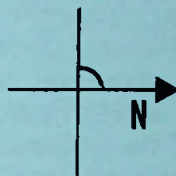


A detailed hand-drawn map of a village area, likely in Leicestershire, showing streets, buildings, and landmarks. The map is oriented with North at the top. Key locations include Chesterton to the west, Honiwell Close to the north, Radford & Leamington Spa to the northeast, and Ufton to the east. The map shows a network of roads including Forley Avenue, Mackley Way, Farm Street, Sutcliffe Drive, Manor Orchard, Knightlow Way, Church Street, Vicarage Lane, and others. Notable buildings include The Manor, The Hall, The Crown, The Dog Post Office, and The Shakespeare. A church is depicted in the bottom left corner. A compass rose in the top right indicates North. The map is signed 'J. H. 1952' in the bottom right corner.



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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.)

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

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 3.30 p.m. (3rd Sunday)

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A Happy New Year to all readers of H & L News from the editorial committee of your magazine. Thank you to all our contributors - without whom there would be no magazine - do please keep your articles coming in, although in the interests of our hard-working typist, please be as clear and as concise as possible.

The Annual General Meeting of H & L News will be held at the Shakespeare Inn on Monday February 6th at 8.00pm. As usual, this is your opportunity to put forward proposals, criticisms or indeed to sack the committee en-bloc if you feel dissatisfied! The meeting does not usually take more than about 45 mins but it does provide a means of reporting back on various aspects of the magazine and affords the opportunity for new people to become involved in its running. Do try and come along - sandwiches will be provided.

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party is one of those events which happens every year due only to the dedication of those people who make up the committee formed to do the work, and their willing helpers. Mike Bloxham's photo shows one of these stalwarts, Tony Ceney, playing host at this year's party held on December 10th.



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1988 has been notable for an enormous increase in house prices in the village due in part to the proximity of the M40. It is now well nigh impossible for first time buyers to settle here. The community life we have here which we value so much cannot survive without young couples living here and starting their families here. It is a problem shared by most of the South Warwickshire villages and it is to be hoped that our local council will begin to seriously address the problem.

Following the New Year celebrations - and there were the usual crop of ingenious revellers dressed as everything from a post box to a spring onion - the time approaches for getting back to work, college, school or just normal. May 1989 bring us all that we hope for.

HARBURY DIARY

JANUARY 1989

Sat	7th	MAINTENANCE DAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL Southam PTA Beer & Skittles at the Bowling Green Southam
Sun	8th	EPIPHANY I 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm First Harbury Scouts, Cubs, Guides & Brownies Special Service, 7.30pm Young Teenager Group Meeting
Mon	9th	MAINTENANCE DAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL NWR Local History at 1 Vicarage Lane Prayer & Praise 4 Leicester Close
Tues	10th	Senior Citizens in the Village Hall
Thurs	12th	Thursday Club in Village Hall W.I. 7.45pm in Village Hall
Sat	14th	Scout Jumble Sale 10am in Village Hall
Sun	15th	EPIPHANY II 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 10.30am Sung Eucharist, Adventurers re-start 11.30am Village Hall SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION
Mon	16th	Word of God, 23 Neales Close 8pm Prayer & Praise 5 South Parade Public Inquiry on Cement Works Dept, Southam Council Offices
es	17th	PCC 8.15pm in Wight School
	18th	BEGINNING OF WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Julian Meeting at 8pm

- Thurs 19th Harbury Adventurers Wine & Cheese Party 8pm (see special note inside)
Whist in the Village Hall 7.45pm
- Sat 21st VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE DAY
- Sun 22nd NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER 8am Holy Communion,
10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong
VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE DAY
- Mon 23rd Prayer & Praise, 15 Pineham Ave
- Tues 24th EVE OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL Holy Communion
7.30pm
- Wed 25th NWR Coffee Morning at Oak Farm House, Ufton
- Thurs 26th Thursday Club in Village Hall
Parish Council 7.30pm in Village Hall
- Sat 28th Southam PTA Casino Evening 8pm in School at Southa.
W.I. Barn Dance in Village Hall 8pm
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN FEBRUARY MAGAZINE
TO EDITORS BY TODAY PLEASE
- Sun 29th EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER 8am Holy Communion,
10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong
- Mon 30th Word of God at The Spiers, Chesterton Rd 8pm
Prayer & Praise, Lullington Lodge
- Tues 31st Harbury Society Social at the Old New Inn details
from Linda (612792)

