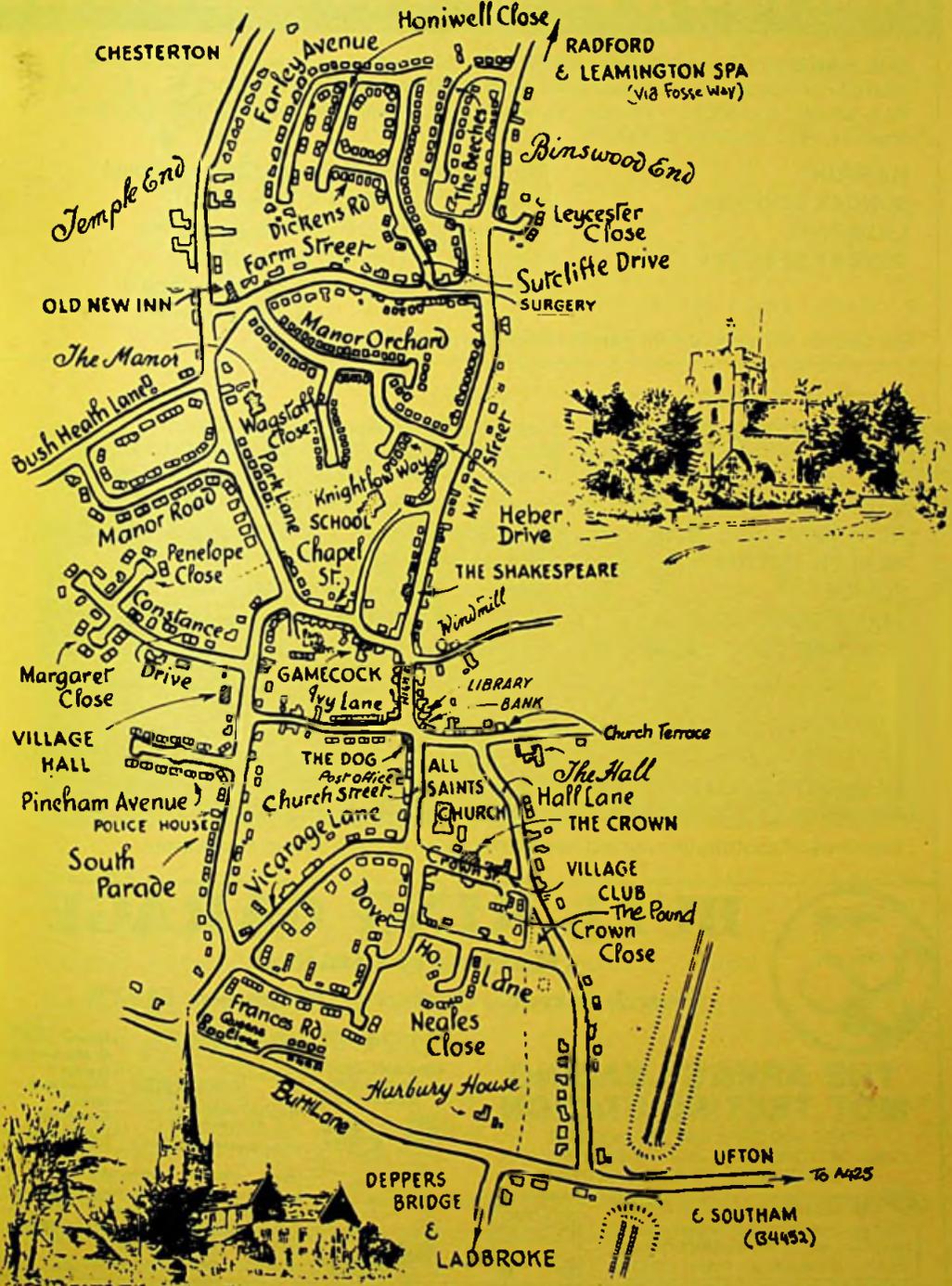


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**HAD A
BUMP?**



November has come and gone. Once again there was a large congregation at the Service of Remembrance.

Our picture shows the ceremony at the memorial, with John Barnes reading the Roll of Honour. Mr. Barnes informs us that the Poppy Day appeal this year produced a total collection of £582.63 - an increase of £32 over last year's total. The Royal British Legion wish to thank all collectors and all contributors.



November began with a bang at the Village Firework Party, but it is going out like a damp squib. There can rarely have been a wetter November - Harbury could almost manage without a water tower!

December brings the excitement of Christmas for the young at heart, and a whirl of social activity in the village. For many of us the essential part of Christmas is found in the joyful celebration of the birth of Christ, and this forms the central theme of our carols and worship.

CORRECTION: Please note that the District Nurse's daytime telephone number is 9/881451.

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Our best wishes go with Jill Tucker on her move to Suffolk after several years in Harbury. Her contributions to the Theatre Group, her help with Golden Age, and other village activities will be greatly missed. Another contribution that will be greatly missed is that of John Parker, who is retiring as Harbury's milkman. He has provided a great service over a long period, and the whole village owes him thanks.

Miss Joan Lodge has now completed the mammoth job of producing an index to back numbers of the Harbury & Ladbroke News. Many thanks! Anyone wishing to check up on past articles is welcome to refer to this - it is being kept at 23 Mill Street.

Finally, our thoughts are with the family of 16 year old James Williams, who at the time of writing is critically ill in Walsgrave Hospital following a motorcycle accident.

