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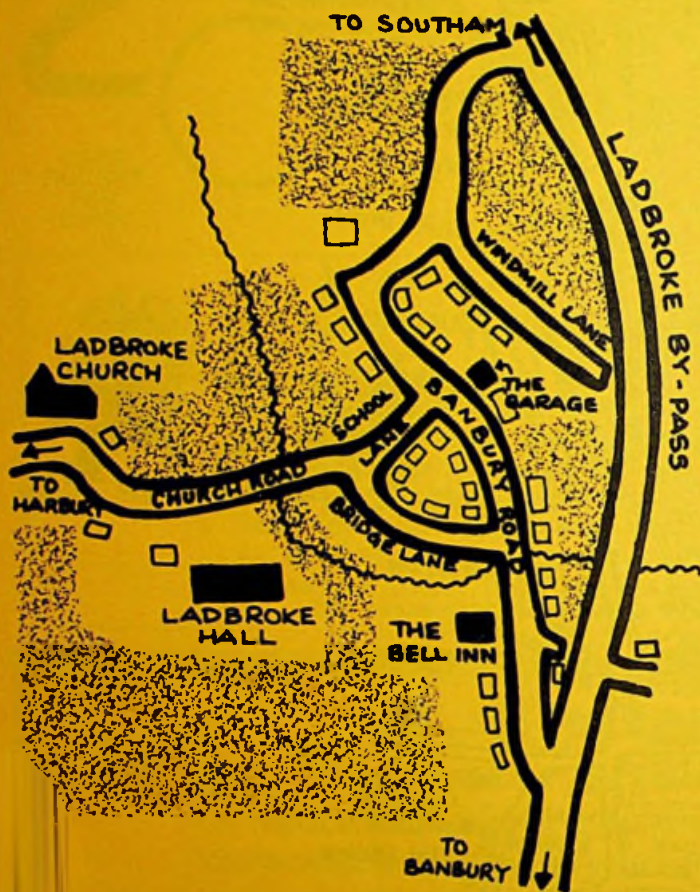
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JANUARY 1996

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This issue features some of the activities associated with the Festive Season. The 'Christmas Carol', produced by Beryl Checkley, played to a packed audience each night. The entire cast gave an excellent performance, but special mention must be given to Keith Hayes as 'Scrooge'. The mulled wine in the interval was an added bonus!



Left: Frederick Bowyer as *Tiny Tim*

Below: Keith Hayes as *Scrooge*



The Christmas Fayre, organised by Ken Hughes, was so well supported that the prize draw was a complete sell-out. The attractively decorated stalls displayed a wealth of goods including: cakes, toys, preserves and handmade items, whilst the Harbury Society kept the crowds guessing with 18 obscure photographs of wooden fences around the village. For those who struggled to recognise this characteristic feature of Harbury, answers have been provided elsewhere in the magazine.



Pulling crackers before the Annual Dinner are: Mr. W. Denny; Mrs. C. Denny; Mrs. Carter; Mrs. L. Hancock; Mrs. B. Kettle and Mrs. J. Watts

The annual Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens proceeded without a hitch and was enjoyed by over 100 senior residents.

This year, outdoor Christmas lights have proliferated in the village streets to create a delightful festive appearance to many houses and gardens. Maybe a Christmas tree could be cultivated for the 'Millenium', which would serve as a focus for the village?

Finally we express our sympathy to the family of Rita Newbold.

The Harbury & Ladbroke News Editors wish all our readers a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year, as we look forward to 1996.

Harbury Diary

JANUARY

- Sun 7** Epiphany 1 - Sung Eucharist 9am; Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 4pm
- Tues 9** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
Village Hall Committee 8pm in Village Hall
- Wed 10** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 11** Nursery Playgroup Cake Stall 9.30am at the Library
Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
WI in Village Hall 7.45pm
Playscheme meeting in the Dog Inn 8pm
- Sat 13** Stage up in Village Hall
- Sun 14** Epiphany 2 - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am; Evensong 4pm
- Tues 16** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm
MU Supper and Talk in Tom Hauley Room 8pm
Senior Citizens Committee in Village Hall
- Wed 17** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Wight School Playgroup Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 18** Holy Communion 9.45am
Tom Cat's Tale in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 19** Tom Cat's Tale in Village Hall 7.30pm
- Sat 20** Men's Prayer Breakfast in Tom Hauley Room 7.30am
Tom Cat's Tale in Village Hall 2.30pm and 7.30pm
- Sun 21** Epiphany 3 - Holy Communion 8am; Family Communion 10.30am; Sunday School 10.30am
- Tues 23** Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm; Julian Group 8.10pm
- Wed 24** Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm
- Thurs 25** Holy Communion 9.45am
Thursday Club in Village Hall 2.30pm
Parish Council in Village Hall 7.30pm
Parochial Church Council meeting in Tom Hauley Room 7.30pm

**All articles for FEBRUARY's News to Pete's Place
by Friday 26th January 5.30pm**

- Sun 28 Epiphany 4 - Holy Communion 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
Evensong 4pm
Ufton & beyond; 6 mile walk from Ufton Reserve with stop for Pub
lunch. 10am at Reserve; £1 adults; 50p child
Ladies Netball Quiz Night in the Village Club 8pm**
- Tues 30 Bible Study at 3 Penelope Close 10.30am
Yoga in Village Hall 1-3pm
Holy Communion 7.30pm**
- Wed 31 Grapevine Coffee Morning in Tom Hauley Room 10-12noon
Youth Club in Village Hall 8pm**

