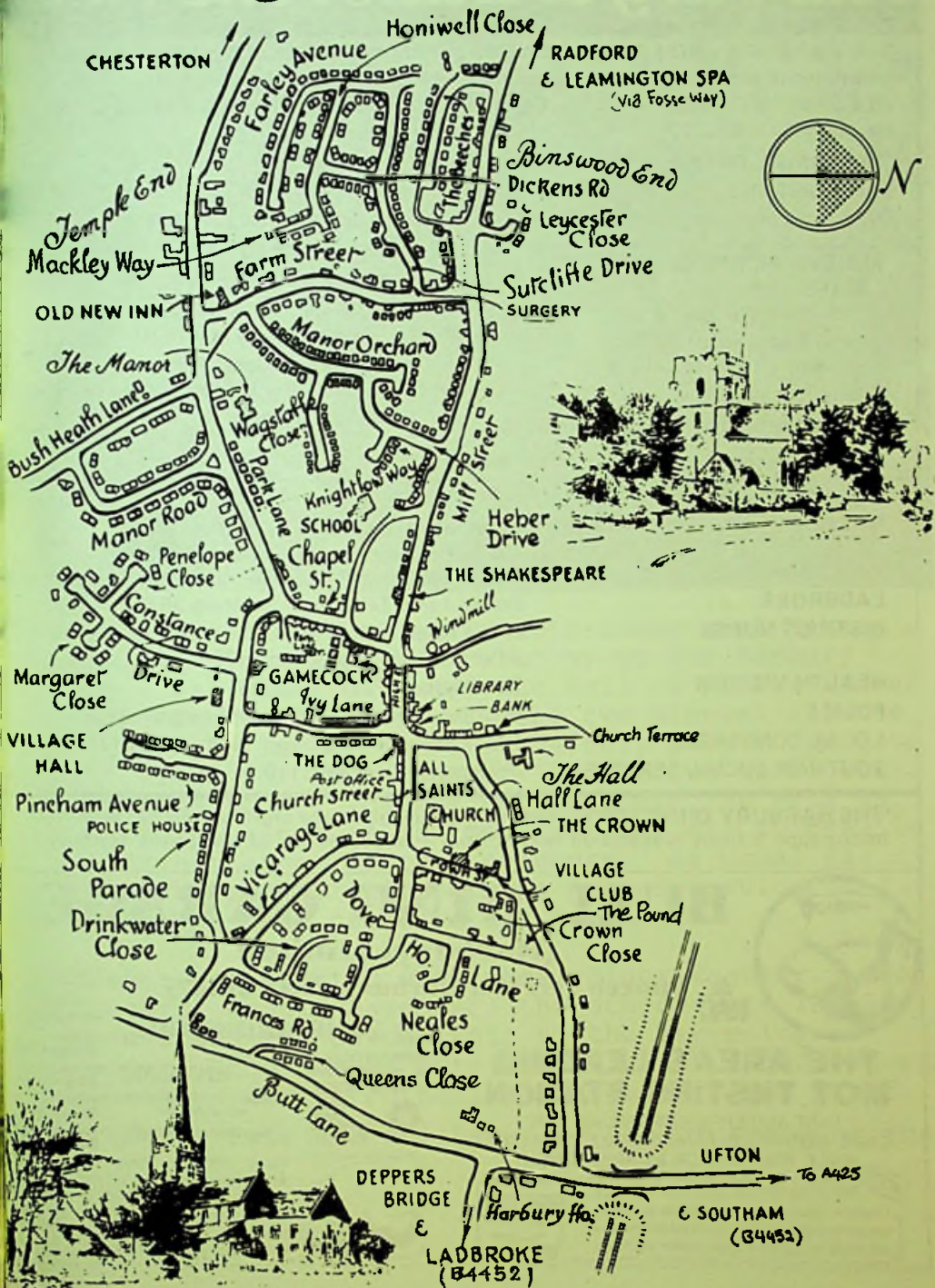


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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### HARBURY

Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
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(Except 1st Sunday of month  
Sung Eucharist 9 a.m. only)  
Evensong 6.30 p.m. (except 3rd Sunday)

### LADBROKE

Holy Communion with Hymns 9a.m.  
(Except 1st Sunday of month  
Family Communion 10.30 a.m.  
Evensong 3.30 p.m. (3rd Sunday of month)

Please see notice board in Church for weekday services or revised times on special occasions.

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It is appropriate to start this issue with Mike Bloxham's picture of the ceremony at the Harbury Village War Memorial, when the Roll of Honour is read out on Remembrance Sunday. The two minutes silence follows the list of names of Harbury people who gave their lives for their Country in the two world wars. It is good to see younger people there, as well as older folk, since it is important for all to realise the significance of this ceremony. As usual All Saints Church was full for the Annual Service of Remembrance that preceded the ceremony.

December has started with some colder weather. Two successful events have been the School Fete in mid-November and the Advent Fair at the beginning of December. The School Fete raised about £500 and was a testimony to the enthusiasm of parents and staff. The Advent Fair was enlivened by the presence of the

## Hereburgh Morris Side.



Mike Bloxham's picture shows a very small Morris Dancer - Miss Susanna Bones - sitting on the new seat in Park Lane which was given to the village by Joe Bamford in memory of his wife. A new seat has also been placed outside the Wight School in memory of John Drever.

While we are on the subject of improvements to Harbur Village, the Editors would like to congratulate the Co-op on some sensitive repainting.

Thanks to Co-op and a Merry Christmas to all of our readers. We should also wish everyone a Happy New Year since our January edition will not be published until January 9th 1988. Sorry about that but the Editors take some time to recover from Christmas and the New Year.





HARBURY DIARYDECEMBER 1987

- Sat. 5th Netball Club Jumble Sale in Village Hall.  
Young Teenager Group - Faith Supper at Corner Cottage, 7.30pm.
- Sun. 6th ADVENT II. 9am Sung Eucharist with Parish Breakfast (with Ladbroke), 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 7th Word of God 8pm, 26 Manor Orchard.  
Praise & Prayer, 15 Pineham Avenue.
- Tues. 8th Harbury Friends, 8pm The School.
- Thurs. 10th First School CHRISTINGLE Service in Church, 2pm.  
Thursday Club in Village Hall at 2.30pm.  
W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall, speaker Tim Percival.
- Sat. 12th Senior Citizens Christmas Party in Village Hall.
- Sun. 13th ADVENT III. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 5pm Adventurers Carol Service in Church (all are welcome).  
Free Church Service, 2.30pm with Mrs. Carole Leech from Southam Congregational Church.
- Mon. 14th NWR Christmas Social & Quiz, 8pm Angela Cook's home.  
Praise & Prayer, 5 South Parade.
- Tues. 15th First School Party.  
PTA CAROLS AROUND THE VILLAGE.
- Wed. 16th Middle School CANTATA in School.  
Julian Meeting 8pm in Church.
- Thurs. 17th Thursday Club Carol Service in Church, 2.30pm.  
Middle School CANTATA in School.  
Whist Drive in Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- Fri. 18th SCHOOL ENDS.  
Netball Disco in Village Hall.
- Sat. 19th Carol Singing - Meet in Church at 5.30pm.
- Sun. 20th ADVENT IV. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
- Tues. 22nd SHORTEST DAY.
- Thurs. 24th CHRISTMAS EVE. 2.30pm, The Blessing of the Crib (a simple Family Service with Carols).  
6.30pm The Village Carol Service.
- Fri. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY. The MIDNIGHT MASS (commencing at 11.15pm on Christmas Eve). 9am The Christmas Morning Eucharist.
- Sat. 26th BOXING DAY. St. Stephen the First Martyr, 9.45pm Holy Communion.  
Harbury Albion Under-30s v. Over-30s!!!! Football Match - Rum Punch Served.