HARBURY DIARY

DECEMBER 1984

- Sat. 1st VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAIR, 2.30p.m., Village Hall.
Sun. 2nd ADVENT SUNDAY. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m.
Sung Eucharist, preacher Bishop of Warwick.
Mon. 3rd Last Gymnastics class before Christmas.
Christian Fellowships, 8p.m. at Corner Cottage, High Street, The Spiers, Lullington Lodge, and 8 The Beeches.
Tues. 4th Harbury Society Open Meeting on Conservation Areas, 8p.m. Farley Room, Village Hall.
Horticultural Society, 8p.m. Wight School.
Sen. Cit. Committee, 8.30 p.m., Village Hall.
Display of children's Historical Research, School, 6.30 to 9 p.m.
Wed. 5th Mothers' Union, 2.15 - 4 p.m., Village Hall: Mrs. Hayley on Tapestry.
Southam PTA Cake Icing Demonstration, School, 8p.m.
Thurs. 6th Whist Drive, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Girls' Club, Village Hall.
MU Corporate Communion, 9.45 a.m.
"CHRISTMAS CAROL" 7.45 p.m. in Harbury Church (see a Harbury Folk Club, Old New Inn, 8.30 p.m.)

- Fri. 7th Southam & Harbury Schools: occasional day holiday.
WI Christmas Party.
"CHRISTMAS CAROL", 7.45p.m., Harbury Church (see ad)
- Sat. 8th Sen. Cit. Ben. Committee's CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR
SENIOR CITIZENS - Village Hall.
Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., 77 Mill Street.
Speaker, Ken Neilson.
- Sun. 9th ADVENT II. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung
Eucharist, preacher Canon Austin Masters SSM
(Diocesan Missioner of Hereford). 2.30 p.m.
Free Church Service. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Mon. 10th Harbury 1st School Dress Rehearsal for "Hansel &
Gretel", 10.30a.m. Playgroups invited.
PCC meeting, 8 p.m.
- Tues. 11th Village Hall Playgroup and Wight School Playgroup's
Christmas Concert with coffee & mincepies,
11a.m., Village Hall.
"Hansel & Gretel", Harbury School, 7 p.m.
Harbury Friends, 8 p.m., School.
- Wed. 12th "Hansel & Gretel", Harbury School, 7 p.m.
Men's Group at the Rectory, 7.45 p.m.
- Thurs. 13th Action Research Sherry & Mincepies morning, 35 Mill
Street, 10.30 - 12.30.
W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.: Jean Cowan on Police
work.
Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.
Girls' Club, Village Hall.
Deanery Synod, 7.45 p.m.
- Fri. 14th Playgroup at Wight School breaks up.
- Sun. 16th ADVENT III. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sung
Eucharist. 3p.m. Adventurers' Carol Service.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Newspaper collection.
- Mon. 17th Clinic at Village Hall.
Toddler Group at Village Hall.
Upper Middle School Carol Service, 7 p.m.
Christian Fellowship, 8p.m., Corner Cottage, High
Street, 3 Vicarage Lane, 11 Constance Drive,
77 Mill Street.
- Tues. 18th Young Wives' Carol Service, 2p.m. in Church.
- Wed. 19th PTA Carols Round the Village.
- Thurs. 20th Girls' Club in Village Hall.
Whist Drive, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Harbury School breaks up.

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 Fri. 21st Southam School ends.
 Venture Unit Christmas Dinner at "The Dog".
 Sun. 23rd ADVENT IV. 8a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30a.m. Sung
 Eucharist. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
 Mon. 24th CHRISTMAS EVE.
 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
 at 6.30 p.m. in Church.
 Midnight Mass, commencing at 11.15 pm.



- Tues. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY.
 8a.m. Holy Communion. 9a.m. Christmas Morning
 Sung Eucharist.
 Thurs. 27th St. John the Evangelist: 9.45a.m. Holy Communion.
 Fri. 28th The Holy Innocents: 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion.
 Sat. 29th 2.30 pm. in Church - preparation of oranges for
 Christingle Service - help welcome.
 Sun. 30th Sunday after Christmas. 8a.m. Holy Communion.
 10.30a.m. Sung Eucharist with the Ceremony of
 the Christingle.
 ALL ARTICLES FOR JANUARY MAG. TO EDITORS BY TODAY.
 Mon. 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE.
 Christian Fellowship, Corner Cottage, High Street,
 8p.m.

JANUARY 1985

- Tues. 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY.
 Wed. 2nd Horticultural Society Sausage & Mash Supper at
 Childyke, Mill Lane.
 Thurs. 3rd Girls' Club, Village Hall.
 Harbury Folk Club, Old New Inn, 8.30 p.m.
 Sat. 5th Christian Fellowship, 8p.m. Corner Cottage, High St.
 Sun. 6th Adventurers start, 11.30a.m., Village Hall.
 Mon. 7th "Back to School"
 Tues. 8th Sen. Cits. Committee, 8.30 p.m., Village Hall.
 Wed. 9th Mothers' Union, Village Hall, 2p.m.
 Thurs. 10th WI, 7.45 p.m., Village Hall.
 Golden Age, 2.30 p.m., Village Hall.

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

- Tuesday: 7.30p.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.
 Wednesday: 10.30a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke.
 Thursday: 9.45a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury.
 Friday: 7 a.m., Holy Communion in Harbury.

- FREE CHURCH SERVICE, Harbury Church, 2.30pm
2nd Sunday in the month.
- HARBURY ADVENTURERS, Village Hall, 11.30am Sundays.
- UPHOLSTERY CLASSES, Wight School, 2-4pm, Mondays.
- GYMNASTICS, Harbury School. 6-7pm (under 7s and
beginners). 7-8pm(7-10yrs). 8-9pm(over 10yrs)
every Monday.
- SLIMMING & KEEP FIT, Village Club 7-8.30 and 8.30-
10pm, Mondays.
- GUIDES, Scout Hut, 7.30pm Mondays
- BINGO, Village Hall, 8pm every Monday.
- TODDLER GROUP, Wight School, 10 - 11.30 am Mondays,
and 2.00-3.30pm Wednesdays.
- PLAYGROUP, Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings.
- NURSERY SCHOOL, Village Hall, Tuesday to Friday a.m.
- DANCING CLASSES, Wight School, 4-7.45pm Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday.
- BROWNIES, Village Hall, every Tuesday evening.
- SCOUTS, Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tuesday.
- BADMINTON, Village Hall every Tuesday.
- HARBURY FRIENDS, School, 8pm 2nd Tuesday of month.
- BABY CLINIC, Village Hall, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Weds.
- DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room,
Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.
- GIRLS' CLUB, Village Hall, Thursday evenings.
- W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.
- POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday.
- TUFTY CLUB, 2-3pm, Wight School, 3rd Friday in month.
- CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO
LINDA RIDGLEY - telephone 612792.

