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JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1975

Firstly, from the Editors - a very Happy New Year to you all. The general economic outlook is not bright - most Harburians commute to work and the recent increase in petrol price will affect us all. (See Alan Barr's article in this issue) A more cheerful thought is that unlike many villagers elsewhere we don't have to go outside our own village for leisure interests. No "dead & alive hole", "last place God made" is Harbury. The now-being-compiled Harbury Directory will show just how many opportunities are open to us all.

On this opportunities topic - now is your chance to join the Harbury News Team. The AGM will be on Jan. 30th at 8.00 p.m. in the Wight School. There will be an election of Editors and committee members for the coming year. If you feel you can contribute or would like to be involved, come and join us on your magazine on January 30th.

Our issue this month is shorter than usual due to the difficulty in preparing for the printers over the Christmas Holiday, but we shall be up to full length next time.

JANUARY 1975

HARBURY DIARY

Weds.	15th	PTA talk by Mr. J. Skinner, Headmaster Southam High School, in Harbury School, 8.00 p.m.
Fri.	17th	Village Hall Dance.
Sat.	18th	Rugby Club Dance, Village Hall, 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	21st	Tuffy Club, Village Hall, 2.15 p.m.
"		Labour Party Open Meeting, 8.00pm, The Dog Inn Jim Kelley talking on The Social Contract.
Thurs.	23rd	Golden Age Club, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Fri.	24th	Harbury Youth Football Club Dance, V. Hall.
Sun.	26th	Footpath Assoc. Meeting, V. Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Mon.	27th	Harbury Liberal Party AGM, Wight School 8.00pm.
Tues.	28th	Young Wives, V. Hall 2pm, "Current Social Problems
Thurs.	30th	Harbury News AGM, Wight School, 8pm, All welcome.
Fri.	31st	Theatre Group Meeting, The Dog Inn, 8.00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Sat.	1st	PTA "Partly-a-Party". Doug & Ann Megeney invite you to 28, Manor Orchard.
Thurs.	6th	W.I. Talk on lampshade making, V. Hall 7.45p.m.
Tues.	11th	Harbury Friends Meeting.
Weds.	12th	ASH WEDNESDAY.

Thurs. 13th Golden Age Club, Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
 Sat. 15th Rugby Club Dance, Village Hall.
 Sun. 16th Confirmation in Church, 10a.m. by Lord Bishop
 of Coventry. Coffee afterwards at Village Hall.
 Tues. 18th Tufty Club, Village Hall, 2.15 p.m.
 Weds. 19th PTA "Swimming & Water Safety" Film & Discus-
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 Diary Dates for inclusion to Mrs. V. Macgowan, Tel. 612938.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

When this number of the "Harbury News" appears we shall already be in the year 1975, and we probably wonder what the year has in store for ourselves, for the Church, for our own country, for the world. We cannot tell.

But though we cannot foresee what will happen in 1975, we can know what we should do. We must seek to know what is God's will for us, and we must seek to do it. There are tasks and responsibilities waiting for us in 1975, some, probably pleasant enough, some, perhaps, irksome and difficult. Some we may be glad to perform, others we may greatly dislike. Let us hope that among them all God may have given us some to do which are acts of service for the advancement of His Kingdom and the strengthening of His Church. But whatever they are, let us go into 1975 resolved to attempt whatever duties may fall to us with cheerfulness and courage, by the help of the Holy Spirit.

With every blessing,

Yours very sincerely,

F.R. Mackley.

HOLY BAPTISM

Dec. 15th Russell James, infant son of Douglas Richard
 James and Wendy Elizabeth Hollingworth
 (nee Barber) 90, Bondfield Avenue, Prestwick.

FUNERAL SERVICES

- Dec. 3rd Leslie Borton, aged 69 yrs., 43, Manor Road.
Dec. 5th Edith Constance Cheyne, aged 81 yrs., 8 Manor Court, Leamington Spa, and formerly of Field House, Harbury (at Oakley Wood Crematorium).
Dec. 20th Sidney Herbert Veit, aged 67 yrs., 8 Sutcliffe Drive

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Although there had already been two delightful Carol Services for the School and for the Mothers' Union and Young Wives, the main Christmas Services started with the Carol Service on the Sunday afternoon before Christmas at which a nearly full Church enjoyed joining in the well-known carols and hearing the Christmas story unfold in the reading of the nine lessons by representatives of Church and Village organisations. It was a privilege to be able to listen again to the fine singing of Harbury Singers and their rendering of 'The Three Kings' was particularly appreciated. The Church Choir also presented several carols and both the choir and solo singing were much enjoyed. A new and splendid addition to the accompaniment of some carols was David Goodfellow's trumpet and it would be good in future years to see more use made of the village's very accomplished young instrumentalists. Maybe one of these days we shall have not only Harbury Singers but Harbury Orchestra as well!