FEBRUARY

- Thurs 1 Holy Communion 9.45am
Storytelling in Library 10am
Men's Society in Tom Hauley Room 7.45pm
Folk Club in the Dog Inn 8.30pm**
- Fri 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candle Mass)
Holy Communion 7.30pm**
- Sun 4 9th Before Easter - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 4pm
Blood Donors in Village Hall
Wight School Cake Stall outside the Library**

**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE
TO: LINDA RIDGLEY - TEL. 612792.**

**For Tom Hauley Room Bookings
For Village Hall Bookings
For Wight School Bookings**

**Mrs. Smith 613680
Mrs. Hughes 612716
Mrs. Hayes 613488**

REGULAR DIARY DATES

BABY CLINIC: Surgery, 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday
BADMINTON: Village Hall Tuesdays
BEAVERS: Scout Hut, 6-7pm Tuesdays
BELLRINGING PRACTICE: Church, 7.30pm Fridays
BINGO: Village Hall, 8pm Mondays
BROWNIES: Village Hall 6-7.30pm Tuesdays
CHOIR PRACTICE: Church, 6.30pm Fridays
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: Over Southam Magistrates Court,
 10am-3pm Tuesdays (Except Bank Holidays)
COFFEE MORNING: Tom Hauley Room 10am-12noon Saturdays

CUBS: Scout Hut, Wednesdays

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

GRAPEVINE: Tom Hauley Room, Coffee Morning 10-12noon Wednesdays

GUIDES: Scout Hut, 7-8.30pm Monday

GYMNASTICS: Harbury School, 6-7pm (U7-10yrs & Beginners 7-8pm;
Over 10yrs 8-9pm) Mondays

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: The Dog Inn 8.30pm 1st Thursday of Month

HARBURY FRIENDS: School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month

HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS: School Hall, 8-10pm Wednesdays

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Village Hall, 8pm 1st Tues (Oct. to May)

LIBRARY: Stories, Rhymes for U5s, 10am 1st Thursday of Month

NETBALL CLUB: Village Hall Car Park, Training 6.30pm Thursdays;
Matches Saturday Afternoon

NURSERY SCHOOL: Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday mornings

PLAYGROUP: Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings

SCOUTS: Scout Hut, 7.45pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

STEP AEROBICS: Village Hall, 1.30-2.30pm Tuesdays

TENNIS CLUB: (Apr-Sept) Tue & Thur 6.30pm onwards (6pm for April);
Sat 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm

THEATRE GROUP: Wight School, 8pm last Friday of Month

THURSDAY CLUB: Village Hall 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month

TODDLER GROUP: Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wed.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES: Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays

W.I.: Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of Month

YOGA: Village Hall, 1.30-3pm Monday, Diane Surgey Tel.817904

YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays

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For Personal Tax Claims, Rebates on Tax Paid to Building Societies or on Shares: Call Jim Chapple 612044.

HOME VISITING: Caring for a sick or elderly relative and need a break for a few hours, or you would like someone to call on you: Call Betty Knappe 612679 or Sue Dormer 613254.

HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING ADVICE: Call Tony Brunton 612191.

ODD JOBS ABOUT THE HOUSE: Call Jeff Bedford 612753.

VISITING: Hospital. If you are unable to visit a parent or relative, or parents would like support with a child in Hospital: Call Fr. Roy Brown 612377 or Keith Dormer 613254.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8am

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am (Except 1st Sunday of Month:

Sung Eucharist 9am)

Family Service, 10.30am on 3rd Sunday of Month

Evensong, 6.30pm (Except 3rd Sunday)

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

FROM THE RECTOR

I would like to share with you some words I read recently, which could be some thoughts to take into 1996.

We would wish for you not that you will succeed in everything you do, but that you will receive and accept in your heart and in your life, day after day and moment by moment, the love of God, which gives meaning to life.

We do not wish that you will have no defeats, but that you will receive like an undeserved gift, the strength to stand upright, despite the heavy loads.

We wish for you not peaceful days, but the ability to permit yourself to be bothered by others, to welcome those who are different as though they were messengers of God.

We do not wish that you will have answers to every question, but that you will know how to accept questions from others, to take upon yourself their pain, their anxiety, their unresolved conflicts, to be above all a sister or brother in solidarity with them, to be the one who brings friendship and peace.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful New Year.

Fr. Roy

FROM THE REGISTER

Holy Baptism

Sunday 3rd December at Harbury: Matthew Ryan Whalley

Funeral

20th December at Oakley Wood: Rita Newbold

Laugh Line

A bishop used to visit the Sunday Schools and test the pupils. He always asked three questions:

What is a Mitre? Answer: A hat the Bishop wears.

What is a Crosier? Answer: A staff the Bishop carries.

What is a Pectoral Cross? Answer: A cross the Bishop has hanging

round his neck.

The teachers knew these questions would be asked and so rehearsed the classes prior to his visit. Then one day he changed the third question to: *What is an Archdeacon?* to be met with a chorus of: *A cross the Bishop has hanging round his neck.*

MOTHERS' UNION

Mrs. Margaret Dolby gave us a fascinating talk and demonstration on Christmas decorations from around the world. She had made decorations for the tree, based on ideas and materials from countries ranging from Europe to South America to Japan and they were placed on a tree as she talked. We were impressed by the way simple materials could be made into a very attractive ornament. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

The Southam Deanery Advent Carol Service was held in Harbury this year and we were pleased that over fifty members braved the snow to attend and enjoyed tea and mince pies afterwards.