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 Sun. 27th CHRISTMAS I. 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung  
 Eucharist. N.B. No Evensong.  
 Mon. 28th BOXING DAY HOLIDAY.  
 Tues. 29th ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, 7.30pm Holy Communion.  
 Thurs. 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE.  
 Football Club Dance in Village Hall.

# JANUARY 1988

- Fri. 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY. The Naming of Jesus, 9.45am  
 Holy Communion.
- Sun. 3rd 9am Sung Eucharist (Rite 'B'), 11.30am Family  
 Service, the Ceremony of the Christingle.  
 6.30pm Evensong.  
 ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JANUARY HARBURY NEWS  
 TO EDITORS BY TODAY PLEASE.
- Mon. 4th Word of God, 8pm at 23 Neales Close.  
 Praise & Prayer, 17 Farm Street.
- Tues. 5th NWR Book Group 'Portrait of a Marriage' by Nigel  
 Nicholson, 26 Farm Street.  
 Senior Citizens Cttee, 8.30pm Village Hall.  
 Horticultural Society, Wight School 8pm, talk on  
 Herbs by Eleanor Zonik.
- Wed. 6th MOTHERS UNION, 2.15pm Village Hall, Margaret Rigden  
 on Assisi.  
 7.30pm Sung Eucharist.
- Thurs. 7th Men's Society Meeting, 7.45pm, 5 South Parade.  
 Folk Club, Old New Inn Lounge, 8.30pm.
- Fri. 8th Nativity Play "The Business of Good Government"  
 in Church.

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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.

ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.  
 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, 8.30-10pm, Mondays.

GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays.

BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.

TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10-11.30am 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 12.30pm.

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.

N.B. Tuesday CUBS now meet on THURSDAYS.

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.

YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays.

DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room, Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS, Wight School 8pm Wednesdays.

W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45pm.

POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20pm - 3.30pm every Friday.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

KARATE CLASSES, Village Hall 7pm every Friday.

BELLRINGING PRACTICE in Church 7.30pm every Friday.

### Churchwarden's Letter

The Advent Fair - too early this year, because of the ever-increasing demands on our Village Hall, to be called a Christmas Fair - was, as usual, a great success. The Hall resounded to the chatter of friend meeting friend, and trade was brisk. Father Christmas made his usual popular visit, to the delight of the children. The money raised at the Fair - £800 - will go this year towards to building of the proposed Meeting Room and we hope early in the new year to get all of you involved in discussions on this exciting new project.



We owe a great debt of gratitude to the ladies who week after week, month after month, clean our Church. This is very much a behind-the-scenes job, and a very necessary one. We thank everyone who partakes in this work at present, and wonder whether there are any others who would like to be added to the rota? We find it pleasanter to work in pairs, so if you and a friend feel that you could volunteer, please get in touch.

Now for an exciting prospect! We are planning a parish holiday to Oberammergau in 1990, to see the Passion Play. We will travel by Catterall's Coach, and after seeing the Play will continue our holiday over ten days elsewhere in Germany - details will be decided at a meeting to be held later, when we know how many people are interested. The cost will be in the region of £400, but of course, if we start planning NOW there is plenty of time to save up! If you would like to hear more about it, please give me a ring.

Finally, John Moore and I send you our very best wishes for a joyous and peaceful Christmas.

Beryl Checkley (612519)

#### FROM THE RECTOR

It is not long now before Christmas and once again most of us are caught up in the hectic business of preparation. Probably it is not the sort of preparation which the weeks of Advent suggest, but rather getting ready to keep the time of Christmas as we prefer to keep it. Making ready to gather around us our family and our friends, to provide for them good things at the table, to make them welcome, comfortable and at ease, to make the house a little bit special with holly and decorations to give that feeling of joy and celebration and to try to capture for our guests, and our household and ourselves, a measure of peace and contentment. There is no doubt that, although Christmas can so easily degenerate into emptiness, a celebration with nothing to celebrate, there is an amazing amount of good-will and good intentions towards those with close family ties and also towards



those quite outside the usual circle of friends and acquaintances. There is a warmth abroad towards one another, which for most of the rest of the year is not there at all. There is generosity and understanding and tolerance and sympathy. That is good and just as it should be, but what a pity that it should be for such a limited duration. These unique and precious days are soon over and the world returns to reality and indifference and cynicism, putting away open-hearted attitudes as the baubles and the lights on the Christmas Tree are put away till next Christmas. Perhaps it is because sometimes we do not remember fully that the central thing about Christmas is Christ. Without Him there is nothing to make a feast about. He is the important gift given to us and what gift is appreciated which remains unopened? How sad is our feast if we have not looked upon the Christ child with the wonder and the delight of Mary and Joseph, or the Shepherds, or the Wise Men, and if in some strange inexplicable way, we do not catch a sound of the angels singing.

I send you all my best wishes and seasonal greetings and I wish you well in 1988. I invite you to join me in celebrating the Birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace and the Light of the World. Perhaps it was already your intention to come to Church this Christmas, but if you have not been for a long time, or are doubtful, or wonder whether you should or not, please do not hesitate, come and find the Christ. I commend these words of Bishop Ian Shervill to you:

Christmas without Christ is just a tangled tinsel,  
 Christmas without Mass is having a birthday without a party,  
 Christmas without Christ is as empty  
     as the bottle of the drunkard  
     as the hours of the pensioner  
     as empty as the children's hearts,  
         the mother's mind, the father's soul.

Continued ....

Help me, Lord, to unwrap the present of Christmas and find the  
 to look beyond the manger to the baby, Christ  
 to see beyond the baby to Divinity,  
 to discern beyond the bread and wine, the Godhead  
 And in preparation for my Christmas communion,

Make me, Lord,

like the oxen, patient in waiting for you.

Like the Wise Men, adventurous in seeing you.

Like the star, leading wanderers to you.

Like the angels, ready to welcome you.

Like the Shepherds, eager to tell of you.

Like St. Joseph, who gave up all for you.

