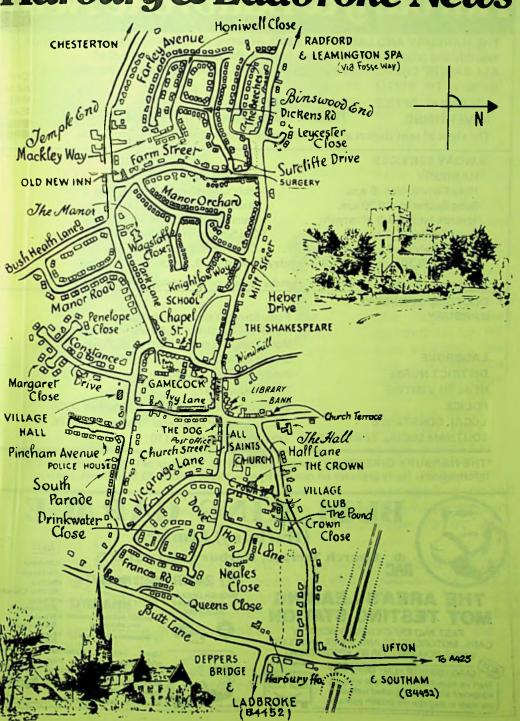
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#### SUNDAY SERVICES

HARBURY

Holy Communion 8 a.m. Sung Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

(except 1st Sunday of month: Sung Eucharist 9 a.m.

Family Service 11.30 a.m.)

#### LADBROKE

Holy Communion with Hymns 9 a.m.

(except 1st Sunday of month: Family Communion 10.30 a.m.)

3rd Sunday of month:

Childrens Church 10.30 a.m.

Evensong 6.30 p.m. (except 3rd Sunday) Evensong 3.30 p.m. (3rd Sunday)

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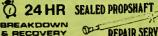
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The recent snows have helped to put everyone into the Christmas spirit and the editors would like to wish all their readers a very merry Christmas. Mike Bloxham's photo shows Samantha Marsh rolling a giant snowball watched by her collie Poppy.

In keeping with the traditional gernerosity of the season, we are pleased to see two groups have been busy raising money for two very good causes, Andy Latham and Doug Megeney managed a grand

total of £600 towards Children in Need, while Helen Winter and Dawn Eld realised £40 for Blue Peter's appeal for Kampuchea.

The Church Room Special Fund has now reached a total of £16,639, £700 having been raised by a market stall on Nov 12th, while Saturday coffee mornings have now raised £1000. This month has also seen the launching of the 'buy a brick appeal' which we hope will be successful.

We would like to pass on news of Marian Millington one of the first editors of the H & L News who has recently left Harbury to work for a year in

Zanzibar - teaching midwifery to nurses and helpin local people to become self sufficient in childhea care. Marian's work is being funded by the Save The Children Fund, and our good wishes are with her as she embarks on this most worthwhile venture.

Finally Harbury shoppers will be very sorry to say goodbye to Fred Bates who has provided a courteous and helpful butchery service on behalf of the Co-ope He is leaving to work in Bishops Itchington, and he will be sadly missed. In these days of hypermarket and high pressure selling, it has been a great pleasure to have Mr Bates smiling welcome and professional expertise.

#### HARBURY DIARY

DECEMBER 1988			
	Sat	3rd	Olde Worlde Christmas Fair in Village Hall at 2.3 with Santa
			Rugby - 1st & 3rd XVs v Aylestonians (home)
	Sun	4th	ADVENT II 9am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am ramily
			Service, 6.30pm Evensong
			Mini-Rugby v Rugby Lions
	Mon	5th	Word of God at 8pm 25 Manor Orchard
			Prayer & Praise, Hessle Cottage
	Tues	6th	Horticultural Society 8pm in Farley Room, V. Hall
			Book Group 'Not that Sort of Gill by Half Model's
			27 Binswood End
	Wed	7th	Mothers Union 2.15 Village Hall
		DIRUT	Youth Club with Video Night Farley Room
	Thurs	8th	Thursday Club 2.30 Village Hall
			W.I. 7.45pm Village Hall Christmas Table Decorati
			by Mrs M J Brown
	Fri	9th	Mothers Union Corporate Communion 10.30am
	1.000		Southam PTA Bottle Bingo 8pm Southam School
	Sat	10th	
	10792	in Pier	Rugby 2nd XV v Shipston (home)
	Sun	11th	ADVENT III 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Euch
			ist, 4pm Ecumenical Service Preacher The Rev'd
			Margaret Jarman (former President of the Baptis
			Union)
	17133		Rugby U17/U15/U13 XVs v Evesham (home)
	2000		10 0 1 7

Mon 12th Prayer & Praise 12 Park Lane

Mothers & Toddlers Service 2.15pm 13th Tues Middle School Carol Service at 7pm (no 7.30pm Communion) Harbury Friends 8pm School Village Hall Committee 8pm Village Hall Senior Citizens Cttee 8pm Village Hall Young Teenage Group Candlelit Supper 8.30pm Corner Cottage National Woman's Register Christmas Social 'Northfields' Harbury Lane Youth Club Village Hall 14th Wed Whist 7.45pm Village Hall Thurs 15th Social Security Information Desk Library 10-12.30 Candlelit Supper for Special Fund Appeal 5 Dickens Rd 6am Vigil - Concern for Children followed by 16th Fri 7am Holy Communion Youth Club Spooks Disco 7.30 Village Hall 17th Sat Rugby 2nd XV v Birstall (home) ADVENT IV 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Sun 18th Prayer), 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 3pm Adventurers Carol Service followed by party Rugby U15 XV v Kenilworth (home) Word of God 8pm 46 Farley Avenue 19th Mon SCHOOL ENDS 20th Tues Christmas Meditation & Communion 7.30pm NO YOUTH CLUB 21st Wed Julian Meeting 8pm Father Christmas visits Deppers Bridge with Southam Lions Thursday Club Carol Service 2.30pm Thurs 22nd Venture Scouts Annual Dinner 8pm The Dog Father Christmas visits Harbury with Southam Lions \*\*\*Village Christmas Carol Service 6.30pm 24th Sat CHRISTMAS DAY \*\*\*The Midnight Mass (commencing at 25th Sun 11.15pm Sat) \*\*\*9am Christmas Morning Eucharist BOXING DAY 26th Mon Football Match (Harbury Old Boys v Harbury Not so Old Boys) ST JOHN THE EVANGALIST 9.45am Holy Communion Tues 27th Holy Communion 9.45am Thurs 29th NEW YEAR'S EVE 31st Sat Football Club FANCY DRESS DANCE Village Hall ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JANUARY H/NEWS TO EDITORS BY TODAY PLEASE

