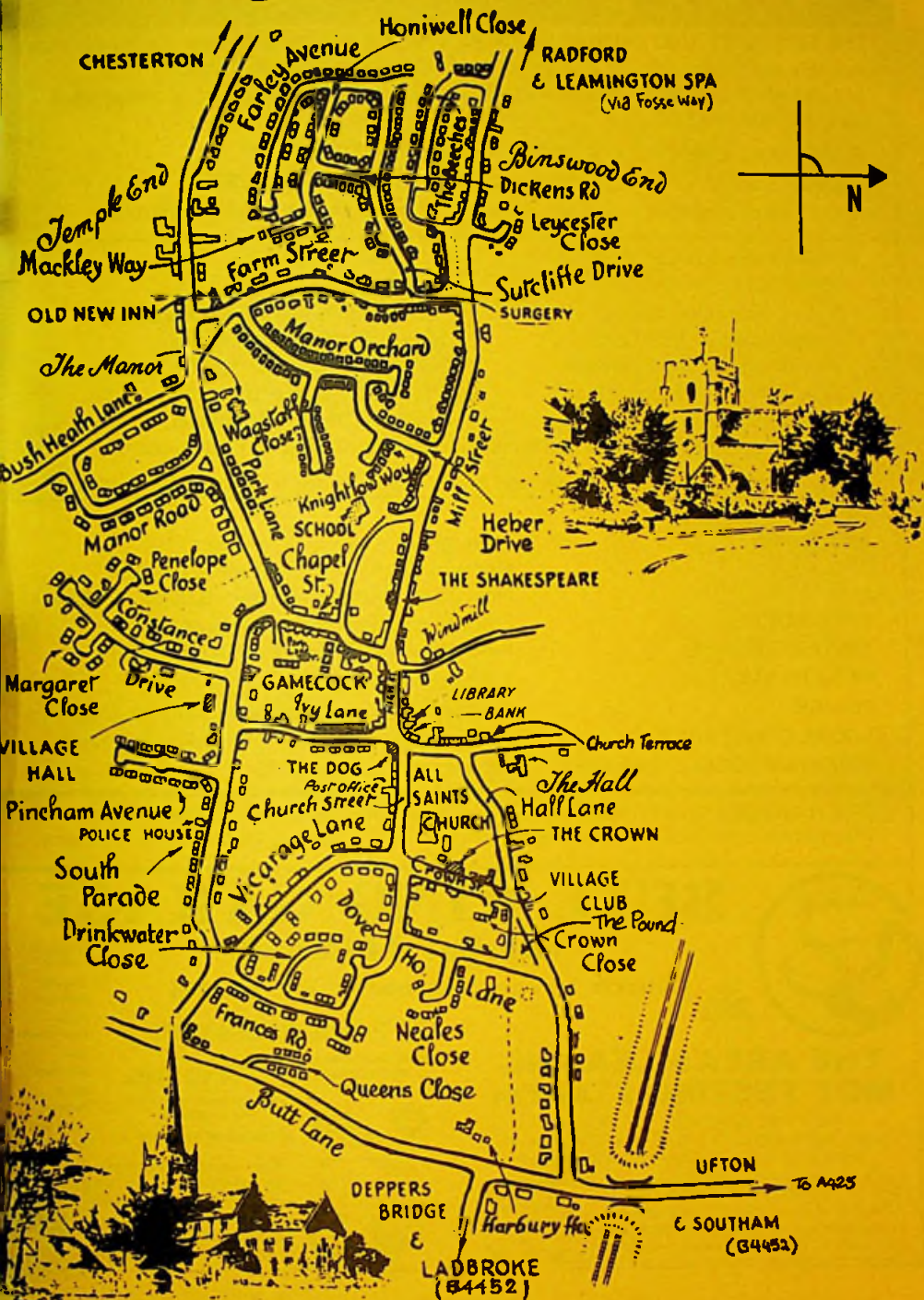


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(except 1st Sunday of month:

Sung Eucharist 9 a.m.

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(except 1st Sunday of month:

Family Communion 10.30 a.m.)

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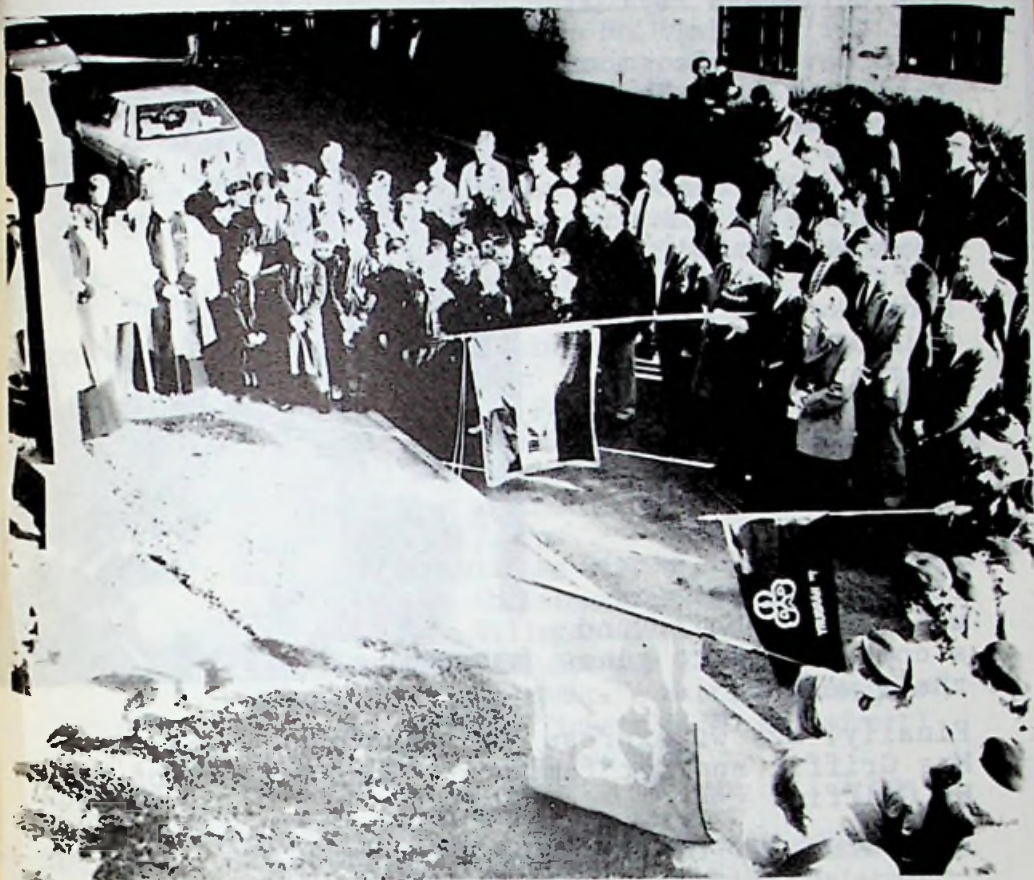


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Remembrance Sunday was observed with the usual solemnity and with the immense gratitude of the Nation for the sacrifice of lives and health in defence of freedom in the wars that have been fought in this century. The service at Harbury was once again very well supported, as Mike Bloxham's picture shows.

