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DECEMBER 1974 - JANUARY 1975

Our first Christmas issue!! The Village Diary this month lists the many seasonal activities planned during the next few weeks, some of which are Christmas Parties for organisations and societies, but most of which are open for anyone to enjoy. The Church has its Carol Service on 22nd December, and Midnight Mass, starting at 11.15 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Do try and come to one or both of these services and make yours a real Christmas this year.

Alan Lord, a member of our Editorial Team, is leaving the village soon to live in Letchworth. We would like to thank him for his valuable contribution to the setting up of 'Harbury News', and to give him and his wife our best wishes for their new life in Hertfordshire. Goodbye Alan - Hello Allan!! Our new editor is Alan Barr, who lives in Honiwell Close, has two young daughters and we are sure, will admirably fill the gap left by the departure of Alan Lord.

There is only one way we can possibly close this editorial, isn't there?

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS" !!

HARBURY DIARY

DECEMBER 1974

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| Sat. | 14th | Senior Citizens' Party, 5.30 for 6.00pm, School. |
| Sun. | 15th | Crusader Carol Service, V. Hall, 2.30, All welcome. |
| Mon. | 16th | Playgroup Christmas Party V. Hall 2.00-6.00p.m. |
| Tues. | 17th | Young Wives & Mothers Union Carol Service in Church, 2.15pm. Under 5s and parents invited. |
| " | | Harbury Friends Christmas Party, Dog Inn 8.00pm. |
| Weds. | 18th | Tufty's Christmas Party, V. Hall, 2.15pm members ^{only} . |
| " | | Conservative Party Jumble Sale, V. Hall 7.00p.m. |
| Fri. | 20th | Football Club Dance, Village Hall. |
| " | | Theatre Group Christmas Party, Dog Inn, 8.00pm. |
| Sat. | 21st | Rugby Club Dance, Village Hall. |
| Sun. | 22nd | Village 9 Lessons & Carol Service in Church 2.30pm. |
| Tues. | 24th | Blessing of Crib & Midnight Mass in Church 11.15pm. |
| Weds. | 25th | Holy Communion in Church 8.00a.m. |
| | | Procession & Family Sung Eucharist 10.00a.m. |
| Tues. | 31st | Football Club New Year's Eve Dance, V. Hall. |

JANUARY 1975.

- Thurs. 2nd W.I. 7.45pm V. Hall, Mrs. Joy Smith-on 'America'.
" Harbury Singers restart, 8, Penelope Close 8.00pm.
Thurs. 9th Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Fri. 10th Blood Doning Session, Village Hall, all day.
Tues. 14th Harbury Friends EGM & "Clothes for Tots" 8pm.
in School.
Fri. 17th Village Hall Dance.
Sat. 18th Rugby Club Dance, Village Hall, 8.00 p.m.
Tues. 21st Tufty Club, Village Hall, 2.15 p.m.
" Labour Party Open Meeting, 8.00pm, The Dog Inn
Jim Kelly talking on The Social Contract.
Thurs. 23rd Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Fri. 24th Harbury Youth Football Club Dance, Village Hall.
Sun. 26th Footpath Assoc. Meeting, Village Hall, 2.30pm.
Tues. 28th Young Wives, Village Hall, 2pm "Social Problems"
Thurs. 30th Harbury News AGM, Wight School 8pm. ^{Everyone} welcome.
Fri. 31st Theatre Group Meeting, The Dog Inn, 8.00 p.m.

CRUSADERS Village Hall, 2.30 p.m. Every Sunday.

BINGC Village Hall, 8.00 p.m. Every Monday.

YOUTH CLUB Village Hall, 8.00 p.m. Every Wednesday.

INFANT WELFARE CLINIC Village Hall, 2.00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month.

NO BADMINTON 24th or 31st December.

HARBURY SINGERS Every Thursday, 8 Penelope Close, 8.00pm.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP "Dog Inn" Last Friday every month.

ALL DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

Diary Dates for inclusion to Mrs. V. Macgowan, Tel. 612933.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Once again we are about to celebrate the birth of our divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Once again we listen to the words, so simple and yet so wonderful, in which St. Luke tells us about the way everything happened that night, and with every one of those inspired words there springs up before us a picture: of the stable and the straw and the dim light of a lamp falling on the new-born Infant, and Mary and Joseph kneeling in adoration; or the shepherds on the frosty

hills under the stars, and the sudden brightness in the sky, and heaven breaking through in armies of singing angels.