There are still some tickets available at £2.50 each, for our supper and talk, by Mrs. G. Andrews, on *Life Behind the T.V. Camera*, on 16th January at 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Please bring your husbands and friends to what promises to be a very entertaining evening.

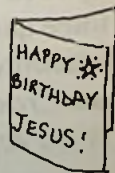
C.Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

We celebrated a birthday at our service on 12th December. We saw pictures of Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men and baby Jesus, whose birthday we were going to celebrate. We had a game of pass the parcel and the chocolate drops, won by Jonathan, were shared with everyone. We then made a giant birthday card ready for Jesus on Christmas day and we sang *Away in a Manger*.



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JANUARY

- Sun 7** Epiphany 1 - Family Communion 10.30am
Wed 10 Holy Communion 2pm
Sun 14 Epiphany 2 - Sung Communion 9am
Tues 16 Bible Study/Discussion Group at 13 Ladbroke Hall 8pm
Wed 17 Holy Communion 9.45am
Sun 21 Epiphany 3 - Sung Communion 9am; Children's Church 11am; Evensong 3.30pm
Wed 24 Holy Communion 9.45am
Fri 26 Timothy & Titus Holy Communion 7.30pm
Sun 28 Epiphany 4 - Sung Communion 9am
Tues 30 Bible Study/Discussion at 13 Ladbroke Hall 8pm
Wed 31 Holy Communion 9.45am

FEBRUARY

- Sun 4** 9th Before Easter; Family Communion 10.30am

HARBURY SOCIETY

The Society's next event is the Theatre Supper on **Friday 23rd February** at 7.30pm, preceded at 6.30pm by a supper for those who want it.

Dancing with the Devil is the story of a young woman who inherits a sheep farm in Shropshire. She also inherits all the problems of running the farm and having troublesome neighbours. When a shadowy figure steps out of the mist and offers a helping hand, all her problems seem to melt away. Together they share the costs and reap the subsidies. But there is no such thing as a free lunch - the stranger demands his price . . .

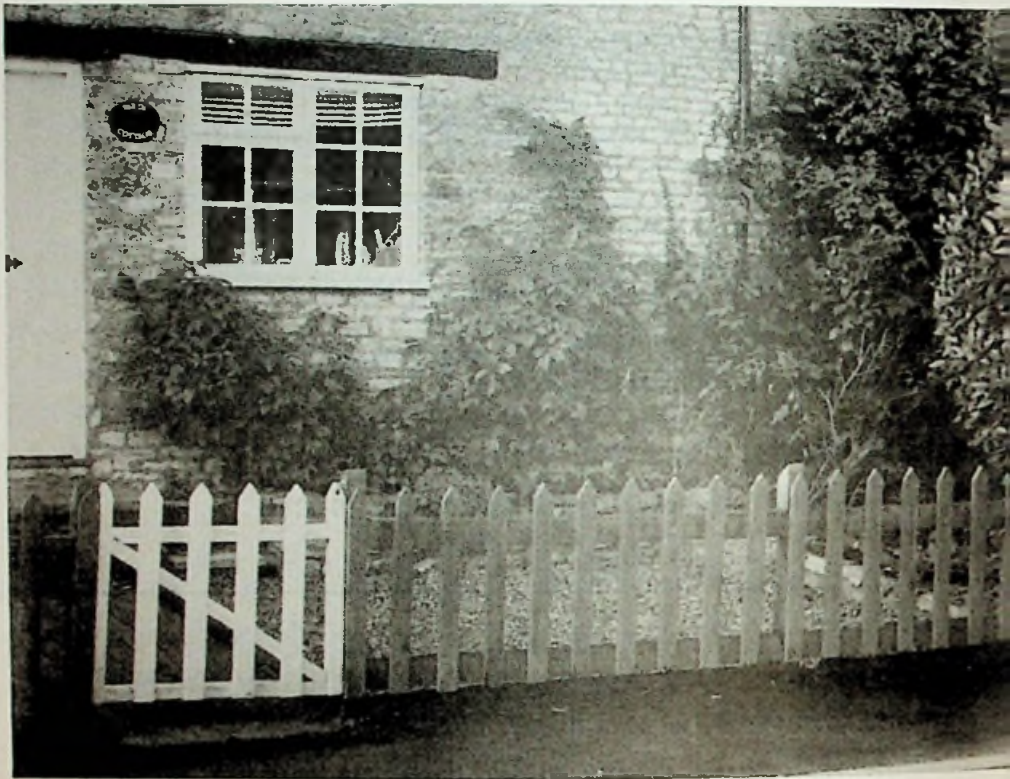
Tickets for the performance are available from the Secretary, from Pete's Place and on the door, priced £4 (£3 concessionary ticket for pensioners).

Tickets for **Theatre and Supper** (£3 extra) must be booked in advance from the Secretary, Linda Ridgley at 16 Farm Street, 612792.

Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available before and during the performance.

