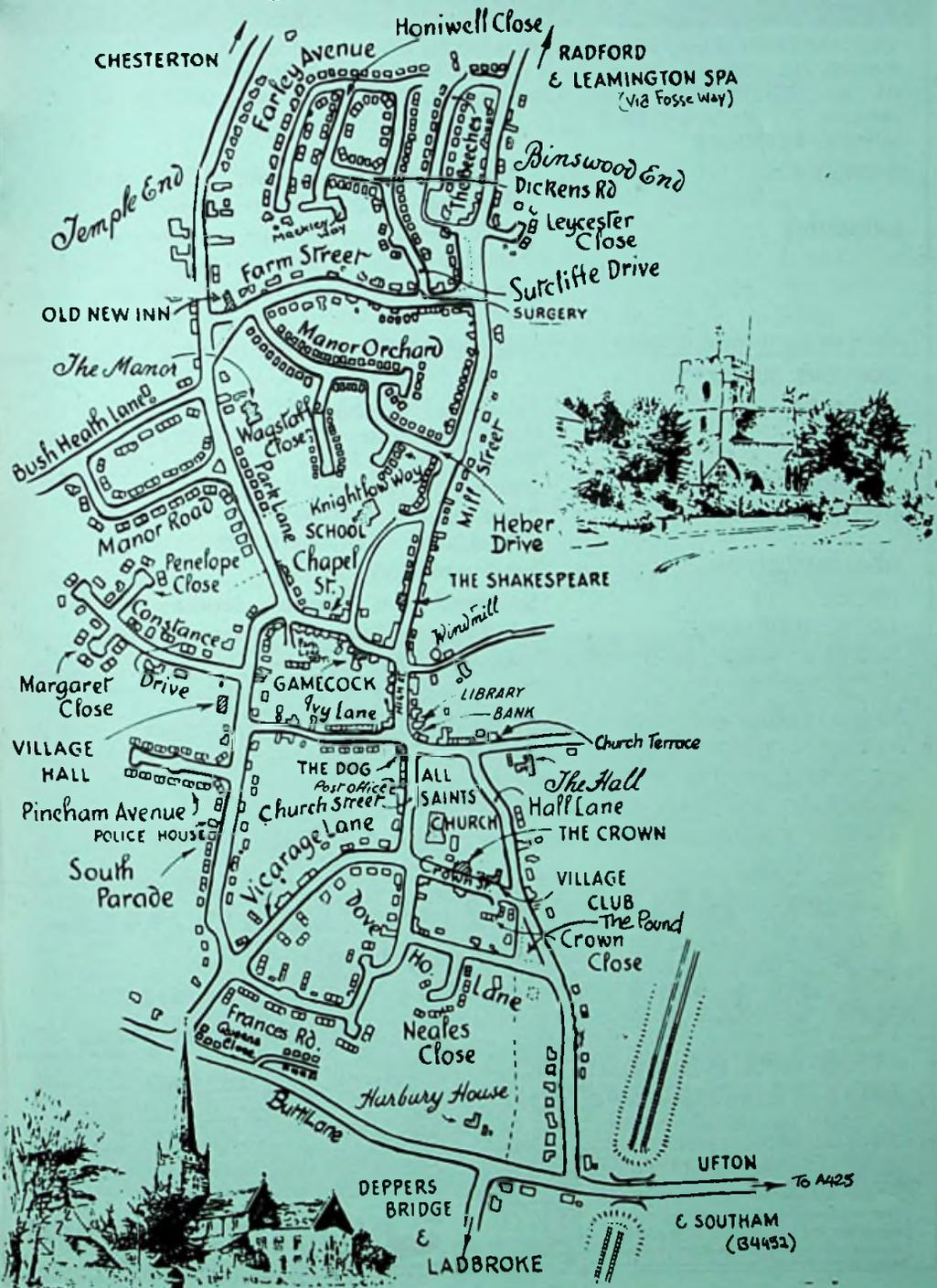


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Evensong (1st Sunday) - 6.30pm (Summer)
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BUMP?

The Annual General Meeting of the Harbury and Ladbroke News will be held in the Shakespeare on Wed 22nd January starting at 8 p.m. This is your opportunity to throw the committee out or to volunteer help or to just heckle!

Sandwiches will be available, so do come along and express your views in a convivial atmosphere.

Christmas has as usual been well and truly celebrated in the village. The Church was magnificently decorated, many thanks to those responsible. The village too looked really festive with so many houses decorated outside as well as in. The tree on top of the windmill was a particular delight.

The Harbury Calendar is a highly organised one and the New Year issue brings news of this year's Carnival! The editors are wondering if years are getting shorter.

We wish all our readers a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.



Harbury Senior Citizens enjoying their annual Christmas Dinner in the Village Hall.