Like the blessed Virgin, fit to receive you,  
 but

Unlike the innkeeper, who had no room for you,  
 the innkeeper who only saw the wrappings of straw  
 while the Light of the World lay in his own backyard.

AMEN

### ANTONY ROWE

#### Holy Baptism

Sunday 29th November: David James, son of Philip  
 John and Ruth Coleman, 1 Dickens Road.

#### Funeral

Monday 9th November: Henrietta Jane (Hetty) Harris,  
 Formerly of The Beeches, 93 Years.

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### SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE

Unexpectedly two more sums were received for the  
 Ladbroke total from Jennifer Knott and Carli Hayward  
 who between them raised another £38.90. Thus in  
 addition to the amount returned to Ladbroke as stated  
 last month, is an extra £19.45.

### Tom Hauley's Orchard

The sale of fruit from Tom Hauley's garden realised £100.  
 The money was given to the church and was gratefully  
 received.



## Year's Mind

It is the custom at both Ladbroke and Harbury, to remember in the intercessions, the names of loved ones, now departed this life. If there is someone you wish to be remembered in this way annually, please give the full name and date to the Rector. Then on the Sunday nearest the date given, the name will be included in the prayers.

## Times of Confession before Christmas

Monday 21st December.

All Saints, Ladbroke 6pm-7pm.

Tuesday 22nd December.

All Saints, Harbury 6pm-7pm.

Wednesday 23rd December.

All Saints, Ladbroke 11.15am-11.45am.

All Saints, Harbury 6pm-7pm.

## HARBURY ADVENT FAIR

The sun shone for the Advent Fair on Saturday 28th November. The Hereburgh Morris (see Mike Bloxham's picture) gave a cheerful start before the arrival of



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Father Christmas by pony and trap. The Folk Club had decorated the Hall beautifully. Keith Thompson, Marjorie King and our Carnival Queen judged the decorated stalls - First prize went to the W.I. for the Preserves Stall, Second Prize to the PTA for the Grotto, and Third Prize to the Scout Support Group Teddy Bear Stall. The Hall filled quickly when the doors were opened with people trying their luck on the tremendous variety of games and buying from the wide range of stalls. The photograph shows Liz Bunting, Muriel Gray and Wendy Stubbs on the Cake Stall.



Father Christmas was popular with the younger children while there was a video of Oliver Twist for older children. Christmas music played and the stallholders were mainly dressed in Victorian costume. All in all this was a very successful social event and made in the region of £800. Harbury Church are grateful to all who took part, gave their time, gifts and money on behalf of the Church Extension Fund.



Congratulations to Andrew Daniels of 18 Farley Avenue who won the prize of a bottle of sherry on the Harbury and Ladbroke News stall. The actual number of words in the editorial pages was 10,597.

B.B.H.



## LADBROKE NEWS

### DECEMBER DIARY

- Sun. 6th ADVENT II. N.B. 9am Sung Eucharist with Parish Breakfast at Harbury. 12 noon Holy Communion.
- Wed. 9th 10.30am Holy Communion.  
2.30pm Women's Fellowship.  
8pm Friends of Ladbroke Church - AGM (at the Old Rectory).
- Sun. 13th ADVENT III. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns. Children's Sunday Club. 10.30am.
- Wed. 16th 10.30am Holy Communion.
- Sun. 20th ADVENT IV. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns. 3.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 21st Party for Hatton Patients.
- Wed. 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion.
- Thurs. 24th Christmas Eve. 3.30pm The Dressing of the Crib (a simple Family Service with Carols).
- Fri. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY. 10.30am Christmas Morning Communion with Carols.
- Sun. 27th Christmas I. 9am Holy Communion with Hymns (according to the Book of Common Prayer).
- Mon. 28th The Holy Innocents, 7.30pm Holy Communion.

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Wed. 30th 10.30am Holy Communion.  
7pm Christmas at Ladbroke - the Village  
Carol Service.  
Thurs. 31st 11.30pm New Year's Eve Communion.

### JANUARY 1988

Sun. 3rd Christmas II. 10.30am Family Communion  
and the Ceremony of the Christingle.  
Wed. 6th The Epiphany. 10.30am Holy Communion  
with Hymns.  
Jan. 19th Next Parish Meeting.

### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Dec. 6, 13, 20 Advent.  
Dec. 20, 25, Jan 3, Mrs. Rutherford.

### VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

The Annual Bonfire Celebration on Nov. 7th, was the usual success, especially as the weather was so kind. The organisers would like to thank Mr. Tom Sheasby for the use of Farmyard Field, and also Peter Westland for the use of his tractor and trailer, and directing the building of the enormous Bonfire. He was helped by Gary Fell, Tim and Emma Allington, Jan Sheasby and Nigel, they spent the entire day building the fire and I think it was the largest one Ladbroke has seen in recent years.

The Village shop is about to become a reality. I have been given inside information that Ken Hayward (that well known Ladbroke Entrepreneur), fully intends to have the opening ceremony early in 1988. He is actually spending less time at the local hostelry in order to get the premises shipshape - so things must be serious!

By the time this issue of the magazine is on your doorsteps, Christmas preparations will be well on their way. So I'd like to wish a Happy Christmas to everyone and to say a particular thank you on behalf of all the village to the intrepid Wright Family, who have been delivering the Ladbroke newspapers as a team effort for many years. What would we do without them.

Kate Liverton





## LADBROKE CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bazaar on Saturday, 28th November. We raised the very good sum of £437, even though there were other local events held on the same day.



### Father Christmas at Ladbroke

#### Friends of Ladbroke Church

The AGM will be held on 9th Dec. at the home of David and Jane Rutherford at 8pm, when we will review the first year and decide on future events.

30th December 7.30pm. Candlelit Carols, Music and Readings. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. We will be most pleased to meet and greet everyone who will come to this Service.

Gwynne Badman

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We were very pleased indeed to welcome members of Harbury Mothers Union to our meeting in November. The Rector spoke briefly about St. Martin, then Mr. Terence Sullivan gave a very interesting talk on photography. He showed various makes of cameras and

the additional fittings which could be attached for better photographs. This was followed by some beautiful slides of the Lake District, local places, and others abroad. After this we saw some delightful 'close ups' of flowers. Blown up studio photographs were placed round the hall, and greatly admired. All this has inspired us to use our cameras to the best advantage.

Our next meeting on Dec. 9th will be in church at 2.30pm, when we shall be having a service in Preparation for Christmas. This will be followed by refreshments at 16 Ladbroke Hall.

Nancy Stubbs

### LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The first meeting of the new committee was held at Mrs. J. Norgate's home; the forthcoming Christmas party being the main topic of discussion. It is being held in the village hall this year, food to be prepared by W.I. members, reimbursed from ticket sales. Mrs. J. Hanscombe is in charge and would appreciate any help offered. Tickets are £4 each and members and guests are welcome. The date is Tues. 15th Dec. and entertainment is by Harbury W.I. Drama Group.

