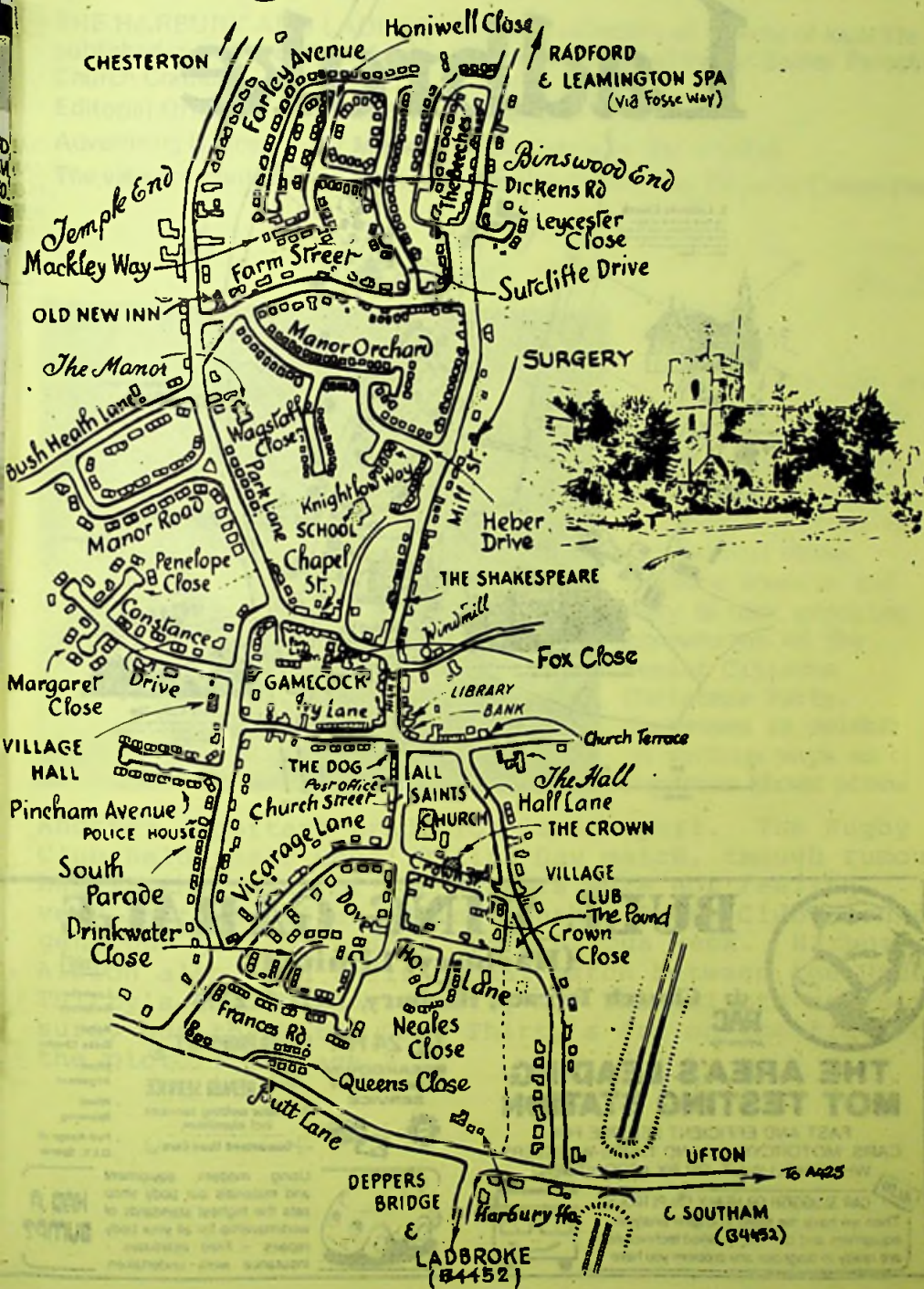


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Christmas has come and gone, with its usual flurry of village events. Our feature photograph by Mike Bloxham, typifies the season and shows Barbara Bowells and Mary Holder enjoying themselves at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Christmas is celebrated in various ways as our reporter shows elsewhere.

Another important tradition is in sport. The Rugby Club held their usual Boxing Day match, though rumour has it that many of the players were not feeling very festive, after making Southam Rugby Club such a generous gift of points the previous week. Harbury Albion also held their annual match between the Under Thirty's and the Over Thirty's. The Editors are not sure, but think the Over Thirty's are on the right of the picture on page 2.



We congratulate Colin Humphreys, Moira Lamont and the other people who have raised the money for Sheilaac Ncube's operation. We send best wishes to Sheilaac and her mother. We also have to congratulate Emma Ross of Phoenix House, Harbury who is a student at Brighton Polytechnic. Emma has been selected to play for the England Women Students Rugby Team.

Our condolences and sympathy to the families of Leslie Perry, Ernest Knighton and Peggy Winchester on their recent bereavement.

Finally, the Editors would be very grateful for a volunteer for the job of Distribution Manager. Graham Gee is retiring from the post after many years of devoted service, and we urgently need a replacement. The job could be done by anyone with a vehicle. It would certainly suit an active retired person. If there is any one wishing to help, please contact Sharon Hancock or come to the AGM on Monday 17th February at 8.00pm in the Shakespeare.

Just a note to remind advertisers that all adverts must be handed into 17 Manor Orchard by the 20th of each month when at all possible.

Harbury Diary

JANUARY 1992

- Sat 4 Coffee Morning in aid of Hopscotch, Tom Hauley 10am-noon
- Sun 5 CHRISTMAS II with the EPIPHANY
Sung Eucharist 9am, Family Service 10.30am (Making of the
Christingles), Evensong 4pm
- Mon 6 Word of God, The Spiers Chesterton Road, 8pm
Praise & Prayer in Church
- Tues 7 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Horticultural Society, V.Hall 8pm, 'Hardy Biennials' by
Mr. Porter
Senior Citizens Committee, V.Hall 8.30pm
- Wed 8 Mothers Union, Tom Hauley Room 3pm
Youth Club in Village Hall
Cubs restart
- Thur 9 Thursday Club, V.Hall 2.30pm
Holy Communion at 9.45am
WI, Village Hall 7.45pm
- Fri 10 Holy Communion, 7am
Meeting in Southam Comm. Hall to discuss Policing Levels,
6.30pm
- Sat 11 Scouts J U M B L E S A L E, V.Hall 10am
- Sun 12 EPIPHANY I, Holy Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am
Evensong 4pm
- Tues 14 Holy Communion 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee, V.Hall 8pm
- Thur 16 Holy Communion 9.45am
Whist in Village Hall, 7.30pm
New Telephone Exchange Commissioned - NO TELEPHONE CALLS
between 7.25 - 7.35am
- Fri 17 St. ANTHONY OF EGYPT, Holy Communion 7am
- Sat 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 to 25 January)
Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7.30am
Lunch in support of Tom Hauley Room funds, T. Hauley Room
Hopscotch Booksale, Wight School 10am - noon
- Sun 19 EPIPHANY II, Holy Communion 8am (Book of Common Prayer)
Sung Eucharist 10.30am, (Evensong at Ladbroke 3.30pm)
SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTION TODAY
- Mon 20 Word of God, 7 Penelope Close 8pm
Prayer & Praise, 4 Leycester Close
- Tues 21 St. AGNES & M, Holy Communion 7.30am
PCC Meeting, 8pm
Mothers Union, Tom Hauley Room 8pm
- Wed 22 Youth Club in Village Hall