We do well to let our eyes and our minds dwell on these pictures of the outward events of Christmas. But also we should know how to look further. We must let our thoughts reach out beyond the stable, beyond the hills round Bethlehem, beyond the world itself, beyond the farthest and unimaginably distant star. And then, when we have left all creation behind us, our thoughts reach on towards That which was there always, before anything was created at all, - the Infinite God, from Whom all things come, to Whom all the millions of years of created time are the merest passing moment.

And then, with that in mind, we look once more at the crib, and see the full meaning of it. It is a sign, a message to us out of Eternity. Or rather, it is the Eternal Himself come to bring His own message, to tell us that He is a Father, and has a Son, and that He has made us to be His sons also, His adopted children to live with Him and be happy with Him for ever, that we can look to Him and trust Him absolutely, that He is not only Eternal and Infinite Power, but also Eternal and Infinite Love.

So then, the Church wishes each of you a very happy Christmas, and she wants you to remember that love of God, and how, even if yours had been the only soul on earth that needed redemption, St. Joseph would still for your sake have to go round the streets of Bethlehem vainly seeking shelter, and for your sake Mary would still have to wrap her first-born in swaddling clothes and lay Him in the manger.

With every blessing,

Yours very sincerely,

F.R. Mackley.

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Christmas is very much a time when we think about giving. New Year is very much a time for taking stock and planning for the coming year. Many of us who give regularly to the Church and its work in the parish, the diocese and the world, are taking stock at this time of year and are considering how our gifts can be more effectively used. For many of us, the answer is through making a covenant of our gifts.

For most of us, Christmas is not complete without carols, especially the old familiar ones and we look forward to sharing in the village carol service on the Sunday before Christmas and in the Services on Christmas Day. Christmas is a family time, as much the time to meet as the family of Christ as in our own earthly families.

It was once reported that two ladies saw a poster outside a church inviting them to worship together at Christmas and one shook her head in horror and said to her companion 'They try to drag religion into everything these days!'. Let's try to drag religion into Christmas this year. Let's put Christ back into Christmas.

We wish you joy and blessing this Christmas and in the coming year.

THE CHURCH'S COVENANT SCHEME

During 1974 four Covenanters have completed their 7-year stint on behalf of Harbury Church, having contributed no less than £700 to the funds in that time. Now that their deeds have been completed, the Church's guaranteed income will fall by £100 a year, unless another four people decide to become Covenanters in their places.

When you become a Covenanter, you need give no more to the Church than you do now - by actually promising to give that amount over a period of years, however, the Church, for tax reasons, will receive nearly half as much again as you are prepared to give. If you leave the village during the period of your Covenant you may transfer it to another church.

More and younger subscribers are urgently needed, so please think very seriously about this. Forms can be found on the table at the back of the Church, or if you require more information or advice the Vicar, Churchwardens or members of the Parochial Church Council will be pleased to help.

CRUSADERS

The Carol Service is to be held on Sunday, 15th Dec. when we welcome parents and friends to the village hall to join in singing the well known carols and some not so well known. There will be no Crusaders on the following two Sundays, 22nd and 29th December but we re-start on Jan. 5th.

A games evening was held recently at 1, Vicarage Lane for upper juniors and inters and proved an hilarious occasion. Monthly games and activities evenings will start in the new year with monthly swimming starting on 4th December.

HARBURY JUNIOR & INFANTS SCHOOL

After a hectic end to the term, with a Carol Concert, two performances of our own version of 'The Pied Piper', and an Infant Nativity, school breaks up on Dec. 20th with the Infants Party on Dec. 17th and Junior Party on Dec. 18th and a film on Dec. 19th.

We have had a lot of help from a group of mums who have been helping us to cover reading books, and we are very grateful to all of them.

Spring Term starts on Monday January 6th.

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Monthly Meeting was held at the School on Wednesday 20th November, when the speaker was Mr. David Jones, County Music Advisor. Mr. Jones gave a most interesting talk on the teaching of Music in schools and used a selection of musical instruments and tapes to illustrate various points. He also persuaded the audience to take part by playing some of the instruments and singing!! Mr. Barnes proposed a vote of thanks and presented Mr. Jones with a gift on behalf of the Association.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

An evening of Mirth, Music and Madness was held on Friday Nov. 22nd with apparent success. The evening commenced with the first play, 'Woman Alive', directed by Trevor Davis and was very warmly received, due to the admirable efforts of the cast, namely, Linda Ellis, Brian Scandrett, Keith Hayes, Colin Humphreys, Carol Percival and Joyce Parr.

