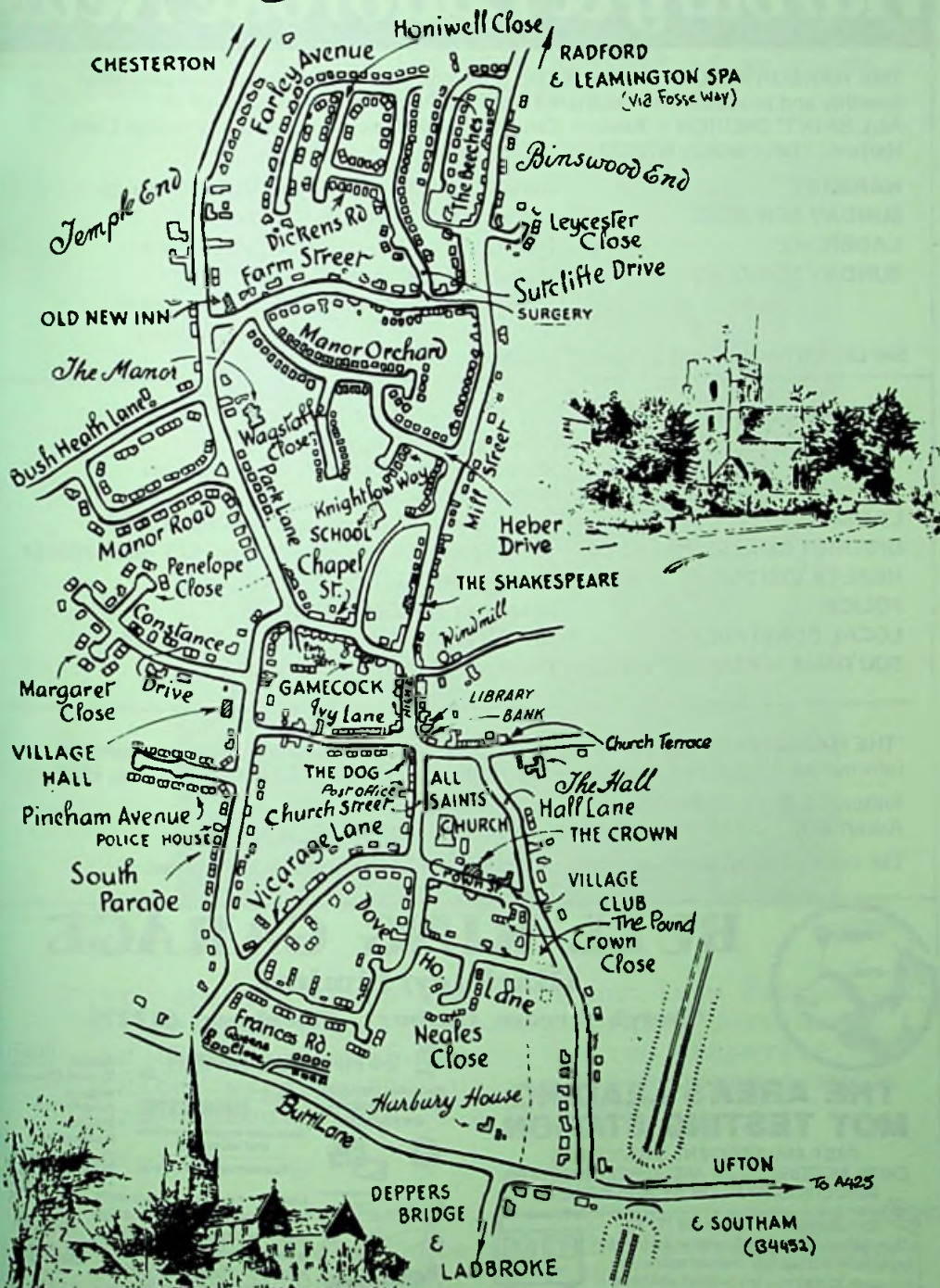


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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion — 8.00 am, 10.30 am (Sung)

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**HAD A
BUMP?**

Mike Bloxham's photograph of children enjoying the snow reminds us that the cold weather is welcomed by some of us - but by no means all!



Library opening hours are to be cut from February 25th
Effectively we lose the Monday morning service.
Whilst this in itself may not be too desperate, it
is a clear warning that unless the Library service
is used we could lose it altogether.

CORRECTION: Please note that the District Nurse's
daytime telephone number is 9/881451.

At the Annual General Meeting of Harbury & Ladbroke News held on January 23rd, we welcomed to the Committee Chris MacGowan, who will take over from Peter Holt as Advertising Manager, Glenys Hill who will take over the typing duties from Diana Holt and Terry Wade who will also help with the typing. The remainder of the Committee are as before, and they and all their helpers were thanked for their various contributions to the magazine.

At the January meeting of the Parish Council the future of the bus shelter in Mill Street was discussed. It has been repeatedly vandalised, is a collecting point for litter and appears to be little used for its intended purpose. The Council voted in favour of demolishing it, but postponed a final decision in order to gauge public opinion - so if you feel strongly that the shelter should be repaired and retained write to the Parish Clerk, Mr. Ray Carter at 2 Margaret Close.

Finally its good news that after several years of campaigning by the Parish Council and the Harbury Society, Harbury now has two designated Conservation areas - around the Church and the Binswood End, Farm Street Temple End area. Let us hope that this will enable us to retain these delightful areas of the village for future generations to enjoy.