The wild weather of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day seemed not to deter people from coming to celebrate, in the Services of the Church, the birth of Christ. At the Midnight Communion and Blessing of the Crib many came to share in the Service & to enjoy the beauty of the Church with the lovely arrangements of flowers & foliage, the lit Christmas tree and Crib and the outstanding singing of the Choir. It was particularly thrilling to see so many whole families worshipping together this Christmas at the morning Celebrations.

We do wish you all a happy, peaceful and blessed New Year.

CAROL PARTY

On Saturday, 7th December the School Hall was well filled for the third Harbury Carol Party. Michael Barnes was compere and also conducted the Harbury Singers in a wide selection of Christmas Music. Soloists were Sarah Bennett, Shirley Keir, Anne Moore and Bryan Harrison. Also taking part

were the Harbury "Junior" Singers who gave an enthusiastic rendering of "Rudolph", and "Food" from "Oliver". The Church Choir under their conductor, Clive Watts, added to the evening's entertainment with their singing of "I Saw Three Ships" and "Silent Night". John Goodfellow and his Recorder Group, with the addition of a flute and trumpet, completed the Programme with a polished performance of three well known carols. A vote of thanks was proposed by Geoff Wright who also presented Peggy & Valentine DuBuisson with a gift on behalf of the P. T. A.

Mince Pies and coffee were served, and a collection taken which resulted in the sum of £14 being divided between Cystic Fibrosis, Action for the Crippled Child and the NSPCC.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The Infant School Nativity was held in the Hall on Tuesday Dec. 10th. The afternoon was structured around a nativity tableaux, with three angels forming the centrepiece throughout. The prettily costumed Holy Family, Shepherds, Kings with pages and children with gifts joined the angelic trio from various points of the hall. Each class said a poem and all the children sang. It made a delightful afternoon.

"The Pied Piper of Hamelin" was presented on Monday Dec. 16th by classes 5, 6 & 7 (i. e. the Lower Junior Classes). It was a brilliant production, and a highly professional standard was maintained throughout. Once again it was "standing room only" in the school hall. All the children were involved, some having several changes of costume as 'children', 'rats' and 'tumblers'. The topical allusions in the councillors' lines to village were well received! All the staff involved and particularly Mr. Thorburn deserve congratulations.

On Thursday Dec. 12th Junior Classes 8 & 9 gave "Carols Round the World" in the Parish Church at 7.30 p. m.

Groups of Children were dressed in national costumes which included Sioux, Welsh, French, Spanish, Mexican and Scottish, and each group sang a carol from their 'adopted country.

Our thanks to the school staff for all the work they had put in with the children. It gave the parents a great deal of pleasure to watch and the children gained excellent experience in public performance.

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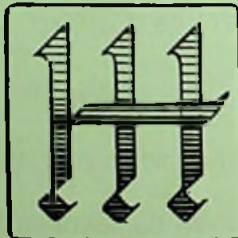
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HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

The Annual Christmas Party was held at The Dog on Dec. 20th and about 40 past and present members attended. The main "happening" was a superb buffet supper provided by Mavis Powell. It was very nice to see new members of the Group but most particularly to see Peter Shawcross, one of our oldest members, back in circulation after his recent illness. Rehearsals for the next production, scheduled for February, start on Monday January 16th.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

This was held at the School, thanks to Mr. Oliver; and to Mrs. Brenda Thomas and her helpers who prepared the full turkey dinner for 145 guests.

After the meal Tony Ceney, a committee member, was M. C., Clive Watts played his own Christmas melody for organ and then played for singing and dancing. Mr. Morris played the piano, and two members of the Harbury Singers with their conductor Michael Barnes, contributed to the entertainment.

I want to thank the committee members and the 'washers up' for their support and also the local traders who generously gave the raffle prizes. This raised £46.50p for Association Funds. Our former Secretary, Peter White, is moving to Woburn and Jim Haines of South Parade will take his place.

The Association AGM will be held in February - date to be announced.

TIM PERCIVAL (Chairman).

And an appreciation from a Senior Citizen Guest

On Dec. 14th, 149 of us were the guests of The Senior Citizens' Association at a party in the New School.

When we arrived the tables looked festive with Christmas Cards and Crackers, and we were soon gay in paper hats, greeting old friends. We enjoyed a sumptuous meal of traditional Christmas Fare, with plenty of Christmas Spirit (or wine?) to make us merry.

After the meal there was entertainment by the Harbury Singers, Mr. Clive Watts on the organ and many turns from the guests themselves. The evening ended with Mr. Morrison playing suitable tunes on the bagpipes.

Altogether an evening to remember and our unanimous thanks were voiced by Mr. J. Bamford.

HARBURY GOLDEN AGE

We would like to thank everyone who bought tickets in our Christmas Raffle which helped to finance our Christmas Party. The winners were:- Mrs. J. Bull, Mrs. E. Mills, Mrs. Jack Mann, Mr. D. Hawkins, Mrs. Savage, L. Andrews and Mr. Kershaw.