After replenishing the glasses, the second play was the 'Adventures of Chastity Pewke' directed by Tony Thomas. This was admirably put over by the cast, namely Rex Smith, Tony Ceney, Tony Thomas, Deborah Allcock and not forgetting Janet Thornley who played the dazzling part of Chastity Pewke.

Sally Humphreys and Linda Hayes prepared the lovely supper that followed and the evening was rounded off by dancing to music by Brian Scandrett. It is impossible to mention everyone by name but many thanks are due to all who helped.

JOYCE PARR (SEC).

SOLO CLUB

I wonder how many people in Harbury who are on their own and lonely have heard of or would like to join the Leamington Solo Club, formed especially for widowed, divorced or separated and in some cases single people between the ages of 30 and 60.

We have discussions, social evenings and a dance every fortnight. I belong to this club as I am a widow and I found at first it was difficult to take the step to enter into a social life again on my own, but once I had joined I found there was always someone to talk to - after all, troubles shared are troubles halved and I have met many interesting people.

We have a very nice club room thanks to the generosity of The Midland Red; there is a bar and one of our members has a stereo set and an extensive supply of records.

The dances are held at Radford Social Club, Union Road, Radford, every second Sunday. We also receive invitations from other clubs. If you are interested would you please get in touch with me, Mrs. Joan Keyte, 38 Frances Rd. Harbury, and I will give you all the information you need.

Take it from me, once you join you will open up a new interest shared by many. Incidentally, you may attend three times before you have to join.

AWAY IN A MANGER.....

Did you know that there is a special Christmas Carol Service for pre-school children? This year it will be on Tuesday Dec. 17th, at 2.15 p.m. in the Church. There will be carols, stories, angels - all the necessary ingredients to delight the tiniest children, and to help them begin to learn the real story of Christmas.

Please don't let your child miss this lovely service - it is organised by the Young Wives and Mothers' Union, and is open to anyone who would like to come. DIANA HOLT.

NURSE ALEXANDER

So many of you have contacted us recently about the sad news of Nurse Alexander's illness, that we felt it fitting to pay her a printed tribute on behalf of us all. So many

villagers have benefited from her care and kindness during and after the birth of our babies and there are lots of children in Harbury today whose first view of the world was the calm, cheerful face of Nurse Alexander! A great many more villagers also have reason to be grateful to her for her nursing skills and her kindness. You will be pleased to hear that Nurse Alexander is now able to get around a little and we can all look forward to having her back amongst us again when she is completely fit. Meanwhile we send our very best wishes to her and ask her to hurry back - the village is poorer for her absence.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

MUSIC FOR SCOUTS

A Musical Evening, arranged by Mr. Michael Barnes, was held on Wednesday Nov. 13th in the School Hall in aid of the Scout Group funds. Despite the rain a packed house was pleasantly entertained by the Harbury Singers and the Harbury Junior Singers, with the Cub Scouts giving an enthusiastic if less melodious rendering of two Camp Fire Songs. Some delightful dancing was also on the programme - by the talented children from Miss Anderson's School of Ballet.

The Scout Group Committee would like to thank all the performers and organisers for their splendid efforts on our behalf, and especially the audience for their excellent support on such a wet evening.

JOHN SMALL (Cub Scout Leader).

HARBURY GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Most people in the village know that the above club meets at the Village Hall on the second and fourth Thursday afternoon each month; what they don't know though, is that since the departure from Harbury of Mr. & Mrs. Bastin we were left without a chairman and secretary. We have managed to find a new Secretary but are desperate for a Chairman. Is there a lady or gentleman willing to help us? You don't need to be over 60. We should be very grateful if anyone interested would contact Miss Hiron at Yewtrees, 19 Mill Street, or me-at 14 Constance Drive.

BETTY TYLER.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The W.I. held their Mediaeval Banquet - a very successful venture resulting in a complete sell-out of tickets. Many

guests wore Mediaeval costume, and after the banquet the W.I. drama group and the Warwickshire Threesmen gave entertainment suitable to the period. There were two very funny sketches, one based on '1066 and All That' and the other on Geoffrey Chaucer; Joan and Tony Thomas did an amusing and clever piece about a wife preparing her Lord and Master for battle in full armour.

The W.I. also held their AGM recently, when the following Committee was chosen by ballot - Mrs. A. Atkins, Mrs. P. Beaumont, Mrs. D. Bloxham, Mrs. G. Carter, Mrs. B. Checkley, Mrs. M. Davies, Mrs. M. Thompson and Mrs. B. Tyler. The officers for 1975 will be the same as for 1974 - President Mrs. P. Middleton, Secretary Mrs. M. Davies, Treasurer Mrs. M. Thompson and Vice-President Mrs. G. Carter.