Mrs. Dixon was guest speaker at the November meeting when she demonstrated cake decorating. 23 members and guests were enthralled as she displayed figures, flowers, pictures and many other delightful things she had made; she also showed how to ice a cake correctly.

Mrs. Gill Moore was presented with a "Pot et Fleur" and thanked for her hard work as retiring President by the new President, Mrs. Gwladys Gould. Mrs. Beryl Ross presided over the raffle which was won by Mrs. Josie Fell. Mrs. K. Telford was congratulated for collecting an award for knitting from the Autumn Council.

The W.F.W.I. Southam Group Carol Service was held on Dec. 3rd at Ladbroke.

Hatton Party is on 21st Dec. and we are providing food and cigarettes for Christopher Wren Ward with presents of mugs kindly decorated by Mrs. Pauline Laidler. Anyone interested in providing food or going along to help, please contact a committee member for details. Happy Christmas to all members and their families and prospective members next year.

Glenys Hallam.

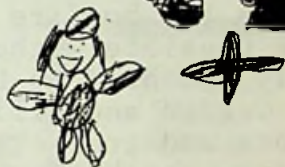
Crackers waiting to be pulled.

Holly wreath in the doorway.

Reindeers in the snow.



Ivy on the door.



Stockings hanging on the wall.

Tinsel on the blinking tree.

Mummies baking pies.



A choir at your door.

Sparkling decorations on the tree.

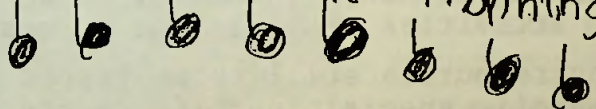
Toys are in your sack.

Riding down the stairs.



Each boy and girl is excited.

Early in the morning.



Alice Liverton  
age 6.



## HARBURY BONFIRE PARTY

A crisp evening, a good blaze, excellent fireworks followed by hot soup, hot dogs etc., all made for a very enjoyable evening for the 500 or so people who attended Harbury's annual bonfire party on Nov. 7th.

Organised by the P.C.C. of Harbury Church, with Harbury Scouts, this event relies very heavily on the many helpers who collect the material, build the fire, organise the food and fireworks and clear up on the Sunday Morning - many thanks to you all.

Since the bonfire is built on the day, it would not be possible without mechanised help and we are greatly indebted to David Clarke, Neville Ellis, Ralph Gurden and Bill Russell for lending us their tractors and trailers to collect the makings of the bonfire - which the residents of Harbury thoughtfully produce each year!

Thanks to all who helped and to all those who supported this community event - see you on Nov. 5th 1988.

JBM

## HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

It is now 2 years since the Youth Club had its first event - a inaugural Christmas Disco. Members have come and gone experiencing great choice of activities and training opportunities. The Club has supported local village events and raised funds for Sportaid, village hall, children in need, senior citizens, Zeebrugge ferryboat appeal, Guide dogs for the Blind, Darryl Hawkins, Cancer Research and recently for the Myton Hospice Appeal. Each time members have been encouraged to think about the meaning and reason for all these groups and to care about others.

Members of Harbury Youth Club have had the chance to learn about life matters eg the reality of alcohol, cigarettes and living within a community as well as usual youth club activities, outings and discos.

There are many resources still to be tapped - help from the Arts Council, special learning videos,



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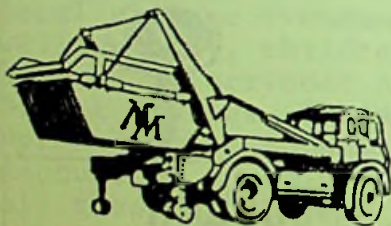
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speakers from the Council team about relationships, drug abuse, the law and young people, equipment and games. There are holiday centres near and far and a wide range of competitions and inter-club team events to join in and so much more.

However, there are currently NO MORE discos; NO programme planned; NO outings. (Please note - due to apparent lack of interest Christmas Disco in Rugby Club Cancelled).

Could it be that the young people were being offered too much too easily? From now on it is up to the members. The members will liaise with their newly re-formed Youth forum who will have their own funds, and power to plan, with leaders, any events in 1988. The kind of club they can expect will depend on commitment and enthusiasm of the current members and youth forum (Let's hope they can be as innovative as the original members 2 years ago.)

#### December Dates:

Dec. 2nd Clubnight.

Dec. 9th New Youth Forum meeting.

Dec. 16th End-of-term Christmas Party (members + one friend).

Jan. 6th Return of Club.

Many thanks to those who supported the Sponsored Piano push for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party and those at the All-Night Disco for the Myton Hospice. Final figure presented to be announced next month.

#### Honiley Hall New Year Weekend

Harbury Youth Club members have been invited to join the WCC Rural Youth Mobile Unit weekend at Honiley Hall for a festive fun-packed programme including a late night disco. January 2nd/3rd. See leaders immediately to book.

Happy Christmas to all members, leaders, management committee and all who have helped over the year. Many thanks to all.



SCOUTS & GUIDES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

I would like to express my thanks on behalf of the Committee to Jan & Jim Stott and the Pony Show Committee for their generous donation to Scout Funds. The donation was formally presented at a most enjoyable evening at the Gamecock to Group Scout Leader Ken Hughes by Tim Percival. I am sure that few people realise that the funds raised at the Annual Pony Show are channelled by the Pony Show Committee into village organisations and the Pony Show deserves our full support.

The Bonfire Party was a great success and thanks are due to all who made it so.

The Scouts Support Committee's Teddy Bear Stall at last week's Advent Fair was magnificently decorated by John (Rupert Bear) Kemsley and Jo (Aunt Sally) House and won third prize in the best stall competition.

The newspapers will now be stored at Brethren's Farm Mill St. by kind permission of Miss D. Warwick and the next paper collection will be on Sunday 20th December.

Skip - Joe van Hoorebeck, reports:

"On Friday 27th November, both the Tiger and Lion troops took part in the Scout's swimming Gala at Leamington. This was a most enjoyable evening. We had two firsts, one second, three thirds, seven fourths and one sixth. As the younger troop (Tigers) were swimming against 14-16 year olds they did very well and came sixth overall, out of twelve. The Lions also did themselves proud by coming fifth overall despite the fact that we did not have competitors in all the events.

Many thanks to all the Scouts who took part. I was very proud of them all for their efforts. Thanks also to Bill Halford and Bill Dugan for helping with the organisation at the pool, and all parents who helped with transport".

Skip



Please note for your diary the following events:-

Jumble Sale in village hall - 16th January.  
 Family skittles in village hall - 6th February.  
 Family Barn Dance - 16th April.

BRIAN INGRAM

### HARBURY VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

We now have our very own drunken sailor in the guise (or should I say shape) of Bob Hodgkiss. Even those who know Bob well were amazed at his hidden talent brought into the open at Leamington District Gang Show. This production was enjoyed by packed houses at the Spa Centre on 26th-28th November. Were you there? Bob has been booked for the Christmas Dinner to be held at the Dog Inn on Tuesday 22nd December (8 'til late).