HARBURY DIARY

FEBRUARY 1985

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| Sat. 2nd | THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
(CANDLEMAS) 9.45 am Holy Communion.
Christian Fellowship meeting at 77 Mill Street. |
| Sun. 3rd | SEPTUAGESIMA (Third Sunday before Lent) 8 am Holy
Communion, 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (visit of
the Bishop of Coventry & Mrs. Gibbs) |
| Tues 5th | Harbury Friends 8 pm School.
NHR Book Group Meeting.
Horticultural Society 8 pm Wight School.
PARISH STUDY COURSE 8.15 pm at 13 Manor Orchard. |

- Wed. 6th Mothers Union 2.15 pm Village Hall, "Old Harbury"
by Celia Barrett.
- Thurs. 7th Girls Club in Village Hall.
Folk Club, Old New Inn, 8.30 pm.
Holy Communion 9.45 am (MU Corporate Communion)
Men's Group meet at 7 pm at Dog Car Park for visit
to British Leyland.
- Fri. 8th WI Badminton Match at Village Hall.
PTA Children's Disco CANCELLED
Southam Area Swimming Pool Association Under 16's
Disco 7.30 - 10.30 pm Southam Community Centre
Admission by ticket 70p.
- Sat. 9th Southam PTA Folk Evening - see Ad for details.
8 pm School Hall.
- Sun. 10th SEXAGESIMA (Second Sunday Before Lent) 8 am Holy
Communion, 10.30 am Sung Eucharist, 2.30 pm
Free Church Service, 6.30 pm Evensong.
- Mon. 11th Christian Fellowship meetings 8 pm, Corner Cottage,
High Street, 77 Mill Street, 3 Vicarage Lane
& 17 Farm Street.
- Wed. 13th Third World Lunch, 19 Farm Street, 12 noon - 2pm.
- Thurs. 14th WI Village Hall 7.30 pm.
Girls Club in Village Hall.
Golden Age 2.30 pm in Village Hall.
- Fri. 15th School, Toddlers and Playgroup breaks up.
Under 12's Disco 7-9 pm at School (PTA)
Tennis Club Disco at Village Hall.
- Sat 16th Christian Fellowship meeting, 8 pm 11 Constance
Drive - Speaker PASTOR COLIN WARNER.
Disco, Harbury Club.
- Sun 17th QUINQUAGESIMA (Sunday before Lent) 8 am Holy
Communion, 10.30 am Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm
Evensong.
- Tues. 19th Harbury Venture Unit Hike/Camp to Burton Dassett
Hills. Leave Scout Hut 9pm.
- Wed. 20th ASH WEDNESDAY Sung Eucharist at 8.30 pm
BLOOD DONORS at Village Hall.
- Thurs. 21st Girls Club in Village Hall.
- Fri. 22nd Theatre Group Meeting, 8 pm, Wight School.
- Sat. 23rd Bayard Dancing Academy Display at Village Hall
"PIED PIPER"
- Sun. 24th ALL ARTICLES FOR MARCH ISSUE TO EDITORS BY TODAY.
LENT I. 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sung
Eucharist (The Guides attend the Service)
- Mon 25th School, Toddlers and Playgroup recommence.
Christian Fellowship meetings, 8 pm, 77 Mill St.
Lullington Lodge, 8 The Beeches & Corner
Cottage, High Street.

- Tues. 26th Young Wives 2 pm Village Hall.
 Wed 27th Village Hall Committee meeting 8 pm V. Hall.
 9.45 pm Deanery Lenten Service at St. Chad's
 Bishops Tachbrook. Theme - "The Growing Church"
- Thurs. 28th Girls Club in Village Hall.
 Golden Age 2.30 pm in Village Hall.
 Senior Citizens Cttee 8 pm in Village Hall.
 Parish Council 7.30 pm Village Hall.
 Whist in Village Hall.
- MARCH 1985
- Fri. 1st Open meeting at Colbourne Hse, Ufton. Speaker
 Rev. Pat Taylor. Subject - Healing.
- Sat. 2nd Christian Fellowship meeting 8 pm Corner Cottage
 High Street.
- Sun. 3rd LENT II 8 am. Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sung Eucha-
 rist.
- Tues. 5th Horticultural Society 8 pm Wight School.

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm
 2nd Sunday in the month.
- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
- UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School. 6-7pm (under 7s and
 beginners). 7-8pm(7-10yrs). 8-9pm(over 10yrs)
 every Monday.
- SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village Club 7-8.30 and 8.30-
 10pm, Mondays.
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.
- TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10 - 11.30 am Mondays,
 and 2.00-3.30pm Wednesdays.
- PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.
- NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday a.m.
- DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday,
 Wednesday and Thursday.
- BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.
- SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday.
- BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.
- HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm 2nd Tuesday of month.
- BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Weds.
- DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room,
 Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.
- GIRLS' CLUB, Village Hall, Thursday evenings.
- W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.
- POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday.
- TUFTY CLUB, 2-3pm, Wight School, 3rd Friday in month
- CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

Tuesday: 7.30p.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.
 Wednesday: 10.30a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke.
 Thursday: 9.45a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury.
 Friday: 7 a.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO
 LINDA RIDGLEY - telephone 612792.

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

From the Harbury Churchwardens.

During the next few weeks, members of All Saints' Church, Harbury will be considering carefully their commitment to Christ and how their time, talents and money can best be offered to God for His work. We are fortunate in Harbury that we have so many people with great gifts and talents. We have people with gifts of leadership, of organisation, of craft skills and indeed many others. Many people with these gifts would be only too willing to use them for God's work if they knew how. This is one of the areas we shall be exploring together in our forthcoming Stewardship Mission and will be the subject of our thoughts, prayers and sermons in Church during February and the early part of March.

This year is the International Year of Youth, originated by the United Nations. The themes of the year are peace, participation and development. There will be many events throughout the county both on a county and a local basis. The county launch will be at a Service in St. Mary's Church, Warwick on 3rd February and the major county event during the year will be participation in the Town and Country Festival at the Royal Showground over the late Summer Bank Holiday weekend.

In his sermon at his recent enthronement as Bishop

of Peterborough, Bishop Bill Westwood, known to many radio listeners for his contributions in the Today programme, chose as his text "So he came and proclaimed good news. Peace to you who were far off and peace to those who are nearby" What a wonderful message for the Christian church! We, who are members of the church should be proclaiming the good news and peace to those who are far off both in geographical and spiritual sense. We are reminded of this in the lovely post-communion prayer which starts "Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that while we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home." The story of the prodigal son brings the message home to us and reminds us that, even if we feel we are far away from God, He is looking out for us and we have but to turn towards Him for Him to meet us and bring us home.

FROM THE RECTOR

There are countless jokes made about what various people might possibly be doing during Lent. It may be that you yourself may have made some flippant remark about your intentions during that holy season. A friend of mine for example, not regarded as an habitual attender at the evening office, said to me on one occasion that he was thinking seriously of giving up Evensong for Lent. I think there is nothing wrong in allowing a little bit of good humour penetrate the solemnity of our religious life and it is probably a very healthy sign when we are able to laugh at ourselves and our practices from time to time. The pity is when something like Lent, becomes nothing more than a bit of a joke - then it is not healthy and it is cynicism.