As we move towards Christmas more and more events crowd the calendar. On December 3rd, Harbury All Saints Church will celebrate the opening of the Tom Hauley Room. The room is in memory of a loyal worshipper and a fine man. Mr Hauley would have been pleased to see the result of so much generosity and hard work. We feel sure that this

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additional facility will be widely welcomed and well used.

The Christmas Fair at the Village Hall on Saturday 9th December really starts the Christmas season in Harbury - by the way a Happy and Peaceful Christmas to all our readers from Editors and Contributors. Ladbroke has already held its Christmas Fair and our photograph shows Brenda Timms with an angora rabbit called Alice. Mike Bloxham reports that the Fair went well since there was a goat as well as a rabbit, and a competition to guess their weight.



Finally, may we express our condolences to Mrs Griffin and her family on the sad loss of Mr Griffin.

HARBURY DIARY

DECEMBER

Sun	3rd	ADVENT SUNDAY: 9am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am Family Service, 6.30pm Service of Dedication and opening of the Tom Hauley Room
Mon	4th	Word of God 8pm at 26 Manor Orchard Prayer & Praise in Church at 8pm
Tues	5th	Horticultural Society in Village Hall Mothers & Toddlers Service 2.15pm Holy Communion & Prayer 7.30pm Harbury Helpline Tic Toc Theatre Co "A Christmas Carol" 7.30pm Southam School Hall
Wed	6th	Mothers Union in Tom Hauley Room Youth Club in Village Hall

- Thurs 7th First School Christingle Service in Church 2pm
Men's Society at 7.45pm
Folk Club, Old New Inn Lounge, 8.30pm
- Fri 8th W.I. CHRISTMAS PARTY in Village Hall
Mothers Union Holy Communion 10.30am
Cricket Club Dinner at the Dog
Windmill Singers Concert Southam Community Centre 8pm
- Sat 9th CHRISTMAS FAIR 2.30pm in Village Hall
- Sun 10th ADVENT II: Holy Communion 8am, 10.30am Sung
Eucharist, 4pm Quarterly Ecumenical Service
Adventurers 11.30am Village Hall
N.S. U.K. in Village Hall
- Mon 11th Toddler Group Christmas Party in Village Hall
from 12 to 3.30pm
Prayer & Praise 17 Farm Street
- Tues 12th Senior Citizens Committee in Village Hall 8.30pm
Village Hall Committee in Village Hall 8pm
Prayer Meeting in Church 7pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
- Wed 13th Youth Club in Village Hall
Southam School Christmas Show at the school
- Thurs 14th W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall
Thursday Club Carol Service 2.30pm
'Bits & Pieces' present "A Wartime Christmas"
7pm at the Club (Tickets £1.50 see advert)
Southam School Christmas Show
- Fri 15th Shoe Sale in Farley Room Village Hall 3-8pm
Southam School Christmas Show
- Sat 16th SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY IN VILLAGE HALL
'Bits & Pieces' present "A Wartime Christmas"
7pm at the Club (Tickets £1.50 see advert)
- Sun 17th ADVENT III: 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common
Prayer) 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 11.30am
Adventurers End of Term Meeting in the Tom
Hauley Room)
- Mon 18th Word of God 8pm at The Spiers, Chesterton Rd
- Wd 20th Julian Meeting 8pm in Church
SANTA VISITS DEPPERS BRIDGE
- Thurs 21st Whist 7.45pm in Village Hall
SANTA VISITS HARBURY
- Sat 23rd Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12 (not
Wight School)
- Sun 24th ADVENT IV CHRISTMAS EVE: 8am Holy Communion,
10.30am Sung Eucharist, 2.30pm Family Crib
Service 6.30pm Village Carol Service, 11.15pm
The Midnight Mass

Mon 25th CHRISTMAS DAY: 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am
 Christmas Morning Eucharist
 Tues 26th ST STEPHEN MARTYR: 9.45am Holy Communion
 BOXING DAY: Football Match on Recreation Grounds
 "Weres versus Hasbeens"
 Thurs 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS: 9.45am Holy Communion
 Thursday Club 12 to 3pm in Village Hall
 Sat 30th ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN JANUARY HARBURY
 NEWS TO EDITORS BY TODAY PLEASE
 Sun 31st NEW YEARS EVE
 Football Club Dance in Village Hall
 CHRISTMAS I: Holy Communion 8am, 10.30am Sung
 Eucharist

JANUARY 1990

Tues 2nd Horticultural Society in Village Hall
 Wed 3rd M.U. Christmas Party - N.B. 3.15pm in Tom Hauley E
 Sat 6th THE EPIPHANY: 9.45am Holy Communion
 Sun 7th EPIPHANY I: 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am Family
 Service, 6.30pm Evensong
 Mon 8th Word of God 8pm 7 Penelope Close
 Prayer & Praise (venue will be published next month)
 Tues 9th Senior Citizens Cttee 8.30pm in Village Hall
 Village Hall Cttee 8pm in Village Hall
 Wed 10th Baby Clinic in Village Hall
 Youth Club in Village Hall
 Sat 13th Scout Jumble Sale in Village Hall



REGULAR DIARY DATES

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
 UPHOLSTERY CALSSES, Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays.
 GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginn
 7-8pm (7-10yrs) 8-9pm (over 10yrs) Mondays.
 GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7pm Mondays.
 BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm Mondays.
 TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays &
 2-3.30pm Wednesdays.
 PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.
 NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tues to Fri mornings.
 LUNCHEON Club, Village Hall, 12.30pm Tues & Fri.
 DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday,
 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 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, School Hall, 8pm Weds.
 ROSARY & PRAYERS for Persecuted Christians,
 4 Sutcliffe Drive, 10am, 3rd Thursday of month.
 THURSDAY CLUB, Village Hall, 2.30pm, 2nd & 4th Thurs.
 CUBS, Scout Hut, every Thursday.
 W.I., Village Hall, 7.45pm, 2nd Thursday.
 CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.
 BELLRINGING PRACTICE in Church, 7.30pm every Friday.
 THEATRE GROUP, Wight School, 8pm last Friday of month.
 COFFEE MORNING every Saturday Wight School in aid of
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FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

We are thankful to God that as this issue of our village magazine is published, the Tom Hauley room is being officially opened.

The commitment of the P.C.C. to extend the Church facilities with toilets, kitchen and a meeting room was made at a time when we had no idea how such an undertaking could be funded - it was made in Faith. The Special Fund was set up to accumulate the money necessary to build the room - and to pay for necessary repairs to the main church building. The Fund Raising committee set to work with gusto and raised a remarkable £25,000+

Tom Hauley was extremely keen that the work should go ahead and his bequest together with the Special



Fund, has enabled us to pay for all the work. We are deeply indebted to Tom and to the Fund Raising Committee headed by Peter Towell and to all those who have worked so tirelessly to keep up the momentum. There have been good spin-offs too, such as the regular Saturday morning 'Coffee shop' at the Wight School devised by Joyce Windsor.