Linda Ridgley

TRADITIONAL WOODEN FENCES



No. 15: Bird's Cottage, Mill Street
An example of one of the 18 photos in the Quiz

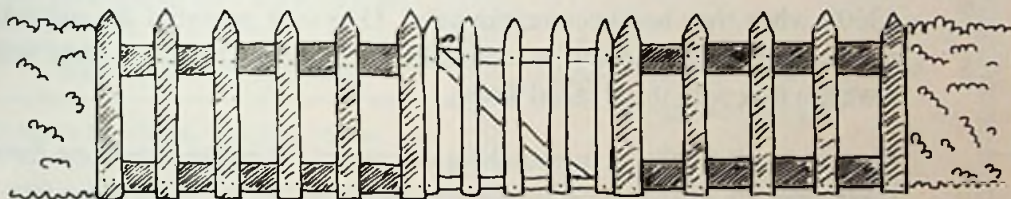
Two people answered all 18 questions correctly (Shirley Wright and Lana Long), but we gave the prize to Lana because she more fully described the location of the fences. Thank you to everyone who took part and well done!

The official answers are:

- 1 Wight School in High Street
- 2 South Parade/Chapel Street corner, opposite the Burial Grounds
- 3 Mill Lane by Old Mill House

- 4 Rose Cottage, South Parade
- 5 Leycester Close, Binswood End
- 6 Mill Street opposite Chesterton Farm (Mike Bloxham's Rose Cottage)
- 7 Old Police House, South Parade
- 8 School Grounds from Park Lane
- 9 Pineham Avenue east side
- 10 Corner of the Pound opposite the Club (junction Hall Lane/Crown Street)
- 11 Hall Lane/Church Terrace corner opposite the Hall (Church Paddock)
- 12 Cemetery corner, junction South Parade and Park Lane
- 13 The Homestead, Crown Street opposite Crown (old Perce Cowley's)
- 14 Studio Cottage, Farm Street (Mrs. Farley)
- 15 Bird's Cottage, Mill Street opposite Brethrens Farm
- 16 Ivy Cottage, Ivy Lane
- 17 Chain Cottage, Temple End
- 18 Yew Tree Cottage, Mill Street

Linda Ridgley



HARBURY WOMEN's INSTITUTE

It has been a busy time of the year. The Christmas Party was, as always, a success. The Hall colourfully decorated, excellent food provided by the many, entertainment provided by the few and good company. Many thanks to all the helpers.

Our Preserve Stall at the Christmas Fair was beautifully decorated by Bertha, Sylvia and Diana, winning an award too. Again thanks to members who supplied lots of goodies, resulting in a good profit.

Some members attended the Group Carol Service at Stockton. An

enjoyable service with readings and choirs from Napton and Long Itchington, ended with hot punch and mince pies.

The weather was foggy and cold, so we must especially thank the ladies who drove in those awful conditions.

I hear there have been some Bowls matches at the Club and Celia has been playing a *blinder*. Long may it continue.

At the December meeting we opened presents and had sherry and mince pies, so that was a good start. The speaker was Mr. John Curtis on Punch & Judy, a colourful subject for the time of the year. Mr. Curtis said he had brought along his best friend and was as pleased as punch to be with us. He had been fascinated by Punch & Judy since a child and eventually became an operator, working at a seaside resort in Wales and then travelling all over the county and abroad.

Punch and Joan, as they were known in the 1600's, were people who dressed up and travelled from Italy to Great Britain, visiting the seaside and village greens and fêtes. Covent Garden was a popular place where labour and goods were exchanged.

Not much was heard about them in the 1700's, but they re-emerged in the 1800's when they had become puppets. One man operated the puppets and another, called the bottler, collected the money. Of course there was always a dog with them called Toby.

Mr. Curtis also collects memorabilia of anything that has Punch on from brassware, kitchenware, children's toys and toiletries, to name but a few.

The evening ended with a real live Punch & Judy show and we all joined in, got excited and had a good laugh, and I am sure we remembered a part of our childhood again.

Note: *Mr. Curtis wasn't like the Punch & Judy man in Hi De Hi at all!*

A Happy New Year to everyone.

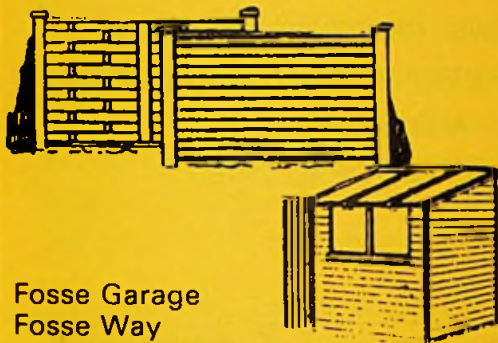
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HARBURY FOLK CLUB

We were told to expect a Christmas Extravaganza of Folk at the Dog Inn. The likely downside was that it was to be presented by the Jug Band. It was doubtful that we could have expected an evening of any musical innovation or talent; tastelessness in plenty, almost certainly if the Jug Band was in any way involved.

But the audience quickly attained the Christmas spirit and thoroughly enjoyed the first half of the evening with fine performances after, of course, a Jug Band start with their **Champagne Charley**. Steve followed with the obligatory Christmas number (or so he says) **Gaudete**, got the audience singing very early on, reducing much of the talking at the back.

Sue sang of her **Soldier Coming Home Today** (had she told Ian?), whilst Ian tried to tell us that he was **Too Old for Morris Dancing and Too Young to Rock and Roll** (both written by Sue and Ian). Des avoided singing about dying soldiers, as it was Christmas (as it was) and rendered seasonal numbers about **Puddings and Rum**.

The final performance from skilled musicians in the first half were from Margaret on her fiddle and Peter on his organ.

The second half started with a further helping of folk singing skills, this time from The Four Snoetjes (Janny, Celia, Ruth and Maureen, our own Small Faces) who sang about St. Nicholas (from Spain!). Next were the Three Wise Men, a rather presumptuous name for Pete B, Doug and Steve, singing an hilarious song from Trunch.