- Thur 23 Holy Communion 9.45am
 Thursday Club, V.Hall 2.30pm
 Parish Council, V.Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 24 EVE OF THE CONVERSION OF St. PAUL, Holy Comm. 7am
- Sat 25 WI Coffee Morning, Tom Hauley Room
- Sun 26 EPIPHANY III, Holy Comm. 8am, Sung Eucharist 10.30am
 Evensong 4pm
- ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN FEBRUARY HARBUR
 NEWS TO EDITORS TODAY
- Tues 28 THOMAS AQUINAS P, Holy Communion 7.30pm
 Julian Group in Church 8.10pm
- Wed 29 Youth Club in Village Hall
- Thur 30 CHARLES K & M, Holy Communion 9.45am
- Fri 31 Holy Communion 7am
 80/20 Clothes Sale in Aid of Hopscotch at 6 Margaret
 Close, 10.30am to 1pm

FEBRUARY

- Sun 2 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
 (CANDLEMAS), Sung Eucharist 9am, Family Service
 10.30am, Evensong 4pm, Devotions and Benediction 7pm
- Mon 3 Word of God, 26 Manor Orchard 8pm
 Prayer & Praise in Church

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- HARBURY CRUSADERS, Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays
- UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School, 6-7pm (under 7s & beginners)
 7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10yrs) Mondays
- 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 Tuesday & Friday
- DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tues, Wed, Thurs
- BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening at 6.15
- SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday & Thursday
- BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday
- HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm 2nd Tuesday of month
- BABY CLINIC, New Surgery, 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

HARBURY FOLK CLUB, Old New Inn, 8.30pm 1st Thurs of month
 HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS, School Hall, 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 Thursday of month

CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday

BELLRINGING PRACTICE, Church, 7.30pm every Friday

THEATRE GROUP, Wight School, 8pm last Friday of month

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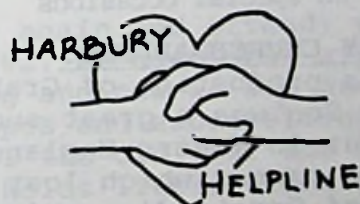
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Holy Communion 8am

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Family Service 10.30am)

Evensong 4pm (except 3rd Sunday) - Winter timing

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FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.

Beryl's production of Graham Clarke's 'Joe Carpenter & Son' was a great success. The Nativity story was set in modern England and treated in a lighthearted manner which lost nothing of the importance of Our Lord's coming. Talent spotters from The Harbury Theatre Group were, I am sure, impressed with the performances of several newcomers to the 'boards'. Well done to the players, the singers and the production team: a very worthwhile effort.

The Christmas services were well attended as usual, the Carol Service attendance of some 450 was very pleasing and all the services were moving acts of worship. Fortunately, the weather was not too cold as the heating boiler decided to go slow but Charles Catt, under the supervision of Harry, has now got to grips with it!

The lunch organised by Joyce Windsor in the Tom Hauley Room on the Saturday before Christmas was very well attended and raised, including some

generous donations, over £250 for the Lych Gate Fund. Well done Joyce and helpers who at that particular time all had other pressing demands on their time.

It is good to see the room being used for a variety of purposes, but, especially those which provide opportunities for the fellowship which we believe to be so important. Another lunch is to be held on Sat. Jan. 18th., this one to be in aid of the upkeep of the Tom Hauley Room - which costs considerably more to run than is realised by 'rental donations'. Do support it if you can.

The builders have completed the first phase of the current attack on the roof and will be starting on the East end after the Christmas break. So far, we have not had any reports of deterioration greater than expected which is good news.

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful New Year.

BERYL AND JOHN.

FROM THE RECTOR

A new year has begun again and already we are busily engaged in 1992. We have done with celebrating its beginning and now we are awaiting the fulfilment of our hopes and expectations. For some, the last day of the old year and the first day of the new year holds little significance, but for many, I suspect, there is a sense of a new beginning, another chance to overcome some of the bitterness of the past and to turn to face new opportunities and achieve a better future. I am sure it is time to say, that these aspirations often are not narrowly conceived or selfishly desired, but genuinely wanting to create a happier and more equable environment for all of us to live in. To say that of course, is to say nothing specific, but we can all interpret it, by searching our hearts to realise what things are most deeply longed for.

The Church in the early part of each year celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, the showing forth of the Christ child to the Wise Men. Those

Wise Men are symbols of all mankind and their journeying symbolises all our searching and striving for truth, meaning and faith. It seems to me that each succeeding year is another stretch along the way of life's journey and all down the centuries, the idea of travelling, looking, discovering is a real part of our daily experience. We look for stability and permanence in our lives to make us feel safe and secure, but none of us stand still for very long and we are moving on from day to day, even if we are not one of those unfortunates compelled to shoot up and down the motorways frequently or travel the airways from one land to another. I am not referring to the mobility of the person, but the pilgrimage of the soul.

The Bible is packed with stories of journeys and people setting out in faith to find a new life, a better existence, a truer role. The hymns we sing are so often hymns of pilgrimage, of striving towards a goal.

People often discipline themselves to go on pilgrimages and from early times have sought spiritual enrichment in holy places and the practice is followed just as enthusiastically today and with just as much commitment. For myself there are a number of places I would love to visit as a pilgrim. Perhaps one day I will get to the Holy Land or Taizé or once again visit Rome or Assisi, but I doubt if it will be in 1992. However, whether or not a visit is made to some renowned place of pilgrimage, the pilgrimage does go on from day to day and week to week. I thought I would refer, for your consideration, to two writings at the beginning of a new year. One is a fairly modern Hymn by Frederick Kaan, A Congregational Minister (a hymn often used at the Communion). The other is a passage written by Thomas Merton, a Cistercian monk.

"Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind and soul. With Christ we die and live again, his selfless love has made us whole. With minds alert, upheld by grace to spread the Word in speech and deed, We follow in the

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steps of Christ at one with man in hope and need. To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care, The work that Christ began to do, we humbly pledge ourselves to share. Then give us courage, Father God, to choose again the pilgrim way, And help us to accept with joy, the challenge of tomorrow's day."

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will, does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you, does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And to know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem lost in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

Perhaps a little belatedly, but not too late, may I wish you well in the coming year.

Antony Rowe.

FOOTNOTE:

Apology to Steve Doyle. In my article last month I referred to the bells being rung for Terry Waite and for Children-in-Need, but because of the restoration work at Ladbroke the bells could not be rung. In actual fact, although the bells did not ring out normally, both occasions were duly marked with the chiming of the bells by hand. So after all the bells at Ladbroke sounded and were not silent.

A.S.B.R.



Joe Carpenter and Son

Two scenes from the Christmas Party at All Saints' Church Harbury just before Christmas.

(Photos by Mike Bloxham)

CONFIRMATION 1992

At every Baptism, the intention is clearly made, that at some time in the future, a personal commitment shall be made at the Confirmation service. Each person shall, for his or her self before the Bishop, declare the willingness to be a follower of Jesus. It is always a very joyful and exciting occasion as both young people and adults take this important step in their lives and this year we have the good fortune of holding a Confirmation on Sunday 7th June, the Feast of Pentecost, Whit Sunday. Confirmation preparation will begin in February and young people and adults have separate meetings. Anyone who would like to consider the possibility of Confirmation, please inform the Rector before the end of January and arrangements will be made for meetings. If there is anyone who is unsure about making such a decision and would like to discuss the matter in more detail, please speak to the Rector.

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD 1991

Children at Harbury School were invited to submit their drawings on the Christmas theme and many excellent drawings, showing considerable and delightful imagination were received. Twenty or so were displayed in the library and the one judged most suitable was drawn by Dawn Eld. Inadvertently Dawn's name was not acknowledged on the card as intended, for which we apologise. The names of the runners up were Emma Heath and Joanne Chaplin.

THE SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

The Ride (or Walk), which the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust arranges each September raised £331 at Harbury and £166 at Ladbroke. As each parish receives back half of what is raised by the participants, our respective Treasurers had sent to them £165.50 and £83.00. Our grateful thanks to those who took part. The Trust, incidentally, this year granted Ladbroke £2000 towards the restoration work and Harbury £500 towards roof repairs.

THE LYCHGATE

As you will have heard, the Stratford District Council have made a substantial grant of half the cost for the repairs of the Lychgate, provided the work is completed and the account settled by February 1992. This has been accepted and the work put in hand, but the appeal to date had not raised sufficient to cover our share. The Parish Council have most generously agreed to provide £500 and we acknowledge this gift most gratefully. We are also very grateful to Harbury School who gave a third of the money raised at their Christmas Concerts and the Christingle Service to the Lychgate Appeal providing another £55. Other efforts are being made through Coffee Mornings and Lunches and several offers have been received of interest-free loans to enable us to meet our share in time.

It is a joy to have such a ready response and, as you can imagine, a relief too.

HOLY BAPTISM

At All Saints', Harbury, Sunday 15th December:

OLIVER JAMES, son of Jeremy and Jacqueline Ann Harmer,
2 The Granary, Greenhill, Harbury.

At All Saints', Ladbroke, Sunday 22nd December:

KERRIE JOANNE, daughter of Trevor Jonathon and Nicola Jayne Reeves, 13 Ash Grove, Southam.

FUNERALS

Thursday 12th December at All Saints' Church and Oakley Wood:

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Friday 13th December at All Saints' Church and Harbury Cemetery:

ERNEST PHILIP KNIGHTON, 10 Wagstaffe Close, Harbury,
89yrs.

MOTHERS' UNION

"Christmas Cross stitch" was the title chosen by our speaker at the afternoon meeting on December 4th. Mrs. Diana Bowen talked to us about her favourite hobby and showed us examples of her work, which were much admired. They included pincushions, pictures, greetings cards and even a family tree, all in cross stitch. She then invited members to make a simple Christmas card and a number of us were inspired to try.

We ran a successful stall at the church Christmas Fair, and won first prize for best-dressed stall. Thank you to all who contributed and those who helped on the day. Our afternoon meeting in January will be a party on January 8th, at the later time of 3pm.

The evening meeting will be on January 21st again at a later time than usual. It will start at 8pm. We shall be studying the first unit of the new M.U. Bible Study course "I Believe and Trust". This will be an open meeting and anyone interested is very welcome to come.

C. Mary Catt

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Have you or your family ever used the church for any of these? If so please read on.

The first meeting of the Friends of Harbury Church has now been held. It was felt that most people appreciated the church for a variety of reasons and would be sad to see it disappear. A clear aim of the Friends is to preserve and beautify the church for the benefit of all, both present and future.

With this aim in view and although the Friends are supported by the Rector and the PCC, it was felt that the Friends of Harbury Church should provide a point of contact for anyone interested in the preservation of the church for whatever reason. We hope to spread

this interest by the support of individuals and organisations throughout the village.

If you wish to voice an opinion or have any suggestions please telephone Tom Smith on 613680, drop a note into 3 Vicarage Lane or have a chat with me.

Tom Smith

REBUILDING HEALTH CARE IN ROMANIA

What generous and enthusiastic support I am receiving from Harbury for my work in Romania! Your prayer and practical support are a great encouragement. Thank you all, individually and collectively, very much indeed!

Life in Brasor is interesting, difficult and challenging. Until the snow came this week, the favourite playground activity was flying paper aeroplanes, the smartest of which were aided in their flight by a novel device readily retrieved from public dustbins: a contaminated needle from a discarded syringe!

There is an enormous need for health education among both professionals and the general public - about basic hygiene, HIV/AIDS, non-smoking and other aspects of healthy living. But, all needs tremendous patience, perseverance and resourcefulness to investigate the local situation, to meet the key people and to facilitate change.

Nevertheless, our week of HIV/AIDS education following World AIDS Day was generally well received. Teachers, pupils, university students and pupil nurses are eager for follow up sessions; other health staff need more encouragement to change their practices. I have now been asked to take the lead in planning and co-ordinating the local programme for HIV/AIDS education.

I am also seeking to promote responsible sex education in schools and easily accessible, free family planning services and advice for people in the villages as well as those in the town. Brasor boasts two family planning clinics. The one I have visited does up to 500 abortions a week (district population 649,000) - without consulting, adequate anaesthetic or gloves!