JANUARY	1989	
Sun	lst	NEW YEAR'S DAY CHRISTMAS I 9am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am Family
		Service - Ceremony of the Christingle, 6.30pm
	115	Evensong
_	2nd	Word of God 8pm 7 Penelope Close
Tues	3rd	Book Group 'Under Milk Wood' by Dylan Thomas 8pt 33 Binswood End
		Horticultural Society 8pm Farley Room, Village I-
		SCHOOL STARTS
Wed	4th	Youth Club Village Hall
		Mothers Union 2.15pm Village Hall
Thurs	5th	Harbury Folk Club - 50th Meeting 8.30pm Old New
		'Pantomime Characters' expected
Fri	6th	THE EPIPHANY
		10.30am Mothers Union Corporate Communion
Sat	7th	MAINTENANCE DAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL
		Southam PTA Beer & Skittles Bowling Green Southar
Sun	8th	MAINTENANCE DAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL
		EPIPHANY I 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung
		Eucharist, 6.30pm First Harbury Scouts &
	100	Guides Group Special Service
	9th	Prayer & Praise 4 Leycester Close
	10th	Senior Citizens Cttee Village Hall
Thurs	12th	
		W.I. 7.45pm Village Hall

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO LINDA RIDGLEY - Telephone 612792 For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Hughes 612716 For Wight School Bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes 613488

### 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

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.
GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm(under 7s & beginners)
7-8pm(7-10yrs) 8-9pm(over 10yrs) Mondays.
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,

& 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

DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday, 2.30pm.

Wednesday & Thursday.

BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening. SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday & Thursday BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday. HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm, 2nd Tuesday of month. BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 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.

ROSARY & PRAYERS for Persecuted Christians,

4 Sutcliffe Drive, 10am, 3rd Thursday of month. THURSDAY CLUB, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday

CUBS, Scout Hut, every Thursday. W.I., Village Hall, 7.45pm, 2nd Thursdays. POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20pm - 3.30pm every Friday. CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

BELLRINGING PRACTICE in Church 7.30pm every Friday. COFFEE MORNING every Saturday Wight School in aid of Church Special Fund 10 - 12.00

#### FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

The Special Fund is progressing very well (see separate article) and we are extremely grateful to all those who are putting so much effort and support into the project Our architect Charles Brown, has produced the detail plans for the Church Room against which tenders for the contstruction will be made. It is hoped to display the plans in Church in the near future.

Those who were unable to be there to hear the Oken Singers at Church on Saturday Nov 19th missed a tree Directed by Peter Fairhurst and accompanied by Simc Lole (organist at St. Mary's, Warwick), the twelve singers performed pieces by Handel and Bach, and it the second half, the Missa Brevis by Kodaly. A most stimulating and enjoyable evening, we hope we shall able to persuade them to come again - hopefully when there are fewer other attractions on the same night

Advent is upon us, that season of preparation for to coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ, a time of being able to start again on our journey in faith. Moder life and pressures tend to turn the season into one preparation of a rather more commercial nature, it our place to keep the real meaning of Christmas to forefront during this wonderful time.

The Ecumenical Service on Sunday December 11th (at is, in my personal opinion, a most important initial worthy of the widest support of all who profess a faith in Our Lord.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas from Beryl and me. J.B.M.

#### FROM THE RECTOR

For me, one of the most important and significant to of the Church's Year is Advent. At one time Advent observed with almost the strictness of Lent, for the Church considered that one ought to take seriously business of preparing for Christmas, preparing that in a spiritual way. Before celebrating the joy of coming of Christ and the wonder of God-with-us (Eman time should be found to try to take in what God was doing for us and to put ourselves into a receptive frame of mind. I have no doubt that Mary and Joseph had plenty to do in the weeks before the birth was expected, the usual busy duties to perform and to attend to. Yet there would be the snatched moments quiet consideration of the whole situation, of natu concern mingled with feelings of uncertainty and perhaps not a little fear, but again and again compl ly reassured by the conviction that all this was the ill of God. That waiting of Mary should teach us a the necessity of waiting upon God and just as Mary prepared herself to receive the Lord Jesus, so we are reminded in Advent to think in what manner we receive Christ into our lives. Of course those who take their faith seriously are constantly doing this but it seems a reasonable thing to do near Christmas, the actual time when we observe the birth of Jesus, to have it in mind what place we really do give to Him and how important to us is the Incarnation.

For most of us, nowadays, life is very hectic and our busyness increases the nearer we get to Christmas It is all too easy to be swirled along into the fast flowing stream of ceaseless activity. We say we long for a bit of peace and quiet, to gather our thoughts together and yet, if we are not careful, we deny ourselves those very necessary moments of stillness. Advent reminds us that a proper approach to Christmas is not only desirable, but is necessary if we ever wish to grasp the true meaning of the season. Being still and waiting upon God, as it says in the psalm, enriches amd blesses the striving we make to reach out to God and increases the joy of keeping Christmas.

ANTONY ROWE

In the week before Christmas, there are two extra occasions provided for preparation - 'A Christmas Meditation and Communion' At Harbury Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm At Ladbroke Wednesday 21st December at 7pm

#### Sponsored Cycle Ride

This year the Ride for the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust lacked participents in both parishes. However Jean Pryke from Harbury and Christopher Gould from Ladbroke made a tremendous effort and each of them visited well over twenty churches. Thus from Harbury, the Trust received £80 of which £40 was returned to the parish and from Ladbroke £114 was collected, of which £57 was paid back. We commend both of them for their determinatio and thank them for the amounts they raised for the Trust and for our parishes. It is likely that this will be held again next year and I hope we shall manage to get more people taking part. Incidentally a word of thanks too for those who were at the

church to receive and welcome the riders from elsewhere.

#### HOLY BAPTISTM

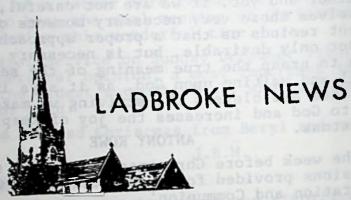
At Harbury on Sunday 13th November

SAMUEL ROBERT, son of Stephen Robert and Sarah-Ja-Willans 32 Chapel St Bishops Itchi=

At Ladbroke on Sunday 20th November

KIRSTY JADE, daughter of Brian Frederick and Teresa Betty Reeves, 26 Ploughman' Holt, Southam.

SAMUEL STEWART son of Graham Stewart and Julie Anna Reeves, 4 Mill Crescent, Southam.



