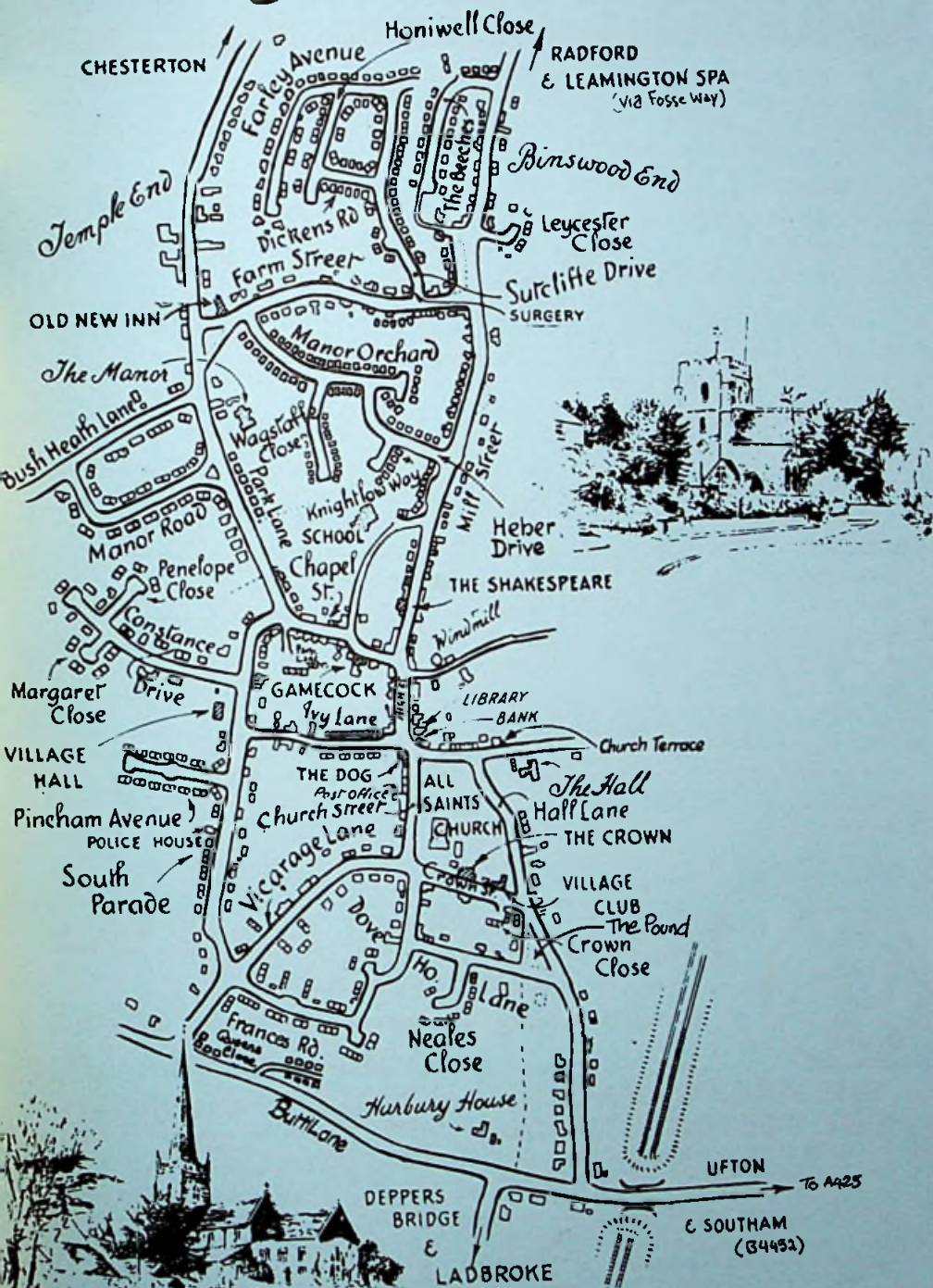


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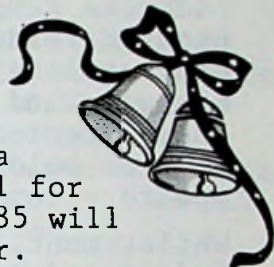
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**HAD A
BUMP?**



The editors hope that
Christmas proved to be a
time of peace and goodwill for
all our readers and that 1985 will
be a happy and successful year.



New Year is the traditional time for making new resolutions and whilst your editors are in no way specially qualified to suggest resolutions to others we did have one or two thoughts:

At this time of poor visibility and road conditions we should see and be seen - use car headlights in poor visibility; cyclists - use lights and reflective bands; joggers - do it when you can be seen - or where you won't be run over.

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

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Resolution Number 2 - turn up at the Harbury and Ladbroke News AGM. January is the month when several hundred readers pack the lounge at the Shakespeare to congratulate or remonstrate with the Committee of you magazine and the editors in particular, regarding their previous year's work. This year the meeting will be held on January 23rd at 8 p.m. in the Shakespeare - come early to avoid having to stand!