Romania is not yet ready for education about smoking. So, first I shall build up relationships while working with the Romanians in other areas. Later, there must

be an extensive programme to prevent coronary heart disease - with doctors and health educators as my first target groups!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the New Year cheese, pate and wine supper - in a smoke-free atmosphere, I hope!

Joanna Watson

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 7th DECEMBER 1991

The organising committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our village Christmas Fair such a success. A profit of some £1,050 was made, but we would also stress that the happy spirit engendered, made a perfect platform for the Christmas celebration. We thank the stallholders particularly, for their time and ingenuity, but without support from ALL organisations, and individuals, the fair would not function in the right gear.

And on behalf of all the young, we must say that it was kind of Father Christmas to make another visit to Harbury.

Thank you all.

Anne and John Moore, Charles Catt, Ken Hughes and Jeff Bedford

Mike Bloxham's photograph shows the winning stallholders Mary Catt, Patricia Harrison and Shirley Keir.



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- Sun 5 CHRISTMAS 2 (The Epiphany), 10.30am Family Service & Communion (Ceremony of the Christingle)
- Wed 8 Lucian, P.M. 10.30am Holy Communion
Women's Fellowship, 3pm; join with Harbury M.U.'s party
- SUn 12 EPIPHANY 1, Holy Comm. with Hymns 9am
- Wed 15 Holy Communion 10.30am
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th-25th January)
- Sat 18 Ladbroke Footpath Walk 9.30am Bridge Cottage
Ladbroke Parish Council
- Sun 19 EPIPHANY 2, Holy Comm. with Hymns 9am
Children's Church 10.30am, Evensong 3.30pm
- Wed 22 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Fri 24 Eve of the Conversion of St. Paul, Holy Comm. 7.30pm
- Sun 26 EPIPHANY 3, Holy Comm. with Hymns 9am
- Wed 29 Holy Communion 10.30am

FEBRUARY

- Sun 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
Family Service and Communion 10.30am
- Wed 5 Holy Communion 10.30am
- Sun 9 EPIPHANY 5, Holy Comm. with Hymns 9am

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion with Hymns 9am

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3rd Sunday of month: Children's Church 10.30am

Evensong 3.30pm (3rd Sunday)

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Ladbroke News seems in short supply this month, but no doubt the situation will recover shortly. A welcome to David Jones and Jane Belcher who have moved into Belle View Cottage.

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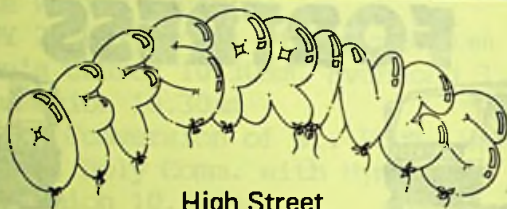
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LADBROKE CHURCH

The Christmas Fair on 30th November was a very happy and very successful occasion. We made over £500 which will be divided between the Church Army, Church Restoration Fund and Church Funds. Eric Dixon, a Presenter with CWR, our local BBC Radio Station, officially opened the Fair at 2.30pm and was very happy to be given a cake from the Produce Stall.

The Candlelit Carol Service was held on 29th Dec. with 90 people joining in the singing and, afterwards, the wine and mince pies. A lovely afternoon.

The Family Service on the first Sunday of the month, at 10.30am, goes from strength to strength. If you have not already done so, do come along with the children, we would love to see you.

A Happy and Peaceful New Year to you all.

Gwynne Badman

ALL SAINTS' LADBROKE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Total contributions, grants and outstanding pledges to date (27/12/91):

£77,543

A Happy New Year to everyone in Ladbroke

Alan Stubbs

LADBROKE AND DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

The Annual General Meeting was held in October, very ably conducted by VCO Mrs. Mary Hill, assisted by two Tellers from Bishops Itchington. The new President is Mrs. Gill Moore and we have welcomed three new members to the Committee. The retiring President, Mrs. Irene Bennett thanked everyone for their support and said how pleased she was that our numbers had increased.

The November meeting was very well attended, when Mrs. Celia Dodd demonstrated and advised on the use of make-up. We also held a Bring/Buy Coffee Evening at the home of Mrs. Jill Norgate, when we raised £100 for WI Funds. On 5th December, 26 members went to the

Grand Union Restaurant for our celebratory Christmas Dinner, greatly enjoyed by all.

At our January meeting on the 23rd, Miss Rita Sheridan will talk on and demonstrate Paper Craft.

Our membership is growing but we have room for many more. Why not come along on a fourth Thursday and find out for yourself. A Very Happy New Year to you all

Gwynne Badman

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

The Annual General Meeting was held at the beginning of December and although small in numbers, it was big in ideas and enthusiasm. The Committee was re-elected enbloc. We have had a very successful year and anticipate that 1992 will be even better, with many new schemes in the pipeline. A donation of £250 has been made to the Church Restoration Fund and a cheque for £25 to Children in Need was given to Eric Dixon when he opened Ladbroke Church Christmas Fair. Once again we shall be providing the candles, wine and mince pies at the Candlelit Carol Service on 29th Dec

Our membership has grown and grown over the years but we would be delighted to have even more people join us. A Very Happy and Peaceful New Year to you all

Gwynne Badman

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our service, In Preparation for Christmas, was held in church and taken by the Rector. Five members read lessons and we sang three hymns. Inbetween, the Rector spoke briefly about the time of Advent. Afterwards we went to Hazel's and enjoyed our Christmas refreshments. Many thanks for this to Hazel, and to Beryl and Jane for the mince pies.

We made £112.33 on the Cake Stall at the Christmas Fair - £20 more than last year.

Instead of our usual meeting in January we have been invited to join Harbury Mothers' Union New Year Party. This is at 3pm in the Tom Hauley on 8th Jan.

Nancy Stubbs

Beverley Walsh of Hopscotch introduced Janice Montague the Liaison Officer. They set out how Hopscotch wanted to be involved in the upgrading of the Play Area. There was £1,400 in the Recreation fund and the PC would provide additional money to provide safe and stimulating play.

Bill Middleton and Midge Keen were encouraged to discover at the AGM the efforts the Youth Club had made to raise funds. Clerk Alison Hodges reminded them they had agreed to give a donation to the Club and they finally agreed upon £150.

Ken Stephenson reported that work had begun to lay the first 77 yards of the hedge at the Recreation Grounds. The Allotment Holders would repair the rest if the materials were provided. When the work was done the boundary would be "entirely dog and PERSON-proof".