FEBRUARY

- Wed 1st Mothers' Union 2.15pm in Village Hall
- Thurs 2nd PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)
9.45am Holy Communion
Men's Society 7.45pm
Whist in aid of the Church in Village Hall
Folk Club Old New Inn lounge 8.30pm
- Fri 3rd Skittles Evening at Bowling Green Southam with NWR
Mothers' Union Corporate Communion at 10.30am
- Sun 5th SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER 9am Sung Eucharist,
11.30am Family Service, 6.30pm Evensong
- Mon 6th Harbury News AGM 8pm in Shakespeare Inn
Prayer & Praise, 12 Park Lane
- Tues 7th Book Group, 'Moon Tiger' by Penelope Lively at
26 Farm St at 8pm
Horticultural Society 'Fruit Grownig' Mr Podwell
- Thurs 9th Thursday Club in Village Hall

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REGULAR DIARY DATES

HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.
GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginner)
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, 12.30pm
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

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

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

Christmas Fair: Under Bryan Harrison's chairmanship and with huge thanks to 'customers', supporters, stall-holders and those behind-the-scenes helpers who make things happen, the Christmas Fair was a great success. The £1500 raised for the Special Fund exceeded substantially amounts raised at previous Fairs and we are most grateful to everyone involved.

Special Fund: The total raised so far is hovering just below £20,000 which is a terrific effort.

We were especially grateful to receive a donation of £450 raised by the children of Harbury School. Not only is the monetary amount important but the continuing link between the Church and the school (originally founded under the auspices of the Church) is very important as well.

The New Room: Invitations to tender for the building work have been delayed but are faithfully promised to be out early in January. So we can probably expect to see holes being dug in March.

Christmas Services: Standing room only at the Carol Service was a joy to behold and we hope that all who attended (about 350) felt the true meaning of the Christmas message. Our thanks are due to all those who decorated the Church so beautifully, the readers, the folk club, the augmented choir and of course our regular choir-who are there every Sunday. The retiring collection raised £211 for the Children's Society.

A thought: since 6.30pm is, judging by the carol service, such a popular time to attend worship - good news:- sung evensong takes place at 6.30pm every Sunday in Harbury Church (except the 3rd Sunday of the month) and, in season, carols are sung: Even better news - there are usually a few seats available, so no need to stand!

The 'midnight' and 9am Eucharists were both well attended and we are grateful to Clive Watts for playing the organ for us. On the other hand, 9am on New Year's day proved to be a little too ambitious for many! However, the Christingle service at 11.30am made up for it.

Beryl and I wish everyone a peaceful and happy 1989.

JBM.

There was an area in my training for the Ministry which was not covered. Perhaps many people would think that such a thing was quite inappropriate for a priest to have to learn, yet from my experience it has proved to be impossible to avoid. I refer to the vexed question of money-raising. Most parishes are faced most of the time with finding sufficient money to keep going. At this time of the year or fairly soon, the weekly envelopes are distributed and I would like to express our deep appreciation to all those who regularly, either weekly or quarterly or whenever provide us with an assured income, so that we are able to keep our accounts straight and wisely steward our resources. In recent years, the churches have realised the benefit of concentrated giving and it is a great asset and blessing to be able to recover from the Inland Revenue some of the tax people have paid. Of course there is much misunderstanding about money available to the Church and the idea persists that the Church is very rich and that the Church is subsidised by the state and that every parish has reserves it can call upon. That is not so and many parishes have the constant worry of securing enough to up-keep their buildings, as well as pay to the Diocese the parish quota, which is a considerable proportion of the yearly income. Few people realise how costly it is to maintain a church to a decent and reasonable standard and yet it would be thought quite scandalous if churches are allowed to fall into disrepair or ultimately are closed. Then the time comes when special appeals are made and the parish has the additional task of providing an adequate meeting place and up-to-date facilities for a church in the 20th century, as at Harbury or the colossal undertaking of a major restoration, as at Ladbroke and then the business of asking for money begins in earnest. I must say that the initial response in both parishes has been very encouraging. As well as some very generous offers of help and very generous donations, there has been enthusiastic support for all our efforts so far and some dedicated work and the giving of time unstintingly. I want to say how much I appreciate willingness, the goodwill and the kindness of people in responding in this way and I know that I speak just as much for the churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council.