Whilst mentioning the Shakespeare, we congratulate Andrea and Ron Holmes on their new daughter, Roni, born on Andrea's birthday, Dec. 12th. Further, we sadly have to say goodbye as Ron and Andrea are moving on Jan. 7th to the Wheatsheaf Inn at Badsey nr. Evesham. During the 8½ years Ron has kept the Shakespeare he has made a host of friends and has been a leading light in the Carnival procession. They will be greatly missed but we wish them every success. At the same time we welcome Andrew and Karen Cleaver who take over - we hope that they will be happy here.

HARBURY DIARY

JANUARY 1985

- Sun. 6th THE EPIPHANY. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
Adventurers start 11.30am, Village Hall.
- Mon. 7th Back to school.
Upholstery Classes start, Wight School, 2-4 pm.
- Tues. 8th Playgroup restarts in Wight School.
Senior Citizens cttee at Village Hall.
Harbury Friends, 8pm at School.
- Wed. 9th Mothers Union, 2.15pm at Village Hall.
- Thurs. 10th Music & Movement starts in Wight School, 2pm.
Golden Age Christmas Meal at the Dog Inn, 2pm for
Girls Club in Village Hall. 2.30.
W.I., 7.45pm in Village Hall.
Men's Group, 7.45pm, 37 Manor Orchard.
- Fri. 11th W.I. Badminton Match at Village Hall.
- Sun. 13th EPIPHANY I. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist, 2.30pm Free Church Service, 6.30pm
Evensong.
- Wed. 16th Extra MU meeting to start work on Altar Kneeler,
2.30pm, 25 South Parade - all help welcome.
Flower Festival meeting, Wight School 8pm -
all welcome.

- Thurs. 17th Girls Club at Village Hall.
Men's Group Annual Dinner, 7.45 pm.
- Fri. 18th BEGINNING OF WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.
- Sat. 19th Scouts JUMBLE SALE in Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon.
- Sun. 20th EPIPHANY II. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist, 6.30pm Ecumenical Service.
- ** Tues. 22nd Young Wives, 2pm Village Hall - speaker John Bowra,
WARNACT.
Village Hall cttee., 8pm, Village Hall.
PCC meeting, 8pm Wight School.
- Wed. 23rd Confirmation Instruction - Preliminary Meeting in
Church at 7.15pm.
- Thurs. 24th Harbury & Ladbroke News AGM, 8pm, Shakespeare Inn.
Golden Age, 2.30pm in Village Hall.
Girls Club in Village Hall.
Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall.
- Fri. 25th The Conversion of St. Paul. 7am Holy Communion.
Theatre Group Meeting, 8pm at Wight School.
- Sat. 26th W.I. Dance at Village Hall.
- Sun. 27th EPIPHANY III. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 28th ALL ARTICLES FOR FEBRUARY ISSUE TO EDITORS BY TODAY
Harbury Conservatives AGM, Dog Inn, 7.30pm,
Ploughman's Supper to follow.
Christian Fellowship Meetings: 8 The Beeches,
Corner Cottage High St., 11 Constance Drive.
- Tues. 29th Harbury Society Social and FOLK Evening at the Crown.
- Thurs. 31st Girls Club in Village Hall.

FEBRUARY

- Fri. 1st PTA Homemade Evening.
Village Hall Disco (for Young Adults).
- Sat. 2nd The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
9.45am Holy Communion.
Christian Fellowship meeting at 77 Mill Street.
- Tues. 5th Harbury Friends, 8pm in School.
Horticultural Society, 8pm in Wight School.
NHR Book Group meeting.
- Wed. 6th Mothers Union, 2.15pm in Village Hall.
- Thurs. 7th Golden Age, 2.30pm in Village Hall.
Girls Club in Village Hall.
Folk Club, 8.30pm, Old New Inn
Men's Group visit to British Leyland.

** N.B. Monday 21st Jan. Open Meeting at Colbourne House, Upton
speaker Nigel Leigh, 7.45pm - 'Why does a loving God allow
suffering?

1. 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.

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.

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FROM THE HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

It was good to see so many people at Services over the Christmas period. The Carol Service attendance was a record and there may have been an odd seat available here and there but we couldn't see them!

On the Sunday after Christmas the 10.30 Service included the ceremony of the Christingle and it was lovely to see the children, some of them very tiny, processing round the church carrying their christingles. In one case at least, the ceremony was continued after the return home when a 4 year old and his two year old sister had their candles re lit and solemnly processed down the hall and into the living room and stood side by side while the elder sang "Away in a manger". Their concentration and reverence was most moving, and the wonder in their eyes as they looked at their candle light was lovely. This is the real essence of Christmas and remains long after the wrapping paper is thrown away, the cards and trimmings taken down and some of the toys broken or discarded. If only we could retain some of the wonder of childhood, how much more meaningful our worship would be. What wonder the wise men must have felt when they reached the end of their long journey and offered their gifts to the Christ child. So often, the wise men get lumped together with the shepherds as part of the Christmas story rather than being remembered at the season of Epiphany (6th January) which this year falls on a Sunday. Each season in the Church year has its own distinctive flavour and it is a pity if we allow one to run into another - Advent into Christmas, Christmas into Epiphany without acknowledging and enjoying the distinctiveness of each.