At one time, most church people would make a definite commitment to observe Lent in one way or another, but in recent years the old rules and obligations of the past have tended to be set aside. The Roman Catholic church relaxed many of the things expected of the devout, in the 1960's and most other churches followed that lead. Relaxation, however, deteriorated with slackness and few people nowadays bother very much about such things as fasting and abstinence. It seems now that the Church of Rome regrets the lack of

discipline among its members and has issued guidelines to revive the practice of abstinence not only as an effort during Lent but throughout the year.

Of course if you mention fasting and abstinence, people immediately think you are a kill-joy and puritanical, but is there not a need nowadays to know again how to be abstemious? Many of the evils of our society are produced because some have never considered that they might perhaps deny themselves anything. Is it good for one always to have everything we want?

Is it being narrow to decide to be moderate and sparing about our pleasures? Sometimes indulgence is mere escapism and often brings disillusionment and unhappiness. Fasting and abstinence were at one time a matter of fairly rigid rule and obligation and consequently lost some of its effect. Today we ought to reconsider how best we could respond to what after all has been part of Christian experience from New Testament times, and decide, how in the twentieth century, we could secure for ourselves the benefit of a disciplined life.

ANTONY ROWE

Footnote

In the 'Book of Common Prayer' among all the information at the beginning of the book under 'Table and Rules' is a section 'Days of Fasting or Abstinence'. We have never been encouraged to forget or ignore what it states there. Moreover in the 1980 Alternative Service Book in the first few pages, there is a section 'Days of Discipline and Self-Denial', which rather suggests to me that even in this modern age, it is not unimportant to consider.

The Thursday Candle

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an Ecumenical Service was held at All Saints', Harbury. The service was quite well attended. The sermon was preached by Fr. John Walsh and members from the Free Churches read the lessons and led the Prayers.

Following on from that expression of the desire for unity, the Parochial Church Council has approved the

suggestion that each Thursday, the Thursday Candle should be lighted. This is a practice adopted by many churches and religious houses of all denominations in this country and throughout Europe to keep a candle burning throughout the day. This is to encourage people to call in at the church at any time during the day to offer their own prayers for the Unity of Christ's Church and to say the special prayer on the card provided. Thus their prayers will be joined with the prayers of many, many Christians.

At All Saints', the candle will be lighted at the commencement of the Holy Communion at 9.45 am and be extinguished at the end of Evening Prayer which begins at 7 p.m. It is hoped that, as well as Anglicans, those from other churches will feel able to join in. They will be very welcome.

Thanks

The glass Communion Cruets used at the weekday services at All Saints' Harbury have become badly chipped and the stoppers broken. We are very grateful to Joyce and Harry Windsor for their gift of new cruets which are in silk finished pewter. They are of simple design, modern and most attractive.

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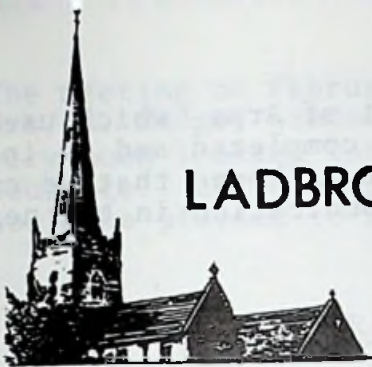
Each Wednesday at 7-15 pm for Adults
Each Friday at 6 pm for Young People.

BOLY BAPTISM

20th January - Stephanie Helen, daughter of Malcolm Roy and Susan Frances Okell, Pan's Garden, FarmS
27th January - Benjamin Clive and Samuel Francis, sons of Clive Ronald and Angela Frances Coleman, 3 Farley Avenue.

FUNERALS

8th January - Constance Viotet Plummer, 'The Sycamores' L/Spa (Interment of Ashes at Ladbroke) 78 years
10th January Florence Annie May Faulkner, School Hse (Interment of Ashes at Ladbroke) 73 years.
10th January Jane Davidson, 5 Leycester Close 82 years
15th January James Gulliver, 5 Manor Road, 82 years.
25th January Sarah Maud Hall, formerly of Ladbroke (Interment of Ashes at Ladbroke) 105 years.



LADBROKE NEWS

FEBRUARY DIARY

- Sun. 3rd THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
(CANDLEMASS) 9 am Holy Communion with
(visit of the Bishop of Coventry &
Mrs. Gibbs) 3.30 pm Family Service
'Service of Lights'
- Wed. 6th 10.30 am Holy Communion.
- Sun. 10th SEXAGESIMA 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns
- Tues. 12th Parish Council.
- Wed. 13th 10.30 am Holy Communion.
2.30 pm Women's Fellowship meeting
(Briarwood, Windmill Lane)
- Sun. 17th QUINQUAGESIMA 9 am Holy Communion 11
Sung Matins with Simple Communion
- Wed. 20th ASH WEDNESDAY 10.30 am Holy Communion
(Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion)
7.30 pm Holy Communion with Hymns
- Sun 24th LENT I 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns.
- Mon. 25th ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE 7.30pm Holy
Communion.
- Wed. 27th 10.30 am Holy Communion.
7.45 pm DEANERY LENTEN Course at St.
Chad's Bishops Tachbrook. Theme 'The
Growing Church'

MARCH

- Sun. 5th LENT II 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns
3.30 pm Evensong.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA: Feb 3rd. Mrs. Rowe, Feb 10th
Mrs. Todman, Feb 17th Mrs. Badman.

All Saints' Church Ladbrooke - News & Views.

Knitting Fund

The ladies who knit to raise funds for the Church to date have raised £130 which will be used to purchase a number of new Prayer Books.

Royal Coat of Arms

A replacement for the Royal Coat of Arms, which used to hang in the Church, has been completed and is in the process of being framed. It is hoped that we can give details of the Service of Dedication in the next issue.

Church Fair

In case you have not heard, the Church Fair, which was held in November, raised more than £400. Half of this amount has been put in the Church Fabric Fund and the rest divided between Charities. Many congratulations to all who worked so hard to make this event such a success.

Church Electoral Roll

If you are interested in Ladbroke Church and attending services there, are not yet on the Electoral Roll and would like to be so (the qualifying date is your 16th birthday) please contact Francis Badman, the Electoral Roll Officer, at Sarah's Cottage, Southam 2187 for further information. G Wynne Badman

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

At the January meeting Dr. Judith John ably demonstrated that we can eat ourselves healthy. We can now expect the casseroles in Ladbroke to be bubbling with black eyed beans, stews and lentil soups all mopped up with wholemeal bread.