For Village Hall bookings, ring Mr. Picken, 612778.
For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Windsor, 612504.

FROM THE HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

The Alternative Service Book will be introduced on
Advent Sunday, 2nd December. We are deeply grateful
to all those who have bought copies for the Church.
It is also good that so many members of our congre-
gation have purchased copies for themselves. One
advantage of the new books is that all editions have
the same page numbers, whereas we have 3 different

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editions - with 3 different sets of page numbers - in our Book of Common Prayer. At Evensong on the last Sunday before Advent, the Rector introduced the new ASB. For those who missed this, there is a guide to the ASB below.

We were delighted to welcome so many from Ladbroke to our joint Communion Service and Parish Breakfast. It was once again a great success - an occasion of fellowship and a chance to meet together.

As we enter the season of Advent, the new year of the Church, we have a great opportunity of taking stock, or looking back on the past year, and of planning for the coming year. We look forward to a year in which the Church in Harbury will grow in depth and strength, and in which it will reach out to meet the needs of every member of our village community.

"AN IDIOT'S GUIDE TO THE ASB"

It's easy to understand why people are apprehensive about the introduction of the large new Prayer Book especially as we have become so accustomed to using the small books for all our communion services. This has meant, however, that we've also had to have prayer books in which to follow the readings. Now we shall be able to have one book (plus a hymn book for sung services) for the whole service, psalms and readings. There are also services for special occasions such as confirmations, funerals, baptisms etc. so that everyone will be able to join in fully. But, help! Where does one start when confronted with a large, complex, unfamiliar book?

Rule 1. Don't panic.

Rule 2. Keep calm.

But, having kept calm and avoided panic, how do we actually find our places?

Our major use of the book will be at the two Communion services.

The little blue books which we use at 8 a.m. on Sundays and 9.45 on Thursdays (Series 2) has been replaced by Rite B, which starts on page 179 of the ASB. The service is virtually identical except that it provides an alternative intercession and an alternative prayer of Consecration.

The little green books (Series 3) which we use at the 10.30a.m. service on Sundays and on Tuesday evenings are replaced by Rite A which starts on page 119, and there are several differences in the two services. It is fortunate, however, that we shall still be able to use the same music for most of the service, although we shall probably decide on a new setting and learn it in the future.

To help us to find our way around, page numbers will be announced and book markers will also be provided from Advent Sunday.

The Alternative Service Book is an ALTERNATIVE to, not a replacement for, the Book of Common Prayer, and we would ask you to give yourselves a chance to get used to it. It can be done. If I can get used to it - anyone can! Please try!
VIV AGGETT.

N.B. The fact that the initials of the new Service Book are the same as our Rector's is purely coincidental.

P.S. There is an index on page 5.

P.P.S. Good luck.

FLOWERS

There has been a good response from would-be flower arrangers but can I again appeal for some financial support. It only needs a regular giving of 10p to keep up the supply of flowers. Summer presents no difficulty, but in winter even buying enough flowers for the altars can be ruinous! A list is now at the back of the church for signing on as a Christmas decorator. If you don't want to commit yourself yet, first turn up with some greenery or the odd flower - you and your contribution will be most welcome.

Decorating to take place on the morning of Christmas Eve. Happy Christmas. MARGARET RIGDEN, 612200.

FROM THE RECTOR

The Crib is a feature of Christmas which most of us come to expect and feel is essential. That is not surprising, for the setting up of a Crib has a very long and honoured tradition. Often the idea is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, and there is little doubt that it was he who first popularised the

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custom, and introduced it to his part of the world. Apparently, however, in the Church of St. Maria Maggiori in Rome, there was a permanent Crib as far back as the 8th century. The Crib was not just a casual Christmas decoration, mainly to delight the children, but had a proper place in the liturgical celebration of the feast of the Nativity, just as today in many Churches the figure of the Christ-Child is carried in procession to the prepared Crib at the beginning of the Midnight Mass.

St. Francis, so we learn from the history books, when he decided to establish a Crib in his town, ordered an ordinary manger of hay to be set there, with a real ox and ass standing beside it. Then the people were called and they came together with lighted candles and torches, singing praises to God with joyful hearts. St. Francis reminded them of God's love in sending to them the King of Heaven, not with great pomp and ceremony, but in great humility as a child in the poverty and discomfort of a stable. This was the essential truth to grasp, simple yet wonderful and mysterious, that the revealing of God should be made in the form of a weak, helpless baby, sharing with mankind the whole human experience of life, from birth to death.

Christmas decorations nowadays are sometimes very elaborate, but I would like to see the custom of the Crib extended to the home, as in many parts of Europe, so that we remember more fully the central message of Christmas - God with us.

May you have a very happy Christmas, and may God be with you.

ANTONY ROWE.

HOLY BAPTISMS

18th November (at All Saints, Ladbroke) -

Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Torr and Catherine Anne Todman, Quince Cottage.

18th November (at All Saints, Harbury) -

Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Eric Geoffrey and Julie Lynne Talbot, 14 Dovehouse Lane.

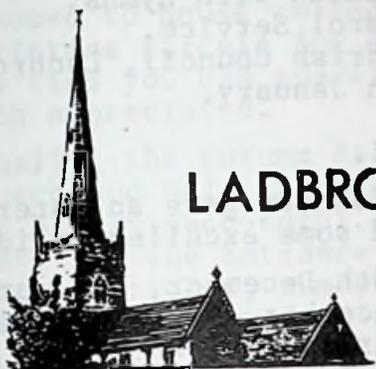
Christopher Michael, son of Philip John and Ruth Coleman, 27 Mill Street.