#### DECEMBER DIARY

Sun	4th	Advent II 10.30am Family Service & Communion
Wed	7th	10.30am Holy Communion
Fri	9th	7.30pm AGM of Friends of Ladbroke Church at
		Ladbroke House
Sun	11th	Advent III 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Tues	13th	Christmas Whist Drive in Village Hall 7.30pm
Wed	14th	10.30am Holy Communion
		2.30pm Women's Fellowship
		W.I. Christmas Party
Fri	16th	CHDICTMAC DANCE - Village Hall
Sun	18th	Advent IV 9am Holy Communion with Hymns 10.30am
888		Children's Church, 3.30 pm Evensong
Wed	21st	10.30am Holy Communion
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LE	04.1	7pm Christmas Meditation & Communion Christmas Eve - 3.30pm Family Carol Service -
Sat	24th	Christmas Eve - 3.30pm Family Carol Service

The Dressing of the Crib.

Sun 25th Christmas Day 10.30am Christmas Morning Communion Mon 26th St Stephen's Day 10.30am Holy Communion

Wed 28th The Holy Innocents 10.30am Holy Communion 7pm Village Carol Service

Sat 31st New Year's Eve 11.30pm New Year's Eve Communion

#### JANUARY 1989

Sun 1st Christmas I 10.30am Family Service & Communion with the Ceremony of the Christingles

Fri 6th The Epiphany 7.30pm Holy Communion Sun 8th Ephphany I 9am Holy Communion with Hymns

#### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA:

Dec 25th & Jan 1st Mrs Rutherford

#### "CHRISTMAS" by Anna

Christmas is:-

New baby Jesus, sleeping softly,
Angels over the stable,
Putting figures in the crib at church,
Sparkling, glistening, twinkling lights in
Leamington and over our door,
Posting a letter up the chimney,
Hanging up my stocking and leaving a carrot
and a drink,
Special secrets and happy faces.

ANNA TODMAN

#### CHURCH CHOIR

The Junior branch is now meeting successfully at 4.30pm on Fridays. Members need to attend Sunday Services whenever possible.

The Senior Choir are starting their preparations for Christmas with rehearsals on Monday evenings at 7.30p so if you're musically inclined do come along to Church for choir practice.

#### LADBROKE CHURCH

There will be a Village Carol Service on 28th Dec at 7pm and we shall be delighted to see as many people as possible. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a Retiring Collection.

We would like to say a very sincere Thank You to Mike Fox and Joe Collins for giving the £44 donated

by their guests at their Bonfire Party to the Chur-

Thanks are due to Alec Westland, Steve Doyle & Pat Barnett for raising £138.60 for the Church Restoration Fund by the sale of scrap metal, and to JMT Engineering (Mark Teverson) of Southam for providing the necessary transport free.

Another year, another Christmas Bazaar and this one held on 26th November was even more successful than before, when the sum of £451 was raised. Our grate thanks to all who helped to make the Bazaar such a success.

#### FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

We had a delightful evening at the home of David and Jane Rutherford on 4th November, with an Antiques Road Show and Buffet Supper, when some people were very pleasantly surprised at the value placed on their items. The sum of £382 was raised for the Church Restoration Fund.

GWYNNE BADMAN

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

After the Rector had opened our meeting with a short talk about British saints who were remembered on Nov 8th, we welcomed Mrs Mona Griffin, as our speaker. Not knowing what she was going to talk about, we were particularly surprised when she said that she would talk about poetry. She read to us some of the poems that had appealed to her through her life. Starting with early school days, she read ones by A.A.Milne, following these by ones by Hilaine Belloc, Sir Philip Sidney and Shakespeare. She ended with "The Church Mouse" by Sir John Betjeman. We all thoroughly enjoyed listening to her, and were sorry when the time came for her to leave.

Many thanks to all who helped or provided cakes etc for our stall at the Christmas Fayre. We made £92.50 mor than twice last year's sum.

Our next meeting on Dec 14th will be in church at 2.30pm, when we shall have a service in Preparation for Christmas. This will be followed by refreshments t 16 Ladbroke Hall.

NANCY STUBBS

The trip to the Belgrade to see "Wuthering Heights" was voted by all an experience not to be repeated due to the acting ability of the two main characters and serious though the subject was intended, everyone found it hard not to get carried away by fits of giggles!

The November meeting saw a good turnout of ladies interested to hear "Talk on Healing" by Mr Campbell in the absence of Mrs Valerie Morris. A Spiritualist and Faith Healer, Mr Campbell was only able to touch briefly on this very fascinating topic assisted in his demonstration by W.I. member Heather Tredgold.

Hazel Sharples was welcomed as a new member, as are all ladies in the village, meetings held every 4th Thursday of the month. Irene Bennett presided over the "Bring & Buy" stall and Hazel Newson won the Raffle organised by Beryl Ross.

A Trip is planned to Annards Mohair Craft Fair in Evesham on 30th November and the W.I. Carol Service is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th December at Priors Marston Church. Also the Christmas Party has been changed to Wednesday December 14th. My apologies to Mrs Deidre Dunbar for missing her name out of last month's "News" and Mrs Celia Barratt for putting hers in. I am sure two such charming ladies will forgive the error!

GLENYS HALLAM

#### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Following a site meeting with the Stratford District Council official, it was thought that the 30 m.p.h. signs would be moved in Church Lane to beyond the Church at the entrance to the village, providing the Police have no objections. The Electricity Board had been reminded about the lack of a light on the Dangerous Bend sign outside "Quince Cottage". Members of the public present heard with dismay, the news that there was no progress to report on a gate across the Bypass at Windmill Lane, it was felt that this issue was a real inconvenience to the village and should be solved without further delay. Mr Greer of Southam had produced a map for the Parish Council showing exactly how the local footpaths needed to be

marked and improved. Many stiles, bridges and waymarkers are needed, all of which need the active operation of the local landowners.

The Parish Council had felt it appropriate to objeto both the current Planning Applications for new houses in the village. A member of the public pre stated that he felt this did not reflect the wishe of the majority of people who live in Ladbroke. chairman of the council felt that the council was acting in accordance with the opinions expressed a the Annual Parish Meeting.

Next meeting - 7.45pm Wed 11th January in Village ■

A Christmas Whist Drive is to be held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm. Proceeds to Ladbroke Church Restoration Fund. Admission 50p.

Ladbroke Village Hall Committee are holding a Christmas Dance on Friday December 16th. Dance to the live band "Country Rainbow", tickets £3.50 to include a Buffet Supper, available from Committee Members or ring Stan Greenway on Southam 4313.

# Appeal



SPECIAL FUND NEWS - Amount raised so far £16,639.