We are looking forward to hearing Mrs. Herringshow at our February meeting.

I would like to draw everyone's attention to two outings being arranged by the WI but open to the whole village. Sunday May 19th to London (approx price £4) Sunday July 7th to York (approx price £4.25) Anyone interested in joining one or both of these trips should contact Mrs. Gould on Southam 4516 as soon as possible. G. GOULD

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Due to the bad weather and several members being unable to attend, the January meeting was cancelled. Mr. Roberts now hopes to come later on, when we hope the weather will be better.

The meeting on February 13th will be at the home of Mrs. C. Hodge, Windmill Lane at 2.30 pm when we are very much looking forward to hearing Mrs. Gwladys Gould tell us something about Dylan Thomas. We would be pleased to welcome anyone to join us there.

NANCY STUBBS

PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting for 1985 took place on Tuesday 15th January. Fourteen members of the public were present, could this be due to some New Year Resolutions?!

Concern was again expressed over the dangerous condition of the trees at the junction of Bridge and School Lane, if the landowner does not take action soon then the Council will have the work done and send him the bill. Strong objections were again raised over the proposal to close the Marriage room in Southam, but a final decision had not yet been taken. The amount of water and mud due to continual use by heavy lorries in the Layby, was pronounced to be a traffic hazard as it gets spread over the A423 and enquiries are proceeding to see if anything can be done.

The Council could see no objection to Mr. K. Hayward building a garage at the back of his property and following a letter from the Village Hall Committee it was agreed to ask the owners of Bell View Cottage to cut back the hedge on the Banbury Rd., as this was restricting vision coming out of Radbourne Lane.

The Village Appraisal team had found out that if everyone in the village wanted Gas piped to their homes then it would cost every household £2,000 - so it looks like a non-starter.

The Bottlebank in the Wood Street car park, will be there from 11th-24th March and then every five weeks.

Bypass wise - it was known that not all the compulsory purchase agreements had been signed, but it was felt that this would not delay the starting date, as the contract for the jobs was about to be announced. Next Meeting - February 12th 7.30 pm Village Hall.

Following the Parish Council Meeting, was a second meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Ladbroke. Domestic burglaries are increasing more than any other crime and the Crime Prevention Officer for Warwickshire explained that Ladbroke, being a small but isolated village on a fast main road, was an excellent target! We were advised to be on the look out for people parked in strange vehicles, door to door salesmen, wrong number phonecalls and of course to keep a watchful eye open when our neighbours are at work or on holiday. I was interested to learn that the majority of burglaries take place between 1 pm and 4 pm. We were advised to contact our local Crime Prevention Officer about installing safe door and window locks and also to mark valuable property with the new Ultra Violet pens now on sale. The idea of the scheme itself is to deter criminals, improve home security, post-code property and to develop community spirit. The meeting was introduced to Mr. John Rawlings who has recently been appointed as Ladbroke's own village policeman, he can be contacted via Southam Police Station.

I certainly found it a most interesting meeting, and no doubt we will be hearing more about the scheme in the near future - if anyone wants to know more, please contact Francis Badman. K.L.

Mr. & Mrs. B. Parker would like to thank everyone for all the many cards, messages and presents they received on the occasion of their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary.

And finally - some good news about the Bypass. According to reliable sources work is due to begin on March 1st and it is hoped to have the new road completed by September 30th. I'm sure there will be celebrations all round when the contractors at last move in!

KATE LIVERTON

HARBURY SCHOOL PTA

COMMITTEE MATTERS:-

All parents of children at school are now members of the PTA with free subscription.

Your committee members follow should you need to make contact:

President Mr. Colin Oliver
 Chairman Mr. John Kemsley, Stone House, Mill St.
 613556
 Vice Chairman Mr. John Black, Highdown House, Harbury
 Lane, Bishops Tachbrook L/Spa 23216
 Secretary Mrs. Jacqui Powell, 21 Neales Cl. 612246
 Treasurer Mr. Gordon Bennett, 8 Park Lane Harbury

Committee Members:

School staff:- Mrs Gail Kirby, Mr. Nigel Chapman,
 Mrs. Ann Miller

Parents:- Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Jenny Evans,
 Mrs. Carol Bastin, Mrs. Lynn Archer,
 Mr. Hugh Pigeon, Mr. Brian Ingram,
 Mr. Ken Stephenson.

WHAT'S ON:

On Saturday morning (26.1.85) 120 children enjoyed a feature cartoon 'The Secret of Nimb' a 2 hour video programme with drinks and crisps provided all inclusive within the 25p entrance fee.

As mentioned in the last issue of Harbury News the Homemade Evening will be held on Friday 1st Feb. Then a must for the kids, send them along to the Under 12' Disco on Friday 15th Feb. 7-9pm at the school.

100 CLUB

For this year the prizes have been arranged to be more attractive, more smaller prizes with periodic bonus draws for members. There are still some vacancies, why not join and support the Fund Raising for our village school children. Contact any committee member. Another way to contribute is to become a collector. These are needed to cover certain streets, perhaps your own. Mary Thompson who runs the 100 Club would be delighted to hear from you - give her a ring now.

1985 PTA PROGRAMME

All school children were issued with a copy, have you got this useful information for your kitchen notice board/diary. If your copy did not make it home, let us know.

KEN STEPHENSON

SOUTHAM SCHOOL SKI TRIP 1985

After having prepared, paid and waited expectantly for over a year, 40 Southam School Pupils, 4 Teachers, 1 Cousin and a Dad (a truly mixed bunch) eventually left for Schladming, Northern Austria, venue for the Ski trip 1985, on January 11th.

We arrived very early at Luton airport and having so much time to spare even started writing postcards! We eventually arrived at a chilly Salzburg at 4.30 to find everything covered in whiteness. A $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour coach journey took us to our hotel where before dinner we collected the boots, sticks and skis which were to be our companions for the week. We were the only party in our hotel and were made very much at home, in pleasant comfortable rooms.

After an early night, the next morning we were greeted by a view which was quite breathtaking (no not Jowie Gascoyne first thing in the morning) the Alps covered in snow and magnificent against a brilliant blue sky.