25th November (at All Saints, Harbury) -

Anna Fiona Kate, daughter of Andrew Geoffrey and Margaret Mary Teresa Waddell, 12 Ivy Lane

FUNERALS

30th October: Olive Ellen Markham, 33 Manor Road,
aged 84 years.



LADBROKE NEWS

DECEMBER DIARY

- Sunday 2nd, Advent Sunday. 9a.m. Holy Communion with hymns, preacher Bishop of Warwick. 3.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Wednesday 5th, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
- Sunday 9th, Advent II. 9a.m. Holy Communion with hymns, preacher Canon Austin Masters SSM (Diocesan Missioner of Hereford).
House to House collection this week - see article
- Monday 10th, WI Carol Concert at Long Itchington.
- Wednesday 12th, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
2.30 p.m. Women's Fellowship in Church, followed by refreshments at 16 Ladbroke Hall.
7.30 p.m. W.I. Christmas Party in Ladbroke V.Hall
- Friday 14th, Carol Singing at Deppers Bridge.
Christmas Dance in Village Hall with "Country Rainbow" (watch notice board for further details)
- Saturday 15th, Carol Singing at Ladbroke.
- Sunday 16th, Advent III, 9a.m. Holy Communion.
11a.m. Sung Mattins with Simple Communion.
- Monday 17th, W.I. evening visit to Christopher Wren Ward, Hatton Hospital.
- Wednesday 19th, 10.30a.m. Holy Communion.
- Sunday 23rd, Advent IV. 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.
- Monday 24th, Christmas Eve. 3.30 p.m. Crib Carol Service.
- Tuesday 25th, Christmas Day. 10.30a.m. Christmas Morning Eucharist.

Wednesday 26th, St. Stephen's Day. 10.30a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday 30th, 9a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns.
3.30 p.m. Christingle Carol Service.

Advance date for January - Parish Council, Ladbroke Village Hall, 7.30, 15th January.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

At the November meeting Mr. Johnson gave an interesting talk on Canals and showed some excellent slides.

The WI Carol Concert is on 10th December, and our visit to Hatton is on 17th December. It was decided to buy all the patients on Christopher Wren ward a mug with their own name on it for Christmas.

Tickets are on sale for our own Christmas party - £2.75 from Mrs. Wright, Rose Cottage. J. NORGATE.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

No flowers during Advent. December 25th - 30th, Mrs. Rutherford.

LADBROKE VILLAGE NEWS

This month has seen changes at Ladbroke's hostelry, The Bell Inn. Hazel and Ken Hewson have left after a two-year stay, and we should like to record the village's gratitude for their hospitality during that time. However, Ladbroke has exercised its customary attraction, and they and their daughter Joanne have only moved along the lane to Church Cottage, where we hope they will be very happy. Their successors at The Bell are Ron and Kim Abbott: a warm welcome to them and their family.

One of Ladbroke's best-known residents, Mr. Rod Evans of Bell Farm, has been seriously ill and in hospital for some time: we are pleased to hear that he is now improving and send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Carol Singers will be going round Deppers Bridge on Friday 14th December, and round Ladbroke itself on Saturday 15th. This year the proceeds will be given to Mencap, the charity which works for the mentally handicapped: any singing volunteers please contact Mrs. Betty Winkfield at Hall Farm.

Earlier that same week (beginning Sunday 9th December) Southam Round Table, Rotoract and Lions will be making a house to house collection for tins to make up into Christmas parcels for elderly people. Please give any tins you can spare: last year's parcels were very much appreciated.

Finally, the Autumn Fair, organised by All Saints' Church and held in the Village Hall on 24th November, was highly successful. Well over £400 was raised for charity. The Entrance Ticket prize was won by a buff-coloured ticket, number 389 - please collect your bottle of home-made wine from the Rectory in Harbury.

Please take items for inclusion in the January issue to your regular correspondent, Kate Liverton, at Bridge Cottage.

KATE TODMAN.



Children round the Christmas tree at the Autumn Fair.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We were very pleased to welcome Canon Churchill to our meeting in November. After a Communion Service in Church we went to Mrs. June Tomlin's home for coffee. Canon Churchill then talked to us about the life of a Parish Priest today. A priest is on duty all the time - never knowing when he may be called out to visit someone in need of help. He represents Christ in the

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world today, and is a Father-figure, offering up the worship of congregations. We found the talk most interesting, and only time stopped us from discussing some points with Canon Churchill.

Many thanks to all who helped with the Cake and Produce Stall at the Autumn Fair.

Our next meeting on 12th December will be at 2.30pm. in Church, when we shall be having a service in preparation for Christmas. This will be followed by refreshments at the home of Mrs. N. Stubbs, 16 Ladbroke Hall.

NANCY STUBBS.

LADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on 20th November and was again supported by 6 members of the public.

The death of District Councillor John Turner was sadly recorded, and an appreciation of his always ready help and support was expressed.

Further reassurance that the Bypass would be complete in the autumn of 1985 had been received in a letter from Mrs. Lynda Chalker, the Minister of Transport. Other information was that the contractors' lorries would be able to avoid coming through the village during construction.

There was strong objection to the proposed closure of the Marriage Room and the abolition of the Registrar's Office in Southam.

Concern was expressed that no action had yet been taken by the appropriate authority about the surface water in the layby, and it was feared that icy weather following the rains could create an additional hazard to the mud on the main road.

Continued misuse of the Poultry Farm was discussed, and will be followed up.

With the approach of Christmas, there will be no meeting in December, and the next date was fixed for January 15th.

M. GRAINGER.

LADBROKE VILLAGE HALL

The bonfire night celebrations were blessed with excellent conditions despite the ominous skies of the morning, and - thanks to all the dedicated bonfire

builders - another gigantic fire blazed away. Special thanks are due to Mr. Tom Sheasby for the use of his field, and to Mrs. Gwynn Badman for her delicious soup.