The market stall which we hired at Warwick on Saturday November 12th raised almost £700 which was way beyond anything we thought possible. We cound have done this without your help so a very sincere thank you to everyone who helped in any way from providing goods to sell to helping on the day. We enjoyed being market traders for the day.



Thank you also to all the people who help with the Saturday Coffee Mornings and to those who support us week by week. This project is just coming up to £1000 which isn't bad in 8 months.

#### EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Dec 3rd. Christmas Fair, Village Hall Dec 15th Candlelit Supper, 5 Dickens Road Every Saturday Coffee & Biscuits at the Wight School CHRISTMAS EVE COFFEE & MINCEPIES AT NO CHARGE. PLEASE COME.

The New Harbury Recipe Book is now on sale at £2 each at weekly Coffee Mornings, Christmas Fair or from 5 Park Lane.

#### EVENTS TO COME IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF 1989

January 14th Safari Supper. See list in Church or contact Beryl Checkley for details. 612519

February 18th. Quiz Night at the Village Hall with refreshments.

April 8th Road Rally. For fun only. More detail=

Exhibition and sale of the work of local artists a Temple House. Date to be fixed.

If you would like to run a fund raising effort we should be pleased to help in any way we can. Please contact Joyce Windsor.

#### BP PROMOTION

If you buy petrol at a BP Garage please accept the coupons and let us have them. BP will redeem them pay for specific items. We have decided to attempt to buy crockery and/or cutlery for the Church Room and need your help. Boxes will be placed in the local shops so please save your coupons. You may also put them through the letter box at the Recory if you wish.

#### HARBURY VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

By the time you read this article we could be the proud possessors of the District Swimming trophy. Having narrowly relinquished the athletics trophy earlier in the year we will be fielding a strong term to the first time the gala will include some fun events including a lilo relay race - watch this space!

Did you enjoy your chestnuts? Being an Italian or, at least, a southern European fruit we thought old fashioned dress could, by a flight of fancy, be Roman. Watch out for togas, legionaries and general plebs. That was at the Christmas Fair of course.

Other activities leading up to Christmas include canoeing on the River Wye (leader Ian Critchley) and our annual dinner at the Dog Inn to be held on Thursday December 22nd. Doug will supply the liquinefreshment, the Unit provide the food.

Easter Camp 1989 will be held from Tuesday 28th Mar to Sunday 2nd April inclusive. A number of Unit members had wanted to hold this camp in S.W. Irelan but time makes this a near impossibility. Discussicontinues but the Lake District looks most likely.



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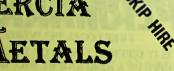
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ALL TYPES OF EASY-TO-ERECT PANELS BY MASTER FENCING

The AGM was held on Wednesday 9 November, and all parents should have received notification of the new committee. Our thanks again to Gordon Bennett, who after serving a six year PTA apprenticeship, is taking up a post in banking, and to John Black who after three years as our leader thinks he is going to get a well earned rest on the back benches!

On of the main objectives of the PTA, is of course, to raise funds for the school. The PTA raised £2265 in 1987, and have raised £2181 to date for 1988. We do though try, and hopefully succeed, to organise interesting and enjoyable events, and in particular events that involve the parents, the children and the staff. It was particularly pleasing that three highly successful events in 1988 were primarily due to the efforts of the children; the sponsored walk, the family entertainment evening, and the children's disco.

Parents should soon receive the PTA calendar for 1989, and we need your continued support of the school and staff through the PTA. We look forward to entertaining you in 1989, and you may hear us around the village on Wednesday 14th December, come rain, sleet, hail and soggy carol sheets.

D.F.

#### HARBURY JUNIOR + MINIS

Encouraging half term report for the Juniors and Minis. The under 17's have enjoyed emphatic recent victories against Market Bosworth, Old Saltleians and Dudley Kingswinford but blotted their copy book with a poor display against neighbours Old Leamingtonians last week. Coach Paul Jenkins put them through a hard training session this week! Under 15's have been fraught with, through no fault of their own, a lack of matches. They played their first match for 4 weeks against Syston (from Leicester) and scored a deserved 14-6 victory. The

under 13's have spent the greatest part of the term practising the change from 9 a side (mini) to 15 a side rugby and have won two of their three matches. An interesting game against Leamington next week should provide a yardstick to gauge the work of

coaches Mike Szolnoki and Tony Munton.

All the juniors will be at home against Evesham on Sunday December 11th kick off llam. The minis have spent several weeks of coaching culminating in a rust of matches against Solihull, Old Silhillians, Rugby Lions (Dec 4th) and Evesham (away on Dec 11th). Georald Ridgeway (Leamington 38255) and Dave Andrews (Harbuse 612528) would like to hear from some of our under 9 who have disappeared!

Thanks to the great contribution from our girls who have certainly shown the boys a few things - like how to tackle (Katie Brown) and scrummage (Louise Rawling Both these two and Leah Wallington were amongst the scorers against Silhillians on Sunday November 26th. Bob Now who helps with the under 8's was impressed, as we all are with Naomi Tanner in the under 8's who has fitted into the game so well. So we would love to hear from you missing under 9's please.

#### JERRY BIRKBECK

#### HARBURY RUGBY CLUB

The rugby club are enjoying a much improved season wisome good wins against strong opposition. The first team has been strengthened by some new players. Neitheston from Stratford has given height and experience to the pack and Graham Lewis - a Harbury resident no less - has given strength to the backs. Graham made 20 minute appearance to Harbury 3rd's last season before an injury finished him for the season. He has returned refreshed scoring a hatful of tries.

Highlight of the early part of the season was a demolition job on Southam - the first win over arch rivals for 6 years. Southam had begun the season badly and Harbury took full advantage - the win corresponded with the first use of Harbury Supermarket Sponsored Shirts for the season and the chair man's birthday - a splendid weekend!

Some younger players have pushed their way into the first team - Dougie Grant, Adrian Mann and Carl Wallington all who have come through and are now proving a valuable asset to the club. The club is also looking to some of the very promising under 17' several of whom are making their mark in the 2nd's

and 3rd's on a Saturday. The club shares an optimistic view to the playing future of the club.

The 1st XV are holding a satisfactory mid-table position in the 2nd Division of Warwickshire Division 2 - 3 wins and 3 losses. They were unfortunate to lose to top of the table Spartans missing out by the opposition scoring 2 tries in the last 5 minutes. The 2nd's and 3rd's are both having good seasons; the 2nd's winning more games than previous seasons. The 3rd's the vintage players helping bring on some of the younger players losing only 3 matches so far, also recording an 86 - 0 win one Saturday!

The clubhouse moves skywards, this development will improve facilities considerably - better social conditions as well as increased changing facilities. The club hope to have these completed by next spring.