For the whole of this week we were coaxed by our instructors for two hours every morning and afternoon until we were all potential Frans Klammers. Teaching methods were swift (to say the least!) and we were soon finding out the joys of chair lifts, T-bars and button lifts, all surrounded by magnificent scenery. Everything was so convenient, we couldn't have wished for better.

The weather was very good to us, the sun shone virtually every day, though few of us developed a tan (not for want of trying I hasten to add, Mr. Savage was never without a 1 inch layer of sun cream on his face even at night!)

During the evening there was much to do and the entertainment began on Saturday with a torchlit walk around the village followed by a Disco. An Austrian Evening, Tuesday provided much thigh slapping, singing dancing and very silly dancing, which even the teacher joined in, proving just how silly teachers can be. Ice skating on a real pond was the next venture followed by a curling competition which the boys won only because the girls forgot their brushes for that extra pace!

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A 3½ mile toboggan run was the highlight of events for me. It was a section of many hairpinned road from the top of a mountain, closed during the evening, making the way for two people on a minute toboggan to go hurtling down in darkness, avoiding trees as much as possible (as well as mad Austrians) It was most exhilarating though it took Jowie and I almost to the end of the course to get the hang of steering.

One day took us up a different slope by cable car to about 6,000ft where we saw the start of the men's downhill, held only 10 days previously, it was quite a frightening sight.

The last day we were assessed to see how much we had learned in the form of various exercises. In the afternoon a Grand Slalom race was staged with 130 entrants. We all had numbers given to us and it was all very professional, there was even a time bar at the start, as well as blue and red flags all the way down. Some went down a little more stylishly than others (Miss Finnis looked as if she'd been practising all week) others fell over and I managed to achieve the slowest time, though I did complete the course

The Presentation evening was a lovely climax to a most enjoyable week. Badges and certificates were awarded for grades attained and a Disco followed. The next day was back to reality as we did our best to get the same amount of clothes back into our suitcases again (I'll never know how I managed it) Then the journey home, we spent 3 hours in Salzburg, venue of the Sound of Music (though Julie Andrews was nowhere to be seen!) followed by a pleasant flight home. It wasn't until that evening when we realised just how tired we all were!

May I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Savage, Miss Finnis, Mr. Fearn, Miss Knowles, Mr. Brown and John (poseur extraordinaire) very much for a most enjoyable week, it wouldn't have been the same without you!

SUE DUNN

HARBURY VENTURE SCOUTS UNIT

Following up an article in last year's pages of Harbury News the Unit invited Peter Edwards to talk and show some of his slides of his journeys in the

16. Hindu Kush and Karakoram. Peter's long walk was really a series of walks, scramble and hair raising drives through the mountainous north of Pakistan. With his pictures and interesting commentary he made the places come alive from the steamy heat of the Indus Valley cities to the glaciers, mountain passes and wild gorges of the mountains. We admired his persistence as he tried, not once, not twice but on three occasions to cross an ice bound pass at something like 18,000ft. He succeeded at last and then went back for more. Some of the bridges consisted of double wires and slats of timber high above the torrents and on at least one occasion a gust of wind came close to putting a premature end to Peter and his expedition. We got a different slant on the Afgan problem when he recounted his journey close to and across the border. Space does not allow me to enlarge on this but we all wish Peter and his father a safe but adventurous expedition to Nepal this spring and look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

The Unit are having an outing to Solihull Ice-Rink on Thursday 31st January. A good turn out is expected for the annual night hike to the Dasset Hills on Tuesday 19th February. The camp on the hills is an event the Unit is keen to foster and makes an interesting initiation ceremony for new comers.

Easter camp will probably take the form of a lightweight expedition across Snowdonia. The dates are Friday 5th to Tuesday 9th April.

J.L.H.

HARBURY W.I. NEWS REPORT

The January meeting of Harbury WI began in good spirit and voiced thanks to the guest speaker Mrs. Helen Adams. Song books were produced for members and the Village Hall proved to have good acoustics for the unaccompanied singing.

Mrs. Adams expressed disappointment on one thing only and that was the fact that the WI produced many excellent books on a wide variety of subjects but nothing about music.

She hoped the title of her talk "Please Don't Sing In The Bath" would inspire people not to sing alone but to join in the pleasures of singing in choirs and

musical societies to promote music in general.

Later in January, Harbury WI and a group of NHR members travelled to the Belgrade Theatre to see Agatha Christie's "Murder at the Vicarage". It was a good first night performance with a full house, but if you want to know who did it you'll have to go too!

On February 14th Mr. Geoffrey Braithwaite will be talking on the subject "All Change" - railway station into home. There will be a competition for a home-made Valentine or verse (or both) and if your family haven't eaten all the chutney and pickles you've made, perhaps you would like to bring along a sample, we'd like to enter the best for the Spring Council Competition.
H.H.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

Last month we were all determined to make our meeting a success - I put a notice in the Harbury & Ladbroke News, we placed 20 posters in all the shops and in various prominent places and we delivered over 175 reminder slips around the village. We organised some extra people to help look after the children and we took along a lot of toys and extra activities for them all. We even made a few more cakes and biscuits for the refreshments.

On Tuesday 22nd January at 2 pm, just THREE people turned up!

Had all our hard work been worth it?

NO!

I'm sorry, but if people will not try to support the Young Wives Club, we will close it down! We never mind the hard work involved, if people appreciate it. But when they don't even bother to try to come along it is really heartbreaking!

This month Ann Allan, the leader of the Wight School Playgroup, will be coming along. She will be talking about the prevention of accidents in the home and the first aid treatment to be given if one does occur.

You all know and like Ann, so please come along to our meeting - on Tuesday 26th February at 2pm - and try to give her and us, some support. SUE DORMER

N.S.P.C.C.

As most of you will know, 1984 was our Centenary Year and a massive amount of money was raised throughout the country. In Harbury we certainly did our bit and raised £2061 - almost double our 1983 amount. We shall soon be able to see evidence of this in the appointment of extra staff and in the setting up of Child Protection Teams in Warwickshire and eventually a network across the country.

Our fund-raising is due almost entirely to the generosity of the people of Harbury who support us in so many ways. The children too play a very important part and our Young League members alone raised £269 simply by putting their small change into their blue egg boxes. Our house-to-house collection in Harbury and surrounding villages is another very important event and this year raised £359. The Folk Evening in February and the Ceilidh in November raised between them £470. So with the Fun Run in May £69 and our regular Coffee Mornings we have achieved this magnificent total. Thanks to everyone who has supported us hopefully enjoying yourselves at the same time.