A Special Open Coffee Morning will be held in the Tom Hauley room on Saturday December 23rd, replacing for that Saturday only, the regular Wight School function. Do make a point of coming

along and seeing the new room in action.

Now, the real work starts! Let us be sure that the Tom Hauley Room is used to its maximum to develop the teachings of Jesus Christ in Harbury.

See you at the Christmas Fair - a happy Christmas from Beryl and me.

J.B.M.

FROM THE RECTOR

It matters little whether you admit quite openly that you are a Christian, or shrink back from committing yourself that far, or even fiercely declare that for you the Christian faith means

nothing, when it comes to Christmas time, there are few who do not celebrate the festival in some way. It may be that for many it is a welcome respite from the harsh realities of a hectic and worrying life. A time when you can try to shut out for a while the unpleasant things which trouble you. When you can stand back and be at ease, forget about the problems and snatch a few days of contentment. A time when you can be warm and comfortable and enjoy to some extent the delights of the palate and relax in the company of good and dear friends and seldom seen relatives for whom you have great affection. And when the door is firmly shut and all are gathered round the hearth, it is acceptable to most that carols should be heard and even sung and the biblical stories of the birth of Jesus be remembered and listened to. Not many object to these reminders of the origins of Christmas, indeed the vast majority welcome them. But does it matter if there is merely a superficial acknowledgement of why people celebrate the festival at all? I believe it does matter. The heart of Christmas is far more than this and when you take the heart of something away, you are left only with an empty lifeless shell. There is so much to be gained from returning to and recognising the essential truth of Christmas. To sing the much loved carols, not out of nostalgia nor because the tunes are comfortingly familiar, but for what they say and mean and to which we can relate and in which we can hope. To hear again the stories of wise men and angels, and shepherds and the graciousness of God in sending a Saviour and a new born babe, not as a delightful mythical story, centuries old, but as a message of unlimited possibilities for today in a careworn world. Remember that on the morning of Our Lord's nativity, the discomfort the Holy Family experienced in the draughty stable was because people had shut their doors to them and with them, their hearts also. Yet despite this lack of welcome, there was at this birth for the parents and their unexpected visitors, an inner warmth, and inner peace, and unimaginable hopes and expectations. In this poor place, there was an outflowing of love and harmony and the formation

of faith. Nothing could have been more simple, yet nothing more profound. With the right intentions and right desires, even in this unpropitious setting, the Christian era began. And though the years have rolled away and we live now in a very different world, a world of outstanding technological advance, the needs of mankind have changed not at all. Christmas has everything to teach us in this modern age - when it becomes God centred and not self centred. Let us put Christ back into Christmas as the slogan of some years ago urged us. Christmas can be a new beginning, a drawing together of people ready to listen to God and to one another. A time to recognise our need of forgiveness and a time to show forgiveness. A time for putting aside longstanding grievances, prejudices and resentments. A time to rediscover the sweetness of harmony and strength of goodwill. A time to remember afresh or know for the first time that God is with us and not against us. A time when we can turn back to Him and set out into another year, with faith restored and a peace in our hearts, passing all understanding.

May I wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas and a good New Year.

ANTONY ROWE

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HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 29th October:

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Sunday 5th November:

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Sunday 26th November:

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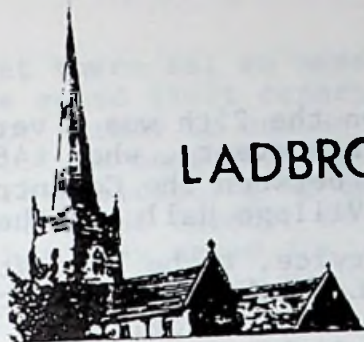
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Wed	6th	Holy Communion 10.30am
Thurs	7th	Men's Society 7.45pm
Sun	10th	ADVENT II: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns
Wed	13th	Holy Communion 10.30am Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Service in Church
Fri	15th	Christmas Dance in Village Hall
Sun	17th	ADVENT III: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 10.30am Children's Church, 3.30pm Evensong
Wed	20th	Holy Communion 10.30am Ladbroke Youth Group Christmas Magic Party 6.30pm in Village Hall
Fri	22nd	Carol Singing around the village
Sun	24th	ADVENT IV CHRISTMAS EVE: 9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 3.30pm Family Crib Service
Mon	25th	CHRISTMAS DAY: 9am Christmas Morning Communion with Carols, 12 noon Holy Communion
Wed	27th	ST JOHN THE EVENING: 10.30am Holy Communion
Fri	29th	Ladbroke Village Carol Concert 7pm
Sun	31st	CHRISTMAS I: 9am Holy Communion, 11.30pm New Year's Eve Communion

JANUARY

Wed	3rd	Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun	7th	EPIPHANY I: 10.30am Family Service & Communion

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

December 25th & 31st	Mrs Rutherford
Jan 7th	Mrs Badman & Mrs Wilson

LADBROKE CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

7pm Last Wednesday of month

LADBROKE CHURCH

The Autumn Fair on the 25th was a very well attended happy and profitable event , when £460 was raised, to be distributed between the Coventry Cathedral Appeal Fund, the Village Hall and the Church.

The Children's Service, to be held at 3.30pm on 24th December in Ladbroke Church is called 'Blessing the Crib' when we shall be delighted to see as many children, young and old, as possible.

The Candleit Carol Service will be held in Ladbroke Church on Friday 29th December, with Carols and Readings, followed by wine and mincepies. We shall be very happy to see as many as can come along, all of whom can be assured of a very warm welcome.

The last lot of cans sold in aid of the Restoration Fund by Betty Winkfield raised the excellent sum of £46.

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

A date for your diary - A Cheese and Wine with Competitions Evening will be held at the home of Jean & Jim Clewes on Friday 26th January 1990.

GWYNNE BADMAN

Humble apologies are due to all readers who spent some time searching for the Ladbroke News section of the magazine last month. You didn't miss it, as it wasn't there! The truth is I forgot to get it organised in time. Don't blame me, blame my builders!

K.L.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The meeting took place on Wednesday 15th November. The first and most pressing item on the Agenda was the one that has attracted so much public interest; the lack of a gate to facilitate access for pedestrians across the Bypass to Windmill Lane. Further discussions had taken place and progress hopefully will be made early in the New Year. IF anyone hasn't written to Santa yet, it might be an idea to add that gate to their Christmas list!

It appears that there is, as usual, a "new man in charge" of the speed limit department of the Council and he does not intend to honour his predecessor's verbal pledges. So basically it is back to square one with the re-positioning of the 30 m.p.h. signs. Not being the sort of Council to give in easily, a site meeting has been asked for, if this can be arranged, possibly the "new man" could be persuaded to reconsider.

The shiney new white lines which appeared like magic one sunny October afternoon, were also a matter of considerable debate. The Council had been told that as the Banbury Rd was no longer a trunk road, these markings would be allowed to disappear with the ravages of time. Unfortunately no-one told the overzealous gentlemen with their turbo charged white line machine, and within ten minutes the Banbury Rd looked like a Persil advert. I personally think they spoil the look of a country lane, members of the public thought that the lines were a good idea as they prevent people parking outside their houses. The Parish Council would like to know your views on this matter, and will take no further action unless asked to.