The Village Hall Committee would also like to thank the Parochial Church Council for a generous donation to purchase some much-needed cutlery for the Hall.

The next Dance at the Village Hall will be on Friday 14th December. Start your Christmas festivities here, with "Country Rainbow" who are making a welcomereturn. The Darts Club are kindly organising this event, and tickets at only £1.75 may well be in short supply! (From Ken Hewson at the Bell, or see Notice Board). MT

HARBURY ADVENTURERS

Our Carol Service will be held on Sunday 16th December at 3p.m. in Church. We do hope many parents and friends will join us.

On Sunday 30th December there will be a Christingle Service in Church at 10.30 a.m. We hope members of Adventurers will be able to take part in this service and also to help with the preparation of the oranges on Saturday 29th December in Church at 2.30 pm.

Our new term starts on 6th January in the Village Hall at 11.30a.m., and any child between the ages of four and eleven is very welcome to join us. S.K.

FREE CHURCH SERVICE

Rev. Ted Harrison began the services almost two years ago. Many people have appreciated them, and have found the different denominations of preachers to be interesting and helpful in broadening our understanding of fellow Christians. Rev. Trevor Beardsall has replaced Ted as minister of Dale Street Methodist Church and superintendent of the Leamington circuit. He will be making his first visit to Harbury on 9th December and looks forward to meeting the congregation. It will be an Advent service and the music and worship will be a preparation for our celebration of Christ's birthday. S. JACKSON.

JOHN CALLS TIME

After 26 years, John Parker, our milkman, has decided to retire and put the bottles away.

Our best wishes for the future, and our thanks for past cheerful services go to Mr. Parker as he retires. He has not yet decided what he wants to do in his retirement - except to enjoy it. We wonder if he will be able to sleep until 9 a.m.!

VILLAGE HALL NURSERY PLAYGROUP

To lose one carpet may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose two carpets looks like carelessness! So I am not quite sure what it is when three carpets go missing.

On Friday 2nd November all the Nursery toys and carpets were stacked neatly away BEHIND A SCREEN. On Tuesday 5th November my three carpets were missing. I realise the Bonfire was on the Saturday, but cannot see why anyone should burn three perfectly good carpets. If anyone knows where they are, or can possibly let me have any lightweight rugs for the children to sit on, I should be most grateful.

CAROL A. PERCIVAL, Harbury 61217

SOUTHAM SCHOOL PTA

The Committee would like to thank all those who supported the very successful Dance on 16th November. The excellent sum of £320 was raised. The next event is a demonstration of Christmas Cake icing by Carolyn of Carolyn's Cakes, Southam. This will be in the School Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 5th December, and tickets are 50p, and available from 32 Mill Street or from Southam School. Coffee will be served, and there will be a chance to win one of Carolyn's delicious and beautifully decorated Christmas Cakes in the raffle. SH

HARBURY SCOUT GROUP FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Coffee Morning held at Ann Mayer's home on 14th November raised £62.60. Ann wishes to thank everyone who supported this event and made it such a success.

Thanks to all helpers who turned out in September, October and November for the newspaper collections, and to all who keep their papers for us. Collections will continue to be made on the third Sunday in each month, and it is hoped that those who were missed before will not suffer again. There is as yet a slight hiccup in the organisation - please bear with us.

This year the Scout Group is offering a Christmas card delivery service within the village, in return for a modest fee. For 5p each card, we will deliver your cards, saving you time while you help support your local Scouts. Please deliver your cards, plus the correct fee, to one of the addresses below, then let us do the rest. Last cards accepted for delivery on Friday 21st December.

Margaret McDonald, Bramley, Queens Close.

Ann Mayer, 27a South Parade.

Wendy Stubbs, Phoenix House, High Street.

Sue Jones, 38 Binswood End.

Rosemary Ottewill, 43 Mill Street.

June Luke, The Sheiling, Farm Street,

Ken Hughes, Leamington House, Church Street.

The next fundraising event is the Annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 19th January. There will be more information about this in the next magazine, but meanwhile please save your jumble for us.

Merry Christmas to all, and many thanks for the help and support for our events in 1984. S.J.

HARBURY VENTURE UNIT

The venue for our abseiling training was a bridge over the old Leamington/Rugby railway line at Offchurch. This was a mere 25ft. drop, and eyes were then turned to the viaduct over the Grand Union half a mile 'back' down the line. A suitable anchor point has yet to be found, though certain members were so eager to try that they might have used a skyhook, had one been available!

This week will be a busy one for the Unit. On Thursday 29th November we are having swimming 'trials' and other aquatic "goings-on" at Coventry baths. The following evening we hope to deliver the Venture Unit prize at the District Swimming Gala, in Leamington. On Saturday the sun must shine for the Christmas Fair when we are manning (and womanning!) the braziers in suitable Victorian dress and serving roast chestnuts to the crowd entering and leaving the Village Hall.

Peter Edwards has been approached to give an illustrated talk on his "Wanderings in the Karakorum". Our annual dinner will be held in the Dog Inn on Friday 21st December. J.L.H.

WEDNESDAY CUB PACK - BRING & BUY COFFEE MORNING

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Cubs, and helped in any way. The boys worked very hard and succeeded in raising £30.39½ for Dr. Barnardo's. Well done!

First prize in the raffle was won by Akela, John Small, who took home a splendid Christmas cake made and decorated by Paul Dugan. (It really wasn't a fix) Second prize of a peg chair made by Roy Coupe went to Mrs. McGee.

Craig Petch had the nearest guess as to how much the Cubs had managed to collect this year by filling a pop bottle with their spare pennies - a grand sum of £8.56½.