FROM THE RECTOR

First, in this January issue, let me wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year. We have seen much in the year just passed which has caused pain to many people and even when we are not personally involved, there is a sense of grief and distress which we all share. However it is amazing that time and time again, no matter how the darkness gathers, it is followed by unexpected brightness and joy, which we never imagined could be felt again. The weather certainly is a constant symbol of this experience of life, which most of us have, if not all and the Christian Faith is very similar. The Cross of Christ is always before us but the hope and joy of the Resurrection is never long absent. Year after year,

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no matter how grim things have become, we generally face the New Year with renewed hope and a determination to make it a better year. I earnestly hope and pray that for us all, 1985 will be a good year, a year bringing us the things we need and the blessings we require.

I am expecting this year to be a busy one and already there are quite a number of important dates planned, but at this point I want only to mention just two things. During the autumn of 1984, several special evening services were arranged. This practice is to continue in 1985. The special service will take place about once a month and the one in January is on Sunday 20th at 6.30 p.m., at Harbury. It is during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and naturally will be an Ecumenical Service at which the special preacher is to be a Roman Catholic priest. Secondly the time has come round again to begin thinking about Confirmation, which will be held in May. Preliminary meetings for Harbury and for Ladbroke are as follows.

At Harbury - Wednesday 23rd Jan., 7.15pm in Church

At Ladbroke - Friday 25th Jan., 7 pm in Church.

I have no need to point out that whenever a person is baptised, whether as an infant or as an adult, it is assumed that eventually this will lead on to Confirmation. Each year we expect to have a number of young people in their teens prepared for Confirmation, but the Sacrament of Confirmation is not ever thought of as only administered at that time of life and no other. Each year too we expect to have a number of adults prepared for Confirmation and I hope this year will be no exception in having two groups in both parishes under instruction. I am very willing to come and talk to anyone who wonders about taking this step, but is hesitant and I assure you that it is quite contrary to my views about Confirmation to apply any pressure.

ANTONY ROWE.

A Gift from Canada

At the Midnight Mass, a silver Ciborium was dedicated for use in All Saints, Harbury. It is the gift of Canon Humphrey Oswald Slattey, Rector of St. John the Evangelist, Montreal. Canon Slattey comes from Rugby and was greatly encouraged and guided in his vocation to the priesthood by a former Vicar of this parish, the

Revd. Albert Frank Capps whose ministry here was from 1930 - 1947. Canon Slattery has long wished to express his gratitude for all the help afforded to him by Fr. Capps. When the Rector was appointed to Harbury, being a friend of his, Canon Slattery wrote suggesting the Ciborium as possibly a suitable memorial and the offer was most gratefully accepted.

The Ciborium is a very lovely French antique and will certainly enhance the Communion vessels.

HOLY BAPTISM

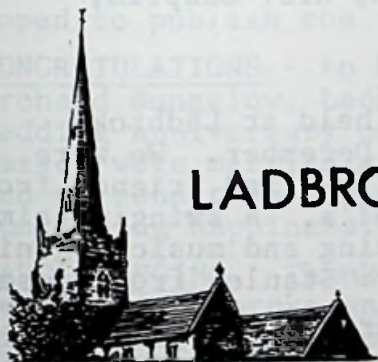
23rd December (At All Saints, Harbury) -
Graham Anthony, son of Anthony Raymond and
 Nadine Joyce Adcock, 6, Heber Drive.

30th December (at All Saints, Ladbroke)
Polly Anne, daughter of John William and
 Kathryn Diana Liverton, Bridge Cottage.

FUNERALS

5th December: James Richard Williams, Fosse Paddocks,
 Fosse Way, aged 16 years.

28th December: Peter Hunt, 3 Park Lane Terrace,
 aged 71 years.



LADBROKE NEWS

JANUARY DIARY

Wednesday 2nd, 10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 6th, THE EPIPHANY. 9am Holy Communion with
 hymns, 3.30pm Evensong.

Wednesday 9th, 10.30am Holy Communion

2.30pm Women's Fellowship, 'Briarwood', Windmill
 Lane.

Sunday 13th, EPIPHANY I. 9am Holy Communion with
 hymns.