Please keep coming in 1985; lots of events are planned and we look forward to seeing old and new faces at any or all of them.

LIZ BUNTING

MARGARET BLACKIE

Mrs. Margaret Blackie who has been the Health Visitor for the village for a number of years is retiring at the end of March.

The Harbury Mother and Baby Group is organising a collection for a retirement present for her. Could anyone who would like to contribute please take their money to one of the people listed below or give it to the Mother & Baby Group helpers at one of the February Baby Clinics (Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 27th February 2-3.30 pm at the Village Hall) All contributions by the end of February please.

If you would like the names of your family included on the card accompanying the present please could you give a note of these with your contribution. The following will receive contributions:- Clare Taylo
7 Park Lane, Gill Farrell 19 Farley Ave, Lyn Edwards
27 Manor Orchard.

ETHIOPIAN APPEAL

We are sure that many people have been moved by the reports of the famine in Africa. In response, we hope to raise money by providing a third world lunch (suggested price fl) and Bring & Buy Sale, and send the proceeds to help relief work there.

We do urge you to please come and support us on Wednesday 13th February at 19 Farm Street at any time between 12 noon and 2 pm.

JILL WINTER AND CHRIS ANDREWS

HAREURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

The sun shone out of a cloudless sky on Boxing Day for the annual over 30s v under 30s match - perhaps a good omen for success in 1985? The 1st team are enjoying the best season for over a decade and are in TOP position in division 2 at this stage, whilst the reserve team have reached the semi-final of the division 5 Cup and are in 7th position in their league.

It seems appropriate during this return to wintry conditions to compile an account of the seasonal game, based on eye witness reports supplied to, the NOT-ON-THE-SPOT reporter!

The stars of the game were undoubtedly the over 30s (the MEN??) who trounced the youngsters (the MICE??) by 4-2 goals despite the contention by the latter that they "allow them to win now and again, so that they will struggle out next year". Referee Bob Holt ably controlled the miscellaneous bunch of footballing fanatics, which included Frank (the 'Cat') Robbins. As goal-keeper he prowled the boundary of his goal circle with such expertise, that the 'MICE' were often denied entry. The 2 goals slipped in by John Luke and Lee Williams probably occurred during "hat searching" moments by the 'Cat', who was determined to keep one part warm which maybe the 'other beers' hadn't reached?

The crowd on the touch line were warmly refreshed by a splendid Rum punch, whilst enjoying such delights as the sight of manager Dave Raggett taking on all-comers, "the ever - enthusiastic Jim Andrews chasing

everything that moved" and the almost inevitable spectacular goal shot by the bearded Peter Pan of football, Brian (Duke) Wallington. There was also a welcome return by Clive Coleman, who was on target, in his first game back.

The match was probably Harbury's only concession to the traditional sporting activities of Boxing Day and the participants were not the only villagers to benefit, as the collection of £26.35 was donated to the Senior Citizens Benefit Association.

The frozen pitches have prevented games arranged for January, but the training sessions on Wednesdays have drawn enthusiastic support especially from 1st team members, who are hoping to have something to 'shout about' at the end of the season. We hope so!

1st Team results:-

9.12.84 : Bishops Itchington Reserves 1 Harbury 6
 20.12.84 : Mid Warwick's Police 0 Harbury 2
 7.1.85 : Hintons 2 Harbury 1
 Played 9 Won 7 Drawn 0 Lost 2 For 34 Against 15

Reserve Team results:-

2.12.84 : Greyhound 3 Harbury 3 Div 5 Semi-final
 replay soon.
 9.12.84 : Harbury 6 Hod Carrier 0
 16.12.84 : Harbury 6 Mid Warwick's Police 2 County
 Cup

Quotes supplied by Andy Hopkins, John Ridgley, Les
 Collis!

C. FINCH

TENNIS CLUB

New Year's Morning at 11 am, 30 keen (or perhaps lazy!) members of the Tennis Club turned up for the Muffler Tournament. This year the weather was quite kind to us and all the matches were completed without the wind, hail, rain and snow which we had last year! The winners were Trisha Harrison and Nick Rowe. Hot punch and refreshments were served throughout the day and we can recommend this as a very good way to start the New Year!

The Rackets Centre in Coventry was the venue for the clubs first indoor tournament on Sunday 15th January. 24 members participated and the winners were Jenny Waggott and Mike Brett.

This proved to be a very enjoyable evening which we hope to repeat.

We welcome new members so if you would like more information about the Tennis Club please ring me on 612637.
SHEILA SCOTT

WHAT THE DAILY MIRROR SAID

"Dry Rot" nearly brought the house down. It careered madly on, with the dialogue half-drowned by joyful shrieks from the audience'.

This was the press reaction to the first performances of this superb farce by John Chapman. Set in a country hotel near a racecourse it involves the kidnapping of a racehorse by a group of shady members of the bookmaking fraternity. A larger-than-life policewoman, a French jockey, a retired Indian Army Colonel and several other assorted characters weave the tangled and hilarious plot, whose climax is the Big Race itself. The result, however, is not quite what the kidnappers had planned!

"Dry Rot" will be presented by Harbury Theatre Group in the Village Hall on 21st 22nd and 23rd March at 8 pm, and tickets (£1 and 60p) are on sale at Lindop's Drug Store (or ring 613214).

The Group are entering an extract from the play in a County Competition in Coventry the following weekend, so a really successful presentation in the Village will give us a really good boost. Get your tickets NOW, and you can look forward to a great evening's entertainment.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

January's Folk Club saw several new faces in the audience to compensate for the absence of some of the regulars who were no doubt recovering from the effects of the festive season. The net result was that the Old New Inn Lounge was full yet again.

The season seemed to have taken its toll on the singers too. Tony and Gerda both arrived with bad throats and without intending to sing but Gerda was eventually persuaded to give us three songs. Barry and Nicola, representing half of 'Bonas' sang two seasonal songs and John Kemsley made his debut as

22.
an instrumentalist with a ragtime on the guitar.