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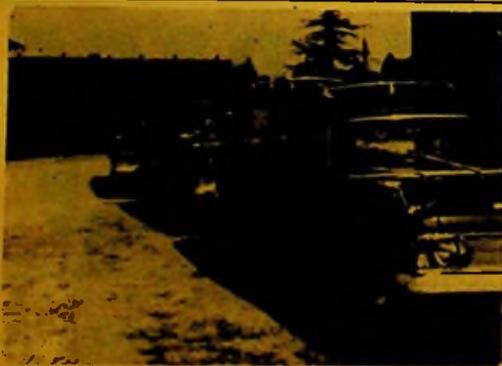
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HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

It seems to be a long time since Harbury 1st team occupied such a prestigious position as they are now in - second position, 3 points behind the leaders, with 2 games in hand . They have won all their League matches this month, and in 2 high-scoring games, the forwards discovered some shooting skills which appeared to be missing earlier on. The top goal-scorer for the month was Colin Sheasby with 5, closely followed by John Luke (4), and I. Townsend and L. Williams with 2 apiece. A mention should also be made of Brian Wade, who came in as a substitute, and scored a glancing header in the team's 6-2 win over Snitterfield, (avenging the earlier Cup defeat). It is to be hoped that this new form will encourage them to go from strength to strength - and not as sometimes happens, that a glowing report in the Harbury and Ladbroke News has the opposite effect!

The 2nd team's League results are more mixed, but they have the kudos of a Cup Semi-Final at St. Nicholas Park next week. The team secured a draw against "Greyhound" in an away match this week, so if they can find something in reserve, maybe one of Harbury's teams will make a final for the first time for AGES. Everyone in the Club is keeping their fingers crossed and hoping for the best (performance, that it!) The top scorer for the Reserves this month is Ian Lowe (3), with several other players, including Dave Davies, scoring 1. May be the team's improved performance of late is due in part to Dave's training sessions. The Club has benefited considerably from his skill and expertise in dragging the last ounce of energy out of a miscellaneous bunch of football fanatics ranging from the superbly fit (guess who?) to the dead-on-the-feet variety (no prizes here) Everyone wishes him well in his new job at a Sports Centre in Melton Mowbray, and hope his customers will value his services as much as the Football Club did! Many thanks, Dave.

Results tables for the 1st and 2nd teams are shown overleaf.

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1st team:

- 4.11.84. Harbury 7, B. Itchington Reserves 2. League
11.11.84 Napton 4, Harbury 2. Cup.
18.11.84. Napton 1, Harbury 2. League.
25.11.84. Harbury 6, Snitterfield 2. League.

2nd team:

- 4.11.84. Kenilworth Saints 0, Harbury 1. Cup.
11.11.84. Harbury 0, Hampton Magna 2. League.
18.11.84. Harbury 4, Ford Sports 1. League.
25.11.84. Greyhound 2, Harbury 2. League.

HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

The Club Mixed Doubles was eventually completed indoors at the Racquet Centre on Saturday 3rd November! Jenny Waggett and Tom Smith defeated Jen Scott and Barry Latham in the semi-final, and went on to win the title by defeating Sally Gascoygne and Clive Taylor in the final.

S.M.S.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Two very exciting finals were held on 11th November, when the Mixed Doubles and the Boys' Doubles finalists battled, not only against each other but against the cold weather! Both matches went to 3 sets, and involved tie-breaks. Eventually Michelle Waggett and Stephen Hancock just beat Sarah Burnham and Jamie Williams: and Ian Kennedy and James Mayer just beat Ian Percival and Vincent Crossan. Several adult members also braved the elements to umpire and support the juniors, who after the matches were awarded prizes by the Chairman, Tom Smith, in the Club Room. The Girls Doubles winners were Michelle Waggett and Vanessa Smith. Michelle also won the Girls' Singles and the Boys' Singles final was fought out between James Mayer and Jamie Williams.

I should like to thank all the junior members who kindly contributed towards the box of Roses Chocolate (which were delicious) and the card - it was a very thoughtful surprise.

ROSEMARY OTTEWILL.

HARBURY YOUNG WIVES

Mrs. Vanda Ball is having to resign as President of the Young Wives. This is due to the demands of her new job. We would all like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all her help and enthusiasm over the last few years - we will miss her organisational skills.

We are also having to say goodbye to Mrs. Janice Grundy as she too has a new job which is keeping her busy. This is a great loss to us all, particularly the children with whom she was always a firm favourite.

So we would like to wish both Janice and Vanda the greatest of luck in the future.

I am to be the new President, and I would be very grateful for your support, and suggestions you may have regarding future programmes.

This month, on Tuesday 18th December, toys and gifts to be given to underprivileged children, will be collected at our Carol Service, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Church. If you can contribute towards this collection it will be much appreciated: help us to make this a happier Christmas for deprived children. Please mark your presents with the appropriate age and sex of the children they are intended for.

Tea and mincepies will be served after the Carol Service - we look forward to seeing you. S. DORMER.

N.S.P.C.C. CEILIDH

On 17th November the NSPCC Committee organised a Ceilidh in the Village Hall. All the tickets were sold and the evening was a great success largely due to the efforts of the versatile Junction Ceilidh Band who entertained all evening with a blend of folk music, dance and song.

Thanks to everyone who supported the evening by buying tickets, donating raffle prizes, preparing the food, and arranging the lighting, the marvellous sum of £337 was raised.

P.M.

ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD

During 1984 we have held Coffee Mornings, Jumble Sale Nearly New Sales, a House to House collection, and many other fundraising events to raise money for vital research into the causes, prevention and cure of crippling diseases. As always, Harbury has shown its generous support. The Harbury Committee is proud of you all, because during 1984 we have raised £800 - all if it due to your generosity.

Every two minutes in Britain, a child is born disabled or is crippled by disease or accident. It is that appalling statistic which we want to change, and we trust that your continued support during 1985 will enable us to go somewhat towards doing so.

We are having a Sherry & Mince Pies Morning at 35 Mill Street on Thursday 13th December (10.30 to 12.30). There will also be a bring & buy cake stall, and all are welcome.

ANN RODEN.