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 Tuesday 15th, Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall.
 Wednesday 16th, 10.30am Holy Communion
 Women's Fellowship Corporate Communion
 7.30pm PCC meeting at The Old Rectory.
 Friday 18th - 25th: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.
 Sunday 20th, EPIPHANY II. 9am Holy Communion,
 11am Sung Mattins followed by simple Communion.
 Wednesday 23rd, 10.30am Holy Communion.
 Friday 25th, The Conversion of St. Paul.
 7pm Confirmation Instruction - preliminary
 meeting in Church.
 7.30pm Holy Communion.
 Sunday 27th, EPIPHANY III. 9am Holy Communion with
 hymns.
 Tuesday 29th, W.I. Jumble Sale, The Hut, Craven Lane,
 Southam.
 Wednesday 30th, 10.30am Holy Communion.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd, SEPTUAGESIMA. 9am Holy Communion with
 hymns. 3.30pm Family Service of Lights.
 (Presentation of Christ in the Temple).

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Jan. 6th, Mrs. Rutherford; Jan. 13th & 20th Mrs.
 Badman & Mrs. Wilson; Jan. 27th, Mrs. Chaplin;
 Feb. 3rd, Mrs. Rowe.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The annual Christmas party was held at Ladbroke
 Village Hall on Wednesday 12th December. We were
 joined by husbands and sons (a few) and friends from
 Bishops Itchington and Gaydon W.I's. A swinging time
 was had by all with games, dancing and music organised
 by our master of ceremonies, Mr. Stanley from Nuneaton
 Our next meeting will be on Thursday Jan. 24th and
 will be a talk entitled "Can we eat ourselves healthy?"
 given by Dr. Judith John.

The W.I. Jumble Sale will take place at "The Hut",
 Craven Lane, Southam on Tuesday, 29th Jan. at 10 a.m.
 Please hand in jumble to any member of the W.I. cttee.
 J. GOULD.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We very much enjoyed our meeting in December, starting
 with a service in Church in preparation for Christmas.

The service was taken by the Rector, who lit a candle after each of the five lessons read by members. Six hymns were also sung. Afterwards we went to the home of Mrs. N. Stubbs for refreshments.

In October we sent a donation to St. Faith's Shelter in Coventry, and Mr. C. Roberts is coming on Jan. 9th to tell us about the work of St. Faith's. The meeting will be at 2.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. C. Hedge, Windmill Lane. Anyone who would like to hear Mr. Roberts is very welcome to join us there.

NANCY STUBBS.

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The Darts Club held a Christmas Dance, the proceeds of which were donated to the Village Hall Funds. The committee would like to thank those who organised the event for their hard work. During recent weekends, Dave Wilson, almost single handed, has replaced the cladding on the southern wall and replaced some of the exterior doors. There is still more work to be done so please contact Dave on Southam 2131 if you feel you can help.

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

Over 70% of the questionnaires have been collected and analysis of the results has begun. It is hoped to publish the report by Easter.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Parker of Orchard Bungalow, Ladbroke who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on January 7th. Mr. & Mrs. Parker were married at All Saints' Church, Ladbroke, and we send them our very best wishes for their continuing happiness.

CAROL SINGING. Thanks to the generosity of the people of Ladbroke and Deppers Bridge, the carol singers collected the marvellous sum of £65 which has been donated to Mencap.

HARBURY SCHOOL

Another frantic Christmas term drew to a close in a veritable welter of activities.

The First School classes gave us a lovely Christmas concert based on the story of 'Hansel & Gretel'. This was followed by a nativity tableau to

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accompany the singing of carols. We had our usual wonderful support from parents and friends, we had a morning for the playgroups and an afternoon performance for senior citizens and anyone who could not attend an evening performance. The collections from this concert were earmarked for the Blue Peter Ethiopia Appeal, and I am delighted to report that a total of £105 was realised.

The Middle School Carol Concert held in the church was also well attended, the readers spoke up very clearly and the choir sang well. Again it was gratifying to have the support of a large congregation. A retiring collection for Church funds realised a total of £45. Our sincere thanks to all of you who have supported us.

Christmas parties were the usual huge success, and again our thanks are due to all the mums who prepared and served up on the two days.

The final raffle which we held in school over the last few days was drawn on the last assembly and produced the following winners:—

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|-----------------------|---|
| Hair Set Voucher (£5) | - Mrs. Newbery, South Parade. |
| Polaroid Camera | - Mrs. A. Roden, 35 Mill Street. |
| Watch | - Miss Chamberlain, Ivy Cottage, High St., Bishops Itchington. |

Finally, I hope you all had a very Happy Christmas and I wish you a contented New Year.

N.C. OLIVER.

OPEN EVENING

The children of Class 9 held an Open Evening on Dec. 7th to display the results of their investigation into local buildings. Each member of the class was asked to choose a building in the village and discover its history, previous uses, and former occupants. Many of the children went into great depth, and discovered some very interesting information which will be filed away with our local collection.

Many thanks are due to all those who have been most generous in lending documents, old photographs etc. and giving up valuable time to answer the children's questions.

There is one query still intriguing not only Class 9, but now many people in the village who have

racked their brains for an answer:- when were the fires which destroyed The Dog and what is now the Post Office? Answers or suggestions either to school or Southam 3765. House points for correct answers!.

NIGEL CHAPMAN.