By that date the Unit should have survived a caving trip to Derbyshire on Sunday 13th December (leave Harbury at 5am). Giant's Hole will be attempted and perhaps P7. See next month's Harbury News for a report straight from the sump. A Unit member new to speleology will volunteer to write the article!

Thanks to those who turned out for the Unit at the District Swimming Gala - we were third; the Advent Fair - we sold hot chestnuts, and the County Bear Trek - we ran a cunning ropework incident in the Woods near Warwick. Happy Christmas to all past and present members. The future of Venture Scouting will be the subject of a meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 7th December.

J.L.H.

### Tennis Club Winter League

The winter league started at a slow pace due to weather and fixture date problems. The first match against our old adversary Byfield resulted in a splendid 6-2 Win. To celebrate Mrs. Crossan baked an exceedingly good chocolate cake which both teams enjoyed.



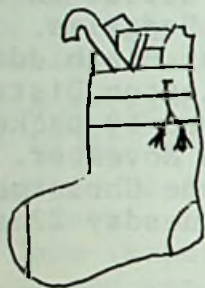
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Team and individual coaching will continue throughout the winter on Sundays, providing we have enough members with enthusiasm.

Selected Junior coaching 10-11am.

Team coaching 11-12noon.

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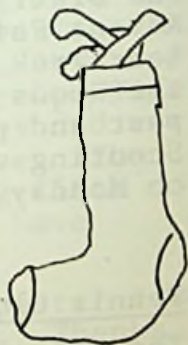
### CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS - PAST!



After spending some time recently researching among the 'not so young' villagers your reporter has reached these conclusions: sugar mice, with string tails, white and pink, took pride of place with the occasional pink pig as the interesting bumps in a stocking. Then there were the coins - new or polished but very modest, a penny, one gentleman recalled a sixpence, or gold-paper covered chocolate sovereigns. Sweet cigarettes, the

odd toy and a collection of nuts, apples, tangerines or oranges completed the list. there were some larger items now and then but the above lists were the contents appearing in all stockings - or socks - prior to 1939. Other personal memories follow:

My Christmas stocking when a child was my Father's long sock. A few toffees in the toe, then some nuts, an orange and an apple; a small colouring book, a packet of coloured chalks, a small pair of tin scales, and a cardboard cut-out shop with two or three small bottles of scented sweets and a bar of chocolate. When we got up, under the Tree was a game, Ludo, Snakes & Ladders or something similar, a book and probably a pair of slippers or a Pinafore, which we wore in those days. If we had a doll we were quite excited, my sister and I.



Mrs. E. Jennings

"Christmas when I  
sock containing  
sweets, a game or  
winks, snakes &  
and something new  
Christmas a doll  
and I had a baga-  
treat.



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was young meant a  
an orange, apple,  
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ladders; maybe a book  
to wear. Perhaps one  
and one year my brother  
telle board - a great

E. Sollis.

### Suggestions for Christmas Decorations

You can make at home:

Gather Holly, Ivy, poppyheads, grasses, cones and cow  
parsley from the hedgerows - paint the edges with  
polyfiller (which will look like snow) and spray on  
your glitter.

A little of the green conifer will look attractive  
amongst the above with a few small baubles and  
Christmas Roses.

Your container could be a slice of wood, preferably  
with the bark left on. Secure your pin holder on to  
which you place your oasis and off you go!

Happy Christmas.

BK



### Harbury School Autumn Fair

This was held on Friday, November 13th! It  
proved to be a day of good fortune for the school  
because it was a most successful event in every way.

A busy day for all involved - children, staff and  
parents - gained its reward with magnificent support  
from the village. Our thanks to all who sent articles  
for sale, donated raffle prizes, helped with the  
stalls and who supported us on the evening.

I am delighted to report that we made a profit of  
£516. A feature of the day was the display of compet-  
itions which the children had entered. It was wonder  
ful to see imaginative models, cakes and sweets which

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the children themselves had made, collages, painting= photographs. The children responded magnificently and it was obvious that they had all enjoyed the experience. Our thanks to all the judges - as usual a most unenviable task.

N.C. Oliver, Headmaster

SOUTHAM SCHOOLGIRL 'NAOMI', BLOCKBUSTER CHAMPION

Upper VI<sup>th</sup> pupil, Naomi Richardson gave an outstanding performance on ITV's quiz show 'Blockbusters'.

Those of you who followed Naomi's progress will have noticed how quick-thinking and speed on the button got Naomi through to four successful Gold Runs. She won nearly £400 in cash, a weekend in East Anglia, a five-day trip to Amsterdam, and a fabulous ski holiday. On all the trips Naomi was able to take a friend - village girl Anna Catt was the lucky person. Naomi also won £500 of sports equipment and £500 of magazine subscriptions for Southam School.

I think you will agree that Naomi did outstandingly - well done!

Jane Hancock

ATTENTION!

"High Flyers" About

High Flyers is a Young Enterprise company, set up and run by Southam Sixth Form students. We produce high quality goods that are ideal gifts for Christmas and birthdays, or even for yourselves! And our prices are lower than shop prices.

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9th) (contact Southam School (2560) for  
10th) details.

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Richelle James, Sales & Marketing  
Manager



Southam School P.T.A.

Many thanks to the large Harbury contingent who supported the Carribean evening with the Ocho Rios Steel Band. I am sure they would agree that the band which is a school band from Rugby (average age 13½) gave a superb performance and we hope to invite them back next year.

The Committee have a full programme of activities for 1988 including a Gardening Demonstration by Clows, February, a dance with the ever popular 'Likely Lads' on March 11th and the annual 'Fun Run' on May 8th.

M.S.H.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

It was a good production, Just Between Ourselves. Remarkable not for the excellence of the acting of Keith Hayes as the optimistic incompetent handiman; or David Hill and Alison Hodge as the permanently squabbling friends; neither for the difficult part of the depressed wife, played so well by Carol Percival; nor even for Beryl Checkley's portrayal of the dreadful dominating mother-in-law which almost drew boos from the audience; but for the silent presence on the Stage, in Harbury Village Hall, of a motor car!

A very cleverly contrived set squeezed a kitchen, garage (with Mini) and garden into a tiny space through which the action flowed and the changing relationships of the characters were gradually exposed. The play began light-heartedly but soon had everyone pondering as the wife became withdrawn and the mother-in-law took control over her son, leaving his wife out in the cold (literally) endlessly pleating a blanket - having opted out of the struggle.

It was a challenging play, well presented and acted, entertaining, but it made the audience think; not least, how did they get that car in .....?

Linda Ridgley

Harbury Theatre Group - Next Production

Bolt the doors, string up the garlic, lock away all the young girls. Through the swirling mists and sinister darkness of an English winter - DRACULA IS COMING TO HARBURY.