The club therefore is pleased to report considerable optimism for the future - as ever they will be pleased to see players or non-players at the club over the coming months.

IAN HOLROYD (Chairman)

#### HARBURY ALBION F.C.

The season has continued to be promising, with the lst team remaining unbeaten in the League and reaching the Quarter Finals of two competitions. The leading goal scorers at present are Lee Williams for the 1st team and Paul Williams for the Reserves. The Reserves have also continued well with a record of won 4 drawn 1 lost 2 with Dave Wallington having some reward for all his efforts and encouragement for the young lads who show so much promise. D. Wallington and R Davies are organising an end of season tour to Brighton, for us and deposits should have now been returned. The '100 Club' and tote organisers are keeping Rick Evans happy with the proceeds, especially with Christmas approaching! G. Bryers and A Hopkins are again organising the the New Year's Eve Fancy Dress with tickets on Sale soon from Committee Members and organisers, with the question - will George Bryers be going as a penalty taker?

A. WEST-LATHAM (Sec. H.A.F.C.)

#### IUUU ULW. IKUM HAKBURY ADVENTURERS

Harbury Adventurers is a fun organisation for child—and young people which meets every Sunday at 11.30a—in the Village Hall.

The age group currently ranges from 4-10years, and the main aim of Adventurers is to teach the Bible arbasic elements of the Christian faith, but in an interesting and appealing manner. It's not like sch

Smaller childrens activities include drawing, paintiand craftwork, and for the 7-11 the emphasis is more physical activities, such as relay races, tag, hop skip and jump. However all of these activities are designed to teach Christian messages. They're a fun way to learn!

The good news is that since the beginning of September our numbers have begun to increase. The Adventurers leaders would love to extend the current range of activities in order to offer more to the children, and this is where you may be able to help.

If you would like to assist the Adventurers leaders by helping out with games, refreshments, fun quizzes and trips please let us know. We don't expect you to teach, or be there every week, but if you can lend a pair of willing hands to help us run our many activities, maybe once a month, we'd love to hear from you. If you'd like to find out more please call any of the following:-

Keith Dormer on 613254 Michelle Coupe on 61250 Kay Pallot on 613270 Rosemary Eld on 61334

or come along to our Carol Service and grand Christma Party to be held in the village hall on Sunday Decemb 18th at 3pm and see for yourself!

In the meantime Harbury Adventurers would like to tak this opportunity to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

#### KEITH DORMER

#### CONCERN FOR CHILDREN

Children have to get used to monsters these days: toy shops and television programmes overflow with the reatures. But when a video designed for a very youth

ful age group shows particularly frightening monsters capturing specimens of a well-known animal toy, throwing them into loathsome dungeons and torturing them by hanging them up by the hooves or neck, the most broadminded might be excused for feeling that more than a touch of evil has been added to commercial greed and indifference.

There are ways of showing concern - and one way will be taken in Harbury on December 16th. There will be an hour's vigil in the Church from 6am followed by the usual 7am Communion Service, which will be offered for the same purpose.

If it matters enough to you, do join us for all or part of the time, whether you are able to take part in the service or not.

E.M.A.

#### CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL

To coincide with the B.B.C.'s Children in Need Appeal, Andy Latham and Doug Megeney, together with a group of young helpers, set off around the social establishments of Harbury collecting money from generous people for this worthy appeal. Dressed like a couple of escapees from the Christmas dinner table, they sold squares on a treasure trove board depicting 'Pudsey Bear' at fl a go. Dr John Hancock



held the envelope containing the secret winning square and at a ceremony held later at the Old New Inn, Alison Dodds was declared winner of the £20 prize.

By midnight the sum of £420 had been raised, althouthis figure was increased by generous donations from individuals until it finally reached the magnificersum of £600.

Doug and Andy would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to this Appeal and, of course, their helpers particularly Mary and John from the Old New Inn who went to so much trouble to set the right atmosphere for the event.

A.M.

#### MOTHERS & TODDLERS SERVICE

The December service is transferred to December 13th because of the First School concert. Do come as this is our Christmas Service.

#### HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The audience was surprisingly subdued at the Folk Club on November 4th. There was certainly no shorta of singers and musicians to entertain them (eighteen in total) nor a lack of quality performances. Perhaps they were genuinely upset by the death of Walter Gabriel that very evening!

After several months' absence, Bonas were back in force in the guest spot with a delightful selection of songs, including several new to their repertoire. Their set started with the lively "Can't you dance the polka?" (the song which featured Peter Sellers on ukelele on an early Steeleye Span album), include the boys (Peter & Barry) singing the rustic "Homebrew" song, the girls (Liz & Nicola) with the altogether sweeter "My Honey" and finished appropriately with the "Singers' Farewell".

The supporting cast included two debut performances Paul, with a mandolin tune and a naughty song, and Janet who gave a soulful performance of "Frankie and

Johny". With so many performers, we only had time for two songs each from the Harvesters, Mike, Gerda, Tony, Bees' Knees, Phil & Drill, the Jug Band and me. The raffle raised £20.50 for the Christmas Fair.

January 5th will be the 50th session of Harbury Folk Club so, to celebrate this special occasion, we are having a fancy dress evening. The theme is "pantomime characters" which gives you plenty of scope to find something suitable. Let's make it a night to remember. PETER McDONALD

#### BE LUCKY IN 1989!

Harbury and Ladbroke Churchmen's Society has organised a '100 Club' to run throughout 1989 in support of the All Saints' Harbury Special Fund Appeal, which is to help finance the Church Room extension.

Membership of the '100 Club' is £12 - a mere 25p a week. The draw will take place monthly for a prize of £30.

Tickets are available now from Tony Stubbs at 5 South Parade (phone 612782).

#### HARBURY W.I.

Our A.G.M. opened with the singing of Jerusalem. Reports of the years events followed given by our secretary Mrs Monica Davies and our president Mrs Deidre Dunbar. The financial statement was read and explained by our treasurer Mrs Doreen Bloxham. We seem to have had quite a hectic year which hopefully contained something to please everyone.

Our V.C.O. for the evening was Mrs Frith, the assistant county treasurer. She took charge of the voting when three new committee members were elected and our president Mrs Deirdre Dunbar re-elected for a third year. Thanks were given to the tellers from Ladbroke and Mrs Frith for their help, by Mrs Middleton.

During the evening the 'Village Year Book' was on show, it certainly is a book to treasure. Mrs Celia Barratt must have worked very hard on it and should be proud of her achievement!