But (and there is always a 'but') I do want you all 7.
to go on supporting us vigorously and patiently.
Personally I hate asking for money and very rarely
have I done so, but as we come to the beginning of
another year, I do ask you to take into consideration
the needs of the Church. It is not right for the
Church to be compelled to spend so much of its time
bothering about money and considering how on earth it
is going to pay its way and do the things the Church
should be doing. The Parochial Church Council would
be far happier deciding how the ministry of the Church
could be more effective rather than spending hours
deciding how this or that expense can be met. So
please, if you are able, do be generous in your giving
to the Church and help us to maintain what we have
inherited from the past and to provide for what is
needed in the future.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Antony Rowe.

p.s. If you should wish to talk to me or any of the
Church officers about giving or covenanting, please
do not hesitate to let me know.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 18th December at All Saints' Ladbroke

ROWANNE EMMA JENNINGS, daughter of Gary Stephen and
Jacqueline Ann, 'Skiddaw', School Lane,
Ladbroke.

FUNERAL

Wednesday 30th November

MICHAEL SZOLNOKI, 8 Dickens Road, Harbury, Age 78 yrs.



LADBROKE NEWS

JANUARY DIARY

Sun 8th Epiphany I 9am Holy Communion with Hymns

Wed 11th Holy Communion 10.30am, Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
 at 'Sarah Cottage' Bridge Lane
 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Sun 15th Epiphany II 9am Holy Communion with Hymns (Book of
 Common Prayer) 10.30am Children's Church

Wed 18th 10.30am Holy Communion (Women's Fellowship Corporate
 Communion)
 [WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th-25th JAN]

Sun 22nd 9th Sunday before Easter 9am Holy Communion with
 hymns

Wed 25th The Conversion of St Paul 10.30am Holy Communion

Thurs 26th W.I. Meeting

Sun 29th 8th Sunday before Easter 9am Holy Communion (Said)

FEBRUARY

Wed 1st Holy Communion 10.30am
 Parochial Church Council Meeting 7.30pm

Sun 5th 7th Sunday before Easter 10.30am Family Service &
 Communion (observing Candlemas - transferred from
 2nd February)

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA:

Jan 8th & 15th	Mrs Badman & Mrs Wilson
Jan 22nd	Mrs Frost
Jan 29th	Mrs Clews

The Christmas Dance in the Village Hall was a great success and special mention is due to Sheila, Mary, Gary and Tim who decorated the Hall so beautifully.

The Christmas Competition for Children and adults organised by the Bell Inn, attracted a very high standard of entries. The Children's Painting Competition for those over 10 years old was won by Emma Derrick and the section for children under 10 years was won by Robert Hart. The Adults competition was to write a poem about Ladbroke and the winning entry by Penny Jenkin is printed below.

LADBROKE - by Penny Jenkin

It is three short years, though it seems like less,
 That we came to Ladbroke's heart,
 From the barren wastes of Southam, we were keen to make a start.
 First we looked at Westies Croft, And that was very nice,
 cost too much, we was too poor, & they wouldn't drop the price.

So we came to live at Ladbroke Farm, it was dismal, dark & drear,
But soon the locals brightened it, with their rousing Ladbroke
cheer.

We met those locals one by one, liking what we saw,
We supped in cottages & pub, and liked it even more.

There's Pete who eats & drinks & sleeps, & Alec who organises,
There's Rose with her flowers, & Rhys his songs, & Don's little
enterprises.

Now Ladbroke has a Neighbourhood Watch, but if burglars didn't
know that,

Francis will come & usher them out in a nicely tied cravat.

There's a one eyed giant, his name is Ken, he's like the B.F.G.
But after fifteen bacardis on a Saturday night, the "F" don't
always stand for friendly.

The girl next door, her name is Kate, my neighbour I'd hate to
lose,

I get to hear all the goings on, that's censored for the
HARBURY & LADBROKE NEWS.

Our pub's the Bell, our landlord's Ron, & his lovely wife is Kim,
She works like hell, while he looks on, Golf is the game for him.

He practises a lot I hear, and they say he's come quite far,
Last week he went around the course in only ninety over par.

But his steaks are big, & the grub is cheap, we love the clien-
telle,

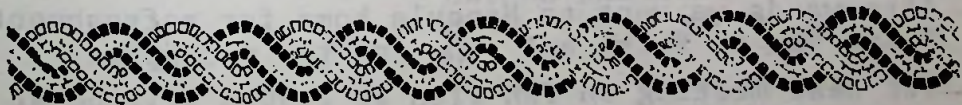
Though they're queueing ten deep at the bar, he serves us locals
well.