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- Sun 5th CHRISTMAS II. 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am
Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm Evensong.
- Mon 6th THE EPIPHANY. 9.45 am Holy Communion.
Christian Fellowship Meeting 8 pm The Spiers.
- Tues 7th Horticultural Society 8 pm Wight School.
Senior Citizens Cttee 8.30 pm Village Hall.
- Wed 8th Mothers Union 2.15 pm Village Hall speaker Mrs.
Celia Barrett.
Parish Study Group 8.15 pm 13 Manor Orchard (Luke)
- Thurs 9th Holy Communion 9.45 am (Mothers Union Corporate
Communion)
Thursday Club 2.30 pm Village Hall
W.I. 7.30 pm Village Hall
Mens Group 7.45 pm Edgeways Vicarge Lane
- Fri 10th House to House collection for Scouts Jumble Sale
(6 pm onwards)
- Sat 11th Scouts JUMBLE SALE in Village Hall 10 a m
- Sun 12th EPIPHANY I. 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am
Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm Evensong
Adventurers restart 11.30 am Village Hall
- Mon 13th Christian Fellowship 8 pm 77 Mill Street and
11 Constance Drive
- Tues 14th Harbury Friends 8 pm School
Village Hall Cttee 8 pm Village Hall
P.C.C. 8 pm Wight School
National Housewives Register Italian Evening at
36 Binswood End 8 pm. Bring a sample of
Italian Food etc.
- Wed 15th Jean Champ School of Dancing recommences V.Hall
- Sat 18th Beginning of week of Prayers for Christian Unity
W.I. Dance in Village Hall
- Sun 19th EPIPHANY II. 8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am
Sung Eucharist, 3.30 Ecumenical Service at
Ladbroke.
- Wed 22nd Harbury News A.G.M. at Shakespeare Inn
Parish Study Group 8.15 pm 13 Mill St. (Luke)
- Thurs 23rd Thursday Club 2.30 pm Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
- Fri 24th P.T.A. Social/Jazz Evening at the Rugby Club

- Sat 25th THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL. 9 am Holy Communion
Christian Fellowship Meeting 17 Farm Street.
Painting interior of Scout Hut 9 am onwards.
VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!
- Sun 26th NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (SEPTUAGESIMA) 8 am
Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sung Eucharist,
6.30 pm Evensong
All articles for inclusion in February's News to
Editors by Noon today please.
- Mon 27th Conservatives AGM 7.30 pm in the Dog Inn with
Ploughman'S Supper
Christian Fellowship Meetings at 8 pm at 3 Vicar-
age Lane, 8 The Beeches and 11 Constance Drive
- Tues 28th Young Wives 2 pm Village Hall
Harbury Society Social at the Shakespeare Inn 8 p m
Confirmation Meeting 8.15 pm in Church
- Wed 29th National Housewives Register Meeting at 8 Chance
Fields, Radford Semele at 10.13 am (lifts
contace Sue Roberts)
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FEBRUARY 1986

- Sun 2nd PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)
8 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong
- Tues 4th Horticultural Society 8 pm in the Wight School
- Wed 5th Mothers Union 2.15 pm in Village Hall
Youth Club in Village Hall 7.30 - 9.30 pm
- Thurs 6th Folk Club 8.30 pm in Lounge at Old New Inn.

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO
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For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Harrison - 613800
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REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

- Tuesday: 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion in Harbury
- Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke
- Thursday: 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury
- Friday: 7.00 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.
- LUNCHEON CLUB: Village Hall every Tuesday & Friday 12-30 p.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.
- W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.
- POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday.
- CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Lots of activity in December; the production of 'Here Comes Christmas' by the Windmill Singers and Harbury Theatre Group was most enjoyable and set the scene for the Christmas season.

The Christmas Fair on Dec. 7th was a well supported and lively event with some beautifully presented stalls - the prize for which went to Nan Thomas and Sheila Bugg. The proceeds of the Fair will be allocated to Village Youth Organisations - details next month. Grateful thanks to all who put so much

effort into making the event a success - including Father Christmas who was kept very busy all afternoon.



A new event this year was the Royal Naval Association Male Voice Choir Concert held in Church on Dec 20th. The concert included a short nativity play featuring the Cubs and Brownies, and the whole evening was most enjoyable - revealing to those who did not know that soloist Colin Oliver has an excellent voice.

All the Christmas services were, as usual, very well supported. At the Christingle service on Sunday 29th it was a delight to see the many children carrying their lighted Christingles. The church decorations were quite magnificent - thanks to the very many people who spent their time and skill on them.

We were pleased to welcome two special preachers in December - Colin Semper on the 1st (can you remember all 5 C's?) and Dennis Capes of the USPC on the 8th.

J.B.M.

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CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you very much to all those who worked so hard to make the Church a delight for Christmas. I am most grateful since I deserted my post. However, I need not have worried - talent and commitment abound. Thank you too to those whose financial support made the display possible.

The rota for Spring will be in the church next week. Please sign up - we have a lot to live up to!

Margaret Rigden

FROM THE RECTOR

Most people around Christmas time delight in listening to some outstanding choirs singing carols and most people with or without outstanding voices like to sing some of them as well. At Harbury and Ladbroke we have a very faithful and dedicated young persons choir, but no adult voices in either. This is a pity, for a strong fuller choir enriches the worship of a church and with other voices apart from sopranos, enables a choir to undertake occasionally more ambitious music which will give them a sense of achievement. I say occasionally because I would not like to see such an accomplished choir that they would take over the music entirely, thus depriving the congregation of their proper part in choral worship. Sometimes in Cathedra and some large Parish Churches, the choir is so good that the congregation just sit and listen and seldom have a chance to sing at all, which does not seem right to me. Ordinary Parish Church choirs are there to firmly lead and encourage the rest of the congregation and perhaps now and then show their musical abilities in some particular anthem, chorale or solo work. During December at Harbury we had the chance of hearing the Windmill Singers with the Harbury Theatre Group in their charming presentation 'Here Comes Christmas', the Royal Naval Male Voice Choir including a lovely nativity play by the Cubs and Brownies, and our own choir, augmented with adult voices leading 'The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols'. These events gave great pleasure to all who came.