For several weeks as the chill of Autumn has crept slowly upon us all, little packs of Theatre Group members have been meeting secretly in dimly lit rooms. Sound Technicians discussing wolf howls, screams and echoing voices. Lighting technicians discussing flame effects and coloured gels. Special effect teams with the problems of flying bats. The props department charged with the problem of providing a Lazarus wheel, gallons of stage blood, guns and wooden stakes. Copies of the only available scripts have been passed eagerly from hand to hand (the bulk of scripts are still on the high seas - despatched in haste from the U.S.A.). To sum up Lin Hayes has set the Theatre Group a challenge the like of which they have not faced for a long long time. The group has risen hungrily and grasped it by the throat!

What does it all mean? It means that on Feb. 4th, 5th, 6th, the Harbury Theatre Group is to present 'The Passion of Dracula' - to an unsuspecting village audience. Some New Blood (!) has been recruited. Under the ancient oak beams of Corner Cottage the play has been cast. Fortified by home made wine (red of course) the first briefing has taken place. The cast have returned to the quiet of their own homes to study their scripts. Our next production is under way. WATCH IT IF YOU DARE!

KH

### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Tony Bayliss was the guest at the Folk Club on November 5th. Tony has an uncanny ability to choose really tasteful songs (with possible exception of "Bonny Black Hare" with its thinly-disguised pornographic lyrics!) and he played a trump card by singing "Mull of Kintyre" as his encore. His set also featured such fine songs as "Horse with no name" and "Vincent" and the audience sang along enthusiastically.

After a quieter session in October, we had the more usual capacity audience this time. They were treated to a full programme of music from the supporting singers, including Bonas, Gerda, John & Nick, Mike, the Harvesters and Marjorie (\*). Only a few of the

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performers managed to find material relevant to bonfires, fireworks etc., but others worked hard to establish obscure connections with any old songs! The Raffle raised £15.90 which has been donated to the Church's Advent Fair.

By the time you read this, you may have just missed our Christmas Extravaganza on December 3rd, so make a firm resolution to get along to the New Year Special on January 7th and make the festive season last a little longer. Have a good Christmas.

Peter McDonald

(\*) for an explanation of this and other insufferable "in" jokes, a monthly synopsis of the Archers, a predictable plug for your local Morris dancers, a little folk music and much, much more, come along to Harbury Folk Club at 8.30pm on the first Thursday of each month, in the lounge bar of the Old New Inn.

### HEREBURGH MORRIS - A PROGRESS REPORT

I thought that it was time to bring you up to date on the Morris Dancing scene in Harbury.

Since getting started in April this year, the membership of Hereburgh Morris has grown to around 25 which includes three musicians and a Foreman (our teacher). Naturally, not everyone turns up to every Wednesday evening practice at the Wight School and the attendances have suffered due to injuries (not Morris-related!) and other commitments. However, the hard core of a dozen or so dancers have made a lot of progress this year and are becoming quite proficient now

We started by learning dances from the village of Ascott-under-Wychwood in the Cotswolds but have since added to our repertoire from the Herefordshire/Shropshire area and also from Lichfield. Thanks to the experience of our Foreman, Pete Grassby, we have now learnt 12 dances of various types.

It's not too late to join in and I am particularly keen to encourage more men to take part (to even things up a little). None of us had ever danced a step of Morris before we started in April so we all

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know what it's like to start from scratch. You will find that it is very good exercise but, more importantly, a lot of fun. The only requirements are the ability to move in time with music (which most people have) and to know your left from your right (which is still a problem for some).

On the musical front, Gerda, Lynne and Ian provide us with a splendid sound from their various "squeeze boxes" but we could still accommodate more musicians if anyone is interested - a fiddle would fit in particularly well.

We have danced in public four times this year but there is still another chance to see us before Christmas. We are taking part in a display in Coventry shopping precinct on the morning of Saturday, 12th December, starting at 9.30am. We are joining three other Morris sides so it should be very colourful and we would be very pleased to see some support from Harbury. If you want to be sure of finding us amidst the Christmas shoppers, please phone me for precise details of our dancing venues.

Peter McDonald (Squire) (613730)

#### MOTHERS' UNION

I have just returned from the Advent Fayre where everyone enjoyed a happy afternoon. The Mothers' Union made a record amount, thanks to all the delicious apple tarts and mince pies made by members and friends, which filled our stall to overflowing and brought brisk trade. Thank you for all your baking and also your donations, and to all the helpers who decorated and served on the stall.

Our meeting in January is on Wednesday 6th, at 2.15pm in the Village Hall when our speaker will be Mrs. Margaret Rigden on her visit to Assisi.

My very best wishes to you all for a happy and blessed Christmas.

Esmé Churchill





HARBURY W.I.

November was our A.G.M. taken by our vice-president Mrs. Peggy Middleton. The meeting opened with a big 'welcome back' to Mrs. Jean Cowan, lovely to have her back with us again.

Mrs. Doreen Bloxham read the president's report on the Autumn Council Meeting held recently at Rugby followed by a resumé of the happenings if the W.I. over the past year given by the secretary. What a busy and interesting year we've had!

The election was taken by Mrs. Celia Barrett, newly appointed Group Organiser of Warwickshire W.I. (Southam area) when two new members were elected on committee and our president re-elected. The evening ended with a light-hearted quiz won by Mrs. Joan Stephenson.

On December 4th we are holding our Christmas Party to which husbands are invited. At our next meeting on December 10th PC Tim Percival will be talking to us. Members please remember your gifts for the BRAN TUB at that meeting!

S.G.

Village Hall News

The Fund Raising Committee has had a busy time over the past month. The Whist Drive organised by Mrs. Bastock and her helpers, and the coffee morning at Peggy Middleton's house were both very successful. Thanks to all involved. The ladies provided refreshments at the Craft Fair and organised two stalls. Approximately £100 was raised. Thanks again!

More events are planned for the near future. These include a Disco for the under 12s and a 'Nearly New' sale, to be announced.

On January 23rd the committee is placed to host the Warwickshire Village Halls' Conference with elected representatives from other village halls in the district attending.

Last month, I wrote about motorcyclists congregating around the Hall. This particular problem seems somewhat less acute now but some motorcyclists still drive dangerously straight across South Parade into Ivy Lane. To combat this and also to discourage unnecessary parking in front of the Hall doors, it has been suggested that the car park gates immediately

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opposite Ivy Lane should be permanently locked, access being via the other gates. The Committee would welcome comments or opinions before a final decision is made. Please send comments, in writing, to the Secretary, Sally Townsend.

Alan Barr

### HARBURY HELP LINE

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ROMANIA

Earlier this year we brought to your attention the conditions in Romania at the present time. We asked for donations of food and money to enable us to send parcels to the poor people in that country. On their behalf we thank you for all your support.