November is the month that the Parish Council have to decide the Parish Rate for the next year. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to ask for a 2p rate.

Next Meeting Wednesday 17th January 1990 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

KATE LIVERTON

The Liverton family cat, a very large tabby/white cat who answers to the name of Oscar, went missing from Bridge Cottage at the end of October. If anyone has any information about what happened to him, we would be most grateful - Tel: 813341

The Christmas Fair was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th November. As usual it was a very bustling enjoyable affair and the magnificent sum of £458.59 was raised, which is an increase on last year's total.

The door prize of a homemade bottle of wine is yet to be claimed by green ticket 360. Raffle prizes yet to be claimed are 290, 286, 474 (white). Please contact Mrs Betty Winkfield for your prize.

LADBROKE CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group is slowly establishing itself with a small number, but very keen, membership. Thanks must go to those who have donated discarded board games and sports equipment, and with the purchase of a second-hand billiards table and table tennis table, we can now start to offer the youngsters a more interesting evening.

Harbury as also stepped in to help, and our thanks to the Hereburgh Morris Men who not only entertained us at the last meeting, but made us join in and allowed us to play some of their instruments. It was a shame it was half term, because several children missed them, but perhaps in a couple of years we can look forward to another go. We will be following this up by attending the Harbury Pantomime en-masse.

By keen demand we hope to go carol singing around the village on Dec 22nd and follow this up with participation in the Ladbroke Carol Service after Christmas. Mr Short has kindly agreed to coach us.

Finally, as an evening for all the children in the village, the Youth Group has arranged for the Christmas Party to be open to all the under 16s on Wed 20th December at 6.30pm. Entertainment will be by the Magic Man at 7pm and Father Christmas will be visiting. A small charge of 75p will have to be made to help cover the expenses and each child is asked to bring a donation to the buffet tea. The Youth Group will provide the soft drinks. An idea of numbers attending would be appreciated.

LINDA DOYLE
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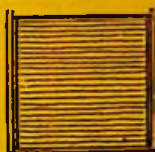
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 Linda Doyle, 2 Ascote Cottages.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On one of the wettest days for some time, we met at Connie Hedge's home. It was lovely to see an open fire - a treat for most of us - and to be further cheered by watching Jean Clews make attractive arrangements for Christmas. She decorated miniature trees, made of small pieces of different fir trees with coloured baubles and ribbons. Then in a small basket she made a fresh arrangement of small yellow chrysanthemums, red holly berries and fir. The result was beautiful. We all went home - it was still raining! - feeling more cheerful and keen to try these ideas for ourselves.

Many thanks to all who helped or provided cakes etc for our stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Our meeting in December is on 13th at 2.30pm in church when we shall have a short service in Preparation for Christmas. This will be followed by refreshments at 16 Ladbroke Hall.

NANCY STUBBS

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

(October)

Congratulations to Gabby Norgate who was voted President at our A.G.M. A new committee was elected as follows:

Heather Tredgold, Gill Moore, Kath Telford, Gwynne Badman, Kay Constable and Dot Wright.

Many thanks were given to Mrs Baker our VCO for the evening and her comments on us being a very happy institute. We welcome 2 new members this month, Mrs Spence and Mrs Wilkes. The raffle was won by Mrs Spence and many thanks as always to Beryl Ross who organises this.

(November)

Guest speaker at the very cold November meeting was

Monica Evans with her talk on 'Christmas Traditions' and this was indeed a very interesting topic. Our President gave a vote of thanks. Dot Wright won this months raffle prize.

On Dec 6th our Christmas meal will take place at 'The Cottage' Ufton and the W.I. Carol Service is at 7.30pm on Tuesday December 12th At Southam Church

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

KAY CONSTABLE

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LADBROKE

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Total Contributions and Pledges to date (24/11/89)
Amount to £43,856

Many thanks to all who are helping to keep the total steadily rising. The main contribution this month came from the very successful Race Night (£538)

A.C.S.

VILLAGE HALL AFFAIRS

Christmas Dance: The ever popular Christmas Dance will be held on Friday 15th December. Dancing from 8.30 'til late to your favourite band the Jammy Dodgers. Tickets are available now from Don (814715) or Stan (814313). Tickets £4 which includes the price of your supper. There will be a licensed bar as usual.

Quiz: The quiz held at the hall on 10th November was very well supported with 20 local teams entering the competition and drinking the bar dry! The overall winners were the East German Travel Agents who donated their cash prize to the Children in Need Appeal. Runners up were the Four Tops and the Gary Glitter Fan Club. The half-time winners were the Warring Taffies and this team also kindly donated their winnings to Children in Need.

The Question Master for the evening was Don Northorpe who together with his wife Carol spent a lot of time putting together the cunning questions. We would like to thank Don and Carol for all their

hard work, although we would like to point out that we all think the answer to question No 1 should have been "a Bull"!!

New Years Eve: All tickets have now been sold.

JANET JAY

Ladbroke Village Hall Committee

R.S.P.C.A. Coffee Morning raised £193. Thanks to all helpers and supporters.

PAM SPERLING

THE STARS OF CHRISTMAS.

Everyone enjoys Christmas Day. Junior Editor Anna Macgowan asked some well known village people how they would be spending their Christmas Day.

Canon Rowe has a very busy day starting of course at quarter past eleven on Christmas Eve with the midnight Mass. His first service on Christmas Day is at 8.00am and from then on he continues to conduct services in Harbury and Ladbroke for the rest of the morning. He spends the afternoon and evening at home with his family.

P C Tim Percival usually goes away to spend Christmas with relatives in Southport. However, this year he may possibly be on duty which will mean he will be at home in the morning with the family but on patrol duty all afternoon.

The Atwal Family. On one of their only days off from running the supermarket they choose to have all of their family together for a day of rest watching Christmas films and playing with the children. Kenny goes partying in the evening!

Bill Russell. Middle Road Farm still has to be run as usual although on Christmas Day he tries to do as little as possible. The day begins at 6.30am with feeding the livestock and that has to be done again at 5.30pm. In between the jobs, the plan is to relax, have a slap up lunch and play games.

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Tony Bastin Jr. As a fireman Tony unfortunately has to go to work as usual. The routine is much the same as on a normal day except they have a very special lunch and thoroughly enjoy themselves - needless to say the shift has to be alcohol free. In the evening when he returns home he fully intends to be out at parties all night.

Sharon Andrews is a nurse in Luton. The day is usually spent keeping the patients in a festive spirit - doctors and nurses dress up and there is plenty of food and drink. Each ward has a fund which enables everyone to receive a special present. Patient care of course remains the priority but carried out in as happy an atmosphere as possible. This year there is a chance Sharon will have the day off - in which case she will be at home in Harbury.