Now we are very glad to have boys and girls occupying the choir stalls and Sunday by Sunday providing us with a lead to our singing, but there is no reason why other voices should not be added and thus give

even more substance to the choral sections of our services. In worship we need to offer the best we can manage at all times, not just on special occasion

However Christmas 1985 is now behind us and we are into a New Year. We all hope and pray that 1986 will see some of the huge problems confronting the world at present resolved, and that there will be a greater determination for nations and peoples to be reconciled. There is in the world today a deep longing for peace. The final item on the Royal Naval Choir programme provided a very necessary piece of advice for us all, who want to see peace in our time 'Let there be peace on earth - and let it begin with me'.

May I wish you joy and happiness in the year ahead.
Antony Rowe

CONFIRMATION 1986

The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by the Bishop of Warwick in All Saint's Harbury on Sunday 11th May at 10.30 am. Anyone who is considering being confirmed should mention it to the Rector. A preliminary meeting to arrange dates and times for instruction has been fixed for Tuesday 28th January in church at 8.15 pm. There will be a similar meeting at Ladbroke on Monday 27th January at 7 pm. Whether there could be a separate Confirmation service at Ladbroke depends naturally on the number of candidates.

If anyone should be hesitant about embarking upon instruction and would like to discuss the matter before deciding to attend or not, the Rector is very willing to visit.

Instruction meetings are arranged for young people and for adults on different occasions.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week is fixed each year from the 18th-25th Jan. This year the Sunday falling during that week is 19th January and there will be an Ecumenical Service at All Saint's Ladbroke at 3.30 pm.

The special preacher on this occasion is to be Mr. Ivor Cooper, an Evangelist from Leamington Spa. It is hoped that many people will make a great effort to attend this service both from Ladbroke and from Harbury.

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Holy Baptism

15th December, Suzannah Edel, daughter of Sean Rupert St John and Celia Anne Neill, 19 Mill Street.

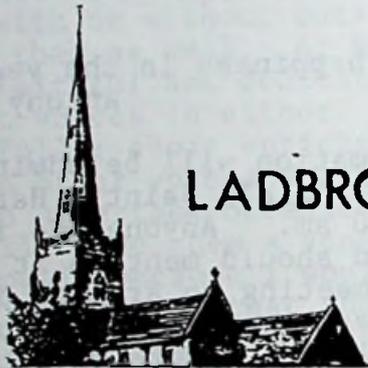
29th December, Susan Caroline and Duncen James, children of Christopher William and Elizabeth Poupard, 51 Mill Street.

Funerals

11th December, Thomas Arthur Wicker, 17 Francis Rd.
58 years.

17th December, Alfred Over Gurden, 5 Crown Close
70 years.

27th December, William John Hawtin, 9 Farm Street,
78 years.



LADBROKE NEWS

JANUARY DIARY

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| Wed | 1st | THE CIRCUMCISION 10.30 am Holy Communion |
| Sun | 5th | CHRISTMAS II 9 am Holy Communion(said) 11am Family Service. |
| Mon | 6th | THE EPIPHANY 7.30 pm Holy Communion |
| Wed | 8th | 10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 Women's Fellowship |
| Sun | 12th | EPIPHANY I 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns |
| Wed | 15th | 10.30 am Holy Communion Parish Council in Village Hall |
| Sun | 19th | EPIPHANY II, 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns 3.30 pm Ecumenical Service. |
| Mon | 20th | 7.30 pm Parochial Church Council Meeting |
| Wed | 22nd | 10.30 am Holy Communion. Womens Fellowship Corporate Communion |
| Thurs | 23rd | W. I. in Village Hall |
| Sun | 26th | SEPTUAGESIMA (Commemoration of the Conversion of St. Paul) 9 am Holy Communion with Hymns |

Mon 27th 7 pm Confirmation Meeting
 Wed 29th King Charles M. 10.30 am Holy Communion

FEBRUARY

Sun 2nd PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLE
 MASS) 9 am Holy Communion (said) 11 am
 Family Service

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA: Jan 5th - Mrs. Rutherford Jan 12th & 19th
 Mrs. Badman & Mrs. Wilson Jan 26th - Mrs. Stubbs Feb 2nd -
 Mrs. Smith.

Carol Singing in Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge on 19th & 20th
 December in aid of Mencap:-

thank you to all the people who gave so generously to our
 singing efforts. We raised the grand sum of £70. Thanks to
 all those who refreshed us on the way round and came sing-
 ing with us.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We very much enjoyed our December meeting which started with
 a service in church in 'Preparation for Christmas'. This was
 taken by the Rector who lit a candle before each of the
 lessons were read. Four of these were by members, the last
 being read by the Rector. There were four hymns, two short
 talks and some prayers. Afterwards we went to the home of
 Mrs. Stubbs for refreshments.

We have received a letter of thanks from St. Faith's Shelter
 Coventry for a donation recently sent to them.

The meeting on January 8th is at 2.30 pm at the home of
 Mrs. Gwladys Gould, The Olde Rectory, when we are looking
 forward to having Mrs. Marion Grainger tell us about her
 recent holiday in the Holy Land.

Nancy Stubbs

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

On Friday 13th December fifty members and friends attended
 our annual Christmas party at Ladbroke Village Hall. Good
 food and fun and games were the order of the night and I am
 pleased to say that a good time was had by all.

On Tuesday 17th December seven members accompanied by Alan
 Gould went along to Central Hospital Hatton to join the
 patients of Christopher Wren Ward for a Christmas party. They
 enjoyed to food drink and cigarettes we brought along and it
 was nice to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Our next meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Thurs
 23rd Jan when we hope to be entertained by P.C. Percival from
 Harbury who will share with us some of his interesting and
 amusing experiences.