The evening ended with a competition "Name that Sme which was won by Mrs Dorothy Groves. The Grandma's Brooch' competition was won by Mrs Barbara Sutton. Raffle prizes were won by Mrs Card, Mrs Groves and Mrs Rawlings.

On December 2nd our Christmas party will take place and at our next meeting on December 8th Mrs M J Burn will fill us with ideas for 'Christmas Table Decorations'. Please members remember your gifts for the bran tub at this meeting!

S.G.

#### MOTHERS UNION

November has been a busy month for us. Mrs Haynes' talk on the women of Pakistan was thought provoking, making us realise how privileged we are to have free to worship.

Our social was successful although competing with other events on the same night reduced our numbers.

Our next meeting is on December 7th when we shall ha a report on the Deanery Committee meeting followed b a discussion.

On Friday the 11th we had our sponsored swim at Sout carefully monitored by Mrs Gladys Hogben and the rector. The eight swimmers achieved a total of 108 lengths in some 50 minutes. The heroines were Aliso Hunt swimming 30 lengths, Shirley Keir 25 and Pam Clarke 20. The lesser achievements represented much effort from some of the less young and athletic. We hope to raise well over £100 and it's not too late to give a contribution to Wendy Stubbs if our bevy of beauty, on show at the rear of the church should so inspire you.

(We have just heard that Mrs Harris from Gloucester, who takes over as our Central President in January, swam for Wales in her younger days, which makes our swim seem even more appropriate!)



Shirley Keir

Alison Hunt Pam Clarke

Our 3 high achievers

Please note our Corporate Communion will be on Friday Dec 9th at 10.30am (after our meeting on the Wednesday).

Our January meeting is on January 4th when we will hear the Rev. Elizabeth Mordecai of All Saints' Leamington, talking on her experiences as a deacon.

#### MARGARET RIGDEN

#### HALF A SIXPENCE

Several Harbury Children took part in this production in the Spa Centre, showing again the wealth of talent in our village.

Wendy Ottewill shone as leading lady, with Suzanne Barr, Jeremy & Vicky Hayes, Daniel Kemsley and James Stringer all playing an important part in the overal success of this happy production. The Harbury Theatre Group have done it again! Anot runaway success with C S Lewis's tale of "The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe". All three performances plate to packed houses, tickets could have been sold twice over!

Using all the combined skills of the Harbury Theatres Group, the audience was transported backwards and forwards from the bleak 1940's world of the four you evacuees, Peter, Susan Lucy and Edmund, to the magic mythical land of Narnia. The play incorporated fascinating musical selections from Keith Burford and many other wonderful special effects including amazing snowstorm feature. With an active scenery changing team and superb cast the audience was able share the children's terror of the magnificently frightening snow Queen, the warmth of the Fawn's home, the icy cold of Narnia, the apparant normality of the world of the professor and their many other experiences along the way. The eerie awesome fight scene warrants special mention and all in it!

Costumes were splendid, what a tremendous challenge each character must have posed, all met by Lin Hayes. The brave decision for the adults to ignore the maxi of not working with children or animals allowed a dynamic blend of the best of all ages to occur. We surely met rising stars in the making especially those children playing the key roles, William and Jamie Stringer, Vicky and Jeremy Hayes and Katie Brown. Producer Sally Stringer must be delighted with her team and those who were lucky enough to see this production must wish to congratulate and thank her. Those who missed it, missed a very special experience.

K.S.P.

#### HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Girls/Ladies if you are having new pixie boots for Christmas and are getting rid of your old ones, the Theatre Group would be pleased to receive them (size 3 upward - flat heels only).

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Bull Ring or ring 613488 for collection.



The British Legion were on parade on Sunday November 13th supported by Scouts, Guides, Venture Scouts & Brownies and a large congregation, taking part in the Service of Remembrance to honour those who died in two world wars.

#### HARBURY SOCIETY

Thanks to the many who have taken the trouble to pay the Subscription. For you there will be a treat in the New Year - a Folk Evening with the Jug Band. Details of where, when and how much will come with your Newsletter.

If you should happen to find yourself in Birmingham any time between now and 7 January (excluding the Christmas period 24-30 December) I do urge you to drop in at the Ikon Gallery. It is in John Bright Street, almost next to the Alexandra Theatre behind New Street Station. There Colin Shaw has an exhibition of his photographs of the people, the landscape and the way of life that will be squeezed out by the M40. Entrance is free and you should go It will bring home to you just what it is that makes this such a special place to live in. Because you have been accustomed to the quietness, the lack of traffic, the neighbourliness and the sense of community we tend to take it for granted, but these

are fragile pleasures and can easily be destroyed. Colin Shaw fears their days are numbered and he haset out to record them.

The contrast between the panorama from Windmill Hiviews of Burton Dassett and Joe Van Holbeck ferretout at Butlers Marston with its sleezy setting of Gallery in the grimy back streets of Birmingham could not be more marked.

When you have seen the exhibition you may find you feel like supporting Bishops Itchington in their fight to keep big boys Blue Circle from overwhelmin their village with houses. Read the Parish Council report to see how you can help. It is not just a parochial matter, for what affects them will surely have an impact on Harbury, more cars, more people and more pressure on our remaining open spaces. The Motorway is a fact and the people are coming.

#### LINDA RIDGLEY

#### HARBURY BONFIRE PARTY

This year's bonfire and fireworks display organised by All Saints' Church and Harbury Scouts was a great success. The evening was just right - crisp and clear - and attracted a large crowd. The fireworks (just over £400 worth) were better than ever and the soup and hot dogs just as welcome.



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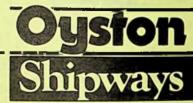
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J.B.M.

#### FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Deppers Bridge on Wednesday December 21st Harbury on Thursday December 22nd

He will be accompanied by Southam Lions collecting for 'Sense' the Birmingham based charity for the deaf-blind.

#### HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL Meeting November 1988

Developers and pensioners are causing the major headaches for the Parish Council. Stratford District Council has once again refused to give any concessionary travel help to the elderly - even the over 70's, despite Cllr Harkell's attempts. At least the Warwickshire Association of Parish Councils is supporting Harbury's attempts to get the government to do something.

Planning Applications continue to pour in and often if the Parish Council turns them down the District doesn't, and when the District does they go to Appeal and the Minister allows them! That's the worry now at Bishops where Blue Circle have appealed against refusal of their first plans; bulldozed the potential SSSI and slapped in plans for more houses and less community benefits. What does anyone do to oppose them THEY OBJECT! The new plan is reference S88/1664 and the Parish Council has objected on the grounds that there are too many houses and they will generate too much traffic. The appeal on the first plans will be heard on the 16th January and objectors should write to Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol, BS2 9 DJ, or they can put their letter without a stamp in a special box at Bishops Itchington Newsagents. Your Parish Councillors feel they would be dishonest to object now to the first plans when

they supported them for giving homes and employment.