HOME MADE EVENING

There will be another Home Made Evening at the school on Friday 1st February at 8 p.m. For those who have not been involved before, the evening is a tasting session of home made beer and wine, bread, butter, pies and any other home produced foods, pickles, preserves etc.

Not only parents of children at the school, but any local people are invited to bring along any of the above items. If you are willing to participate please contact the school, or Nigel Chapman (Southam 3765) during the Christmas holiday. Even small amounts of produce e.g. a jar of pickles, a bottle of home-brew are most welcome.

NIGEL CHAPMAN.

HARBURY SCHOOL P.T.A.

PTA Annual Subscription abandoned. During the meeting held on 4th Dec. 1984, the decision was taken to withdraw the Annual Subscription (75p per year) and to automatically include everyone with a child in the school as a PTA member with no charge.

P.T.A. 100 CLUB. Prizes and Subscription re-arranged. Important changes were made to the 100 Club at the committee meeting on Dec. 4th. Presently the subscription is 50p per month which will rise to 75p per month in January.

However, the prizes become much more frequent and sometimes better. This year the monthly draw was £20. For next year the prizes will be:- two prizes of £10 for ten months, together with bonus-prize months in July and October with a £50, £20, and £10 draw. Winners of £20 each for the November and December draws were Mr. & Mrs. Gee and Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson.

PTA CAROLS AROUND THE VILLAGE for NSPCC CENTENARY YEAR

On Wed. 19th December, over 100 persons met at the school and were split into two groups to tour the village for carol singing. It was a clear and still night as the groups made their way, singing and collec-

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ting as they went. A very enjoyable time was had by all, not all were choir level singers but the company of adults and children was first class; if you weren't there then you really missed something.

After an hour or so, the groups returned for hot soup and warmth to the school after which we learned that £41.50 had been raised for the N.S.P.C.C.

An excellent event in good company and especially at this Christmas time in aid of children much less fortunate than our own.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

During January there will be a Video Evening and an Under 12's disco in February. A note giving dates and more information will be given to all children at School.

KEN STEPHENSON.

HARBURY SCOUT GROUP

Repayment of Building Bonds

In the summer of 1980, many friends and supporters of the Scout Group bought building bonds, repayable at the end of 1984, to a total value of over £1,700 to finance the much needed extension of the Scout hut. Without the excellent support at that time it is doubtful if the work would ever have proceeded and the Group is grateful to all those who so generously helped. Over the last four years it has been necessary to set aside most of the proceeds of fund raising in order to accumulate sufficient money to repay the bonds. As a consequence the replacement of equipment etc. has had to be neglected and resources for activities much restricted. Not surprisingly, therefore, bond holders will not be compelled to accept repayment and the Group will be delighted if anybody wishes to convert their bonds into a donation!

Within the next few weeks the Group Treasurer will be contacting bond holders to offer repayment. It would be helpful if bond counterfoils could be recovered from bank vaults, teapots or other places where they were placed for safe keeping as they should be surrendered if repayment is required.

JOHN HUNT.

HARBURY VENTURE UNIT

On 30th November we were just pipped (well that's our story) in the District Swimming Gala by a Leamington Unit. Thanks to our team of James Mayer,

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Stuart Simcock and Tim Watts for swimming so well - another year perhaps.

A contingent of suitably dressed street traders sold hot chestnuts to the public flocking into the village hall for the Victorian Christmas Fair on 1st December. About £7 was raised. Apologies to those who were sold slightly undercooked chestnuts. This was due to matters outside our control! (i.e. great demand).

Twenty four past and present members of the unit sat down for our annual dinner at The Dog on Friday 21st December. It was good to have old members Bob Small, Gary Picken, Helen and Robert Hughes with us and to be able to thank them for their help over the year. We were entertained by Phillip and Ted (alias Teresa) of Duo, and dancing went on into the small hours. Thanks to Mavis and Doug and their staff for such a jamboree.

On 3rd January Peter Edwards is giving an illustrated talk on his wanderings in the Karakoram and Hindu-Kush. The annual hike/camp to the Dassett Hills has been rescheduled for half term (Tuesday/Wednesday 19th/20th February).
J.L.H.

HARBURY FLOWER FESTIVAL

A group of interested people met on November 28th to discuss the possibility of a Flower Festival in the summer. It was agreed to hold such a festival in conjunction with the Garden Walkabout on July 13th.

A further meeting will be held in the Wight School on Wednesday January 16th at 8 p.m.

We would like anyone who's interested in helping or with ideas to join us at that meeting.

E.L.

GOLDEN AGE

Once again, we were all very touched by the kindness of the Brownies in giving a Christmas gift to each of our members. We put the parcels into a Lucky Dip, and were all delighted with our presents - thank you to every one of the Brownies, and their leaders and parents, for this thoughtful gesture.

Our next event will be our Christmas meal at The Dog Inn on 10th January - 2 p.m. for 2.30.