After PC pressure the hedge along Park lane had been professionally laid. STWA was investigating why contractors in Farm St. had left trenches open overnight and they would be told about the springs appearing along Mill St. The Village Hall would pay part of the bill for the lighting around the Hall and the PC would pay the rest (£300).

Ken Stephenson was thanked for his work in assisting the formation of an Allotments Association which would seek affiliation to the National group. The PC however, was not willing to insist that all Allotment Holders should join the Association, although they would recommend it.

Ken Stephenson had a news flash on the Sewer improvements. Surveying was still going on and the capacity of the Deppers works would be increased and the Spoil Bank SSSI safeguarded. A deep trench would have to be cut down Hall Lane and there would be a Public Meeting, probably in February to explain the implications of the work.

Stratford District Council granted a change of use to a bungalow at the Old Surgery and permission for a bungalow in Mill Lane, although Cllr. Hancock told her colleagues there were problems over land ownership there. James Turner confirmed that it was a condition of planning permission that the Old Mill House garage must be relocated to give 21 feet of access.

Conditions were also imposed on the development of two new three bedroomed dwellings at Poole Farm and the extension to Summerfield Lodge (The Ranch House).

The DC refused permission for: a water sports HQ building at Bishop Bowl Lakes, because of their natural beauty and amenity; the indoor sports facility was an over development not compatible with the rural area and not in conformity with the Structure Plan; and a two storey extension at Threeways which was too bulky and would seriously damage the amenity of the area.

The PC considered four applications: an extension and conservatory at 30 South Parade and an extension at 14 Wagstaffe Close, to which they had no objections; two new four bedroomed houses on the garden of Tom Hauley's Cottage on Mill St. opposite the Farm St. junction, which they considered too big, out of keeping and constituting a traffic hazard; and Listed Building consent to convert the loft of Manor Cottage to a guest room which they thought overdevelopment and adding to the problems caused by inadequate parking.

News on other planning problems came from the District Cllrs present (John Sharpe and James Turner); Listed Building Consent was necessary before any further structural work was undertaken at Baker Thornicroft's; the extension at 23 South Parade did not require consent; and there was no news about the canopy or ha-ha at Harbury Hall. There was no progress on Low-cost housing; the Parish Council was waiting for an initiative from Stratford District Council.

District and Parish Cllrs were united in condemning the over provision of lighting demanded by the County for the development next to Harbury House; five lights for ten houses, a higher standard than anywhere else in Harbury! The PC were quite willing to take on a sensible number of lights and asked District Cllrs to ignore the County's unreasonable demands.

Ufton PC had objected to the extension plans at Peter Mann's Ufton Tip on the grounds that the traffic would increase and that there was not enough inert material to cover the biodegradable refuse, but permission was granted. All the skips ought to be netted to prevent rubbish being scattered along the lanes.

Keith Thompson was disappointed with attendance at the Annual Parent Governors meeting at Harbury School,

where cost cutting and introduction of the Continental Day were discussed. Transfer at 11 would fit in with the National Curriculum and bring Warwickshire into line with other Counties, but Harbury would lose the top class, its teacher and funding. The money would go with the children to the Secondary School Sharon Hancock said.

Cllr Hancock felt that Harbury was not getting the police coverage it needed during Pc Percival's convalescence. The matter will be brought to the attention of the Chief Constable, Cllr Findon, MP Alan Howarth and Cllr Mrs. Bidwell at the meeting on policing called by Southam on January 10th.

Chris McGowan had grown more concerned as the evening progressed at the amount of unplanned expenditure nodded through; extra money for cutting the Recreation Ground's grass, another £500 or so to pollard the Cemetery Limes; it all added up! When Sharon Hancock accused him of developing the "Mike Ellis Syndrome" he immediately asked her to withdraw the remark!!!

Linda Ridgley

SHEILAAC NCUBE

Sheilaac flew home in time to spend Christmas with her family. We were all very encouraged by the Doctor's final report. He was very pleased with her progress and expects to see a great improvement when he sees her again in 12 months time.

Thanks to everyone's generosity the funds raised to date have met the hospital bill in full. The residue will hopefully cover the cost of her return visit in a years time. We therefore feel that there is no need to continue with our fund raising activities and have decided to cancel our Auction of Time and Talent in January. Many people offered their time and talents and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them all.

Colin Humphreys and
Moiria Lamont

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Harbury Society report has been held over to next month.

HARBURY W.I.

Dorothy Groves ably presided over her first meeting as President in December.

Our Wall Hanging was on view to show just how well it is progressing. The embroidery, consisting of a map and depicting scenes and points of interest in and around the village, will be quite something when finished.

Members and guests enjoyed our Christmas Party held on the 6th. Food provided by all members was delicious and was followed with entertainment by the Drama group who put their all into the evening, so much so, that Joan ended up on crutches! Thanks to all who made the evening successful. Our guest speaker who rounded off the Christmas meeting so admirably was Mr. Suggett from Morton Morrell Agricultural College who spoke on Stick Dressing. He touched on Stick Making which are made mainly from wood and showed various examples of sticks and their functions, mentioning a few of the woods that are used such as Holly, Oak, London Plane, Yew and Blackthorne.

Stick Dressing is a far more intricate and longer process and mainly a Border art. Mr. Suggett was taught in Northumberland near the Scottish border. The handles and crooks are invariably made from horn which has to be suitable for the job. So many horns are too hollow, others not in good enough condition due to weather conditions that cause the animal to be short of food, which affects the quality of the horn.

They have to be heated and shaped very slowly over a gentle heat, then hours of smoothing and carving and marrying of stick to horn. The wood has to be cut at just the right time to make a good stick. Also balance is most important. Mr. Suggett makes all types of sticks and crooks for working and selling at shows but his competition work, for which he has won many awards, has to be seen to be appreciated. Strongly recommend this speaker to other societies.

The evening was completed with sherry and mince pies - a good time had by all.

Do not forget the W.I. Coffee Morning at the Tom Hauley Room on Saturday 25th January.

Jeanne Beaumont

" W A N T E D O N E B O D Y "

What was the secret of the body in the coffin? Why did the dog keep howling? What was Hector the guinea pig's involvement with all this? All will be revealed in the next production of "Wanted One Body", a comedy thriller, suitable for all ages, by Charles Dyer. Put the dates in your 1992 diaries now:

March 26th, 27th and 28th.

Alan Barr

Hijack over Hygenia

We repeat what has been said over and over again, "What talent we have in Harbury". In this show it would be hard to pick out one outstanding part, but what also came over was how much the children enjoyed taking part in this "spotty-pantomine". The props were cleverly thought out and produced, as were the sound effects, lighting and costumes (Congratulations to all involved in the back-stage management.)