Kathleen-Mary Robinson of New Stone House, Temple End is a guide at Warwick Castle. She works in the state rooms three days a week and will be working as normal on Christmas Eve. They have a huge Christmas tree at the castle and a real party atmosphere. On the castle's only closing day (Christmas Day) she enjoys the day at home with her daughter's family - the Finches.

John and Mary McLaughlin at the Old New Inn open a bottle of champers under the Christmas tree and open their pressies. They open the pub between 12.00 and 1.30 then have a huge 20 person Christmas dinner at 2.00pm. Church in the late afternoon followed by visitors and friends singing carols at their private party.

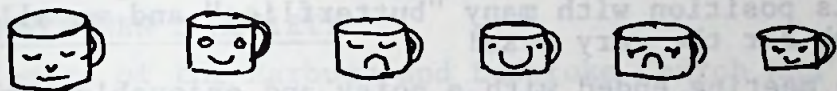
MOTHERS' UNION

Our November discussion and diversion passed off successfully and the Evening Meeting was a really thought provoking session. Thank you very much Iory Davies for getting us so involved in the details of a magistrate's work. On Nov 5th Mrs I Russell and Mrs P Wilkins were admitted as members of the M.U. at the evening service. Welcome.

The next afternoon meeting is on 6th Dec to hear The Rev David Beardshaw. It will be in the Tom Hauley Room for the first time. On January 3rd we are holding our Christmas Tea. We hope to be joined by the ladies of the Ladbroke Fellowship. The Rector will give a short talk on carols and we shall sing!

There is no December Evening Meeting because it would fall in the week before Christmas. Look forward instead to a Faith Supper at Wendy Stubbs' when any M.U. members, visitors to the Evening Meeting and husbands are invited. Please let Wendy know if you intend to come. It will be on Tues January 16th at 7.30pm. Everyone to bring a plate of food.

M.R.



M.U. MUGS

The M.U. are running a new type stall at the Christmas Fayre. We shall sell nothing but MUGS. We need some! Donations of any mugs - used, if you like, but NOT chipped - will be welcome. See the box by the Church Notice board. Then come and buy a different one!! Bargain prices!!

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

Our pre-Christmas service will be on Dec 5th at 2.15 when we shall talk about St Nicholas. The January service will be postponed from the 2nd to the 9th to allow all to recover from the New Year.

MARARET RIGDEN

HARBURY W.I.

Our November meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem followed by the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurers report given and explained by Mrs Doreen Bloxham. As it was our A.G.M. the annual report was read and what a busy rewarding year we have had! Excellent speakers, an enjoyable barn dance (to be repeated next year) trips, drama, sports (including darts, bowls &

badminton), hopefully something to please everyone! Mrs Deirdre Dunbar then gave her report as retiring president after 3 years in the post. She said how quickly the years had flown and how much she had enjoyed it all even though she had been a "new girl" to start with. An arrangement of flowers was presented to Deirdre by the retiring committee and a vote of thanks was given to her and the retiring committee by Mrs Eva Keeling.

Our V.C.O. for the evening was Mrs Dove who did her best to explain the National Curriculum to us. As there was no queue of members waiting to go on committee the only voting we had to do was for a new president. Mrs Barbara Sutton finally took this position with many "butterflies" and we all wish her the very best!

The meeting ended with a noisy and enjoyable game of Beetle won by Mrs Joan Stephenson. In December we have our Christmas Party on the 8th, the W.F.W.I. Southam Group Carol Service at Southam Church on the 12th, followed by our monthly meeting on the 14th. At this meeting all members exchange gifts from the Bran Tub - please remember to bring your present with you! This meeting will be a "Sports Night" - should be fun, please come!

SYLVIA GREEN

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

Silence is a rare commodity these days. Yet, properly used, a time of silence can be not only peaceful and relaxing, but positively healing and restoring. Schools of meditation of various kinds have proliferated in recent years; the Harbury Julian Group, which meets in the Church every third Wednesday, is based on an essentially Christian (an ecumenical) foundation.

Part of a national network named after Mother Julian, the fourteenth century recluse of Norwich, the meetings consist of a short introduction including the reading of a suitable passage, then half an hour's silent contemplative prayer. This basically means just letting oneself be in God's presence without straining to achieve any particular

result. Another short reading brings the meeting to a close. The presence of others engaged in the same process is encouraging and supportive and the Church itself plays its part.

From time to time, others who are not regular members come to join us: we would always be glad to welcome anyone wanting to spend a quiet time in a favourable atmosphere. There are informative booklets available for those who find the idea of 30 minutes' silence daunting: we are so used to having our minds full of clamouring thoughts that "letting go" may need a little practice. But the reward is there for those willing to make the attempt.

E.M.ALGAR (612354)

CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

Winners of the Harbury and Ladbroke Church Men's Society 100 Club monthly draw for the £30 prize were: September - Frank Bunting; October - John Moore; November - Peter Ball.

The new session began with a talk by the Rev David Beardshaw, warden of the Diocesan Retreat House at Offchurch, and in November the society welcomed Miss Violaine Junod, of Ladbroke, who spoke about her recent extended tour of five African countries.

JOHN ALGAR



ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS

On Wednesday 8th November class Y7 went to Southam School for a French morning. We were split into 2 groups, Group 1 went into the hall which had been turned into a French town (Microville). First of all we had to change our money at the "bureau de change". We said "Je voudrais changer un cheque de voyage". After that we could do anything we wanted apart from speak English! We had a choice of going to "l'office de tourisme" "l'epicerie" "cafe" or "tabac". At the tabac you could buy postcards, stamps, newspapers and magazines. We then wrote a postcard to a friend back at school, and posted it in the post box. At the cafe we were served a croissant with butter and jam and we had the choice of "limonade" or "diablo grenadine" - (a French fizzy pomegranate drink). There were two policemen always on guard for people speaking English or being naughty. If you were caught (like Stephen Want) you were questioned for a few minutes.

At "L'office de tourisme" you could ask for "Un plan de la ville" (a plan of the town) or a "depliant" (a folding leaflet). At "l'epicerie" you could ask for the prices of different French foods.

Group 2 went to Southam School library where there was a zoo and a fair (une fete). At the fair there were 3 games and a computer to play on, all in French. The games were hoop-la, spin the tail on the donkey, and there was a treasure hunt (Ile de Tresor) as well. Justin Staple won the Treasure hunt and won some chocolate. The zoo had lots of different stuffed animals including the Loch Ness monster, Garfields and Wombles. There were real animals as well, like hedgehogs (herissons) cats (chats) dogs (chiens) pigs (cochons) and birds (oiseaux).

The zoo keeper (gardien) asked us questions in French about the animals. The computer (l'ordinateur) had 8 games all in French, and most of us passed the test by 100%. It had three categories, animals, numbers and colours to sort out in French. If you were heard speaking good French you were

given a coloured sticker. Luckily most of us got lots of stickers. It was a very enjoyable morning - Y7 would like to thank all the teachers who made this morning possible.

ALISON SZOLNOKI: JOANNE MERRICK:
COLIN ROWELL: CHRISTOPHER MULLIGAN: DOMINIC TRAVIS:

POETIC VIEW OF AUTUMN

The leaves have fallen
to the ground
a blaze of colour
a crackling sound

The nights get cold
the clocks go back
I go to school
in my warm woolly hat.