Gwladys Gould

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - December 4th

The meeting was held in the Committee room of the Village Hall, and as seven members of the public were present, two District Councillors as well as the Parish Council; the door of the smart new room would only just shut! It is apparently unusual for an ordinary meeting to attract outside interest, but personally I have always found the meetings most entertaining as well as informative. Why not come along and see just how decisions which affect all Ladbroke inhabitants are made.

In the matters arising from the previous minutes, the possibility of a childrens play area was briefly mentioned once again. Any further action is to be deferred until the annual Parish Meeting next May. The council did not seem interested in persuing this matter with any urgency.

Investigations are to continue into the blocked thoroughfare over farmland at the extreme easterly end of Windmill Lane. A member of the District Planning Committee was asked to inspect the Poultry Farm gantry and it was later stated in the meeting that this offending gantry is still in current usage. The field opposite 'the Forge' was now looking tidy, though not as scenic as before, but the new opening had not yet been made good. It was commented that the beautiful chestnut tree on the edge of this field had been felled, as it was thought to be in a dangerous condition. A letter had been received from Mr. S. Greenway about the poor condition the Bypass contractors have left Radbourne Lane in. The surface is cracked, muddy, wet and the verges damaged. A letter of complaint was to be sent to Warwickshire County Council. The Managing Director of Gallifords had written to the council saying how much is workers had appreciated the good will of the residents of Ladbroke and how much they all enjoyed the Celebration Dance. District Councillor Mr. Reading addressed the meeting on the subject of the proposed Southam Swimming Pool. Before contracts are finalised the Swimming Pool Association must raise £20,000. Southam Town Council are contributing £72,000 on their own behalf, but the surrounding local Parish Councils are being asked to contribute something, however small, towards the remaining £20,000 needed.

Ladbroke Council agreed that it was not the sum of money that was important, but the gesture of support. As they have no resources they decided to approach the Alibon Charity and to leave any decision until the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Precept had to be arranged for the next financial year and owing to a deficit last year, the precept had to be raised from 1p to 1.8p which just covered the estimated expenditure. The Parish Council does not intend to leave itself any reserves as they pride themselves on 'thrifty housekeeping'. This means that there is no spare cash for donations to large projects such as the swimming pool fund, or the children's play area, or even for more minor items like the road signs which are needed in the lane to Deppers Bridge.

I should like to conclude that my account of the Parish Council Meetings is entirely personal and if you want a purely factual account, you would have to go to the meetings and listen for yourselves. Your Parish Councillors are Mr. F. Badman, Mr. T. Sheasby, Mrs. B. Williamson, Mrs. C. Jerome and Mr. G. Timms. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th January 1986 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Kate Liverton

If you attended any of the Christmas Services in Ladbroke Church, your attention would undoubtedly have been drawn to the beautiful silver gilt Chalice, Flagon and covered paten on the Altar. These treasures are usually kept in Warwick Museum and only displayed at major festivals and I have often wondered why Ladbroke should be so fortunate to possess such treasures.

They were the gift of Alice Duchess of Dudley, and are the direct result of a rather romantic story. In 1596 Alice married Robert, son of Robert Dudley the famous Earl of Leicester. Unfortunately although Robert's parents had been secretly married it had suited both of his parents to disavow the marriage and Alice's husband Robert was consequently declared illegitimate. Robert was furious and stung by frustration he obtained permission from the King to travel abroad leaving his wife and family of

daughters behind. In fact he took his young cousin Elizabeth Southwell with him and she afterwards bore him a large family.

Alice left alone in England led an entirely virtuous life and was rewarded by Charles 1st who created her Duchess of Dudley a title to which she had no real right. Poverty was not one of her misfortunes and as soon as her daughters were suitably married she began presenting services of silver plate to eleven churches in districts where she owned lands, or to which she took a special interest.

Ladbroke was the first church to receive its gift in 1623 and the gift reveals that Alice was a person of discriminating taste as the gift is such a very fine example of C17 Church Silver.

HARBURY C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

The end of Christmas term has been the usual busy scene. This year it was the turn of the lower Middle School to put on a Christmas production in school. They chose a modern nativity musical entitled 'Follow the Star'. This was a refreshingly different view of the story, had some very catchy melodies, was very well acted and sung by the children, and was well received by large audiences.

The First School children held a Christingle Service in church which was a lovely innovation for us. It was good to see the church packed and, as a result of a collection, a cheque for £30 was sent to help Church funds.

On the last Thursday of term the Middle School children held their Carol Service, again in church. A collection of £20 was taken for the Children's Society. The collection for the P.T.A. Carols Round the Village was also for this appeal, and a total of £47.31p was realised.

Our grateful thanks to all parents and friends who supported us so admirably in all these events. Earlier in the term many of the First School children had also helped the Children's Society by taking part in a



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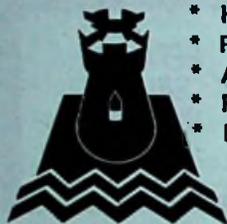
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Christmas Candle Sponsorship scheme. I am sure that everyone will be delighted as we are when I tell you that on the last day of term the grand total for all these activities was £120, and a cheque for that amount has been sent to the children's society.

At the last assembly a presentation was made to Mrs. Eleanor Blair who retired from the teaching profession and as class teacher for Class 5. Mrs. Blair has been on the staff of Harbury School since 1979. She was presented with a Wedgewood bowl on behalf of the staff, and a boxed set of Edinburgh crystal glasses on behalf of the children.