The play opened on a flight to the Kingdom of Hygenia, but the pilot (Dominic Travis) and navigator (Tom Waterman) with the stewardess (Helen Brunton - equally talented as a newsreader) were not to know what fun was to be unfolded, including a fantastic waste-disposal unit invented by Gadget (Robert Stringer, who is to be congratulated on his stage presence). Eventually the energetic Measley Germs (Tom & Ruth Waterman and James Robbins) lead by the sinister Measley (Anthony Andrews) were overcome by the beautiful white Stainless Cat (Rachel O'Connor), with her mistress Princess Spotless (Gillian Robbins), ably assisted by Grime Minister (Drina Youngman) and Duster the court jester (James Stringer). Communications would have been difficult without the expertise of Weatherman (Helen Robbins) and Aerial (Matthew Knight).

Thank you to these young folk, the not-so-young folk (Ted Coupe, David Hill, Alison Hodge and Janet Thornley) and to the producer (John Stringer) for giving us such a happy and enthusiastic entertainment, and for making sure we all went home "spot-free".

Bertha Kettle
Rosemary Harley

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

The Christmas session of the Folk Club on December 5th started quietly and finished, well, noisily. It's just a bit too early in the month to expect too much Christmas material but Pete & Liz did the job thoroughly with three seasonal items, including "Pat-a-Pan" and a Wassail song.

Other performers included the odd Christmas ingredient, such as "White Christmas Blues" by John, Nick & Stewart and "Christmas in Australia" by The Jug Band, but the real surprise of the evening was a celebration of the Dutch custom of St. Nicholas. The Old New Inn was visited by Sinterklaas (Doug) and his black knight helper, Zwarte Piet (Celia), to grant wishes to three of the "good children". Making her debut as a soloist, Janny sang a Dutch children's song and we did our best to join in. The other singers were Bren, Mike, Steve and me, and the raffle raised £22.77 for the Walsgrave Heart Appeal.

Folk Club members were also busy later in the month. On December 23rd, a joint Folk Club and Morris group went out Carol Singing around the pubs of Harbury and collected £101.10 for the South Warwickshire Scanner Appeal (our thanks to the landlords and their customers for their generosity). Then, on Christmas Eve, a group of nine singers and musicians contributed two lively carols to the village carol service.

The next session of the Folk Club is on February 5th at 8.30pm.

Peter McDonald

HARBURY CUBS

After an extremely good turn out at the Remembrance Day Service the cubs together with the scouts and guides reassembled in church where a cheque for £651 was handed over to help pay for Medical treatment in Geneva for Keith. The majority of the money had been raised by the cubs and the group held a coffee morning or organised a sponsored walk to support our efforts.

December 16th 1916 was the actual date that Wolf Cub Scouts was founded and there was a District thanksgiving service in Leamington on Sunday 15th Dec.

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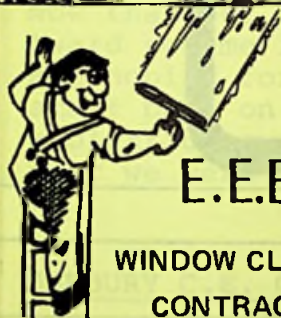
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where a small group went to represent Harbury and two of our boys read a thank you prayer. We were all given a huge piece of Birthday cake (as well as a fairy cake). Thank you to Messrs. Waterman and Coupe for transporting the boys. We hope they enjoyed the service and the cakes as much as we did. On the Monday the pack met at the Wight School where we held a special meeting cum cubs own - where we started off with the original Grand Howl, the boys and leaders having a wolf's head on our woggles. At 7pm we all renewed our cub scout promise simultaneously with thousands of cub scouts world wide. We also had on display the 75 post cards that we had been sent during the year (we hope to get an album so that they can be kept and read for the next few years). We hope our few invited guests enjoyed our celebrations.

Now that our celebrations are all over and the new Award scheme is starting to take shape the leaders are hoping for a less hectic year in 1992. Cubs start back on 8th January and we have to prepare for a District swimming gala on 11th January which last year we were fortunate enough to win!

Akela

HARBURY C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

Harbury School has been echoing with the sounds of children practising carols and Christmas songs for the last few weeks. The resulting Christingle Service and Middle School concerts showed that it was well worth all the efforts. The younger children had a simple service in Church, they performed a nativity scene, and lit their Christingle candles, which they had made earlier.

The Middle School concerts also followed the traditional Christmas story, with readings, carols and orchestral pieces. It was good to hear parents and children in such good voice!

Collections were taken at all three events and £165 was raised - £55 each to the Sheilaac Ncube Fund, the Joanna Watson Romanian Support Group, and the Lychgate Fund.

The First School had their Christmas party with lots of crisps and cakes, and a visit from Father Christmas

with a gift for each child. They also had a children's entertainer which was very kindly funded by the PTA.

Classes Y6 and Y7 had a swimming party at Southam Pool with a party tea provided by the parents. The PTA again funded this.

Harbury School, staff and children would like to thank all the parents who helped in any way with any of the above events, and to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

N.C. Oliver

VISIT OF MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TO HARBURY SCHOOL

On the morning of Friday, November 29th, Alan Howarth, our local Member of Parliament, came to visit the school at work and also to hear the concerns of a number of people with regard to the resourcing of state education in Warwickshire.

Mr. Howarth listened most attentively to very well reasoned presentations from representatives of the Governors, PTA and the Parents Action Group, as well as various members of staff. He visited many of the classrooms, talking both the children and staff.

Mr. Howarth has visited a number of schools in the area recently, and it is to his credit that he is finding out the facts for himself.

N.C. Oliver

HARBURY CRICKET CLUB

The Annual Dinner in Mid-December was most enjoyable with over 80 members and friends present at the Rugby Club. The new Bunny Raby Trophy was awarded to Bunny Raby in recognition of all his hard work for the club. First XI Player of the Year went to Ian Lowe, and Second XI Player of the Year to Ian Jackson. The latter was a club recognition of his inspiring leadership as Second XI Captain - the team didn't win a single game. The Golden Duck Award went to John Wilkinson amid scenes of confusion, and we can now look forward to the next season.

W.G.G.