Ron and Jean continued the party spirit with a couple of numbers, Jean personalising her song with aspersion about the Master of Ceremony's cellar! The second half closed with two numbers (that sounded more like three) from the Russian dentists: Fillski and Drillski ... including a masterly rendition with mime of the Les Barker poem - **Spot of the Antarctic**.

The third half was indeed the part of the evening about which the audience was quite justified in having serious doubts. Was it really going to continue to be an evening of pre-Christmas culture? The idea of regular singers joining with the Jug Band and performing material that is typical of the band was a good one. The eagerness to perform was as surprising

as it was foolish. Why did they want to subject themselves to this madness and what would be the lasting effect on their future in folk club circles. Well, of course it was Christmas and a time for laughter and on this occasion, there was less of the more depressing songs that sometimes feature at the Club.

The Jug Band took the stage (for the next 2 hours) and the first to lose his credibility was Ron, singing his very own **Strike the Bell Landlord**. Steve followed with a tight harmonic rendition of the **Schwarzenegger** song. Two numbers from Gilly really did show up the cracks in the Jug. Her sublime **White Christmas** was followed by Sue's **Nobody loves a Fairy When She's Forty** (complete with tutu, Doc Martens and wand). Pete B had always had a raging, if somewhat misguided, ambition to accompany the Band. His Christmas wish was granted. With washboard, he joined the three (plus Sue on bones and jug and John B on fiddle) with: **The Sheik**. Mike's big romantic number: **Brother Sylvest**, reached further high spots of presentation and co-ordination with the Jug Band.

In an attempt to bring back some element of musical talent to the third half, the Folk Club Choir gave a stunning preview of the carols that they were preparing for the Carol Service. The enthusiastic applause was only surpassed by the appreciation of the congregation at the Church on Christmas Eve. This oasis of calm was shortlived - back came the Jug Band to welcome the star of the evening: none other than Santa Claus.

He gave presents to all the good boys and girls..... Margaret will always cherish her Big Mac and Bob his Y-fronts.

To the utter surprise and amazement of the now dwindling audience, Santa revealed himself by singing his big number: **The Pub with no Beer, or crisps, or red wine, or change, or diesel, or feathers on the parrot**. The evening ended with everybody singing and playing **Christmas in Australia**.

Thanks are due to the audience for turning up and contributing to a raffle total for the Robert Appeal of £52; the singers for compromising their future careers; to Santa and the Landlord of the Dog Inn and his family for their understanding and help.

The Folk Club Correspondent

HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP

Seasonal celebrations are over and we would like to welcome back the children to Nursery and as ever, we particularly look forward to meeting those starting this term.

This is a busy term for everyone, starting with a New Year Cake Stall on **Thursday 11th January** (9.30am) outside the Wight School. Please come and support us - bake a cake or buy one to take home!

10th February is the date for the Annual 80/20 sale of quality 2nd hand children's clothes and equipment at the Village Hall. This is a really popular event and a good opportunity to snap up some real bargains. Anyone wanting to sell should contact Linda Roe on Harbury 613107. Contributors will be charged £1 a box, but please only really good quality items and no underwear!

Emma Evans

PLAYSCHEME 1996

There will be an open meeting to discuss the feasibility of running another Playscheme next summer.

**Thursday 11th January 1996 at 8pm
at the Dog Inn**

If your children have attended the event in the past years, you will appreciate that its loss would be a great shame. However, new committee members are needed in order for it to go ahead.

The scheme has been run by a small committee over the last few years; if more people were to help with the organisation, then everybody's tasks would be that much lighter.

Please come along and hear what we have to say. Then maybe you would be willing to help organise this FUN event.

Amanda Kelly 613175



Father Christmas arrives at the Village Hall



Alison Hodge

Jo Tancock

Jane Thomas

Scouts Support Committee

Mike Bloxham



Rebecca Oldham

Caroline Dormer



Peter Towell

Charles Catt
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Ken Hughes

THE WIGHT SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

A very happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to an exciting new term on **Thursday 4th January**.

Our Christmas Concert was a great success. It was held in the Village Hall in conjunction with the Village Hall Playgroup. Congratulations to everyone who was involved in the performance, especially those who prepared the children for the event. For many of the children it was their first experience on stage; the way they dealt with it was a tribute to the respective playgroup leaders.

The term ended with the Christmas party, the highlight of which (though somewhat traumatic for some!) was the visit from Father Christmas. (Thank you Keith Guy!)

The children arrived home at the end of term, laden with the many items that they had made on the run up to Christmas. A big thank you to Carol, Marie and Sue for all the hard work they have put in. Their never ending patience and ability to draw the best from the children does not go unnoticed.

Our cake stall and raffle in December was a great success despite the snow and freezing conditions. Thank you to all those who supported us in any way. Our next cake stall will be held on **Thursday 1st February**, outside the Library, as usual. If you have never experienced any of the lovely home-baking that the stall has to offer, do come along and give us a try.

We are holding a coffee morning on **Wednesday 17th January** from 10am to 12noon at 1 Dickens Road. Everyone's support would be very much appreciated at this event.

Just a quick reminder of our warm invitation to any pre-playgroup toddlers from the age of 2½ years and their parent(s) or guardian(s). We invite you to come along and join us on the first Friday of each month from 10-11.30am and help your child begin to learn a little bit of what playgroup is all about.

We are all looking forward to a happy and successful year and we wish the same to every one of you.