We also bade farewell to two ladies who have been on the staff in a temporary capacity - Mrs. Rosalyn Bunting, who has been teaching class 3, and Mrs. Susan Holland, who has been taking Middle School French. Harbury School has been very fortunate in having the services of two such able 'substitutes'. On behalf of all the staff of the School, may I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.

Thank you to everyone who supported our last two fund raising events - a Christmas flower arranging evening and a Victorian Music Hall. The flower-arranging was particularly well attended and we are grateful to 'Jacqueline the Florist' for giving so generously of her time and skill. The Victorian Music Hall (provided by the Talisman Theatre) was not so well supported, but those who came, mostly in splendid costumes had a marvellous evening. The evening was also enjoyed by parties from Victor Hodges House and Waltons Lodge who were guests of Budgen Supermarket for the evening.

Our next event is a St. Valentine's dance on - you've guessed it - February 14th in the School Hall. Dancing will be to the Likely Lads and tickets will soon be on sale. We are endeavouring to raise £700 for the improvement of the VIth form library, and also to complete the purchase of a computer for the remedial department.

M.S.H.

1st HARBURY VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

Our team in the District Swimming Gala came third. According to well placed 'observers' there was plenty of room for improvement! Roll on 1986. There was a good turn out round the brazier outside the Village Hall at the annual Church Fair. We sold out of chest-nuts and they must have been good because people came back for more.

On December 5th our Halley Watch was clouded off and the evening was spent in the hut learning more about astronomy and Halley's Comet in particular. In the New Year there should be a chance to get a sighting, perhaps during the hike/camp on the Dassett Hills (Thursday/Friday 2nd/3rd January). With the weather coming from the north it will be a case of more hiking than camping.

The Unit Christmas Dinner held at the Dog Inn on Fri. 20th December was a great success. Doug and Mavis made us very welcome. New member Sarah Williams played admirably on her guitar and sang. Dancing and general merriment went on into the small hours but I've heard of no problems as a result. It was great to have Bob Small, Caroline Holt and Mark Jones along as well as several new members. After sketching in the units activities in 1985 John Hancock went on to express the wish that 1986 would be even more successful and some progress might be made towards Queen's Scout Awards. He thanked Anthony Jones for his help in 1985 and Bob, Anthony and Cheryl for their invaluable help during the Easter Expedition. For further progress watch this space. J.L.H.

HARBURY SCOUT GROUP FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Our next major fund raising event is the Annual Jumble Sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 11th January at 10 am. The scouts will be making a house to house collection on the Friday evening but jumble may be delivered to the Village Hall after 6 pm on Friday or for special arrangements please phone 612273, 61326 or 613314.

On Saturday 25th January it is planned to repaint the interior of the Scout Hut. Please can parents spare a few hours to help with this? All materials will be

provided and willing hands will be much appreciated. A 9 o'clock start is planned.

Next month there is to be a Cheese & Wine Evening at 32 Mill Street by kind permission of Dr's J & S Hancock (tickets only). Details to be announced in February Harbury News.

S.J.

HARBURY CANIVAL 1986

Carnival news already! - The Committee, under the able 'chair' of Sue Andrews, has already held two meetings to start the marathon task of planning the 1986 event, to be held on Saturday 7th June.

£1242.75 was raised by our 1985 efforts, the benefit the Village Hall - once again, many thanks to all those who helped to achieve this magnificent total.

This year, we hope to equal or improve on this, and our profit will be put towards the provision of a new and very necessary central heating system for the Village Hall. If YOU have any suggestions or comments about the form this years carnival should take please let us know quickly.

Carnival Week originated in Jubilee year, when many organisations held events during the week prior to Carnival Day, to provide a build up to the celebrations. In recent years, such help has not been forthcoming, and the committee have themselves organised events to fill the gap. Sadly, as a small committee, we feel we cannot continue to do this, to the possible detriment of the Carnival itself, and we think we should concentrate our resources into arranging one super day.

However, Carnival Sports, very popular with village children will continue on the Sunday before Carnival Day:- More news next month.

J. Cox

'86 Committee - Sue Andrews, Steve Chaplin, Di & Rob Ralphs, Jean Cox, Midge Keen, Brian Wade, Helen Taylor, Andy Cowan, Gill Gurden, Tim Percival.

R.S.P.C.A.

R.S.P.C.A. Coffee Morning raised the record amount of £168.20. Many thanks to all

MOTHER'S UNION

We start our New Year programme on Wednesday 8th Jan with a return visit from Celia Barrett who will continue her interesting illustrated talk on the old families of Harbury. The meeting is at 2.15 pm in the Farley Room of the Village Hall.

Thanks to all who supported the cake stall at the Christmas Fair - it was a great success. S.K.

HARBURY W.I.

December 6th was the date of our Christmas party and it went with a swing - as usual the food was excellent with quite a variety of savoury and sweet dishes - hardly a duplication. Later in the evening we were well entertained by members of Harbury Folk Club - in the guise of Bonas plus Peter McDonald.

At the Christmas Fair on 7th December, the W.I. stall gained 2nd prize for the Best Dressed Stall competition. Congratulations to Celia Barrett and Bertha Kettle for their expertise.

The speaker for the December 12th meeting was well chosen - Mrs. Dallas Barnes-Hughes on 'Making the Most of Yourself'. She really is an excellent speaker, very funny and entertaining - her first words were: 'Why do we make the most of ourselves?' and proceeded to tell us of the lady in a W.I. hall which was unheated and extremely cold. This lady was warmly wrapped in car rug, big woolly and even had on a balaclava. She was knitting and also smoking a cigarette, and frequently blowing on her hands to try to warm them up. When this question was put, she removed the cigarette and said 'I do it for my best friend's husband!' This little story set the tone for the talk. Mrs. Barnes-Hughes put forward her views and ideas for making the best of what you've got - whatever it is - in a very funny way. Apparently you must flaunt your best feature whenever you can. We finished the evening with a glass of sherry and a mince pie which were well received by everyone, and an exchange of gifts from the Bran Tub.