Congratulations to Mrs. M. Catt, whose Apple Desert won a 2nd prize at the Southam Area Group Meeting!

GILL CARTER.

HARBURY HAUNTS

Were you aware of Harbury's ghostly attachments? Perhaps the following will remind you and maybe you know of other spirit friends in the village that would be interesting to hear about.

The old mill down Childyke has a horrifying story of the miller's son who met his death by being mangled in the machinery and is reputed to return to the mill occasionally.

The old infants school behind the church boasts its own spectre. It is said he had to approve of the headmaster or mistress or he made their lives unbearable. I have been told there are holes in one of the doors - the result of his trying to shoot one headmaster whom he disliked. The last headmistress, Mrs. Watts, must have passed muster as he lived a quiet life (?) while she taught there.

The other end of the village doesn't want to be left out and the story is told about a young couple returning from their baby's christening, passing the village pond, at that time on the green by The Old New Inn, - the husband suddenly pushed his wife in and she drowned. He was hanged for his crime but is supposed to return to the scene of his crime. So, when crossing the green some dark night full of a more pleasant spirit, if you get that spongy feeling under your feet walk a little faster!

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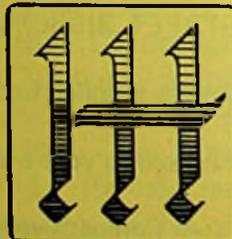
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We supposedly had a witch in Harbury. Before the Supermarket was built a row of cottages occupied the site, the first cottage being the home of the witch who used to turn herself into a rabbit of all things and wend her way down Childyke. One day a dog chased this 'rabbit' and managed to bite its leg. Being a witch she of course escaped, but for days after the old lady was confined to her bed with a badly bitten leg. Funnily enough it isn't long ago that the present occupier was suffering with leg trouble. Again, perhaps we could blame spirit trouble?

JEAN CLARKE.

CHILDREN'S STORY COMPETITION

The winner of the 9 - 11 age group is Ian Stanbridge, aged 10, who receives a Smith's Gift Token. Ian's charming and original story was chosen from a large and excellent entry despite the fact that he slightly exceeded the word limit.

The under 9s prize of a Smith's Gift Token is awarded to Carol Lucas, aged 8 and a special prize goes to Ashley Lucas aged 5 for the youngest entry.

Thank you to all those children who took part in this competition and we hope you will support future competitions with such keenness. The winning entries appear below:-

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Three days before Christmas a pair of robins were hopping on a window sill when the female robin saw some tinsel ready to be put on the Christmas Tree. She said, "Oh Harry I wish I could have some for my nest", Harry said "how can you get that". "Oh please just for me" said the female.

On Christmas Day the robins hopped on the window sill. Harry saw a window was open he flew in and landed, then he saw a toy soldiers gun pointing at him. Quickly he flew to a cupboard where a horse was glaring at him then he flew to the tree. Then the door opened and in came lots of children. "Now children" said the mother "pick a present off the tree". The first boy picked a train while the robin on the tree stood quite still then a girl said, "Can I have that little robin", "Which robin" said the Father "I don't remember putting one on". Harry was scared he decided to go on to the top of the tree and sing, then the Father let him out.

Next day he found some tinsel on the ground and he took it home to the female robin.

IAN STANBRIDGE AGE 10.

It was very exciting for the Green family because it was only two days until Christmas. Sally went with her daddy to get the Christmas Tree and Suzan went with her mummy to get the presents and decorations. The two days went by very quickly and it is Christmas eve and they hung up their stockings for him to fill. And Suzan woke up very early and she awoke Sally and they got their stockings and Suzan had a Pipa doll and a Blue Peter Book and a Baby Doll. and Sally had a Baby doll and a Blue Peter Book and a Sindy doll.

CARON LUCAS, aged 8, 5 Heber Drive, Harbury.

It is going to be CHristmas soon they put their stockings up and we were excited and that is the end of my story.

ASHLEY LUCAS, aged 5.

A CHRISTMAS PUNCH

Stud an orange with cloves and have ready cinnamon, honey, brandy, 2 bottles Dubonnet, a pint measure and a large oven-proof casserole or other nice-to-serve-from-container that can be warmed over a low heat.