Mike Putram's appearance may have been his last for a while because his new business venture in foreign parts may keep him away from Harbury on the first Thursday of some future months. We wish him luck and hope that the Arabs appreciate his distinctive style! John Black accompanied his songs on guitar and fiddle and Robin gave us two monologues which told both parts of the story of Albert and the Lion. On the instrumental side, an Appalachian dulcimer was seen in the Club for the first time but modesty forbids me to mention who played it.

The line-up of performers was completed by Rod Dyer and Mike Houston who entertained in their customary lively style and also closed the evening with a sing-along session with some help from John Black and me.

The next Folk Club, on February 7th, will have a star attraction, and maybe two. The Harvesters have kindly agreed to be our guests and it is possible that Dave Tickle from Birmingham may also be there. So my advice would be to be there by 8.30pm to be sure of getting in (and even earlier to get a seat). If you can't make that evening, the one after is March 7th.

PETER McDONALD(613730)

HARBURY SOCIETY

By the time you read this we shall have held our usual vastly successful Folk Evening and Social at The Crown, organised this year by Robin Barnes. Our next event is the AGM at the Wight School on Tuesday 12th March, 8 pm, which we expect all members to attend and to make this duty more pleasureable we have Mr. John Kemsley to talk after the formal meeting on 'Harbury's Water Supply and the work of the Severn Trent Water Authority'(no non-existant films at this AGM!)

People tend to take fresh water on tap for granted!! but getting the supply to Harbury and maintaining it in volume and quality is a highly organised and complex task in which we should interest ourselves. Everyone is most welcome to attend and if the topic meets with your approval we may tackle sewerage and pollution control next time. L.R.



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HARBURY'S ANSWER TO STEVE DAVIS?

Malcolm Sheasby with the trophy he won on Boxing Day at The Clun in a knock-out Christmas snooker competition. Taking the runner up trophy was veteran player Jack Bloxham.

CONSERVATION AREAS FOR HARBURY

Stratford has agreed to two Conservation Areas being designated in Harbury. In its review of the Structure Plan the County Council describes conservation areas as those "the character and appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance" and declares that "strong emphasis will be placed on the protection of trees, open spaces and other natural features" and that "as well as protecting conservation areas themselves in some cases it may be necessary to carefully (sic) control development throughout the whole village in order to protect its setting."

This, together with the designation of the Conservation Areas gives some hope that despite the very powerful pressure of pure financial consideration, from now on Harbury may be able to have more control over what happens to its land and buildings.

LINDA RIDGLEY

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

In its continued campaign to make Deppers Bridge a safer place in which to live the Parish Council enlisted the help of County Councillor Patricia Bidwell who explained that the Government set very strict criteria for the imposition of speed limits and that Deppers Bridge did not satisfy them. There was nothing that the County or District Councils could do about this and she suggested that Harbury write to its MP. This was agreed.

Cllr Atkins thought that shifting the attack to other road restrictions which would discourage parked cars and high speeds in the hamlet might bring results and the Chairman moved that the advice of the County Engineer be sought.

A Manpower Services Agency team has been working its way through the Parish and has completed the fencing at Deppers Playing Fields for a cost of £266. Unfortunately no-one can find the key to open up the Chained-off area reserved for the Play Bus! A hedge has been replanted around the allotments by the team for a cost of £125 and the Village Hall's fence cost £464, more than expected because part of it had to be re-sited. There was some confusion over whether or not the Village Hall Cttee was aware of its responsibility for the cost of the work. The Properties Sub-Cttee was set to vet the amount of materials used, it having been pointed out that 25 kg of staples might be thought excessive. The team has now moved onto the Burial Grounds where a new path is being constructed.

A new mower for the cemetery is to be purchased and the old one sold off. The Parish Council has accepted the County's offer of £266.51 for mowing the recreation grounds. Last year the cutting cost only £140 because the wet weather restricted the number of cuts possible. The Council gave its blessing to Mrs. Jan Stotts request for permission to hold the Annual Pony Show at the Recreation Grounds on Sunday 23rd June and it thinks it would like an Olde Tyme Steam Fair on the Fields on the 13th and 14th July.

British Rail has not replaced the footbridge by the cutting but the County reports that the Constance Drive

Lake will be inspected; the Beeches Footpath repaired; the Deppers verge investigated and the Mill Street gullies by the Pumping Station are in the process of being cleaned out!

The Council decided to announce that it would demolish the Bus Shelter in Mill Street unless it received sufficient complaints in writing from the public. The Shelter is 'a collecting place for rubbish, an eyesore and it attracts vandalism' Sharon Hancock said. Pc Percival reported that his colleague Pc Rawlings of Bishops Itchington was investigating the damage that was done to the shelter over the Christmas period when Tim was away on Picket Patrol at the Mines. It was agreed to survey the use passengers made of the shelter, but the consensus was that alterations to the bus schedules had made it virtually redundant.

Iory Davies complained that the farmers down Middle Lane had not had a refuse collection for 3 weeks. From the beginning of February he will be able to ring the Refuse Dept directly on 993 60684 or 5, for, as Cllr John Drinkwater announced the District Council will be moving into new premises in Church St. Stratford between 2nd/11th February. He stressed that this was not an extravagant move on the part of the Council and that it would bring several benefits not least of which was that District Councillors would now meet centrally in Stratford instead of Alcester. Each Dept. is now to be allocated its own phone number so that there is no need to go through the switchboard. Development Control 993 60311; Local Plans - 993 60314; Planning Administration - 993 60342; Environmental Health-99360883. and Refuse as above.

In a letter to the Council the Harbury Society revived the idea of the Paddock by the Church being purchased for the Village. When Anthony Robinson was last approached in 1977 he had declined to sell the land but promised it would remain as open space. The Council decided not to set aside money to purchase the land which it felt would be too expensive but it would ask the District Council what the status of the Paddock was now that it had been agreed to designate two Conservation Areas in Harbury.

The following extensions received planning permission during the Christmas break:-

20 Farley Ave; 3 Vicarage Lane; 24 Manor Orchard; Croyland, Butt Lane; 19 Pineham Ave; 2 Deppers Bridge and the Manor House Harbury. Melville Properties' revised plans for 6 Bungalows at Mackley Way were approved. Mr. Moss at 32 Manor Orchard was refused permission for a large 2 storey extension and the Appeal by Mr. Turner against the refusal of permission for a Chip Shop in High St was unsuccessful. The Inspector stated that although there had been a petition in favour of such a facility he wondered how many of those who signed lived close by. There was a potential risk of nuisance to the residents from noise, litter and smells with neighbours being disturbed in the evenings by a 'new use' operating later at night than the existing Library, Bank or shop and this he thought was unacceptable.