L. KNIGHTON.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The parish church was the setting for one of the pre-Christmas festive treats. The production by Beryl Checkley was first class and the musical contribution by the Windmill Singers under their conductor Ken Nordon was of the same high standard. Effective use was made of the space available, entrances through the audience, a commentary from the lectern and misty clouds arising on the chancel. As always with the Theatre Group, the lighting was exciting and professional. All performers deserve congratulation but special mention must be made of David Hill's Scrooge, evil, then terrified and finally repentant in a resonant Geordie voice; and of the clear tones of John Stringer as Dickens.

The children acted with enthusiasm and assurance.
Thank you to everyone. M.R.

FOR WEDDING DAY PICTURES

consult Mike Bloxham, Rose Cottage, 21 Mill St.



Sergeant John Armstrong of Southam Station and Tim Percival, Chairman, Senior Citizens Benefit Association, empty collecting bottle at The Gamecock. A total of £182.35 was counted from the bottle.

The Collecting Bottle at the Shakespeare was also emptied on Friday 28th Dec. by "Miss Eve" (Kate Sander) for the Senior Citizens Benefit Association. A total of £122 was raised. Normally this would have been done in the summer but due to the imminent departure of Ron and Andrea, the ceremony was brought forward.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 9th at 2.15 pm in the Farley Room, Village Hall. Mrs. Mary Marriott will speak on the Worldwide Work of the Mothers Union, illustrated with slides. Our thanks to Mrs. Hayley for all her helpful advice on 'Tapestry' at our December meeting. It was well attended and much enjoyed.

E.W.

ALTAR KNEELER

During 1984 the Mothers' Union raised money to make an Altar Kneeler for Harbury Church. We now have the canvas and wools to start and there will be a meeting on Wednesday, 16th January at 25 South Parade at 2.30 p.m. for anyone who is keen to help us on this project. We really do need the help of experienced needlewomen and also the loan of large tapestry frames. If you cannot attend the meeting but are keen to help please contact me on 612794.

SHIRLEY KEIR.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Victorian Fair was an outstanding success both financially and from the enjoyment point of view. The crowds must have beaten all previous records and consumption of tea and mince pies was phenomenal. The stalls were most appropriately decorated and stall holders effectively disguised (see photos by Mike Bloxham). Total raised around £650.

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HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

Thank you to everyone who helped at our Children's Carol Service in December, especially Canon Rowe who played the piano for us and to the members of the Mothers Union who provided tea after the service.

Our thanks go also to those of you who brought so many presents for underprivileged children, they provided a lot of happiness and joy at Christmas.

This month - on Jan. 22nd - we will be having a slide show and talk from Mr. John Bowra of WARNACT on their work for Nature Conservation. Everyone is welcome, so please come.

S.D.

HARBURY W.I.

Harbury W.I. members and partners enjoyed the Christmas party held on December 7th. After a buffet meal the WI Drama Group entertained everyone with two comedies. The first was 'The Surgery' by Eleanor Zonik and conversation in the waiting room caused much amusement in the audience. The second performance was a send-up of the WI. Peggy Middleton, who produced both plays, appeared as the old, archetypal WI President in full over-powering headgear. She presided

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over a motley crew of doubtful speakers and demonstrators. The final meeting of 1984 was on Dec. 13th. Members heard Jean Cowan speaking on her work in the Police Force. Jean, who is a member of Harbury WI, gave an insight into the more light-hearted side of Police work. Her tales of life as a raw recruit released on the unsuspecting residents of Manchester's Moss Side raised laughter amongst members. Her work began in the days before radios were available to those on the beat and clad in heavy police coat our intrepid WPC not only gave chase to offenders but also had to reserve enough energy to "encourage" them to walk back to the Police Station with her. The evening, complete with mince pies, was enjoyed by everyone.

Our first meeting in 1985 will be on Jan. 10th, the talk "Please Don't Sing in the Bath" will be given by Mrs. Helen Adams. There will be a Sales Table at future meetings where members can sell articles and produce for themselves with a 10% donation towards WI funds. Don't forget our DANCE OF THE YEAR on Jan. 26th see advert, do come along and have a good evening out!

HEATHER HAWKINS.

HARBURY & DISTRICT NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

We finished 1984 with a party and a visit to L/Spa NHR for a coffee morning. My thanks go to all the people who arranged events last year. During that time we've walked, talked, listened to speakers, visited theatres and finally spent an interesting evening at IBM in Warwick.

In the months January to March our plans include: taking a look at Greece (and Greek food), Coffee AM, a Valentine Special - Is Romance Dead?!, Barb Dance arranged by L/Spa NHR, The Press: fact, fiction or propaganda?

1985 is the NHR SILVER JUBILEE, there are NHR groups everywhere from the tiny Scottish Isle of Barra to the shores of Hong Kong. In Britain we have 1,230 groups and we meet in each other's homes with the minimum of formalities. We welcome women of any age and status, working or not, with or without children so if you are interested please contact the Local Organiser, Heather Hawkins for further details - Harbury 612493.