Not all appeals succeed. Brian Harrisons for Walnut Tree Cottage was dismissed because the site was too narrow and the uncrowded aspect of the area would be spoilt.

Your Parish Council did not object to plans to extend Harbury House; 39 Deppers; Heron's Cabin an Greenhill, but their objections to houses at Sunnys and Mill Lane were overruled by SDC which also approved extensions at 17 Farm Street; Chellow Dene and 5 Manor Orchard, although they refused the Gamecock permission for an illuminated sign.

Park Lane Tce has a nameplate and Fox Close's is in the right place. Work has started, albeit slowly, Mill Street. There will be a footpath along Butt Lane. The Parish will take on all the grass mowing. SDC, so A Green Esq promises will inspect the trees and flower beds at Crown Close and Ken Stephenson will tidy up the flower tubs. Harbury is to be on the route of the long distance footpath, the Centenary Way.

They accepted that the garden of Homestead had always abutted the highway with no footpath. It is something that 'reminds us this was once a village' Sharon Hancock declared.

Tim Percival complained that the grass verge outside his house, which he had 'mowed since 1971' looked 'like an Anglo-Saxon Burial Mound' now that workmen had replaced the Telegraph Pole and Lamp. 'It looks like I've buried someone there' he said.

'If all the lights in the village go out' she is the one to blame Midge Keen told her colleagues for she is disputing the bills for the new lamp at the Flats and the PC has been threatened with Court Action.

District Cllr Harkell said that the police were the proper authority to deal with complaints about video nasties and their advertising displays.

John Moore reported 'they' keep coming back to inspe at Deppers but no-one knows if the roadworks have stopped the flooding because there has been so littl rain. 'Driest November in living memory' said sage Iory Davies. 'It all came this summer' Sharon Hancock complained.

The seats at Deppers Playing Field will be fixed dow and repairs and repainting will be done at Harbury's Field. The spectacle of the Chairman replacing the Tarzan Swing is once again postponed - no rope!

Reporting on other meetings; Sharon Hancock revealed the Public and District and County Councillors can only speak when spoken to at Parish Council Meetings; and Iory Davies spoke of the frightening responibilities being placed on School Governors. The Area Meeting it was revealed had enjoyed Harbury's hopitality and the refreshments.

Next Meeting Thurs 26th Jan 1989 7.30pm.
LINDA RIDGLEY

#### CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL TOKENS

At the public meeting held in Harbury Village Hall on 25th Nov attended by 60 villagers including 7 Parish Councillors, extracts were read from Senior Citizens Questionnaires and the following alternative were put forward:-

1) to hire a coach several times a year

2) to purchase a Community minibus which could possibly be shared or used by other local organisations

3) the provision of travel tokens

There was unanimous support for some kind of travel concession, and as the result of a vote it was decided that the Tokens Scheme was preferable. It was proposed and agreed that the local M.P. should be advised that there is a strong feeling in Harbury that travel concessions should be funded by the government on a national basis.

The Chairman of the Parish Council declared that the Finance Sub-Committee would make recommendations for implementing the scheme as soon as possible.

J.L.

THE REV ROGER TURNER who used to live in Mill Street Harbury and worked at Massey Ferguson, has recently been inducted as Vicar of St John's, Kenilworth. All who remember him wish him well as he settles into his new home with his wife Laurie and their children, Simon, Andrew and Lisa.

### A RECOLLECTION OF JOSEPH ARCH

Many people in Harbury will have heard of Joseph Arch, who founded the Agricultural Labourers Union 1872. This was the Union that fought hard to improte the conditions of Agricultural Workers at the end the nineteenth century. The Union was started at famous meeting under a chestnut tree at Wellesbourn and Joseph Arch visited Harbury several times. In his autobiography he says "I remember addressing ovfour hundred in an orchard in Harbury". The Union often met opposition, but Arch records "The Vicar of Harbury convened a meeting in support of the Union .... but the majority were against us".

Mrs Sarah Enefer of Pineham Avenue was born in Chur-Street, Barford in 1908 to Mr & Mrs James Price, and she actually met the founder of the Agricultural Labourer's Union. Joseph Arch was also born and brought up in Barford, and Mrs Enefer met him when he was an old gentleman, and had long retired from his later work as a Liberal Member of Parliament.

Mrs Enefer recently spoke of her memories of Arch "I can recall my father speaking about him, and he visited him quite often and did jobs for him. I can remember meeting my father in Barford when I was a girl, pushing a bathchair with Joseph Arch sitting in it, and my father said to him 'This is my little girl'. I can't remember what he said to me as it was so many years ago. But he was an old gentleman with a flowing white beard and I felt rather frightened of him. I think that is why I remember him so well. No doubt my parents knew him very well, but I never thought in the years to come he would be a famous personality who was loved and respected by so many people all over the world."

I.T.J.

Thanks to all RSPCA Coffee Morning Supporters. £168 was raised.

PAM SPERLING



#### CHRISTMAS IN THE NETHERLANDS



On December the 5th, Sint Nicolaas, the protector of children arrives by boat to celebrate his birthday the next day. Originally coming from Myra (Asia Minor), he new comes from Spain. He is dressed like a bishop, has a white beard, carries a long "golden" crook, and rides a white horse. He has assistants called Zwarte Pieten (Black Petes, black as the ashes of hell!), who carry bags of presents and sweets.

In the evening children put their shoes in front of the fire, filled with hay and carrots for the horse, which they hope will be exchanged for presents by morning. Naughty children, though, may be sent to Spain in the bag of Zwarte Piet.

Families with older children give each other presents in the evening. These presents can ridicule the receiver, be concealed in the most awful wrappings, are usually accompanied by a poem, and the sender is always Sint Nicolaas.

At Christmas the birth of Jesus Christ is the most important event, with the children acting the birthpla in church, and people singing many carols. There is no traditional Christmas dinner, but in Overijsel (in the east of The Netherlands), people eat bacon pancakes on Christmas Eve, and a casserole of runnerbeans, white beans and potatoes on Christmas Day with Jan in de Zak (Dutch Roly Poly) as desert.

As a tradition the Dutch have krentebrood, which is bread baked with raisins and sultanas in it (the more you eat the more prosperous you will be the following year): Kerstkrans, a flaky pastry ring filled with almond paste and decorated with cherries and marzipan holly leaves to be served with a cup of coffee, and of course the Christmas tree.