Well I could go on about the Domesday Book, Ancient church---
historic village hall,

But it's people that make Ladbroke great,

So MERRY CHRISTMAS one and all.

A Happy New Year to Everyone in Ladbroke and Welcome Home to
Pauline & Jim Laidler who have been in exile in "Gay Paris" for
the past year. KL.



LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The ladies who visited Annards Craft & Woollen Mill on 30th November enjoyed a good day out with lunch at the Mill and a wealth of beautiful knitting wools to choose from.

Priors Marston Church was the venue for the joint W.I. Carol Service on 7th December hosted by Southam with the welcome given by Mrs Celia Barrett, Group Organiser, and the opening and closing prayers by Rev K Phillips. Carols were sung by all, with special items by Long Itchington Choir and readings from each W.I. with Gwynne Badman's beautiful reading of John Betjeman's "Christmas" for Ladbroke. Margaret Hickling was organist for the evening.

14 Patients enjoyed the Hatton Party which was held on Dec 12th at a house in the Hospital Grounds. W.I. members provided food, drinks and cigarettes and several ladies accompanied by Alan Gould handed out refreshments and chatted to the patients at the party.

Two days later the W.I. Christmas Party was held at the Tarsus Restaurant, Southam where 15 ladies enjoyed the innumerable dishes which form a Meze, voted a success by everyone.

The first W.I. meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday 26th January and is a talk entitled "Sailor Yarns" by Bill Davies. New Members always welcome.

A very Happy New Year to all members.

GLENYS HALLAM

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Amidst the hectic preparations for Christmas, we all welcomed the quiet time in church for our December meeting. We sang 4 hymns, and lessons were read by Betty, Gwladys, Helen and Elsa. The Rector chose one word from each lesson and talked briefly about each. They were:- Comfort, Hope, Simplicity and Determination.

Afterwards we went to Nancy's home for refreshments. Thank you to Beryl and Jane for the mincepies.

next meeting on Jan 11th at 2.30pm will be at

the home of Gwynne Badman, Sarah's Cottage, 11.
Bridge Lane. We shall have a short meeting when I
would welcome ideas and speakers for our meetings.
Then we shall listen to tapes.

A very Happy New Year to all our members.

NANCY STUBBS

LADBROKE CHURCH

Another Happy Christmas with more than 60 people attending service on Christmas morning. The Candleli Carol Service on 28th December was attended by more than 100 people, who sang well-loved carols and listened to Bible readings and poems and to carols performed by the Ladbroke Choir. Wine and mincepies were served by the Friends of Ladbroke Church. We are so grateful to Tom Sheasby who provided the very effective candle holders for nearly 100 candles.

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

The AGM was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Norgate on 9th December and the new Committee is:

President - The Rector Chairman: - Mrs Jill Moore
Secretary: - Mrs Gwynne Badman Treasurer: - Mr
Nigel Elkins Committee Members: - Mrs Glenys Hallam
& Mrs Beryl Ross. Many plans are being made for 1989 but the Committee would be most grateful to hear of any further suggestions.

We would like to say a very sincere Thank You to the following people who have worked so hard to raise money for the Church Restoration Fund:

Mrs Pearl Edwards who organised a very successful Whist Drive on 13th Dec and raised the sum of £108.2
Mrs Betty Malcolm who raised £11 by making and selling pot pourri.

Carol Singing:

- 1) Carly, Shane, Abi, Alice Emma & Oliver £43.17
- 2) Stephenie, Jennifer & Simon £20

Thank you all very much.

A very Happy and Peaceful New Year to everyone.

GWYNNE BADMAN

HARBURY C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

First School Concert - How the Star was Chosen

We enjoyed doing the concert. We think everyone else enjoyed it too. Acting it was a great success and the parents enjoyed watching it. Karen Daniels and Katy Shepherd and Laura Watkin were in the Coventry Telegraph, they were thrilled about it.

The concert was called "How the Star was Chosen", the Star was chosen out of rabbits, clouds and a river. They all tried very hard to lead the Kings and Shepherds to Jesus.

Every year we have a concert about Jesus, or something to do with Christmas.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

KATHRYN TYE & ABIGAIL COOK from Class 3

Middle School Carol Concert - All Saints Church 13th

What a smashing sound the four Middle School classes made when they held their annual Carol Concert in the last week of term.