BONFIRE PARTY

This year's bonfire party and fireworks display was, usual, enjoyed by a large crowd, some of whom can be seen in Mike Bloxham's pictures of the event. (We thought the above should be captioned "Whoosh! Ooh! Aaaaaaahhh!")



Left:
Scout
leaders
serving the
tea.

Below:
A 'souper'
quartet!



As always, we are very grateful to Mike Bloxham for these, and all the photos he supplies to this magazine. Copies of these, and other bonfire night pictures, are available from Mike at Rose Cottage, 21 Mill St.

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Thanks are due to the many helpers who make this annual Bonfire & Fireworks Party possible, and to those who made donations. Particular thanks are due to those who lent vehicles, without which it would be impossible to collect the "Combustibles", and these included David Clarke, Iory Davies, Ralph Gurden, Bill Russell and Chris Warden, and Neville Ellis.

Apologies are due to the residents of the top end of Pineham Avenue, who suffered some "fall out". This was due to a strong wind in their direction at the critical time.

Some spectators ask whether Bonfire tickets can be purchased at lower prices if the refreshments are not included. This has not been the policy of the organisers for a variety of reasons, but if there is a large number of people who would prefer not to have food etc. included, this can be taken into account next year. Please forward your views to 23 Mill Street.

One or two facts which might be borne in mind with regard to costs of this event: some £500 has to be laid out before the event: two days before the Bonfire, less than 100 tickets had been sold: the cost of the food is only around 30% of the total cost.

The event is organised by the Church and the Scouts for the benefit of the village as a whole. Refreshments in the Village Hall provide one of the few occasions when a large number of village people meet together, and it is considered that this is of value. However, the choice is yours - let us know.

JOHN MOORE.

ETHIOPIAN APPEAL

Following the publicity given to the desperate plight of the starving people in Ethiopia, retiring collections were held in Harbury Church on October 25th and November 3rd. A total of £157.65 was produced, and was passed to the Ethiopian appeal via Christian Aid.

Any further contributions can be given to the Rector who will pass them on.

The Folk Club continues to attract capacity audiences to the Old New Inn on the first Thursday of each month. On November 1st the audience was once again treated to a wide variety of folk music styles performed by so many singers that it was difficult to fit everyone in.

The evening got off to a splendid start (latecomers please note!) with the first appearance of "Bonas" at full strength - Pete, Liz, Barry and Nicola - now with a fuller sound from their extra instrumentation. Alan Wilkins made his debut at the Club and we also had contributions from Gerda, Mike, Molly, Robin and Ian.

We were pleased to welcome Dick and Frances Dixon from Coventry, where they run their own Folk Club, and their friend Martin from Dorset. The fame of the Club has obviously spread far and wide, and I am expecting more visiting singers in future months.

From the singers' point of view, the audience was also in fine voice with some hearty chorus singing even on unfamiliar songs. If you haven't yet been to the Club, why not join us at the next session, on 6th December, or failing that on January 3rd, starting at 8.30 p.m. Admission is still free!

PETER McDONALD, 613730.

HARBURY W.I.

Harbury WI recently held their AGM. The evening reviewed a successful year for Harbury WI in the general Promotion Year of the W.I. Events highlighted included the contributions of three Harbury members to the Challenge Cup exhibit at the Royal Show in which Warwickshire came second out of the whole country! Harbury achieved success at County level winning second prize in the Time Capsule competition (articles of interest for the future).

Locally, the Harbury WI Open Day showed the wide variety of interests and talents shared amongst its members. Harbury now has over 50 members, and new members are always welcome.

The AGM included a pate and punch supper and a darts match which produced further hidden talents! Our thanks go to the Committee for their hard work, and to

Celia Barrett, re-elected as President.

Meetings in December are: 7th - Christmas Party (partners welcome). 13th - Jean Cowan talking about her police work, followed by sherry & mincepies, and exchange of gifts.

Please see advert for our 1985 "Dance of the Year".
H.G.H.

THE VILLAGE HALL, HARBURY

Harbury's Village Hall is a Charity run by a Management Committee for the benefit of the villagers. It is self-supporting (the levy raised for the repair of the roof was an exception). Together with the Recreation Ground Committee, the Village Hall runs the Carnival as its main fund-raising event of the year.

Each organisation using the Village Hall can be represented on the Village Hall committee, can put its views and discuss problems relating to the Hall, its management and its use. The Annual General Meeting held in the Spring is open to all, and the Village Hall Committee presents its report at the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held on 16th May 1985, but apart from these two events the Hall's meetings are a closed book. The Committee does not publish its minutes, so that if an organisation wants to know what is planned and how it will be affected, it must have a representative present at all the meetings.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

SOUTHAM AREA SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

Sun Life of Canada sponsored the Association's Autumn Dance held at Southam Community Centre on Friday 23rd November. Dancing to "The Likely Lads" for the second time in a week, I found that their repertoire was broad, and a good time was had by all!

Receipts so far top £1400, and that pool is beginning to look quite a bit closer. Our sponsors have agreed to foot the bill again next year, and we hope to be heading towards £10,000 (Association funds) by then.

Stuart Macaulay of Bishops Itchington won the 1st raffle prize, a portable colour TV. Next event, a Donkey Derby, Southam School, 4th May.

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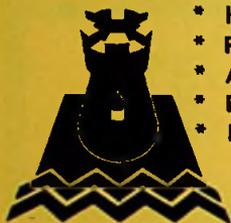
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HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL, NOVEMBER

In the absence of Sharon Hancock, Keith Thompson took the Chair, and extended the deep sympathy of the whole Council to the relatives of Councillor John Turner of Southam, who died recently.

The Councillors were pleased to learn that Mrs. Saunders was making good progress in her recovery from the injuries she sustained in a car crash, and Cllr. Saunders reported that there had been yet another traffic accident on the road through Deppers. That makes a total of three in the last two months, and Mr. Saunders asked if the residents had to wait until someone was killed before any action was taken.