The work continues as the situation over there seems to be worse. There has been a bad harvest this year - potatoes and grain are in short supply and bread is now rationed. Food parcels are no longer being sent by us from the U.K. but from a point much nearer to the Romanian border which is financially more effective, thus making better use of your donations.

There is a display in Church from the 1st December giving a reminder of which foods are either not available or are rationed. There is also an example of a typical month's ration which brings home how little the people have to eat.

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HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 1987

Mrs. Waddell has faithfully attended three Parish Council meetings hoping something will be done to provide the pensioners with concessionary travel passes. The Parish Council has taken the view that any help they can give would be so small as to be derisory and is intent on bringing about change from the top down. Its Resolution to the Warwickshire Association of Parish Councils on the iniquity of the present system whereby some OAPs do get free transport and some don't, depending solely on which local authority area they live in, had unanimous support. It is hoped it will continue on its way upwards to National level, but this will take time. Mrs. Waddell, I fear, must sit through many more meetings before she has any satisfaction.

Members of the Fletcher family put their case that the Parish Council should identify their family graves. The Council, anxious to make amends, although stressing it had followed the correct procedure, in obtaining and advertising the faculty to remove cracked curbstones, offered £50 towards whatever memorial the family would wish to erect.



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Mrs. King and Mrs. Keen pleaded for lights behind the cottages at Leycester Close. The Council is asking villagers to report black-spots and will press Stratford to provide lights at Leycester Close. Owners of trees which obscure lights in the village will be asked to cut them back.

Councillors are furious that STWA will not take responsibility for cleaning and piping the ditch from the Pumping Station which is polluted by sewage overflowing whenever the pumps break down. The problem stretches through Mr. Trice's land at least as far as Iory Davies farm yet STWA says that Mr. Trice is responsible for cleaning the 'silt' out of his ditch. STWA argued that the pumps send raw sewage into the surrounding fields and ditches only at times of heavy rain when the overflow is greatly diluted by storm run-off!!!

STWA's plans for a bungalow on the old Sewage Pumping Station site have again been turned down and they have asked the PC what use they could put the land to. An improved Pumping Station was the reply! The District has refused plans for a bungalow at Walnut Tree Cottage, Hall Lane but granted permission for an extension at 49 Mill St, 38 South Parade, a wash-room at the Co-op and a craft workshop at Sharmer Farm. The Parish Council noted with approval the improvement to the Co-op that the repainting has effected. The Parish Council raised no objection to new plans for 4 detached houses with TRIPLE garages up at Greenhill, Deppers Bridge but objected to Mrs. Kelsall's plans for a bungalow at 7 Vicarage Lane as infilling with dangerous access. There was no objection to Judge Wilson's plans to extend Victoria House or John McLaughlin's application for a further extension of the Old New Inn, or Chris McGowan's additions at 17 Manor Orchard. The Parish Councillors did object to the repeated plans for a dwelling out of a stable at Harbury Hall.

Harbury is to tell SDC that it would not be averse to suitable light engineering development at the Cement Works and would welcome the building of low-cost starter homes, but that any applications for infilling within the village would have to be

individually considered on their merits. The Cllrs. were persuaded by WCCLlr Mrs. Bidwell that there is no planning legislation that could force a developer to build starter homes, market forces would take over as soon as outline planning permission was granted. Only on local authority land would there be some measure of control.

It transpires that even Lesley Rendell (the County's Director of Planning and Transportation) to whom the Parish Council appealed for information on the new bus timetables had been left in the dark. He complained that he was having difficulties keeping the records up to date, but sent what was thought to be the latest information and that will be displayed in the Library and on the Notice Boards.

Mrs. Bidwell will take up with Mr. Herbert (his deputy) the issue of the standing water at Deppers. Remedial work budgeted for last year by the County was cancelled and not added to this year, or next Year's estimates, so the water continues to collect to the danger of all. Iory Davies suggested independent action to force British Rail to repair its fence at the Railway Bridge in Deppers.

Yellow zig-zag in Mill Street opposite the School Entrance should, it is hoped, stop parents parking there to drop school children off and alleviate the danger caused by the parked cars and pedestrians mixing.

Ken Stephenson's plans for the new Car Park at the Village Hall Recreation Grounds will be expensive and the Parish Council is to set up a Community Improvement Fund to set aside money over several years for this and other projects of benefit to the village as a whole. Next year the Parish Rate will rise from 2.4p to 4.4p to raise an extra £5,000. John Drinkwater was very unhappy about it fearing that parishioners would object if they did not get a full explanation, but Ken Stephenson thought it would be acceptable as long as 'we all tell the same story' (an unfortunate turn of phrase).

The Tennis Club's agreement with the PC on contributions to the Sinking Fund to repair the courts has run out and a new one has been negotiated. The Club will pay £250 per year into the Fund and the

Parish £400, with, from next year an addition for inflation and the right to renegotiate if circumstances change.

The Clerk 'has the wood' and is constructing the new stile for Temple End. The seats for the Library and Park Lane have been installed and he has cut back the vegetation obscuring the Beggars Lane footpath sign.

Cllrs. approved the spending of £40.40 for Ken Stephenson's Universal Pansies for the flower tubs round the village.

Linda Ridgley

### PROFILE - RON ABBOTT



Ron Abbott and his family moved into the 'Bell Inn', Ladbroke, almost three years ago and have succeeded in making quite an impact one way or another! Ron decided to take the tenancy of the Pub with the express intention of turning the trade around from what was a fai

ly quiet village hostelry, to an extremely popular pub known for miles around for its reasonably priced meals. On Summer Evenings I have counted nearly fifty people queuing up to be first in at opening time! The children's play area has proved to be another attraction. I asked Ron just what experience he'd had at this sort of business venture, before taking Ladbroke by storm! His father was a Publican so really he was born into the trade, but before coming to Ladbroke he and his wife Kim had run a large country pub near Sutton Coldfield for ten years and when they started looking for a pub of their own, being out in the country was a priority, and even before the Bypass



had been built, they felt that the "Bell Inn" had the right potential.

Ron has not always been a land lubber. At the age of sixteen he joined the Royal Navy and he has certainly seen the world. As a raw recruit one of his earliest memories is of helping to rescue sixty-eight bodies from the sea following the Larkonia disaster on Christmas Eve 1963. He was involved in two local wars, Aden, and the Malayan Peninsular War for which he has a general service medal. Ron also saw some action in East Africa, when the Navy helped to calm the tense situation down after the Mutiny at Dar-Es-Salaam. Ron also had a memorable trip inland in Kenya, staying in a Colonial mud built bungalow. He couldn't understand why the natives paid far more attention to his friend than to him, but it turned out that the friend had more tattoos and was therefore assumed to be far more important!

Another vivid memory was being on board ship anchored in Hong Kong harbour, when Typhoon Dot struck the China Sea. The ship had to leave harbour and anchor at sea, to ride out the enormous waves, all lifeboats were lost overboard.