The speaker for Jan 9th will be Mrs. Frith, giving a talk on Dolls, Ancient and Modern. She has requested that we bring along any pre-1940's dolls to the meeting.

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Jan 18th, W.I. Dance with The Likely Lads
and Supper - Tickets £3 and selling fast - get your
now. Terry Wade

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Christmas Disco was a delightful event ending on a very high note with all the seasonal pop records. Congratulations to all on the teenage committee and thanks to the many adult helpers and to all who attended for entering into the spirit and being such good company. We all look forward to the next events with pleasure. Sincerest thanks to the Village Hall Committee for their most practical help and support.

January Meetings There will be a variety of 'Behind the Scenes' meetings to prepare the way to commence the coffee-shop club which will eventually become the fully fledged Youth Club. Please be ready to come forward to help - there will be plenty to do!

February First meeting in Village Hall at 7.30-9.30
Wed 5th Feb. The coffee-shop will occur each Wed and will provide a warm meeting place where you can play music tapes of your choice, play various games (table tennis, snooker, darts, board games etc.) and have a news and events corner to keep in touch with all on offer to young people at the moment. We want your thoughts and ideas which the teenage committee will compile into a programme of events.

We have been challenged to enter

- 1) Central Area Teen Quiz at Copen End Youth Centre Feb 19th 1986. - 4 members needed, names to be in by 23rd Jan - PROGRAMME design competition in black & white on A5 paper.
- 2) Table tennis tournament at Campion School Fri 14th March.
- 3) Badminton tournament at Campion School Friday 25th April.

Youth Drama Group Have been invited to join a series of drama workshops at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry during the Feb half term. The option of a fun drama workshop run by members of the theatre from Warwick University has also been made available to us in February. This has proved a runaway success in other clubs in the area.

Thanks to all concerned - the steering committee, fundraising committee, teenage committee, Mike Bunn and the Warwickshire County Council, the Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs, the Village Hall committee and many who have offered practical financial and moral support. On behalf of all the teenagers may we wish you all a happy New Year.

Remember to watch the Harbury News for updatee information and events. Any queries, entries to competitions, offers of help please ring 613270 or contact chairman Mr. Andrew Cowan, 11 Neales Close.

K.P.

THE JEAN CHAMP SCHOOL OF DANCING brought the year to a close with its third examination session of 1985. Amongst the 91 girls and boy who all passed their exams, 7 girls came from the Harbury branch of the school. They were:- Helen Robins, Emma Harrison, Sarah Turner, Sally Faulkner, Leah Wallington all passed primary modern.

Louise Champ primary Acro, Clare Critchley Grade 2 Ballet.

Classes recommence at the Village Hall on 15th Jan. For more information ring Jean Champ 613698.

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

December 5th was another memorable evening at the Folk Club. I was convinced that it would be a quiet evening, with many of the regulars lured away to the Victorian street fair in Warwick, but how wrong I was. Several new faces made up the capacity audience and all the singers were in great form. And some of them were very funny!

Mike Putnam was superb in the guest spot in the third half, putting even more energy into his songs than usual (if that is possible). Many of the singers had prepared Christmas material which ranged from Gerda's delightful 'Silent Night' to the Jug Band's ridiculous 'Christmas in Australia'. I was privileged to join the band on this song and it will undoubtedly go down as one of the highlights of my 1985!

Bonas also presented some seasonal material and they revived the 'Yo,ho,ho,ho etc.' pub carol from last year. The list of performers was completed by John Black with a couple of fiddle tunes and a rare appearance by Jim Andrews. All in all, a delightful evening and a fitting way to finish the year.

And it's more of the same in 1986. I hope you didn't forget the Folk Club on 2nd January and are looking forward to the next one on 6th February, at the Old New Inn starting at 8.30 pm. A Happy New Year to everyone who supported the club in 1985, and to everyone else as well!

Peter McDonald (612730)

HARBURY CLUB would like to thank all for the wonderful turn out in the Annual Quiz and all the teams for doing so well, Sharon for her good job in the scoring, but especially Mr. J. Chapple for his work in the last year to get all the questions for us. The Quiz was won by the Harbury & Ladbroke News team who managed to beat the usually all conquering Hotentots into second place. See you all in 1986.

Happy New Year to All. C.P.

HARBURY & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY?

Yet another village society? Well perhaps! Are there sufficient photographers in Harbury and surrounding districts: Ladbroke, Chesterton, Bishops Itchington, etc., keen enough to form a group with the following aims.

- 1) To promote photography in all its aspects.
- 2) To encourage and advise newcomers to photography
- 3) To organise regular meetings and activities in
in pursuit of the above.

If you are interested please ring Derrick Thomas on 612793.

VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, will everyone return the keys immediately after use. A great deal of stress is being caused by people holding onto keys or not remembering to put them back at Fox Cottage. Please consider other people and return them PROMPTLY.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Mr. Michael Clews gave an illustrated talk on the present Re-listing Survey of buildings in this area to a large audience of a very wet night. He covered very thoroughly the criteria for Listing buildings of Historic and Architectural interest and illustrated his points with photographs of houses roundabout, many of which were similar in style to Harbury's houses.