Alison Atkinson

CALLING ALL UNDER 9 FOOTBALLERS!

Under the good auspices of Graham Lodge and Jim Farrell, the Under 9 section of Harbury Junior Football continues to thrive.

The move to having a younger squad, separate from the Under 10's, has been a great benefit in providing a safer, less competitive environment that has done much to encourage young talent.

At present, the training sessions are tending to attract from 6-8 boys each week and the squad has 10 boys on the books. After having had the chance of a friendly match against Southam earlier in the season, the squad's appetite for competition was wetted, so it's our intention to organise some more friendlies in the New Year.

Clearly the above numbers indicate that we are in need of some more recruits. So, if you are interested, do come along to the training sessions (informal affairs, consisting of ball skill practice, mini games, etc.) that are held on the School pitch at 10.30am - 12.00noon most Saturdays -- you'd be most welcome.

Alternatively, if you'd like more information, please contact:

Graham Lodge	614091
Jim Farrell	612951
Jim Ward	612401

Also for older children two other teams are run in the village; one for the Under 10's and the other for Under 11's. If you are interested in joining, please contact Trevor Montague (612340) for the Under 10's and Clive Whorton (613358) for the Under 11's.

Jim Ward

HARBURY LADIES NETBALL CLUB

Christmas was a time when many of us ate too much food and took too little exercise - so now it's back to training! The first official training session of the New Year is on **Thursday evening 11th January at Kington School**, at the usual time. As the "A" and "B" teams are

attempting to arrange games on 6th January, they could be practising on the Thursday before, so check with captains please.

By popular demand, there is to be another QUIZ NIGHT at the Village Club on **Sunday evening 28th January**. Teams of four, £1 per person entry fee, 8pm start.

Harbury Ladies Netball Club was formed in 1976 and will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary in June. We are trying to collate records, pictures and copies of previous AGMs. Many people in the village have been members of the Club at one time or another in the past and if you have any mementoes of YOUR playing days, I would appreciate the loan of them for a short while.

Pat Summers

LEAMINGTON CHRISTIAN MISSION

On behalf of Steph & Geoff, we would like to thank all the people who responded so generously to our Christmas appeal for gifts, food, etc. It has been greatly appreciated by the recipients and once again we thank you all and send good wishes for the New Year.

**Jill Winter
Liz Suttie**

JESSICA BEERE TRUST FUND

A competition was organised at the Gamecock Inn to guess the date and time of birth of Chapel Street's newest resident - Hamish Falconer. The doctors predicted he would arrive on Christmas Day, but Hamish couldn't wait and in fact was born at 14.45hrs on Tuesday 12th December, which meant the competition came to a 'premature' end!

However, we still raised £40 to donate to the above fund and the winner of the competition was 3 year old Victoria from the Gamecock.

Dan Killian

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WINTER BARBECUE - 4th DECEMBER

A 'Winter Barbecue' was held at the Dog Inn on Monday 4th December, which included a 'Test of Strength' (won by Dave Warner - it must be all those pints of gold-top), a darts knock-out competition and raffle.

Many thanks to all who supported this event and braved a very cold night and special thanks to Jay, his family and Trevor Simms for providing the free food for the barbecue and to Jay and his family for organising the raffle and providing the venue.

The event was a great success and I'm pleased to report we raised £110 (including Dave's £10 prize money), which is to be donated to the Jessica Beere Trust Fund.



Dan Killian



DOORSTEP CHARITY COLLECTIONS

Are we being ripped off by bogus doorstep charity collectors?

Recently, whilst visiting a friend, his doorbell rang and because of his incapacity, I answered. At the door was a man who said that he was collecting for the Cancer Campaign for Research into Children. I asked for identification and he produced a piece of card with a small photo, which appeared in the dim light to be a reasonable likeness with an indecipherable name. My friend indicated that he would make a small donation which he passed to me. On handing over the coin, the man thanked me, slipped it into his coat pocket and left.

Thinking this over, I was dissatisfied as to the man's identity and actions. Arriving home, I rang the Police on 812366 (number given for Neighbourhood Watch) and was reporting this when my front door was knocked upon. Answering, I was asked by a fair haired woman in a mustard anorak if I would make a donation in similar terms to the way requested earlier. When I said that I was on the phone to the Police, the woman cried out: *Robin, we have trouble here*, whereupon the man whom I had seen earlier, appeared into the area illuminated by my security light. They then withdrew swiftly into the darkness. The Police said that someone would be sent to investigate.

Upon reflection, it seems to me that this pair have a criminally profitable enterprise going. I usually give to doorstep charity collectors and if others do likewise, I could see this couple going home with a useful haul collected under false colours. Cancer and children are words which would seem to be carefully chosen to produce feelings of guilt if one does not contribute. As a local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, I have asked for advice, which I might pass on to my neighbours in respect to sorting out the genuine from the fraudulent callers, especially as nowadays nearly everyone who comes has some kind of identification card.

In the meantime, I will not be giving to those calling at my door, unless known to me or the appeal has recognised characteristics. Perhaps other in the village might adopt a similar attitude, thus making this type of fraud unprofitable here?

Maurice Bristow

PROFILE ON PETER WOODWARD

Peter Woodward with his wife Anne and two small daughters Jessica and Lauren, came to Harbury in 1984. Their son Luke arrived in 1986.

Peter was born and brought up in Lancashire and was educated at Wade Deacon Grammar School in Widnes. He was very keen on cricket and rugby and captained the first XI at cricket and the first XV of the rugby team. He played cricket for the county.