The hour long concert consisted of some familiar carols and some more unusual ones, especially the three modern Carols sung by the Choir. A four part round was particularly effective and perfectly executed!

Readings ranged from Presents and Puddings to the Christmas Story and Stars, and all the readers spoke clearly. Four of the Clarinet players also made a fine contribution.

Full credit to the children for all their efforts, to Mrs Crutchlow and Mr Oliver for their selection and teaching of Music, and to Mr Chapman and the Middle School staff for their selection and direction of a memorable evening for everyone.

MARK THORBURN

Class 8 Play

On Monday 12th December Class 8 put on a play for Parents at the school. It was called 'Sir Spence and a Dragon called Horace'. It was an amusing play set in medieval times. It all started from a music work-



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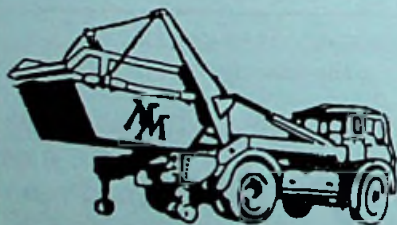


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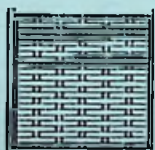


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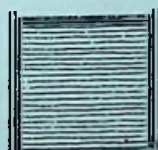
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shop, which are radio broadcasts where they have a story each term with songs and instrumental parts. This was an old music workshop. We learn't all the songs and the scripts and added bits in. The children mainly organised it but we must thank Mr Chapman for helping us and parents for the costumes.

LUCY THOMPSON

Harbury School Church Extension Fund Project

Some very imaginative, as well as more original ideas have all welded together in our efforts for this most worthwhile cause. All the children have been involved and have played their part in the ultimate tremendous success which we have achieved. May we at the school thank all those parents, relatives and friends who have contributed in any way to the result which you see below. Merry Christmas!

N C OLIVER

First School Concert	59.00
Pick a Square	33.50
Toy & Book Sale	59.40
Penny Fayre	63.52
Sponsored Football & Netball matches	91.14
Middle School Carol Concert	65.99
Carols round the Village	77.45

Grand Total	450.00
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1ST HARBURY GUIDES

Ist Harbury Guides had their 21st Birthday on 5th December. We had many guests there, including past Guiders. We also had some of the guides taking their entertainers & hostess badges which they hope they have passed. Sarah Gee & Fiona Szolnoki were presented with their Baden Powell badges and certificates (the highest award for any guide). Mrs Lapraik ordered a birthday cake. Everyone there had a piece - it was lovely (see pictures on next page). We are very sad that Mrs Lapraik is leaving and we wish her the best of luck. Good luck too, to 1st Harbury Guides for the next 21 years.



Two of our happy children for the next 21 years.

This Christmas Fair was a great success - the Village Hall had been beautifully decorated, the stalls were better than ever with the Scouts/Guides' support group winning first prize for their brilliant drawbridge/castle design and the outstanding Old Curiosity Shop (W.I.) and Home Made Chocs Stalls also winning prizes.

The Hereburgh Morris provided delightful rustic entertainment (see Mike Bloxham's photo), close to the hot chestnut fire to keep warm prior to the arrival of Santa Claus elegantly drawn by pony & trap, from which he alighted to proceed to his magical grotto.



People of all ages poured through the doors to play quiz games and take their chance on the grand raffle, tombola, kaleidoscope, wheel of fortune, teddy bear stall, sweets in a bottle & lucky dip. Purchases were made of home made cakes, tarts, chocs, handicrafts, candles, old curiosities, gifts, books & items from the white elephant stall. The younger generation watched videos, played hoop-la or roll a penny and of course went to see Santa Claus. Numerous cups of tea and other refreshments were consumed in the Farley Room, where many bought a brick

for the new Church Room, before making their way home. This was a marvellous Christmas Fair, a credit to all who took part, resulting in a contribution of just over £1500, to the Church Special Fund. Thank you everybody who was involved for a wonderful team effort of hard work, co-operation and those touches of flair and imagination so ably demonstrated by so many. Finally thank you to all of you who gave prizes and tombola items and bought raffle tickets, and to everyone for coming to the fair and spending so generously - your contributions to the overall success are very much appreciated. B.B.H

Special Fund Appeal



Jan 14th Safari Supper (see notice in Church)
Jan 25th Burns Night Supper (contact Mrs. A. Wilkins,
5 Dickens Rd. for details)

Feb. 2nd Whist Drive, Village Hall

Dates for your Diary:-

March 1st At Home, 5 Park Lane (details later)

April 8th Motor Rally

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On December 7th a group of members visited Priors Marston for the annual group carol service. After the service at the village church which involved all institutes in the singing and readings, everyone was invited to the village hall for coffee and refreshments.