1st XI Overall averages:

Batting	M	I	NO	HS	R	A
T.Marshall	21	19	4	59	425	28.33
J.Wilkinson	35	35	5	82*	839	27.97
I.Lowe	24	23	8	72*	415	27.67
R.Barthakur	14	12	2	52	193	19.30
Z.Briggs	12	11	5	40*	96	16.00
J.Playdon	13	13	1	28	186	15.50
J.Clifford	30	26	2	56	339	14.13
E.Russell	36	22	8	26*	193	13.79
S.Clifford	23	12	3	23	112	12.44
R.Carr	31	28	2	42	295	11.35
G.Lowe	18	13	3	27*	100	10.00

Bowling	B	R	W	BB	A
S.Clifford	626	416	41	5-17	10.15
J.Clifford	738	446	35	5-50	12.74
I.Lowe	1230	532	40	5-39	13.30
G.Lowe	285	201	12	3- 7	16.75
T.Marshall	856	439	26	3- 9	16.88
E.Russell	1119	759	42	4-27	18.07
B.Wallington	920	508	24	3-15	21.17

2nd XI Sunday averages:

Batting	I	NO	HS	R	A
I.Jackson	14	4	59*	309	30.90
B.Holloway	9	4	44*	125	25.00
L.Sollis	11	-	52	199	18.09
W.Russell	13	1	52*	213	17.75
A.Clifford	13	2	35*	148	13.45
M.Daniels	14	1	44*	147	11.31
G.Haynes	11	0	26	103	9.36

Bowling	O	M	R	W	BB	A
L.Sollis	16.5	-	90	5	2-21	18.00
J.Lapraik	102.4	10	397	14	4-39	28.29
G.Haynes	101	7	390	11	3-64	35.45
W.Russell	142	15	537	15	5-45	35.80

WALSgrave HEART APPEAL

Last month we showed the details of the appeal for £450,000.00 to enable us to furnish the newly rebuilt Cardiothoracic Unit at the Walsgrave. Things have been coming along well and we thought you would like to have a statement up to date:

From all other sources	£114,000.00
Collection in Canon Park Coventry.	
Thanks to Pauline Hayes & Sister, Doris Byrne, Susan Andrews, Joan Stephenson	£ 422.00
Collection Hertford Street, Coventry.	
Thanks to Susan Harrison, Peter Thompson, Mick Drabble, British Heart	£ 321.00
Collection Harbury Folk Club.	
Thanks to the members	£ 22.77
Collected functions, Walsgrave Coronary Support Group	£ 2,000.00
Total	<u>£116,765.00</u>

Thank you everyone. We hope to have more news in the New Year. A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR GIVERS.

Fred & Gladys Hutchins

HARBURY DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD GROUP

December saw a momentous occasion in the calendar of the Duke of Edinburgh Award group in the village: ten youngsters who have worked very hard over the last year were presented with their awards in a friendly and enjoyable ceremony in the Tom Hauley Room.

Presented with their Silver awards were Paul Dugan, Melanie Heath, Nicola Cadogan and Mark Hayes. Bronze awards were presented to William Stringer, Kate Coope, Jeremy Hayes, Richard and Duncan House and Sam Butler.

Congratulations are due to all of them, as they see their hard work and dedication being rewarded. These participants are all now commencing work towards their Silver and Gold awards, which we look forward to presenting to them in a year's time!

If you would like to see some of the work of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, a photographic display is

currently being shown in Harbury Library, until the end of January.

Caroline Hill



JEAN CHAMP SCHOOL OF DANCING

The Jean Champ School of Dancing brought the year to an end with yet another very successful session of medal Exams. Every one entered passed with very high marks. They are as follows:

BABY MEDAL MIME: Nicola Brunt; Lianne Bishop; Elizabeth Kelly; Kirsty Anderson; William Randall; Wendy Dowdeswell; Nicola Wilby; Harriet Franklin.

BRONZE MEDAL CHARACTER: Rachel Anderson; Melanie Heathcote; Jessica Farrell; Ruth Waterman; Kathy Freeman; Samantha Brunt; Emma Freeman; Katie Williams.

SILVER MEDAL MODERN: Danielle Champ; Kathryn Tye; Helen Bond.

SILVER MEDAL TAP: Kathryn Tye; Helen Bond;
Louise Champ.

GOLD MEDAL BALLET: Louise Champ.

Congratulations and a very happy and successful New Year to you all. I look forward to seeing you all again on January 8th.

Jean Champ



Our photograph by Mike Bloxham, shows some of the members receiving their certificates.

PIANOFORTE SUCCESS

Kathryn Tye, 9 years, a pupil of Adrian Moore, was successful in achieving Grade 4, with Merit, of the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music in the November 1991 examinations.

HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP

What a successful year we've had and it's all thanks to you, our faithful supporters. We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday, January 14th at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Last year's committee will be standing again, but we always need new blood, if you are interested, then come along to the meeting. We will be very pleased to see you.

Also at the meeting we will be presenting the Hospice Administrator with a cheque for £3,000, an excellent total for the first year. We should remember that no charge is made to patients for care at the Hospice. Some patients come to the Hospice for a period of time for symptom control, or rest following hospital treatment. Those who are terminally ill may wish to spend their last days in the loving and caring atmosphere of the Hospice. All funds received in the Hospice catchment area, which covers the whole of Warwickshire and the City of Coventry, are used in the continuing care and treatment of patients seeking help.

Health Authority Grants amount to 40% of the Annual running costs, with your help and support we can raise a little towards the additional £600,000 which is needed every year.

May you continue to give us your support in the coming year, once again many, many thanks.

Pat Taylor (chairman)

HARBURY C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Discount Voucher Old New Inn Restaurant, Harbury
0634 - J. Bungard, Bascote Road, Long Itchington

Discount Voucher Shakespeare Inn, Harbury
4634 - Ian Townsend, Harbury

£25.00 cash - 0887 - Miss M. Kennedy, Earlsdon, Cov.
£10.00 cash - 3434 - Mr. M. Looney, Ufton
£ 5.00 cash - 3208 - Sheila Burtt, Harbury

Our very grateful thanks to all Parents and Friends who supported our draw this year for the benefit of all the children in the School. Also, a very big thankyou to the four Restaurateurs who so generously donated Discount Vouchers for Meals as our Prizes.

We are very pleased to be able to report a profit of almost £700.00 - a truly marvellous effort all round. Thank you everyone.

N.C. Oliver



Mrs. Evelyn Lane, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. (Photograph by Mike Bloxham)



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CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Senior Citizens Christmas Party went with a swing as usual. Mike Bloxham's photographs show a group of guests and, of course, two of the helpers. Thanks to all who assisted.

HOPSCOTCH (Fundraising for Harbury Recreation Ground Improvements)

Thank you to everyone who helped to make 1991 a very successful beginning to our fundraising campaign. We now have a wonderful £730 in the bank. The New Year sees many more fundraising events planned and we do hope you will continue to give us your support.

