holidays messages can be left on the Ansafone Service -Stratford on Avon 205651. Yours sincerely,

Vera_Wild.

GENEVA, New York State

Harbury is UNIOUE - but then anyone who lives in the village already knows that! However, if you need added confirmation, there is no place of that name in the U.S.A., although there is a Chesterton (Indiana), Kenilworth (Utah), Coventry (Delaware), Warwick (N.Y. & Georgia) and Stratford (California)all of which we have passed on our travels!

We have covered 40,000 miles since March and visited 30 States, so we have seen some of the country, but for the New Year magazine, I thought I

would relate some Christmas traditions.

In upstate New York, the verandahs of the typical clapboard houses were festooned with coloured lights, whilst illuminated models of snowmen or Santa Claus complete with reindeers, lurked amongst brightly lit bushes and trees in the front 'yards'-(gardens). The majority of houses displayed wreaths constructed around a base of straw or intertwined vine stems; both materials in abundant supply, as the Finger Lakes region is a farming and wine-producing area. The 'artificial' wreaths were adorned with Christmas ribbons, dried flowers.... and lights, whilst the evergreen models sported cones and massive red velvet bows. The greenery was mainly yew, although a few adventurous souls purchased sprigs of "berried English holly" (from VERMONT! at \$1/ tiny twig!) for extra decoration.

At night, many houses shone electric candles behind each uncovered window and with an average of 10-20 windows/ house, the overall effect against a background of snow and hoar frost was stunning - a

Christmas wonderland according to the girls!

In the houses, spruce trees were hung with painted wooden ornaments, tapestry motifs, beaded decorations and several edible items, including red white striped candy canes, brightly coloured cookies and pretzels interwoven with ribbons. In the church

candles for the Christmas candlelight services.

Our family revelled in making home made decorations to simulate local traditions (candy rings, nutand seed baubles and milkweed 'flowers') and we were overwhelmed with surprise offerings from Genevans who

wanted to make 'ex patriates' feel "at home".

masses of red poinsettias were banked around the altars and window sills had yew sprays with electric

We have shared many delightful experiences with our American friends, but maybe Christmas was the tiwhen we appreciated the traditions which confer UNIQUENESS on a community.

We savoured a traditional dinner of goose (although most Americans had turkey), which was followed by pecan and pumpkin pies (without the bran sauce!)

We thank everyone who sent us Christmas greeting and in turn, we would like to wish all in Harbury a very happy (English?) New Year!

CHRIS FINCH.

CHKIS I

Dear Editors,

On behalf of the Golden Age Club, I would like to thank most warmly the Harbury Brownies, for their Christmas gifts. These will be distributed at our Christmas dinner in January, and I know all our members will be delighted with the Brownies' kind and generous thought.

Perhaps I could also add, on behalf of all pensioners, our thanks for the many ways in which ware remembered at Christmas. The Senior Citizens Party, the parcels from the Lions, Round Table and Rotaract clubs, and of course the care and concern of the community in general - Harbury is definitely

a very good place in which to be an OAP!!

LUCY KNIGHTON

Dear Editors,
 I would like to thank the children, staff and
parents of Harbury School, for their gift of a beau
tiful briefcase. It makes me look extremely effici
although appearances can be deceptive!

I have been at Harbury School for over five years, and during that time, I have seen many changes and have taken part in a variety of activities. I have paraded through the village as a 'Common blue' butterfly, a poppy and a mediaeval wench. I have conducted groups of children half way round Warwickshire, in the pursuit of knowledge and managed to lose half a class, on one occasion, on a wet, overgrown nature trail. They returned eventually, I'm happy to say.

I have only just recovered from the shock of losing two of my colleagues, in one term, thanks to an over-zealous stork. I think that may have prompted me to apply for my new position. I couldn't stand the strain of wondering where he would strike next!

I can only reiterate my heartfelt thanks to everyone, for their support, generosity and friendship and for making my five years at Harbury truly memorable. MARIE BROWN.

1st HARBURY SCOUTS & GUIDES FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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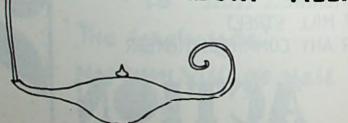
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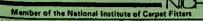
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