After passing 'O' and 'A' Levels, he went on to Birmingham University and studied Geography for his degree. He then moved to Oxford and started work with a company called Unipart, where he stayed for eleven

years. During this time Peter played Minor County cricket for Oxfordshire.

He then came to Harbury and joined the Rover Group, but he left 4 years ago to become self-employed as a motor trade consultant in partnership with his wife Anne, who covers the accounting side.

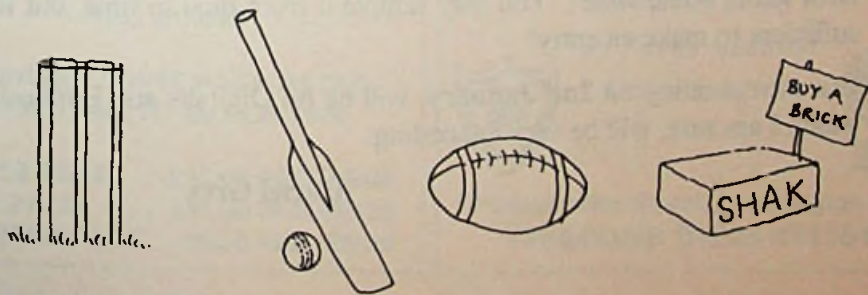
Since living in Harbury Peter has played cricket for Leamington and still plays indoor cricket in the winter.

He became interested in the Scouts after Luke joined the Beavers and along with other parents, he was concerned about the standard of facilities in the Scout Hut. Their concern led to the setting up of the S.H.A.K. Appeal and Peter became the *Kommandant*. Their aim is to raise £20,000 by Christmas 1996 and already £8,000 has been raised. Over £1,000 has been raised by the on-going Brick Appeal and the highly-successful Race Night in the Village Hall raised over £1,000. They are very appreciative of the kind donations from several societies in the village, including Harbury Church; Harbury Horticultural Society; Harbury Craft Circle and the Parish Council.

Peter has always been interested in and involved with the Carnival and for three years was chairman of the Chapel Street float.

He is very proud of his three children and was delighted when Jessica gained a Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. Both girls are interested in ballet and music and have been successful in passing various exams. Luke has done well in swimming and with Lauren, is a member of the Church choir. Peter is very interested in his children's activities and he is kept busy chauffeuring them to their various classes.

Miss J. Lodge

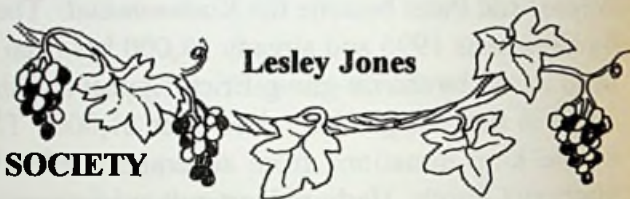


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Do you work at home? Do you look after young children? Or are you unemployed or perhaps retired? Grapevine is a 'coffee shop', which caters especially for people who are in the village during the day and may want to get out and meet others over a drink or something to eat.

We are open every Wednesday morning in the Tom Hauley Room - call in any time between 10am and 12noon. We serve hot drinks, toasted tea-cakes, cheese scones and homemade cakes; also squash and biscuits for the children.

Come along to Grapevine any Wednesday - meet a friend or bring a neighbour - everyone is welcome. We re-open after the Christmas break on 10th January.



HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Another year over, welcome to 1996. I am glad to say our last meeting of 1995 went very well; our speaker was entertaining and informative on *Shrubs and Trees for Winter Colour*. We then rounded off the evening with our social, thank you to the committee who provided the refreshments.

In the dull days of winter it is good to think of the activities for the coming year. Start to think of the plant sale we plan to hold in May. This leads nicely to thoughts on the Walkabout in July: would anybody like to open their garden? People who have done so in previous years agree it is hard work, but also very rewarding and fun talking "shop" to fellow gardeners and interested people, who haven't always got gardens. Dare I continue in the same vein and mention the Village Show? Knit or embroider something to enter in the handicraft sections, or maybe paint a picture. How about some wine? You may sample it from time to time, but leave sufficient to make an entry!

Our next meeting on **2nd January**, will be on Digitalis and Euphorbias, which I am sure, will be very interesting.

Muriel Grey

Michael Jerome



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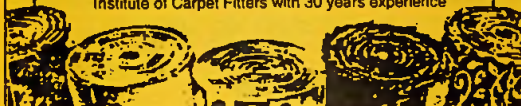
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GARDENING NOTES

Snow is forecast, so all we may be able to do in the garden this month will be to admire the winter interest plants, which have been growing away quietly, waiting for their hour of glory. However, weather permitting, check that tree stakes and ties are firm and roots of recently planted shrubs have not been loosened. On cordon apples, cut back side shoots to 1 bud.

In severe frost, protect flower buds on rhododendrons and azaleas with a covering of horticultural fleece. Remember to water winter pansies in containers. If they have made a lot of leaf, rain may not get through.