THE BOOK GROUP

Members of the Book Group rounded off 1984 with an

evening of mulled wine and Christmas Fayre! A vote was taken on the most popular book read amongst the group during the year. The honours went to Good Behaviour by Molly Keane followed by the classic Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy. Books for the New Year include, January: In a Free State, V.S. Naipaul; February: Time after Time, Molly Keane; March: Waterland, Graham Swift. First meeting Tues. Feb. 5th.

Although part of the NHR, the Book Group welcomes non-NHR members; if you want to read a good book and share your views, contact Fiona Pidgeon for details - Harbury 612479.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Mr. Evans of the Stratford District Planning staff was present at our December meeting to explain the proposed Conservation Areas for Harbury, their significance and consequences.

Prior to 1967 only Listed Buildings were protected by law, but as a result of pressure from the Civic Trust and other conservation groups, Conservation Areas were included in the Civic Amenities Act and by 1981 over 5,000 had been designated. Stratford District Council designated 55 in the first two years. The Act says that a Conservation Area is an area of special historic or architectural interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. The thought behind the Act was that there would be a wide variety of such areas throughout the land in town or country, preserving the 'cherished and familiar local scene'.

Although there is no requirement for public consultation, Stratford District Council does seek the opinions of Parish Councils and local bodies before it designates. The decision of the Planning Committee has to be advertised in the London Gazette and in the local paper but the local householders are not informed individually.

Mr. Evans distributed copies of the latest plans showing the proposed Conservation Areas, drawn up after consideration of alterations suggested by the Harbury Society and Harbury Parish Council. He explained that it had been anticipated by Parliament that designation of Conservation Areas would be followed by schemes for enhancement for which

financial aid was available, but few such schemes had been produced within Stratford District's area. Mr. Richard Crook, the Conservation Architect at SDC would be pleased to advise on the availability of grants and give help on architectural matters.

Harbury has only five Listed Buildings and is a patchwork of old and modern which makes the drawing of cohesive boundaries difficult. It was not the intention of the District Council to fossilise the village or create problems for the businessmen; designation would mean merely that new development was open to greater scrutiny. The District Council would seek higher standards of design within the areas with detailed applications for planning permission and Listed Building Consent required for demolition. Trees within the areas would be protected with six weeks notice to the District Council being necessary before any work took place. The District could undertake urgent repairs on unoccupied unlisted buildings within the areas and so stop deterioration of properties. There are also funds available for grants for repairs to buildings.

Mr. Evans then showed a series of slides of Harbury commenting on the buildings, open spaces, walls, trees, vistas and groups considered worthy of inclusion in the Conservation Areas.

He was thanked for his interest and detailed preparation by the Chairman and presented with a copy of the Society's history of Harbury, 'Hungry Harbury'.

The next event is the Society Social at the Crown on 29th January when members and their guests will be entertained by a Folk group. Details later.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

December's Folk Club was rather different. In the first place, numbers were down compared with previous months, no doubt due to the other attractions on December 6th competing for the attention of our discerning audience. However, forty people was still a good turn-out and many would argue that it is a more comfortable number for the lounge of the Old New Inn rather than the fifty plus that we have had.

The line-up of singers was also difficult - Andy made his debut at the club and, while we had seen Alan on his own before, it was the first appear-

ance of Alan and Dave as a duo. We also had contributions from John, Robin and Tony.

Some of the songs were different too, because this was the opportunity of performing Christmas material, albeit rather early in the month. Gerda sang us some seasonal songs and Bonas (Pete, Liz, Barry and Nicola) presented a traditional pub carol complete with words written out on traditional computer stationery.

The highlight of the evening should have been an appearance by Ian and Sue Hartland of the Harvesters. Unfortunately, they were detained by an enthusiastic audience at the Victorian Fair in Warwick and were unable to get over to Harbury. However they have agreed to come along to another meeting, hopefully our next one on Feb. 7th (starting at 8.30pm).

To substitute for the Harvesters, Pete, John, Tony and I hastily formed an impromptu group and concluded the evening with an unrehearsed sing-along session of 'oldies' (the songs, not the singers!)

I have been encouraged by the success of the Folk Club so far and I would like to thank everyone who has supported us since we started in September. In 1985, I am hoping to see even more local singers and musicians perform at the club (I know they're out there) and, of course, capacity audiences every month.

Why not start 1985 by marking on your calendar the first Thursday of every month so you don't miss one by mistake? A Happy Musical New Year to you!

PETER McDONALD (613730)

MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

At the Christmas session of examinations the following were successful:

PRACTICAL:

- Grade 2 - Sarah Johnson
- " 4 - Sarah Burnham (with Merit)
- " 5 - Andrea Burford

THEORY: (Max mark 99)

- Grade 2 - Jennifer Moss - 87 marks
- " 2 - Tracey Powell - 74 "

They are students of M.J. COOPE (612556).