Our monthly meeting took place on December 8th when Sylvia Burdett read us our annual Christmas letter from our link institute in Guernsey. This year our W.I. stall came 3rd at the village Christmas Fayre. After the business part of the meeting Mrs Burn gave us a most interesting demonstration and talk on Christmas table decorations which ranged from folding serviettes to making the most decorative crackers. Everyone was inspired I'm sure and went home full of ideas the only problem being the shortage of time - perhaps next year??? A vote of thanks was given to Mrs Burn by our president. Then followed sherry and mincepies and the raffle was drawn and won by Mrs Merriman and Mrs Dorothy Groves.

Our January meeting will be a talk on 'Backpain' by Mr Riley. I'm sure most of us do or have suffered in this way - join us and maybe help solve the problem! Also on January 28th we will be holding a Barn Dance in the Village Hall - please come!

A very happy New Year to all.

S.G.

MOTHERS' UNION

The December meeting was a successful reporting and discussion session enlivened by mincepies - many thanks to our caterers!

By the time you read this the January meeting will have taken place - an account by the Rev Elizabeth Mordecai of her work as a deacon.

Our February meeting is on the 1st when we shall be hearing a speaker from Mencap.

It is very pleasing to report that the final total of our Sponsored Swim was £200 - our funds had to contribute the odd few pence to bring us to the round number. Congratulations to everyone concerned. We shall now have to think up our next money raising

event.

The provisional date for our next evening meeting is February 23rd - at Hazebrook, The Pound. It will take the form of a discussion evening.

MARGARET RIGDEN

HARBURY ADVENTURERS WINE & CHEESE PARTY -

Thurs 19th January 8pm

If you know Harbury Adventurers you may be surprised at the title of this article. Don't worry the wine isn't for the children! If you don't know Harbury Adventurers here's a word of explanation. Harbury Adventurers is a fun organisation for children and young people which meets every Sunday at 11.30am in the Village Hall. The age group currently ranges from 4-10 years, and the main aim of Adventurers is to teach the Bible and basic elements of the Christian faith, but in an interesting and appealing manner. Smaller children's activities include drawing, painting and craftwork, and for the 7-11s the emphasis is more on physical activities, such as relay races, tag, 'Give us a Clue', and action quizzes. However all of these activities are designed to teach Christian messages. They're a fun way to learn!

The good news is that since last 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.

The wine and cheese party is an opportunity for you to come along and talk informally with the Adventurers leaders, and find out about the many different things that Harbury Adventurers can offer our children. In order to make the evening as worthwhile as possible a Sunday School Training Co-ordinator from the Crusader Union in Rugby will be making a presentation to us, describing the ways in which she and her colleagues can offer us support, work materials, and resources to help the Adventurers group as it grows.

If you would like to assist the Adventurers leaders by helping out with games, refreshments, fun quizzes and trips; or if you'd just like to find out more about our future plans, please come along on the 19th January.

If you think you can make it please let us know by contacting any of the following Adventurers leaders:

Keith Dormer on 613254

Michelle Coupe on 612507

Kay Pallot on 613270

Rosemary Eld on 613340

We really love helping the children, we always have a really enjoyable and rewarding time. If you'd like to join us we'd be delighted to hear from you. Please call us soon!

The first Adventurers meeting of the New Year will be on Sunday 15th Jan at 11.30 in the Village Hall.

KEITH DORMER



HARBURY HELP LINE

For confidential assistance of various kinds, either drop in a note or telephone the following people:-

FOR EMERGENCY TRANSPORT

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Marie Allen, 21 Sutcliffe Drive - 612958

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Keith Dormer, 12 Park Lane - 613254

Canon Rowe, The Rectory, Vicarage Lane - 612377

And if you would like someone to call and visit you or you are caring for an elderly or sick person and would like a little time off, contact:-

Betty Knappe, 4 Leycester Close - 612679

or Sue Dormer, 12 Park Lane - 613254

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

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Anne Woodward	Flecknoe House, Chapel St.	613536
Maureen Derby	20 Manor Orchard	613330
Mary Catt	16 Dovehouse Lane	612864

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The Christmas session of the Folk Club on December 1 was just too early to catch the Old New Inn decorations so it was up to the performers to generate the festive spirit in music. Unfortunately, seasonal ailments have taken their toll and the Harvesters and Liz were noticeably absent. This meant that the Stubble Burners' line-up was reduced from seven to four but we struggled through three of our carols (however the full group was back in action, with Lynne substituting for Gerda, on Christmas Eve when we contributed two carols at the village Carol Service).