MOTHERS' UNION & YOUNG WIVES' CAROL SERVICE

This annual event was attended by a record congregation of nearly 200 people, who heard Trisha Harrison (Chairman of the Young Wives) read the Christmas story, and saw a tableau of under-fives depicting Mary and Joseph and assorted angels and shepherds. Shirley Keir and Anne Moore sang two duets, Diana Holt and Frances Moore read the prayers, and Jeanne Clarke led the service which proved to be a most enjoyable occasion, both for the children and their mothers.

THE FOOTPATH INQUIRY

The proposed closure of SM 62a - running from Mill Street, opposite the end of Heber Drive, and joining the Harbury-Ufton path - is to have a public inquiry. It will be on Tuesday Jan. 14th at 10.30 a. m. at the Council Offices, Market Hill, Southam. "It is open to anyone who has made an objection or representation and any other interested person to attend or be represented". (Dept. of Environment notice).

At the time of going to press there has been no announcement concerning the M 40 route.

CUTTING YOUR MOTORING COSTS

At the time of writing the 75p gallon of petrol is, unfortunately, an unpleasant fact of life - making the journey to work even more expensive. We have already established some contacts for those wishing to share travelling regularly to Coventry, Leamington and Warwick.

If you are interested, please ring Harbury 612765, when every endeavour will be made to put you in touch with someone of similar travelling habits.

MOTORCYCLE FILM SHOW

On Feb. 8th in the Village Hall, starting at 8.00p. m. there will be a film show - courtesy of Burmah-Castrol Ltd. - comprising, we hope, of two sporting motor cycle films and one general motor sport film. In addition, Mr. Bob Halford - service manager of Fretton's Motor Cycles - will be on hand

to outline the activities and facilities offered by the Leamington Victory Motor Cycle Club.

If you have a motor cycle and/or are interested in motoring sport, or in hearing a bit more about them, do come along - ADMISSION FREE.

HARBURY PLAYGROUP

The Annual Dance on Dec. 6th held in the Village Hall, was a great success. The Playgroup has greatly benefited financially from this, and we would like to thank everyone who helped to organise it and all those who supported us with their attendance. We hope to purchase chime bars and other suitable musical instruments, for use in the Playgroup, with the proceeds. All the children enjoyed the Christmas Party on Dec. 16th and the highlight of the afternoon was when Father Christmas arrived with a present for everyone.

Playgroup re-opens on Tuesday Jan. 7th 1975. Fees will be 30p per session (9.15 to 11.45a.m. each Tues. Weds. Thurs. & Friday morning). If you have a pre-school child aged between 3 & 5 and would like him or her to attend our playgroup please contact Mrs. Wendy Knowles our membership secretary, Tel. 612331 for details.

ANN BLUNT.

"KALEIDOSCOPE"

This month I am beginning with an urgent plea from Diana Holt to the secretaries of all organisations and clubs, to let her have details for inclusion in the 1975 Harbury Directory which is now being drawn up.....Nostalgia is a delightful thing and at the beginning of a new year it is fascinating to look back at the old one. A bound volume of Harbury News - 40 yrs. ago - has been shown to me by Mr. Harris. This was a wholly church and not a Village Magazine - it ran for six years until 1937 and was written by the Vicar, Rev. Capps.....1974 was a busy year for Harbury with the usual parties, fairs, concerts, drama productions and outings, but on top of these there were many other events and changes in the village, amongst which was the birth of Harbury News, our first issue appearing in May! Winter 1973 saw the completion of the tennis courts but it was in 1974 that we really began to enjoy them, and not content with tennis, we turned to swimming with the new School Pool being conceived and finished within the year! There was the Wheelbarrow Race in June and of course the

Carnival, and in August we won a Certificate of Merit in "The Best Kept Village" competition. In June Mr. Bamford opened his "Harbury Handicrafts" emporium; the Harbury Society, formed in October 1973, enjoyed increasing interest; Mr. Oliver and his family arrived in the late summer and he has already made his presence felt in the village. The Village Hall extension was also begun in the summer and whilst not yet completed has been in use for several functions already. Bonfire Night was as popular as ever, and that brought us to Christmas with all its festivities! What a year!

HARBURY COUNTY BRANCH LIBRARY - Mrs. Mary Prior will be leaving Harbury during February and Mr. Champion would be grateful if another lady could take her place as assistant in the Library. The hours are Mon. & Thurs. 3.30-7.00pm and anyone interested should call at the library or phone 613297 during Library Hours.

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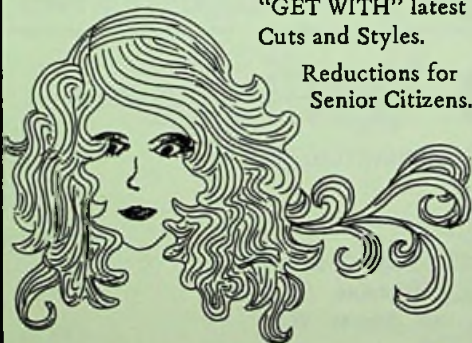
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