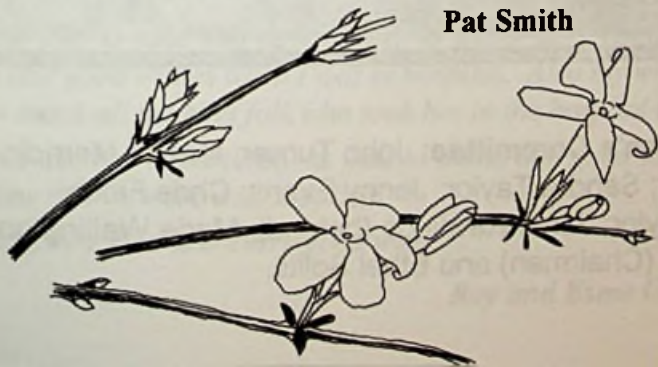
At the end of the month, place early potatoes in trays in a light, frost free place. Place the end with the most eyes uppermost. Rhubarb can be planted on a mild day. Cover it with manure.

Check houseplants regularly. Some pests love the warmth of the central heating. Feed flowering plants. Bring into the light any bowls of bulbs planted at the end of the year. Plant them out in the garden when they finish flowering. Those Christmas gift plants will be happier on a moist tray of gravel.

Collect cardboard cylinders to use as deep pots for individual seeds such as sweetpeas, which grow long roots.

Plant of the Month: Winter Jasmine. This shrub from China has been brightening our winter days since the 16th century. *Jasminum nudiflorum* will survive almost anywhere, but needs support. Prune after flowering. It is easy to propagate from Autumn cuttings or by layering in Spring.

Pat Smith



Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

May we say "The Biggest Thank You" for the marvellous party organised for the 'Senior Citizens' on Saturday 9th December.

Thanks to the chefs, waitresses, waiters, helpers, washers up, and entertainers, who made our night and for the food, drinks, prizes and crackers, not forgetting how we got them. Thanks also to the kind folk who gave us lifts; certainly, we will remember 9th December.

A.H. Stockwell



Senior Citizen's Committee: John Turner; Neville Merrick; Harry Taylor; Sandra Taylor; Jenny Evans; Chris Finch; Margaret Taylor; Janet Rawlings (behind); Marie Wallington; Tony Ceney (Chairman) and Ethel Sollis.

Dear Editors

Maurice Newbold and family would like to extend thanks to all friends for the sympathy cards and donations for Myton Hospice, on the loss of Rita (wife and mother).

Thanks to Father Roy Brown for a lovely service at Oakley Woods, and to the Doctors and Staff at Harbury Surgery.

Maurice Newbold and Family

Dear Editors

I wish to thank my friends and all the people who helped me in lots of other ways during my stay in hospital.

I am well on the way to recovery now and hope to be back to normal soon.

Wishing you all the best in the coming year and once again many thanks.

*Yours sincerely
Walter Waddell*

Dear Editors

Thank you to all who were concerned with my brother Charlie's funeral and to Rev. Brown for his lovely service. Thanks also to all who looked after him through his illness.

Hilda Freeman

Dear Editors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all friends who sent me cards and good wishes when I was in hospital. Also my wife and I would like to thank all the kind folk who took her to the hospital to visit me.

May we use this opportunity as well to thank our good local tradesmen who saw that we were well supplied.

A happy New Year and every good wish.

Roy and Esme Churchill

Dear Editors

Congratulations to 22 year old Adrian Taylor, who has just obtained his MA in Furniture Design and Technology at Buckinghamshire College (Brunel University).

A pupil at Harbury and Southam School, Adrian studied Diploma level Art and Design at Mid-Warwickshire College before going on to gain a First Class B.A. Hons degree in Three Dimensional Industrial Design at the University of Central England in Birmingham.

*Taylor Family
5 Ivy Lane*

Dear Editors

Through the H&L News I would like to say how grateful I was to be driven home to Harbury from Leamington recently on the Village Taxi Bus.

My reason for using this service was on account of the Stagecoach (Midland Red) leaving the bus stop at the top of the Parade, 15 minutes sooner than it should.

Frank (the driver) didn't hesitate to take me on board and brought me home to the door. I would also like to add that it was on a day when it was the Bishop Itchington's trip. (I enjoyed the round trip and the chat with the ladies from Bishop Itchington.) Thank you Frank.

Bertha Kettle

Dear Editors

Claims against the M40 Service Areas

Several concerned local people have asked about the possibility of claiming where their property has been adversely affected (noise, pollution, lights, etc.) by the new service areas and access roads.

I would be delighted to give anybody one of the claim's forms, which the Highways Agency have sent me and provide any additional information needed on possible compensation.

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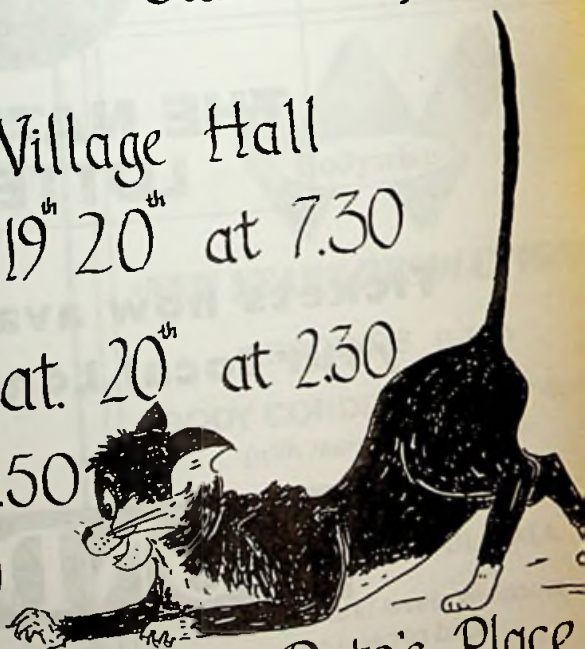
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