The movement to protect Britain's heritage began in Victorian times as their great enthusiasm for

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for rebuilding was destroying much of historic interest. The legislation on Historic Buildings was up-dated until the Second World War, but thereafter there was great pressure on buildings because of the need to provide accommodation for those made homeless.

The good intentions of the Government to survey the whole country in 1945-6 were thwarted by the lack of petrol. The Inspectors were directed to drive to the Parish Church and walk round the villages spotting buildings of note. The result was sporadic cover and it was not until 1970 that relisting began again in earnest. This relisting was hit by the three day week and the 64 Inspectors were cut to 4, for the whole country!

Michael Heseltine was responsible for the latest initiative and a target of three years was set for covering the whole country, partly by local authorities and partly by private contractors. The criteria they work to are that any building erected before 1700 which retains Medieval features should be listed: those between 1700 - 1840 may be listed if they have not been too much altered: between 1840 - 1914 only the works of named architects or very good examples of Victorian buildings are considered. Buildings of specific historical significance can be listed and those which are examples of technical innovation (the first Prefab is listed). The most common grade of Listed Building is the lowest on the Statutory List and that is Grade II. A Listed Building cannot be altered or demolished without Listed Building Consent being acquired. The owners are under some obligation to repair the building and not to alter it so as to destroy its integrity. The owners benefit by having their homes listed because it adds to the value and there are Grants available for repair and restoration, although the repairs to a Listed Building are generally more expensive. Conversion work on such a building is also free of VAT and it is possible to make changes provided they are done in a 'sympathetic manner'.

In Harbury itself Mr. Clews has recommended for listing 45 buildings, one of which is a spring Pump and another a Milestone. One building previously listed has been removed from the list as having been too much altered. He showed a slide of Bull Ring Stores to illustrate the

unfortunate changes that improvement can make to old buildings. By contrast Harbury House was altered long ago. Its 18th Century facade is of good quality and fronts a much more interesting 17th Century 'E' Plan house which retains its roof line and timbers.

Mr. Clews then showed a range of slides illustrating the types of building considered for listing: a run of thatched Cob cottages in Northants. because of the unusual building material; a tombstone! a barn; very early Workhouses in Thrapston; shoemakers workshops in Northants; Almshouses in Deddington and an ordinary looking stone house between Deddington and Oxford which they discovered to have been a Medieval Hall House which had a blocked upper storey entrance and the original roof timbers.

Mr. Clews stressed that the Spot Listing facility was still available so that anything overlooked could have immediate protection and be assessed by the DoE. He promised to send the Society a copy of the list of buildings for Harbury as soon as it was approved.

The next event is the Social at the Shakespeare on Tues 28th Jan at 8 pm when Dave Nash who gave the successful Cockney Evening 2 years ago will entertain

L.R.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PLAYGROUP

On Wednesday 11th December the two playgroups joined together for their annual Christmas Carol Concert. The children are only 3 and just 4 years old so we had great fun 'rehearsing', but as usual they rose to the occasion. The children sang some Carols and several Nursery rhymes and a lovely Christmas song called 'Sing a Song of Mince-meat'. The Wight School sang and acted 'The Christmas Alphabet', and the Nursery children depicted a traditional Nativity tableau. The parents and children and teachers from Harbury Infant School joined in with some Carols and then Coffee & Mincepies were served. A collection was made and over £12 was donated to the Church of England Children's Society.

On Friday 13th (!) we had our first joint Christmas party. All the children arrived at 11 am, they played party games and then they all ate a super lunch prepared by their parents. After lunch

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Father Christmas arrived and gave each child a small present. Then the parents came to take home 35 tired but happy children loaded with their presents and the cards, calendars and decorations they had made throughout the term.

Happy New Year to all our children and their parents. The new term starts on Tuesday 7th January.

Carol Percival & Ann Allen

PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 1985

As no-one had expressed the desire for an election, the Parish Council was left to co-opt two new members, Mr. John Moore to represent Deppers Bridge and Mrs. Marjorie King for Harbury.

The Councillors were pleased to hear that there had been action at Chesterton and that the Parish Meeting had decided to hold two public meetings a year.

The hunt for relatives of those buried in the Cemetery whose graves need attention will begin in the New Year. Also scheduled for the New Year will be a public meeting to assess support for a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which Cllr Thompson reported was strong amongst residents of Dovehouse Lane following an attempted burglary there. The experience in the Stratford area of such a scheme was that it did reduce burglary, vandalism and car theft, but Cllr Andrews thought that in Harbury the benefits might not be as apparent.

Keith Thompson reported on an enthusiastic meeting of those interested in providing Youth Facilities. A Steering Committee was to be appointed and a Disco held on 13th December. There had, he said, been an encouraging amount of interest from all sections of the community.

The Council fumed over the increase in heavy lorries using Harbury as a route to Peter Mann's tip, but is powerless to stop them. The firms concerned will be requested to go via the Southam Road but nothing more can be done.

Cllrs were also annoyed that the Francis Road lamp had been switched off during the building of the OAPs bungalows and they will ask Stratford District Council to provide temporary lighting.

Parts of the Play Area fence had been painted by the M.P.S. team, until they ran out of paint.

The Council agreed to give the Ladies Netball team £250 for a new pitch (the Cricket Club was given the same amount recently). Stratford D.C. has promised £1,000 and it is hoped that the Sports Council will also contribute. The Tennis Club was given the go-ahead to have fencing round the Courts replaced, strengthened against footballs, and painted.

The District Council has given Harbury details of the work underway to refurbish the Windmill. It explained that it would have been too expensive to put on the traditional Boad-shaped Cap that the Mill must once have had, and so the iron roof has been replaced with shingles; all the head gear has been retained and the brickwork repointed. All agreed that it was an improvement on the corrugated iron.