The first event of the year is a coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Room on Sat. 4th Jan. If you have promised to make a cake or would like to do so, please leave these in advance at 3 Church Terrace, 7 Park Lane or 1 Manor Court, or at the Tom Hauley Room on the morning. Thank you. Also, if you received any unwanted Christmas presents we would be glad to have them as we are able to use them as raffle prizes etc

There will be a Hopscotch Book Sale on Sat. 18th Jan from 10am - 12noon at the Wight School. There will be a great variety of secondhand books for sale including authors Catherine Cookson, Maeve Binchy, Frederick Forsyth, Desmond Bagley and Steven King. Please come and support us by buying a book. If you have any books to donate please contact Kate Smart on 612609.

On 31st Jan. there will be an 80/20 Sale of Adult Clothes at 6 Margaret Close from 10.30am - 1pm. So turn out your wardrobes and see if you have anything to sell. You will receive 80% of the selling price while the remaining 20% will go towards swelling Hopscotch funds. Items for sale should be delivered in advance to 6 Margaret Close or phone Martine Jenkins on 613857 for more details. Thank you very much for your continuing support.

Amanda Randall

PROFILE - POST SCRIPT

Since compiling last month's profile on John Wright, the young athlete he has been coaching Andy Hart, has raced at International level in the former Soviet Union, not far from Moscow.

We wish them both every success in the future. Watch out for the name Andy Hart in a future Olympics, remember you saw it first in the Harbury News.

J.N.H.



CHRISTMAS 1991



Two further pictures from Mike Bloxham. The Hereburgh Morris Side (Above) entertained at the Christmas Fair, and the Hereburgh Joggers (Not the Hereburgh Morris) were dancing on Christmas morning. Happy New Year to all from the Editors.

CARPET DANCING (The Art Of)

The ancient art of carpet dancing has been lost to this part of the world for many years. It is believed to have been developed in Persia, and was brought to Harbury many years ago by an unknown Antipodean, and was recently performed in a house in Farley Avenue. Although not listed as a fertility dance, the outcome can be very uncertain.

To begin the dance it is necessary to be in someone else's house. To be in one's own is very bad luck. The ideal time is between 1am and 2am in the morning. To start one must first assemble a large glass of red wine (the finest quality of course), half a bottle of white wine, a quantity of absorbent paper, numerous tea towels, and a multiplicity of athletic guests. It is not necessary to introduce the guests to each other first as this adds to the abandonment of the dance. At this moment no-one knows when the dance is to begin the element of surprise is essential. Whilst the assembled company is engaged in avid conversation, someone carelessly flings the red wine on the carpet and as the stain creeps relentlessly out, some know-all proceeds to pour the contents of the white wine bottle upon the red. This is usually accompanied by strangled cries from the hostess (all part of the dance procedure). It is then the task of the nearest person to grab handful of paper, place it on the wine, take a partner and proceed to jump up and down on the wine soaked paper. They are replaced by other couples, each renewing the paper as they take over. When all of the paper has been used, it is replaced by the tea towels. This is where the serious dancing begins. The steps are not difficult to learn as they mostly consist of jump up and down movement. The more serious dancers develop a step between a shuffle and a hop. The dance goes on until every drop of moisture has been stamped out of the carpet and the carpet is restored to its former pristine condition. The dancers by this time are completely exhausted and drift off home to bed to dream of new ways to perfect their dance steps.

Try to keep the dancing restricted to one glass of red wine, because of the danger of the inexperienced setting up rival dancing spots. Try it at your next 'At Home'. It will be an unqualified success.

Happy New Year.

Gladys Hutchins

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

Protection is the watchword for January. Protect hostas, delphiniums, dicentra, hellebores and winter iris. Slugs can attack the shoots while they are still beneath the surface of the soil, so it is probably safer to use liquid slug killer such as

Sluggit rather than pellets - better for hedgehogs too! - Spray roses and apple trees with tar oil to kill off overwintering pests, and spray peaches and nectarines with Murphy Copper Sulphide against leaf curl.

When indoor flowering bulbs have finished blooming they can be hardened off and planted outside to naturalise. Bed them in with a little Phostrogen. Watch that frost has not loosened the roots of recently planted shrubs and trees, if so they need firming in again. Also when lifting leeks be careful to replace and firm down the soil around those left in the ground.

Thinking ahead, look out for the new disease resistant varieties coming onto the market, such as Courgette Supremo, Marrow Tiger Cross, Gladiator Parsnip and Lettuce Beatrice.

E.D. Zonik

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

John and the family of Peggy Winchester would like to say many, many thanks to all their friends in Harbury and Leamington for their kindness and good wishes to Peggy whilst she was in hospital.

Also for their condolences and attendance at the funeral.

John, Ian, Susan
and families

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Dear Editors,

Through the Harbury News we would like to thank most sincerely everybody who sent cards, letters and floral tributes following our recent bereavement. These expressions of respect mean so much to Ken's family. It has been very comforting to know that so many people cared for Ken. Please accept our thanks for the continuing kind offers of support and help. Thank you also to the Doctors in Harbury for all the care and attention they gave to Ken over the past eight months.

With renewed thanks from Mavis, Carol and Andrew Young

Dear Editors,

I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to all the people who so generously supported the fund raising events which have taken place over the recent months to help pay for laser treatment for my grandson Keith. A magnificent sum of £1,671.00 was raised which will ensure a further eight treatment sessions. Especial thanks to all the young people who worked so hard, and my thanks to the adults for organising and supporting the events. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people. Thank you.

Mavis Young

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Dear Editors,

Through the Harbury News I would like to thank everyone for their kindness in taking me every day to the Hospital to see Pep; for the letters and cards, and the lovely flowers.

Also to everyone who came to visit me, it was a great comfort.

My thanks to the family and also Drs. Wilne, Hancock and Giles. To my friend and neighbour Gladys Gurden my thanks are too great to express.

Donations received will be sent to Cancer Research

Yours faithfully

Ada Perry

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Dear Editors,

Through the Harbury News I would like to thank all the children, parents and staff for the beautiful porcelain figure given to me on my last day at Harbury School.

I am looking forward to my new post at Southam Middle School, but I shall miss being at Harbury after having been involved both as a parent and a teacher for many years.

Thank you once again for the gift and all your good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Betty Barr

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Dear Editors,

We would like to thank everyone for donating prizes for our monthly Whist Drives; also thanks to Dave and Marg for donating the milk every month.

Lou, Doris and Mary

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Dear Editors,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who provided support to Ernie and myself before he passed away on the 9th September. Also for the kind sympathy shown.

I cannot mention everyone, but my especial thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Spencer, Dr. Hancock, and the staff of Warwick Hospital, The Lavenders and Park House.

Lucy Knighton

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