Pour both bottles of dubonnet and a pint of water into a casserole, add a tablespoon of honey, a cinnamon stick and the orange and brandy to taste! Mull slowly, stirring carefully.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday Nov 30th the Annual Christmas Fair was enjoyed by a vast crowd who jammed the Village Hall to the doors. The Main Attraction was Father Christmas who, after touring the village, saw more than 200 children in his Grotto. The many stalls and sideshows were manned by members of village organisations to whom we are very grateful. A sum of approx. £160 was raised for the Recreation Ground Development Fund. A list of Christmas Draw Prize Winners will appear in the Post Office window. Two Tennis Bonds were drawn and Harbury PTA and Mr. Thompson of Warwick were the winners.

PETER HOLT (Rec. Ground Comm.)

RUBBISH ON THE PLAYING FIELDS

Items of Rubbish (large and small) are being dumped on the Recreation Ground. It is dangerous to children & animals. Will those responsible please dispose of their rubbish by the large collection - 2nd Weds. every month - not on the field.

HISTORICAL NOTES

The village has been known by several different titles in the past, Edburberie, Erburberie & Erburgeberie appearing in the Domesday Book, though by the 17th Century Herberbury was standard. (Among the many titles the most explicit is "Hungry Harbury" - so called in 1740.) It seems that farmland in the Parish was poor and non-productive so that the villages of Kingston and Chesterton were ordered to contribute to the 'poor of Harbury'. In 1638 the village had 148 houses - 7 of them were uninhabited, which was assessed as being higher than the national average.

An interesting point is that there were apparently 3 windmills in Harbury in 1291. Two were on the Abbott of Coomb's property in 1279 and one on the Kenilworth Priory land in 1291.

ANNE EGAN & ANTHONY FENNELL.

HARBURY & DISTRICT LABOUR PARTY AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Harbury & District Labour Party was held on Monday Nov. 4th at the Wight School. Officers elected were:- Chairman: Victoria Tanner; Secretary: John Hancock; Treasurer: Michael Bloxham. After the business of the meeting was concluded, Dennis Hunt led a discussion on public ownership.

"KALEIDOSCOPE "

It is nice in these depressing times to announce another birth in the village! We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Washington on the birth of Katherine Diana on Nov. 19th, who weighed in at 5lbs 10ozs. Mr. Michael Barnes is losing weight rapidly at the moment due to his having to perform extraordinary acrobatics in conducting as well as playing the piano for Harbury Singers! Any interested pianists should contact Michael at 612545 before he injures himself! . . . Christmas can be a tragic time for animals, given as presents to children, and then 'dumped' when the novelty wears off. Please don't buy a pet for Christmas unless you are sure that the adult animal will be loved as much as the playful puppy or kitten. If you were outraged by the Birmingham bombs in Nov. and want to express your sympathy for the victims, a practical way would be to send a donation to the fund at this address: The Lord Mayor's Appeal Fund, The Lord Mayor's Parlour, Council House, BIRMINGHAM B1 1BB. Thank You.

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

CORRESPONDENCE

In response to Mr. Chapple's letter about comprehensive education, a letter was received from Mr. Winter, of which the following is an extract:-

As a Grammar School teacher of many years experience I should like to reassure Mr. Chapple of three things. Firstly there will be no 'lowering of standards'. Experience in other comparable areas has shown a marked tendency for performance in public examinations to improve after Comprehensive re-organisation. Figures published only recently by Sheffield Education Committee bear this out. Secondly, much as I should like to see money being injected into reorganisation, there will be no squandering of public funds. The scheme to be adopted is not expensive and ensures that no existing capital resources will be wasted. Thirdly mid-Warwickshire will not suddenly be confronted by the social problems of Merseyside or of any other inner-urban area in which any education system would be in difficulties no matter what its organisation.

DAVID WINTER.

Correspondence on this subject is now closed.

Jumble Sale - Have clear out & gather your jumble for a Pre-Christmas Sale - Wed. Dec. 18th, 7.00pm, Village Hall
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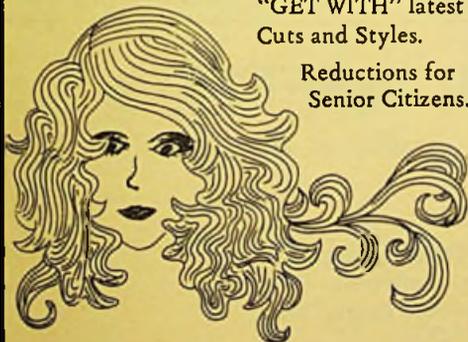
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