The Council was informed that Mr. Pearson had applied for Planning permission for a Mast and Security Camera at Harbury Hall Stud and that the Severn Trent Water Authority had plans for a new Pump House in Mill Street with a lay-by, underground workings and the old Pump House abandoned. Everyone was adamant that the old Pump House must be demolished and the site made good. Cllrs were concerned about the safety of the Pump Well and the future of the Horse Chestnut trees in the verge.

An emergency meeting of the School Governors had been held to discuss the Teachers' dispute and Cllrs Sharon Hancock and Keith Thompson had represented the Council with Cllr Andrews there in his capacity as Parent Governor along with Lin Hayes. Mr. Cranshaw the Teacher Governor had pointed out that the teachers' resolve was hardening and the Governors were unanimous in their support for the decision to send letters to the Secretary of State for Education; the NUT; MPs Alan Howarth and Dudley Smith and the County Education Officer asking that every effort be made to resolve the dispute and expressing concern that the affair had dragged on for so long with no sign of settlement.

The Governors agreed to try to obtain support from other Governing Bodies. As a responsible body, Chairman Sharon Hancock explained, they had to act when a dispute was so destructive to the School. All over the district children were being turned out into the streets at lunchtime. Kineton pupils were on ½ day schooling and the dispute had been in

progress for ten months. Linda

IN THE GARDEN

January is the beginning of the gardening year and the onion is one of the first seeds to be planted, so I think we will go into a little of its history. They have more than their share of superstition, in 1665 during the great plague people were told a few onions on the ground would absorb the infection and at times charm snakes and although their health giving properties may have been exaggerated, they are without doubt beneficial. Some today believe they are good for colds and insomnia.

The remarkable thing about the onion seed, smaller than a pinhead, is that it can grow to a record 8 lbs in about 9 months. The mildest form of onion is the chive and the strongest the garlic.

For the show gardener we bring the classes down to Box onion, Jap onion, Spring onion and Bed onion. The Box onion is sown in boxes, planted in January in a propagator and when germinated transplanted to a heated greenhouse and later to a cold frame, finally planted out in April. The Jap onion seed is planted direct into the garden about 15th Aug, will stand the Winter and be ready to harvest in July. Spring onion seed is planted direct into the ground end of March or beginning of April, used mostly for salads. Onion sets have been greatly improved the last few years and should be planted out in March and April. They are the easiest onion to grow.

A happy and peaceful year to all. W.F.LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the last meeting, Mr. Anthony Davies of the Luddington Fruit and Vegetable Centre took the place of Dr. Walkie who was otherwise engaged - in the Yemen as it happened. Taking us even further afield, Mr. Davies, with a splendid selection of slides, gave a fascinating account of a journey in Eastern Nepal. First a bus held in gear by means of a crow-bar managed to negotiate the rough tracks, then on foot the party crossed ridge after ridge, each rising thousands of feet. Between them, precarious bridges seemed to sway quite gently only a few hundred feet above mountain torrents.

Plant life, cultivated and wild, provided the kind of interest the Society is more used to, but found it hard to compete. However it is not every day that you can see varieties of rhododendron thriving at a height equivalent to the top of the Jungfrau.

The evening concluded with a glass of wine and a varied and tasty buffet.

In a different way, the next meeting promises to be equally outstanding. The Society has been very lucky that Mr. N. Bragg, Regional Soil Scientist from the Ministry of Agriculture, has agreed to talk about the 'soil in your garden'. He is a leading expert and will be coming over from Wolverhampton. Please come - distinguished speakers like Mr. Bragg can only be attracted if we continue to get good audiences. Make a note: Tuesday 7th January at 8 pm at the Wight School.

Correspondence

Dear Editors,

I feel I must reply to the letter in the December issue from Mr. D. Rutherford, concerning Sunday Trading.

He writes about the liberty of the individual to choose, but he takes no account of the wishes of the people who will be forced to work on Sunday, or probably lose their jobs as an alternative.

I am indeed worried about the prospect of working on Sunday, because of the effect it will have on my family life, which is very important and precious to me.

After all this would mean working Saturday and Sunday and so far neither schools nor industry work all weekend. When would we ever be together as a family?

I must add that these comments are not a private fancy or whim as Mr. Rutherford would suggest, but a genuine concern that my liberty to choose, which he holds dear, will be taken away.

I have needlessly to say, written to Mr. Alan Howarth asking him to consider carefully the other side to Sunday trading, and vote NO.

Yours faithfully,
 Pamela Taylor

The Editors feel that a fair number of opinions have now been expressed and readers have taken what action they feel appropriate. The correspondence is now closed.

Dear Editors,

May I thank everyone who came to my Coffee Morning in aid of Southam Swimming Pool, a total of £32.75 was made, also thanks to everyone who made cakes, thanks to Mrs. Byrne and Bridget for keeping the sinks clear!

Raffle prizes went to Una Green, Sue Andrews, Jane Haggitt, Nora Bastock, Wendy and myself.
Many thanks again.

Pip Birnie

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank all friends for the cards flowers and kind wishes during my recent stay in hospital.

Mrs. Ivy White
(16 Leycester Close)

Dear Editors,

Thank you.

Gladys

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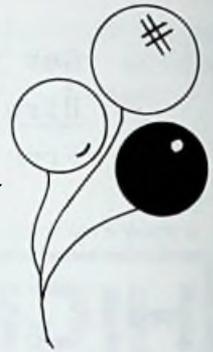
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