Reporting on the meeting of the School Managers Sharon Hancock complained of the cuts in capitation which caused problems for the school before Christmas when stationery began to run out.

Thanks to the help of the PTA the school now had two computers but there were no County Funds available for software and Mr. Oliver acknowledged that, but for the support of the PTA, the school would not have the use of these facilities. The Governors had paid for new benches for the Playground.

The Council was philosophical about the rejection of most of its amendments to the Draft Electoral Role. They had pointed out families who had moved away from the village since the Draft was prepared, and accepted that these probably could not be changed, but there is somewhere in Harbury a little boy enfranchised before his time and still not old enough to catch the school bus!

LINDA RIDGLEY

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WILDLIFE

Have you noticed how few wild birds there have been around the county this winter? The autumn-usually a time when all species are abundant-was unusual for low numbers. The dry weather, earlier in the year, seemed to have an adverse effect on the resident population. Hot sun may be good for holiday makers but it makes it difficult to obtain food for hungry young. Local nest boxes were not successful and local bird ringers reported small numbers of fledged young. Most years the migrants departing in late summer are replaced by foreign visitors such as redwing and fieldfare from Scandinavia, and blackbird and starling from Europe. But the question this year has been, 'why has Warwickshire had so few winter migrant visitors?' Perhaps the delay in the start of winter has delayed them.

Cold weather usually heralds a marked increase in blue tits, great tits and other small birds at the bird table. Again this year, these birds have been noticable by their absence. Normally more than 600 individual birds will visit a bird table in a morning. This year they have been coming in tens rather than hundreds.

Prolonged periods of cold weather create difficulty for specialist feeders. Kingfishers need unfrozen shallow water, and wrens find it difficult to locate spiders and insects. The recent thaw has arrived just in time. Two redwing which were near starvation weight on 19th January were back to normal weight when retrapped six days later and my two garden wrens were still alive and well after the thaw.

R. STANDBRIDGE

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PROFILE - SAM AND ELSIE PARKER

Although they only came to Harbury in 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Parker have lived in this area all their lives. Mr. Parker was born in Bishops Itchington, and he married Southam-born Elsie Rathbone in 1928. (Both come from a family of 9 children!) Their Golden Wedding Party (held in the same room as their Wedding Reception, at the Stoneythorpe Hotel) was attended by 185 friends and family. The Parkers have one daughter and two sons (one of whom is about to be Southam's Mayor for the 2nd time), 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

At the age of 16 Mr. Parker went to work at a Munitions factory in Saltley, Birmingham. He remembers being spoken to by King George V when he visited the factory together with Lloyd George and Winston Churchill.

After the 1st World War, Mr. Parker returned to South Warwickshire and went to work for Mr. Douglas Page in his butchers shop on Market Hill, Southam (the present Heart of England Building Society). The business thrived and following Mr. Pages death Mr. Parker bought it, and he and his wife ran it until 1970. In those early days they did there own slaughtering, and meat deliveries were made by horse and trap. Modern-day butchery methods produce more profit but, says Mr. Parker, do not make for the succulent tender cuts that used to be offered in his shop.

s well as being a butcher, Mr. Parker also served in the Police War Reserves for 7 years from 1939. During this period his wife became seriously ill - one of her many operations took place in Birmingham during a huge air-raid, and caused Mr. Parker to make an anxious dash to the city when he heard that the hospital had been destroyed!

Thankfully Mrs. Parker was safe and went on to enjoy her various interests - she has been a staunch Mothers' Union member since October 1928, a member of Southam I and the Ladies Choir at Southam Church where Mr. Parker was a sidesman for 50 years, and she took many roles in productions of the Southam Drama Group.

He too was active during the War, as an ARP Warden, in one emergency providing bed and breakfast for 35 stranded soldiers in her own home!

After retiring in 1970, the Parkers lived in Light-orne for 7 years, and then came to their bungalow in Frances Road. It is hard to believe they are now 84 and 81 - apart from Mrs. Parker's walking difficulties they are fit, and very contented. Their family, they say, takes good care of them, and they say the secret of a long and happy marriage is to be understanding, and to "give and not count the cost".

Mr. & Mrs. Parker re-took their marriage vows on their Golden Wedding Day, and could certainly look back over 50 eventful years - we wish them very many more happy years together.

D.M.H.

IN THE GARDEN

The year begins to stir a little, but do not be impatient. Even the hardiest seeds germinate slowly in cold soil and if it is also wet they will rot. To get early rhubarb, now is the time to cover some with straw. Seed potatoes should be placed in boxes in the light so as to give them a chance to chit. Shallots can be planted at the end of the month weather permitting. Repair cold frames and check your cloches, as it is advisable to place them over the ground two weeks prior to planting seed.

W.F.LINES

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Twenty-six members met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Zonik of "Childyke" for a sausage and mash (plus wine) supper, it was very jolly and enjoyable evening and we thank Mr & Mrs Zonik for the use of their cottage and roaring fire.

On Tuesday Feb 5th we have "Mr. Tristram Thacker" who will give a talk entitled "Down the Garden Path", maybe we will get some ideas for our walkabout. The March meeting will be a talk on Wild Gardens by the "Warwickshire Conservation Trust". All are welcome.

E.P.LINES



The January snow brought lots of pleasure to the children. Sledging on Treen's Hill has been very popular but Mike Bloxham's picture shows a very happy trio in the snow. They are Helen and Louise Brunton and Joanna Hancock.



Mike's other picture shows Ivy Lane in the snow. During the cold weather the local weatherman in Harbury recorded a minimum night temperature of -12°C . Hardly surprising that the dog looks chilly!

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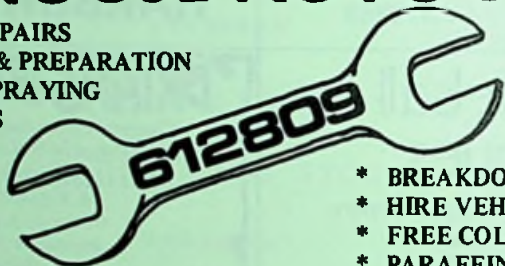
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