The moon is white
and sparkling bright

through my window
in the night.

Once the chestnuts upon the tree
now sit in the hearth roasting
merrily.

Up the stairs to bed I go
Quite content with my cocoa.

Anthony Andrews, Farley Ave.
(Age 11)

CHRISTMAS INDULGENCE - delicious recipes from Bertha Kettle
and Sheila Jackson.

Chocolate Rum Truffles

Melt 6oz Chocolate in basin over hot water until just melted.
Remove from heat & add 1oz butter - chopped small - mix
until melted.

Add: 1 dessertspoon of cream or top of milk
2 teaspoon of Rum (I add a little more) &
lastly beat in Yolk of egg

Leave to set until fairly firm

Take up pieces size of marble & roll in vermicelli

Apricot & Ratafia Truffles

4oz dried Apricots - chopped
6 tablespoon White Rum
3oz Butter
6 tablespoon Condensed Milk
4oz Brown Sugar
4 tablespoon Cocoa powder
6oz Ratafia crushed
Chocolate Vermicelli



Put butter, condensed milk, sugar & cocoa into a saucepan & stir
over gentle heat until dissolved. Remove from heat & stir in
the soaked Apricots and crushed Ratafia. Allow to cool until
the mixture is firm enough to mould (you can chill in fridge to
speed up this stage) Form into balls & roll in Vermicelli.
Chill in fridge for 3-4 hrs.

Christmas Mini Puds

4oz figs , dates or apricots - chopped finely
 2oz ground Almonds
 1oz Icing sugar
 2oz Plain Chocolate - grated
 1 tablespoon Brandy
 2 teaspoons lemon juice
 1 size 3 egg white
 2oz White Chocolate
 Glace cherries - Angelica



- 1) Mix together figs or whatever, almond, sugar, choc, brandy & lemon juice
- 2) Gradually add egg white to bind the mixture
- 3) Chill until firm, then form into walnut size balls - place in sweet cases
- 4) Melt the White Choc and trickle a little over each to resemble custard
- 5) Decorate with small pieces of cherry & tiny diamonds of angelica

Store in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks

Austrian Mineetart

Line a large shallow baking tray with pastry, fill with mincemeat, cover with pastry and bake.

When cool cover with thin water icing and decorate with halved glace cherries and thin strips of angelica.

Leave to harden.

Cut into fingers. Keeps moist in a tin for weeks.

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Hobbies & Collections Evening was a very merry one. People communicated, they socialised and they even showed off and there was plenty to show off. Things beautiful, unusual, amazing and curious. The folk displaying them were out of the ordinary too!

We saw some incredibly detailed scale models of ships and trains (even the coal was miniature); fine paintings; fascinating historical documents and a comprehensive coin collection. There were cigarette cards, antique weaponry, silver hatpins

and brooches; fine linen and old photographs and modern silver jewellery.

The most unusual collection was of sugar - packaged in sachets and cubes. Goss and other china, shell collections and fly tying caused great interest. But the star of the evening and the one who drew the biggest crowds was Cecil Bloxham whose strange selection of curios and tall tales held his audience spellbound. He has promised to give us an evening of Old Harbury tales soon.

Our thanks go to all who took the time and trouble to bring along their treasured possessions and share them with us.

LINDA RIDGLEY

MILL STREET RIDES AGAIN

Some readers with long memories may recall the long running saga of Mill Street. Most people who don't live there, don't associate Mill Street with the sort of excitement that you get on Neighbours, Brookside, Coronation Street, Eastenders or Dallas. Somehow, Mill Street doesn't offer the same elements of powerful human drama. Nevertheless it does have peculiar events, not involving people but involving things.

These happenings are part of the history of Harbury in the same way as the Bridge is part of the history of Ladbroke. If you are a long term resident of Harbury you may remember the Maxim Homes sponsored drama of the garage sliding downhill towards Mill Street. More recent arrivals may recall the traffic management scheme which masqueraded as sewer laying. Others may remember the attempt to slow down speeding cars by producing the worst road surface outside Nepal. Or again, do you recall the mysterious smashed lamp-post that nobody broke, or the saga of the useless bus shelter?

Recently, some residents have been getting restless at the lack of excitement. Some have even tried to move house. Somehow losing a dog down a crack in the pavement, or viewing a damaged chestnut tree doesn't seem to offer much dramatic challenge. But suddenly all this has changed. They are

building a new Doctors' Surgery. Suddenly Mill Street has moved to the centre stage once again.

Most building sites are fairly straightforward, particularly when you come to dig out the foundations - but not apparently on Mill Street. The Surgery is being built on ground that once housed a pumping station and a deep sewage settling tank. When the building was pulled down the rubble was thrown into the old tank. The operation doesn't appear to have been very successful. Rumour in Mill Street has it that so far the Surgery Contractors have lost two JCB's a dumper truck and a lorry loaded with bricks down the hole. It could be true, because you can't see them sticking out of the hole.

Some residents are still trying to understand the sequence of events. They know the tank was originally dug out and eventually filled in. But now it looks as though it is being dug out, so that it can be filled in, so that it can be dug out to lay the foundations. Unless of course they are actually adding a cellar to the original plans - could be a good solution. Mill Street Strikes Back - or Seven Trent Come Home all is forgiven.



And just to be serious -----

Mike Bloxham's picture shows work in progress on the new surgery.

I.T.J.

THE ULTIMATE LUXURY?

Have you noticed a dark-blue Rolls Royce 'Silver Wraith' around the village recently. This magnificent vehicle belongs to 'A and M Cars' - a business recently started by Mike and Ann Thompson at 4 The Beeches. They are offering the car for hire, with Mike as Chauffeur for special occasions, luxury day trips, scenic hours etc.

The car is equipped with a central partition for privacy, personal air conditioning and heating, reading lights, personal radio and cassette recorder and of course, in-car telephone.

Already the car has been booked for weddings and trips to Twickenham and Ascot. So if you've got a special occasion on the horizon or just fancy a taste of luxury living give Mike and Ann a call on 612487.

M.S.H.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL - October 1989

After an extended gestation period and a hard labour, the Parish Council brought forth and un-inspired response to the County Structure Plan Review and with immense relief packet it off to Shire Hall immediately. So quickly in fact did Midwife Carter whisk it away that Cllrs did not glimpse it before it departed and Cllr Thompson's paternal instincts prompted him to ask the Clerk for a photocopy.

A second issue is always easier and the Cllrs had a much better idea of what the Local Plan should be when it is approved. They want it to have a social conscience, helping villages retain EMPLOYMENT and encourage low-cost HOUSING provision, protect the ENVIRONMENT, improve RECREATION facilities and support a rural TRANSPORT network.

TRANSPORT

In the midst of life there is death to report too. Only the ghost of the Bus Shelter remains outside

the Foodmart and even its grave will be filled in when the County repairs the damage delivery vehicle have done to the path there.