Without Liz, Bonas were still able to satisfy the overwhelming public demand by singing "Kris Kringle" while Phil & Drill, the Jug Band and Gerda also included seasonal material. Lynne made her debut with some tunes played proficiently on the accordion and Tony was there with some more sing-along numbers. Mike arrived in time to finish the evening (his watch displayed November 31st!) with the ever-popular "Brother Sylvester" rounding off another great evening's entertainment. The raffle raised £25 for the Association for the Disabled (Southam Area).

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated our 50th session with a fancy dress evening on January 5th and we'll all know what the Jug Band came as! The 51st will be on February 2nd, starting at 8.30pm as usual. A Happy New Year to anyone who has read this article!

PETER McDONALD

The yearly treat for the Society's little boys who have not completely grown up was the talk on the local Railway System by Mr Blenkinsop. I am told that everyone enjoyed himself and that money was generously donated to Cancer Research, the charity Mr Blenkinsop nominated. As a result we have sent Mr Blenkinsop a cheque for £20 made out to the charity.

The next event of the Harbury Society will be the annual Social which this year will be held in the Old New Inn with supper and a modest entertainment. It is a chance for members to get to know one another better and for potential members to see who we are and find out what we do. More information is available from me at 16 Farm Street (612792) and members will receive details in the January Newsletter. Also in January is the Inquiry into the refusal of planning permission for the large development at Bishops Itchington. It is set for Monday 16th January at the Council Offices in Southam. The public can attend.

Harbury, having two Conservation Areas designated, is fortunate in that the majority of its Planning Applications have to be advertised in the local press, giving residents some warning of what is afoot. The public are entitled to consult the Register, held at Stratford District's offices in Church Street, Stratford upon Avon but, Ray Carter, Clerk to the Parish Council holds copies of all current planning applications for Harbury Parish which can be viewed at reasonable times by prior arrangement at his home at Old Forge House, Binswood End. At present the Parish Council is considering plans to demolish the Old Granary at the Mill and erect two dwellings on the site.

LINDA RIDGLEY

CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL TOKENS

During the public meeting of 25th November it was agreed that the Parish Council would relate the opinions of the meeting to Alan Howarth M.P. - his reply is as follows:-

Dear Mr Carter,

Thank you for writing to me on behalf of the Parish Council about the provision of concessionary travel for pensioners.

I have raised the question of free or reduced fares for pensioners in the past with Stratford District Council who, as you know, feel it is a commitment they are unable to meet. I enclose a copy of a letter from Mr Foy, the Chief Executive of Stratford District Council, which explains why the Council have felt unable to extend the concessionary fares scheme which they operate for the blind to include all pensioners. I think it is important to bear in mind the consideration that a considerable number of pensioners in the District would not be able to benefit from a concessionary scheme because they have no bus service.

In the past the Government has felt it inappropriate to introduce a national concessionary fares scheme for pensioners because it was felt that Local Authorities are best placed to know the needs of their particular area and the most effective way of providing assistance to local pensioners in the light of the resources available to them. I have, however, written to Mr Michael Portillo, the present Minister for Public Transport, to ask him to look again at this matter. I will write to you again when I have received a reply from the Minister.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN HOWARTH

Perhaps if sufficient pressure is applied to the minister for Public Transport, there may be some support!

KEITH THOMPSON
Chairman Harbury Parish Council

HELP FOR UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS

Unemployment tends to be associated in people's minds with the inner cities. But a specialist team set up at South Warwickshire College of Further Education to help the unemployed has recognised that it's a major problem in rural areas too.

The South Warwickshire Area Team was established in 1987, to pool expertise and resources from a variety of organisations in order to launch initiatives which would help those without a job. "Figures show that unemployment has hit all villages in South Warwickshire, but it's a situation which is not widely recognised," says Barbara Stringer, the clerk to the team.

The team is particularly concerned about the problem encountered by disabled people looking for work, and the difficulties of unemployed people in the more isolated rural areas. But they want to hear from the people concerned exactly what the problems are.