Ron finished his Naval Career as a Petty Officer in the Security Forces at the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Belgium. I asked him which place had made the strongest impression on him, during all his travels and he had no hesitation in saying Belfast, because of the charming, friendly people though he did admit that Bangkok had a lot to offer!

Ron has two older daughters, Julie and Lisa who are both away at College at the moment and he and Kim have a young son, Luke. They have bought the house next door to the Pub, invested in some green wellies! and are enjoying life in Ladbroke. Ron has begun keeping hens, ducks and geese in the large garden behind the pub and he has recently started playing golf. Being landlord of such a busy pub doesn't leave much time for anything else!

Kate Liverton



# CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH!



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HARBURY SOCIETY

We had a super sociable evening at the 'Bygone Harbury' night at the Wight School. My thanks to all the exhibitors, the Museum, the ladies who provided the refreshments and the Scouts for the trestles. There was so much to see and people were so interested in what there was that we did not finish until 10 o'clock!

Mr. Thornicroft brought his scrapbooks including the one with a photo of a painting of the Windmill seen from between the Church and Wagstaffe School which shows in the Paddock a substantial square house which is not there today. What is it?

Tim Millington brought the old School bell and Mavis Taylor two lovely photos of the village including one showing the pear tree that has only just been removed from the cottage on the corner of Ivy Lane. It must have been well over 100 years old!

Mr. Turner sent a plan of the Harbury Hall Estate and Sue Andrews had assorted deeds, sale posters and a pair of shoes which were found at Harbury House. (They were a good luck token). Celia Barrett had masses of material about village families and Joan Clark had a selection of old photographs of her family and others. Mr. Goodman lent an amazing parchment of the outcome of a court case for trespass and Neville Ellis had Enclosure Awards, deeds and documents relating to his farm. There were lots of other interesting knick-knacks, including Brian's washboard!

An excellent and informative evening. Well done everyone!

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the November meeting, Mr. Porter, in his usual unassuming way, displayed his mastery of his subject and his skill at putting it across. His problem was how to talk about and demonstrate pruning without massacring specimens from Clows to the point of unsaleability. As he said: "People tend to judge plants by volume". His solution was to wrench an unprepossessing bit of elder from a convenient hedge, use it with us to illustrate the principles of pruning and to reduce amorphous nature to something closely resembling elegance. By then the floor was a bit of a mess.

The January meeting will be the next one by the time you read this. It will be a taste of home brew with our own Eleanor Zonik (she of the "Month in the garden" bit) talking about herbs - history, culture and use. Not to be missed at the Wight School on 5th January at 8pm.



On 2nd February, there will be a very welcome return of Mr Thacker who will talk about climbers and clematis. B.A.R.

### DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Most of our gardens are still covered with fallen leaves. But as well as being a time consuming bore to clean up, they are a valuable form of compost. A small amount can safely be swept straight onto borders and beds, where they surprisingly soon break down into the soil. Really large numbers should, where room permits, be rammed into plastic sacks and given a sprinkling of Garotto. Punch a few air holes in side of the sacks then store in a spare corner with the tops open until you need a spring mulch.

Tender alpiners and herbs, such as Tarragon, can be brought safely through the winter by trimming them lightly back and placing over them a plastic squash bottle container, with its base cut off and pushed firmly into the soil around the plant. The bottle lid can be replaced in really cold weather.

An effective Christmas decoration can be made using a fair sized potato as a base. Stick sharpened sprays or sprigs of holly and evergreens into it until it is completely covered, forming a ball or cone, whichever you prefer. If you pierce two holes right through the potato and thread string or wire through them to form a loop you can hang the decoration instead. Either way it will need no watering.

E.D.Z.

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

The Editors were very sorry to hear from Mrs. Jean Cowan that she had suffered the theft of Christmas tree lights from a tree in her garden in Sutcliffe Drive. The lights were put out on Sunday 29th November and stolen between 2.30 and 6.30pm the same day. Mrs. Cowan is understandably very distressed at this occurrence since she decorated the tree for Christmas in memory of her late husband. The matter has been reported to the police and Mrs. Cowan is offering a reward for information that leads to a conviction. Last year there were thefts of this type around the village, and it is singularly unpleasant that the repeat theft this year has caused such unhappiness.

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### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Committee and members of Harbury Branch, Royal British Legion would like to thank all Poppy Sellers and establishments concerned, for their efforts for Poppy Day, 1987. Thanks also to everyone who donated to the appeal.

J. SMITH (Hon Sec.)

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My Dear Friends,

I feel very guilty that I haven't written to more of you since I came to Salisbury, though I have seen quite a few on my one or two flying visits to the village. I thought I would take this opportunity of writing to keep you up to date with all my news.

My first year here went very quickly indeed. Apart from all the academic work (which has turned out to be not as bad as I had expected!) there has also been the daily worship of the College, lots of social and sporting activities (including the College pantomime, cycling, football and hockey, in all of which I have indulged), and voluntary pastoral involvement in taking Communion around the wards at two hospitals (at 6.15am), taking services at a nearby Youth Custody Centre and a geriatric hospital and also in having the great privilege of acting as Sub-Deacon at the main Sunday Eucharist at the Cathedral. I had to give up most of these voluntary activities once I started my Sunday placement last March. I share in the ministry in the East Chalke Valley, which includes three village churches. As I was living in Salisbury for most of the summer, I was able to continue to help out in the parishes, which was particularly useful as the rector was ill for much of the time. During the summer, I spent two weeks on a study tour in Ireland and had a three week full time placement at Romsey Abbey. I spent most of September and October in London. Seven of us lived in the Rectory at the Elephant and Castle and went out daily to placements. I was at St. Christopher's Hospice and found it a wonderful, albeit quite tough, experience.

The above address will always find me, but from 5th December to 10th January, I shall be at 66 The Close, SP1 2EN (Telephone: 20519).

I shall be in Harbury briefly on Tuesday, 22nd December, and, possibly on Sunday evening, 3rd January so hope I may see some of you then.

I finish at College on 3rd June and am to be Ordained Deacon in Coventry Cathedral on 26th June. As I think many of you know, I shall then take up my title as Curate of St.

Bartholomew, Binley, Coventry. I do hope that many of my friends from Harbury will be able to be at the Service. More details later.

I assure you of my continuing prayers for all of you, and of my warmest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

With love,

Viv.

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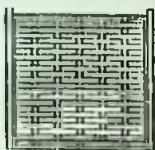
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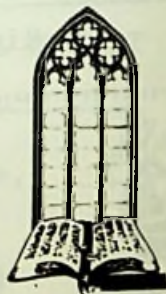
### CHRISTMAS DAY

11.45pm 'Midnight' Mass.  
(Christmas Eve)  
9.00am Sung Eucharist

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY (Boxing Day)  
9.45am Holy Communion.

SUN. DEC. 27th  
8.00am Holy Communion.  
10.30am Sung Eucharist

SUN. JAN. 3rd  
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