The decline of the bus service is causing great anxiety, it's sinking fast. Although no-one has a copy, the timetable has been amended to split between two carriers. As a consequence money-saving return tickets have become a liability. They are no use unless you come back with the same company, as Mrs Waddell found out to her cost (£1.25 to be exact). She complained vigorously and eventually was reimbursed, but as Cllr Hancock pointed out, not everyone has her tenacity.

The shambles is the result of a political decision at Shire Hall to cut the level of subsidy given to rural services. Chairman of the Working Party that made the decision is Gordon Collett and everyone who has experienced problems or who has a complaint should direct it to him at Shire Hall Warwick.

RECREATION

Keith Thompson reported that he had pre-empted the choice of a skateboard ramp by the school children. He made it clear it was not on offer. The P.E. only wanted their views on whether a Play Fort should be re-erected at the Recreation Grounds.

Reports that some of the Play Equipment was becoming dangerous were discounted. The plywood seats of the roundabout were gradually disintegrating and would be replaced in the spring but Ray Carter thought that although there were pieces of wood knocked out of the Seesaw seat it was nevertheless very very smooth (the result perhaps of all that polishing it gets?)

ENVIRONMENT

Cllrs put up a new lamp opposite Pound Green and then asked the landowner Mrs Price for permission to trim back the trees that obscured it. Mrs Price, having noted that they had seen fit to install it where it was "less than effective" regretted that "the natural growth of trees should be sacrificed" but agreed to their TRIMMING it if pedestrians were endangered. The P.C. pondered on

on her wording and wondered if this "Trimming" covered their intention to use a chainsaw.

The Manor Road lamp will be replaced with a concrete column. Cllr Midge Keen had great difficulty in acquiring a concrete column as the Electricity Board no longer uses them. It was suggested that the swan neck was prone to cracking and decay and that this was possibly the cause of many of the lighting failures in the village. Cllr Thompson thought the Parish should in that case be considering replacement of all the concrete columns and it was agreed to ask the Electricity Board for a catalogue of alternatives.

HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT

The Parish Council raised no objection to plans to extend and change the roof on Manor Cottage or the change of use to residential at the old Co-op Butchers. Plans for a stable at 13 Deppers Bridge and an extension at Crown Cottage had been approved by the District. The application for conversion of barns at Greenhill had been withdrawn and Mr J Moore was appealing against refusal of his plans for a bungalow. John Drinkwater reported that Strafford District had refused plans for two houses in Dovehouse Lane and an estate of bungalows off Constance Drive.

Cllrs did the business so quickly that it was over by 9pm (a record?), but why not see them at it yourself. Come and join the growing band of voyeurs on Jan 21st 1990, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

LINDA RIDGLEY

BBC CWR ON FM. CAN YOU HELP?

Many of you will already have heard the test transmissions from BBC CWR. This is the local BBC radio station serving Coventry and Warwickshire and so is very much of interest to us. You can best pick up the signal on FM 103.7 MHz. It is very easy to find because like all FM stereo stations the signal spread is quite wide - so anywhere on your dial around 104 and you will hit that rich sound so characteristic of stereo stations.

The station was in full swing on Children in Need day but has now reverted to test transmissions until early January when it will officially open for business.

CWR has asked us to assist in finding a village correspondent who could feed the station with details of local events, any newsworthy items, road and transport problems, housing plans, details about people with unusual jobs or hobbies, local authors, artists or musicians who are doing something new and local businesses, shops or pubs who are trying something different for customers.

CWR needs a volunteer who lives in Harbury, Ladbroke or Deppers Bridge and who knows the villages well and most probably is in the village during the day and is easy to contact. Radio is very instant so you would need to be well in touch and able to feed CWR with anything interesting.

Please get in touch with Christopher Macgowan at 17 Manor Orchard on 612938 and he will forward your details to CWR.

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Rejoice, rejoice, they've switched the light,
The Pound at night is bright as bright!
And now to add to jubilation
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B. A. RIDGEN



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HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

Yes, the netball teams are still alive and kicking, it's just that I keep forgetting to put in a monthly report!

Congratulations to Emma Finch on gaining a place in the County under 19 netball squad. This is quite an achievement and we are very proud of her. Congratulations also go to Jean and Richard on the birth of their daughter Rachael.

The team selections for the 1989/1990 season are as follows:

'A' team: Mal, Paula, Beccy, Vanessa, Sally, Kim and Hilary.

'B' team: Joan, Geraldine, Marie, Emma, Jenny, Mandy and Shirley.

'C' team: Julie, Pat, Donna, Roanne, Janet, Emma R, Karen, Janet R and Anne, with reserves Leah and Nikki.

We welcome new members and wish them an enjoyable and successful season. Our thoughts are with Lynne who has been unable to start the season with us because of a serious injury sustained in one of the Summer tournaments. We hope she will soon be fit again.

UPDATE

The 'A' team have played 5 matches and won 2 of them
The 'B' team have played 4 matches and won 2 of them
The 'C' team have played 5 matches and lost all 5 of them (well, at least we are consistant!)

Looking back to August Bank Holiday Monday when we held a Fun Day and Barbeque, our thanks must go to Kim, Paula, Marie and many others for helping to make it a successful afternoon. Another enjoyable sporting afternoon was had on September 23rd when village organisations joined in our tournament, organised by Jenny. It was great fun and the winners of the shield this year were The Shakespeare team.

The weather was against us for the Fashion Show on November 10th, but JOYCE's flair and ability in designing and making clothes is obvious. Many people who did not come on the night have asked how to contact her as she works from home. Her telephone number is L/Spa 428240 and the address is

10 Standlake Mews. She makes clothes in any style in a variety of material, for any size!

PAT SUMMERS

HEALTH MATTERS

Once more the 'Magic of Christmas' is upon us. This season is a very special time for families. I urge you all to check that all household equipment is "safe" and in good working order. The Christmas Tree lights can so easily become a fire hazard. Toys must conform to the British Standards requirement for safety. It is of paramount importance to check that the registered mark of safety is clearly displayed on the purchased articles.

Drinking and Driving is a serious offence and many office parties can result in tragic accidents if caution and logic do not prevail.

So, do enjoy the festive season and ensure a Happy, Healthy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

HOT HEALTH TIP FOR DECEMBER

HELP YOURSELF TO HEALTH

MRS J M NEWELL

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

On November 2nd, it was Mike Putnam's turn to appear in the prestigious guest spot at the Folk Club. We have come to expect something a little different from Mike and we were not to be disappointed. In addition to some of the old favourites, especially the Jake Thackeray songs like "Leopold Locock" and "On again, on again" Mike delivered an eerie monologue with the Old New Inn lounge plunged into darkness and (with the help of heavily disguised Molly, Doug and Peter) a complete production about "The Vet". There were plenty of opportunities for the capacity audience to join in at the tops of their voices on songs like "Cushy Butterfield" and the "Music Man" (with actions).

As usual it was difficult to fit in all the supporting singers who included Steve, Bob, Sean, Bren and brother Ken. The Harvesters and I included

some songs by the late Ewan MacColl to pay tribute to a man who had done so much for British folk music. Sue's unaccompanied rendering of "The first time ever I saw your face" was delightful.