Builder, Bell-ringer - what else? David was born in Ufton in 1933, his mother from a local farming family originating from the Isle of Man and father combining farming with building. He was brought up at Hill Farm Cottages, just down the road from Harbury and attended Ufton School and the old Central in Leamington until transfer to the Boys' College. After leaving school he joined the family firm of Clarke Bros. as a carpenter. Soon he moved on to training as a Civil Engineer with Coventry Council combined with study at Birmingham Technical College. After 4 years as a trainee he moved to Tunbridge



Wells where he was to meet Pam, at tennis. All Sporting interests were strong. He ran with the Leamington Cycling and Athletic Club, ran, swam and did rifle shooting with the ATC, held a glider pilot's licence and was a football referee.

In 1957 he and Pam were married and were soon on the way to Sale in Greater Manchester. There he continued his engineering training at the Manchester College of Technology where he qualified. Christine was born there and David was promoted to a Class 1 referee.

They were soon on the move again to Harlow, working again with the Harlow New Town Development Corporation and completing his HNC at West Ham College of Technology.

However, roots must have pulled him back plus the desire to be his own boss. He took over a building firm in Southam, living on the premises in Coventry Street, where Trevor was born. After 18 months he sold up and went as a director to the firm we associate with him now - ROADRIVE Ltd. (public works & Civil Engineering contractors), of Leamington.

Moving from contracts manager to become chairman, managing director, finally owner - he expanded the civil engineering side of the firm. In 1975 he

started Leam Castle Builders and despite his main interest was drawn into the Building Employers Federation becoming Mid Warwickshire President in 1977 and will be President of the Midland Region in 1986. This has led to a visit to America with the National Federation to study construction methods there.

He has been Chairman of the South Warwickshire section of the Coventry Chamber of Commerce and is now a member of the general council of the Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Construction Section.

He has retained his sporting interests and still follows cross country as a spectator to various countries including America in 1984 and hopes to go to Portugal in 1985. He has been much involved as a football referee in local football leagues and in the West Midlands Regional League. He was Conference Secretary for the National Referees Association Conference in 1976. The Leamington Referees Association made him a life member and Vice President in recognition of past services. No longer a referee David now helps on various charity competitions.

In Harbury he was a founder member of the Recreation Committee and has run several 6-a-side competitions on Harbury Playing Fields in conjunction with Carnivals in the 1970's.

He has been a bell-ringer in Harbury for some 4 years and 3 years ago helped to put up the new bells. He has been a member of the P.C.C. for many years and its general odd-job man, gardener and willing dogsbody and is now its Deanery Representative. His involvement has not diminished with the years - he just breaks new ground!

M.R.

IN THE GARDEN

January is the beginning of the year for the keen show gardener, but for the average person it is time to dig in your farmyard manure when the ground is not too wet. You can experiment with windowsill gardening; try a root of mint in a carton about 6" square & 4" deep - garden soil will be all right. Mine is doing very well, also parsley seed in a carton. When planting the seed, get your soil down fine, then just ridge the soil no more than 1/8 inch deep. Sow the seed and smooth over, keep them damp and cover over

with glass until seeds begin to sprout. By now your seeds will have been delivered from the Society; I am just going through mine. A Happy New Year and good digging!

W.F. LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A very interesting and pleasant evening in friendly company was how a new member and a newcomer to the village described our December Social Evening. Charles Lines showed slides on National Trust Gardens and gave a brief history of them, he was ably assisted on the projector by Robert Dunn and thanked by Mrs. Zonik. Refreshments followed. It will be noted that we have a lot more chairs and as our membership has increased you can all be promised a seat. The speaker for Feb. is Tristram Thacker and his talk is called "Down the Garden Path".

E.P. LINES

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Parker - following on our announcement last month of Mr. Parker's retirement, we have received these letters that complete the story.

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank the people of Harbury for making the retirement collection for John Parker an event that will be remembered with pleasure for a long time. Firstly, thank you all for your generosity which was overwhelming and secondly, special thanks must go to all the collectors who offered their time so willingly - braving the cold, wet and darkness - to achieve the magnificent sum of £381.86.

The results of all your generosity and hard work were presented to John and Polly at Harbury Club in the form of a cheque for £366.86, a bottle of whisky for John and a bouquet of flowers for Polly.

P.L. WOODWARD.

Dear Editors,

Thank you to the people of Harbury for giving us such a pleasant surprise in the form of a cheque, and for all the cards, presents and flowers on our retirement.

JOHN & POLLY PARKER.



Photo taken by Mike Bloxham to mark the occasion of the presentation to John & Polly Parker on their retirement.

Dear Editors,

I should like to thank everyone for their goodwill messages during my recent illness.

I am now feeling much better and hope to back at work delivering the mail within the next couple of months.

JEAN HEYDON.

RACING SILKS

Please could anyone lend a set of horse-racing silks to the Theatre Group for their next production - "Dry Rot". This hilarious farce is to be presented on 21st 22nd and 23rd March, and we would be very grateful if anyone could help us with this vital piece of costume (otherwise, bare-back riding may take on a whole new meaning!!)

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