**JANNY** 



#### DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Make sure to clean the garden pond of fallen leaves — Do this regularly before they sink and form poisonoumatter which will kill the fish if the pond becomes iced over.

Protect grey leaved foliage from damp. Check evergreen foliaged plants and shrubs for plain green shoots, cut these out or the plant will revert.

Whenever it is dry enough continue your winter digging so that frost can break up the soil. Lift celery, earth up spring cabbage, protect broccoli. Sow onions, prepare ground for runner beans. Manure wall trained fruit trees at the end of the month.

Cut back geraniums to a 6 to 9 inch bud. Re-pot, top up with fresh compost. Give peach trees a tar pil wash after leaf fall. The top hamper from michaelmas daisies can be used in the same way as bracken to protect tender plants.

E.D.Z.

#### HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

By the time Dr Cook from Moreton Morell had finished talking about plants for difficult places, it was clear that there were no such things as difficult places. He certainly had more solutions than anybody ever had problems. He even provided handouts so that members didn't need to spell awkward names and had a list for future reference.

Before that, we held the A.G.M. which ran its rather predictable course. The committee was very pleased to welcome two new members, namely Julie Clarke and Martin Randall.

Many thanks to all those who completed the recent questionnaire. On the whole, people seemed pretty pleased with the way the Society is run. A large number of helpful and constructive suggestions were received and all these are now being considered by the committee.

Arising from the fact that at some recent meetings we have had difficulty in seating everyone who has turned up it has been decided to change the venue for

the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 6th December at 8pm, to the Farley Room in the Village Hall. Will you please make your entrance through the kitchen door at the side so as not to disturb the Badminton players using the main hall. After a "Gardeners' Question Time" there will be wine and refreshments to celebrate the last meeting before Christmas. Visitors to this meeting will be asked to pay fl towards meeting the cost of refreshments, but the evening is provided for within the membership sub. for all paid up members.

The first meeting in the New Year will be held on 3rd January, in the Village Hall, when Mr Lawson, who gave a good talk on gardening under glass a year or two ago, will discuss Scree gardens and Rockeries. All are welcome.

Any members still requiring seed catalogues should contact Jean Cox at Walnut Cottage, 1 Manor Court (off Wagstaffe Close). The last date for receipt of orders will be 6th December at the meeting.

B.A.R./M.B.

#### HEALTH NEWS

Christmas is coming - great excitement on the horizon for the children: IT IS MAGIC!

Let the magic persist throughout the year. Children need a happy safe environment in which to thrive. Do check that your Christmas Tree lights are not faulty and could start a fire. Check that the toys purchased have the Trading Standards registered mark of Safety clearly shown.

Children can benefit from attending classes arranged by the Police which ensure correct procedures for riding their bicycles on the roads.

Teenagers can too often fall into the trap of heavy drinking underage, resulting in accidents which can ruin a young life.

Let the theme this Christmas be positive.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy 1989.

MRS JEANNE M NEWELL

Primary Health Care Manager

#### VEGETARIAN CHRISTMAS



If you are entertaining any vegetarians over Christmas this dish works well as a hot main course or cold as part of a buffet.

### Vegetarian Pate en Croute

1 pkt Frozen Puff Pastry

1 tbs oil (preferably nut oil)

4 oz cashews

a finely chopped onion

l crushed garlic clove

2 sticks chopped celery

Juice of 1 lemon

1 thick slice wholemeal bread

1 1b tin Chestnut puree (natural)

Salt/Pepper

18 Green Olives

Heat oil and fry cashews till golden. Remove from pan and cool. Fry onion, garlic and celery for about 5 minutes. Blend in food processor or liquidiser. Add nuts and lemon juice and process thoroughly. Tip into bowl and add bread cumbs, chestnut puree and seasoning and mix well.

Roll out pastry to 12" X 9". Spoon half mix down centre. Press olives on top and cover with rest of mix. Fold over pastry and seal edges with beaten egg. Place on damp baking sheet and bake at 220° for 30 minutes.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

Iory & Monica Davies would like to thank most sincerely everyone who sent cards letter and flower the recent sad loss of our dear son Mark. Thanks a to all the many friends who attended the Memorial Service. The donations collected have been given to Myton Hospice and came to the amazing total of £335 pecial thanks to Peggy Midge & Deirdre and all who helped in any way. God Bless you all.

A very happy Christmas from all the family.

Dear Editors,

Please accept my sincere thanks to family frienneighbours and to Canon Rowe for their visits to me during my recent stay in hospital and also for the gifts of flowers fruit and cards received.

#### Ruth Merrick

Dear Editors,

A very sincere thank you to our family, the Rector, Doctors and friends in the village who have given support to Eileen and myself during my stay in Greville and Guy Wards at Warwick Hospital.

Your prayers, get well cards and visits have been of immense comfort and help.

#### Bert Wilkins

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank all our friends who supported our Blue Peter Bring & Buy Sale for Kampuchea. The amount raised came to £40.

Helen Winter and Dawn Eld

Dear Editors,

I was delighted that someone had written to you commenting on the American spelling which had previously been printed in the Harbury News. Most of us are very reluctant to become yet another satellite of the United States of America, however great that country may become. It constantly annoys me to see the erosion of our English Language, particularly on televison; the programme which comes to mind is "It'll be Alright on the Night". I was taught that the phrase "all right" was indeed two words. (It certainly does not appear as one word in Roget's Thesaurus.)

However, it would seem that the inevitable will happen and we shall drift into these Americanisms, especially when the early learning of our quaint language is taught in schools. I remember some twenty years ago being firmly put in my place for correcting my daughter's appalling spelling errors in a story she had written, being told that I would suppress her expression. This did puzzle me somewhat as if you correct something which has already been put down on paper, you would think that the child's expression had been fulfilled. I cannot believe any corrections of such work would impede any further writing abilities.

Surely it is part of the three R's that we should be taught to communicate fully with our peers. Ensuring correct spelling can only enhance our intellectual talents and enable us all to understand one another. I know I always look forward to receiving family letters and long epistles from friends who now live abroad and I do not look forward to a future where communication is only by computer!

Yours sincerely,

Janet Thornley

JU.

Dear Editors,

Trivial perhaps, but I was not alone in being irritated by Linda's facetious remarks about the W. when reporting the recent Quiz Night. N.I.G.H.T.

The questions our team had to answer did not include either the one about Rupert Bear's scarf, o Enid Blyton, nor this year did we compete against the Hottentot's team at all. Let's get things straight!

Yours

Eleanor D Zonik

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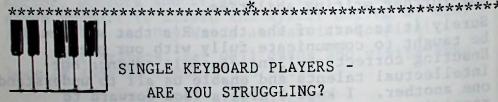
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