The charity raffle raised £16 for Oxfam, in support of a fast for Nicaragua. The next Folk Club is our Christmas edition on December 7th, starring the talented Pete Grassby from Coventry. The music starts at 8.30pm.

PETER McDONALD



DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

With the mild weather, Spring bulbs are already pushing through, and need protecting from slugs which are still active. They are particularly fond of Christmas roses which are also in bud.

Remember plants grown in containers outside may have their roots frozen in cold weather, they should either be sunk to the rim in a sheltered spot in the garden or lapped round with sacking or polythene. To prevent earthenware pots from cracking raise them off the ground on bricks or wooden blocks.

Weeds will continue to grow during any mild spell, so the more thoroughly they are rooted out now, the better.

Complete planting of fruit trees and deciduous trees and bushes before Christmas. Do not plant evergreens at this time of year.

Did you know that O.A.P's and the disabled can obtain special green sacks from the District Council, into which to put garden rubbish for collection in the ordinary way? The D.C. require either a sight of your pension book, or a photo-stat of the cover!

Give your pond a final dredge to remove the last of the leaves before it has a chance to freeze.

E.D.Z.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The world will be astonished to learn that, at the A.G.M. the Committee was re-elected and the Officers are as before. We are pleased to have an additional member in Eileen Barnes. Other business included the unanimous approval of a Committee proposal that Harold Wilkins should become Vice-President and Life Member in recognition of his contribution over many years.

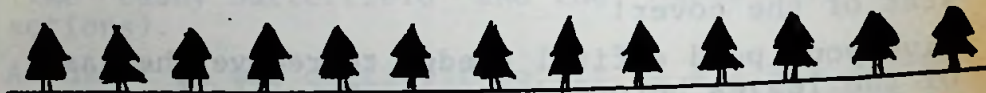
The Treasurer reported some reduction in assets owing to the high level of donations this year, in particular over £800 to the Village Hall for the new tables and £250 for the Church Hall. Income was somewhat down because of the poor weather at the Walkabout. The Society continues, however, to enjoy a very healthy financial position.

The A.G.M. was followed by a very interesting talk by Mrs Andrews of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (N.C.C.P.G.) a body which does a vast amount of work in preventing the extinction of many varieties of plants. Its work was new to many of us. Membership is £5 a year and the local group meets in the Town Hall in Leamington in the evening of the second Thursday on each month.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th December at 8pm in the Village Hall (back door, please!) Our old friend Mr Porter from Clow's will be talking about House Plants - is there anything he can't talk about? As this is the last meeting before Christmas, there will be a social afterwards with refreshments and wine. No doubt you will have paid your subscription by then so you qualify.

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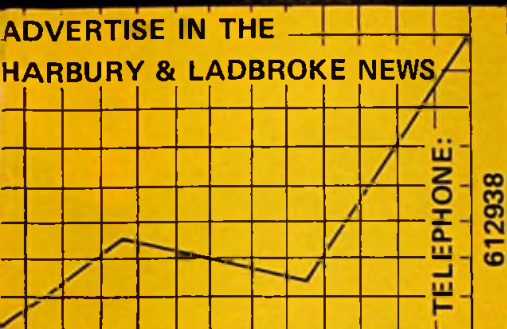
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'WEIGHING IN' -

DEREK LOWE

Harbury is undergoing some fairly swift new developments of housing. Perhaps the most noticeable is the Co-op Warehouse area. The Warehouse has been demolished and the area cleared. Our photograph (courtesy of Mike Bloxham) shows former Co-op manager Derek Lowe with an ancient pair of scales formerly used for weighing pig and poultry meal, seed potatoes and coal. The scales were found in the Warehouse before demolition.

SANTA'S VISIT

Southam and District Lions Club will be touring the District with their Father Christmas Float on the Week before Christmas.

Deppers Bridge will be visited on Wednesday 20th December and Harbury on Thursday 21st December. Plans of stopping points will be displayed in advance and parents are asked to ensure youngsters are warm and safe.

The collection this year is in aid of the N.S.P.C.C.



K. BRAILFORD

Dear Editors,

Mrs Rose Griffin and family of Yew Tree Cottage, Mill Street wish to extend their thanks to friends, relations and all who sent cards, letters and floral tributes at the sad loss of her husband Maurice who passed away on the 2nd October.

A special thank you to Harbury Doctors and visiting nurses for their dedicated care and attention during his long illness.

Also a thank you to Mr David Winters for his personal visits which he very much appreciated.

R. GRIFFIN

Dear Friends,

I would like to say thank you for all the cards and messages of sympathy on the sad loss of my mother. It was a great help and comfort.

Thank you all.

SHEILA & TONY BUGG

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank you, the Harbury News People, for a very entertaining read. Having lived in the village for a few years your magazine keeps us up to date with life in Harbury and brings back so many happy memories.

Our copy travels a few miles before it reaches our door as, I believe, it starts life with a Mrs Carter of Harbury, whom I have never met. She passes it on to her step-daughter Mrs Barker, who passes it on to her friends in Baginton, Coventry, and finishes up at my Aunt's home who sends it by post to Cornwall.

We are grateful to you all - thank you.

Yours sincerely,
SHEELAGH, PETER & CLAIRE HILLES
Pennyhouse
Goonhaven
Nr Truro

Through the Harbury News may I thank all the people who gave of their valuable time to help with this event which raised £143.60 with special thanks to Mrs D Foxwell without whom I could not have tackled this venture being a newcomer to Harbury. Also my thanks to the children of Leycester Close for their interest and initiative.

My sincere thanks

J.A.WARD

1 Leycester Close

Dear Editor

I have frequently seen foxes on the roads around Harbury when returning home late at night or in the early hours of the morning. However, two weeks ago I was in my study at 3.00 o'clock in the morning trying to complete a writing assignment having already missed the deadline. I stared moodily out of the window in the forlorn hope that some sort of inspiration might appear out of the darkness.

To my astonishment I saw a fox in the middle of the patio cleaning up whatever had been left by the cats from their supper the previous evening! It didn't seem to be particularly bothered to see me and, after a brief snack, it sloped off down the path towards Manor Orchard and - presumably - on to its next regular watering hole.

Was this unusual or does everyone have a tame fox?

Yours sincerely

CHRISTOPHER MACGOWAN
17 Manor Orchard.

EDITORS' NOTE

Apologies for not giving a name to the photo on page 1 of last month's magazine. Miss Elsie Hughes is a familiar figure, sweeping the leaves outside her cottage - South Parade Villagers will remember her brother Fred who was Harbury's road sweeper and used to keep his truck and tools at Elsie's cottage.

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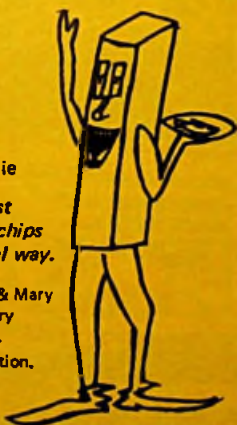
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