"We need more information from those who are actually coping with these and other obstacles," says Barbara Stringer. "All the best efforts of agencies are no good unless they reflect real needs and problems, so we're asking people to write and let us know their views."

The team has produced information leaflets and organised skills retraining courses, such as the one on "Horticulture and Self-Employment" which starts on January 27th. This course is being held on five successive Fridays and will also include some general business training. It is open to anyone who is unemployed and interested in gardening.

Places are free, so to find out if any are still available you should contact Barbara on Stratford 296696. And phone Barbara if you want to find out about any of the other activities and courses organised by the team. "Courses are flexible and friendly," says Barbara, "and people should not let transport problems stand in their way: we may be able to help."

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

Did you know that your apple trees could suffer from premature senility?! To prevent this Winter prune them. This will not produce fruit buds, but will stimulate and maintain vigour in older trees, and also in some shrubs. Remember however that those which flower in the first six months of the

year must be pruned immediately after flowering.

Give a winter wash of tar oil to all dormant fruit trees especially peach or nectarine, where it does help to control leaf curl.

Finish tidying flower beds and borders. Top dress semi-hardy plants with peat. Air your greenhouse well on mild days, but don't forget to close it again in the evening!

Protect the heads of developing cauliflowers by breaking a large leaf and pulling it over the curd. Stamp in brussels sprouts which have been loosened by the wind. If severe frost is threatened it is worthwhile pulling a few plants and heeling them in near the house for immediate use.

E.D.Z.

HARBURY HORTICULTUARL SOCIETY

Our "Gardeners' Question Time" cum Social Evening was a great success. Dr Tucker and Mr Grey from Wellesbourne were joined by Eleanor Zonik in providing helpful and comprehensive answers to a wide range of questions submitted by a lot of members.

We owe a debt to all those who helped to provide the buffet, too many to mention but a lot of hard thinking and hard work went into it.

This was our first meeting in the Farley Room and the change was a great success. I hope we did not disturb the Badminton players. The next meeting on January 3rd will also be at the Farley Room and we shall use the experience of these two meetings to decide future arrangements. Certainly, the Wight School could not have accomodated us last time. Please keep your eyes open to see where the February meeting is to be.

The meeting on January 3rd, in the Farley Room, will be about scree gardens and rockeries with Mr Lawson. 7th February will be about fruit growing in a restricted area with Mr Pudwell.

Looking ahead:

March 7th - Alpines

April 4th - Patio gardens

May 2nd - Flower arranger's garden

B.A.R.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

May I through the 'News' say thank you to all who have so kindly enquired about Frederick during his protracted illness.

My neighbours and friends (one and the same) have as usual been fantastic.

He is now at home and well on the road to recovery. Hopefully by the summer the blue shorts and bicycle will once again be in evidence.

Thank you all

GLADYS HUTCHINS

Dear Editors,

I am writing on behalf of my wife, Irene, who wishes to express her sincere thanks to all neighbours, friends and colleagues at the Post Office for their many kindnesses during the past 3 months. Their continuing gifts of flowers, fruit etc have really overwhelmed her and she has been greatly touched. It has all made her sufferings bearable and she hopes that on her return from Hospital she will be able to thank everybody personally.

I should like to express my personal thanks to The Rector whose regular visits have been a source of strength to both of us.

Sincerely, JOHN DRINKWATER

Dear Editors,

The members of Harbury Branch Royal British Legion would like to express our gratitude to all organisers, Poppy sellers and all contributors to the 1988 Poppy Appeal. The amount collected was £906.68.

Many thanks to you all.

J. SMITH

Hon. Sec.

Dear Editors,

May I, through your columns, thank all those who responded to the appeal for clothing and blankets for Romanian refugees, and those who offered help with transport. I can perhaps do no better than to quote an extract from a letter received from the organisation who will deliver your gifts to Hungary:

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Yours sincerely,

JOHN ELD

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Michael Jerome



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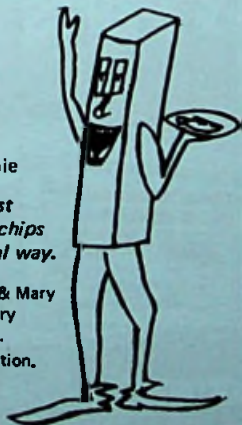
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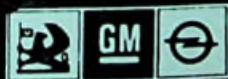


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