The Parish Council has written to the County Engineer who replied that the road did not meet the criteria necessary for the imposition of a speed limit. There was a "SLOW" warning sign painted on the carriageway, and he promised to have a larger "CHILDREN PLAYING" sign erected at the Playing Fields. Cllr. Dave Andrews urged the Council to keep trying to persuade the authorities that a Speed Limit was needed, and he thought that the fact that

there had been a number of accidents should be stressed. The aid of County Cllr. Patricia Bidwell would be enlisted.

Plans for an extension at 16 Constance Drive have been approved. The Parish Council supported the application by Mr. White of the Manor House for permission to build a cover for his swimming pool. There was no objection to the plans for a dormer extension to 20 Farley Avenue, and a Utility Room, Porch etc. at 3 Vicarage Lane, but the Council objected on the grounds of overshadowing to the revised plans for an extension to his house in Manor Orchard Close submitted by Mr. Moss.

The planned improvements to the lighting proposed by Cllr. Atkins will upgrade the tungsten lights in Dovehouse Lane/Frances Road and The Beeches to Mercury Vapour lamps illuminated all night.

Plans have been received from the County Engineer detailing the areas of 'amenity grass' to be cut by the County. These will be scrutinised for accuracy. Ex-cllr. David Winter reported that the footbridge on Field Footpath SM62 was broken, and this information has been passed on to British Rail on whose property the bridge stands.

Mr. Saunders complained that water collecting on the carriageway between the Great Western and the Railway Bridge was dangerous and it was pointed out that there were pools of water on the footpath at The Beeches and that the infamous Constance Drive Lake had made its seasonal re-appearance.

The Playing Fields have suffered some damage as a consequence of the Annual Bonfire. Not only is the site of the fire devoid of grass but also the tractors which transported the rubbish to the fields have churned up the area adjacent to the Car Park. By contrast, the recent Fair did no damage to the Fields, and the Council has agreed to consider further applications to hold Fairs from Mr. Muggeridge. Harbury Hawks sent a plea that the Manpower Service team replanting the Allotments hedge be asked to refrain from driving their vehicle across the pitch!

Your Parish Council, finding its finances in an extremely healthy position, has decided to authorise the spending of approximately £3,500 on the upgrading of the lights, a new mower, and a photocopier for the Clerk. The Parish Rate is to remain at 2.9 (a penny rate raises £2,771).

Cllr. Dave Andrews stressed that although it would be more beneficial financially for the Parish to continue to repair the old mower, because the District will reimburse the cost of this, Harbury should not take such a parochial view, and that it had decided to replace the mower. A new mower costing £2,600 was proposed (a sum that will be much reduced when the VAT is reclaimed and the existing mower sold). New boy Cllr. Dunn asked whether the expenditure of nearly £3,000 on the purchase of a mower could be justified, and should the Council not consider employing a contractor? to which Cllr. Dennis Atkins responded that there were two types of mowing, the easy kind and Cemetery mowing!

Replies to the article in the Harbury & Ladbroke News publicising the County Emergency Planning Officer's plea for volunteers to train for Civil Defence underwhelmed the Council. There were none.

LINDA RIDGLEY.

CHRISTMAS ROUND THE WORLD

The Harbury & Ladbroke News takes a look at the various ways Christmas is celebrated near and far, in snow and summer sunshine.

Christmas in a little German Village

Christmas begins early in Germany. Celebrations start on 6th December with the arrival of St. Nicholas. Adults and children go to the canal at night to await his arrival. The children carry lanterns - traditionally lit with a candle inside. They all wait for the river boat to arrive. A police boat comes first to tell the people that St. Nicholas is on his way. Then St. Nicholas arrives in his boat: he is dressed in a red Bishop's robe and hat, and carries a stick much like a shepherd's crook. Accompanying him is a man dressed in black called Knecht Ruprecht (Black Peter). When they leave their boat they get into a pony and

trap and are guided to the church by a band playing Christmas carols. The people follow them, singing carols, the children swinging their lanterns. When everyone arrives outside the church, Knecht Ruprecht produces a book in which he has written the names of the children who have been naughty. All the children ask him if their name is in the book! He tells them that if it is, they must be good from now on or he will tell St. Nicholas. Then St. Nicholas talks to the children and asks them what they would like for Christmas, and he also tells them to be good. Then everyone sings carols and the children sing a rhyme called "Nicholas come into our house". Then St. Nicholas hands the children little bags of sweets and iced biscuits. After this it is customary for St. Nicholas to visit the children in their homes later in the evening. He leaves them small presents such as English children get in their stockings.

On Christmas Eve Father Christmas comes, and Black Peter is with him carrying his book of names. When the presents have been opened all the family sit down to a meal, usually goose, not turkey. On the table are Christmas plates which are given round after the meal - these usually have sweets, nuts and decorated gingerbread biscuits on them. As Christmas Eve is celebrated more than Christmas Day, the 25th is usually spent visiting family and friends, then most people attend a Church service at night.

HELEN ROWELL.

Christmas in Canada

Christmas celebrations in Toronto began early with the two main shops, Eatons and Simpsons, a block each, competing for the title of best shop window displays! Other shops followed their lead, and in each window some story was enacted with mechanical models and marvellous scenery. Simpsons also held a parade in Christmas week with floats, beauty queens, marching bands, dancers, jugglers, life-size cartoon characters holding fireworks, and vendors of bagels, hot chestnuts, hotdogs and hot drinks. Christmas Day itself was much the same as ours with the addition of cranberry jelly which is always eaten with turkey, and a pumpkin pie for a sweet (I have a

recipe if anyone wants to try it - its delicious!)

One thing which is guaranteed to provide a traditional Christmas card scene is the snow, and horse-drawn sledges in the rural areas! It always snows on Christmas Day, and every day almost from October to March, with the temperature rarely rising to freezing point!

VICTORIA MACGOWAN.

Hong Kong

Two years ago at Christmas I was in Hong Kong. There were sparkling decorations everywhere, with the shopping centres and hotels outlined in myriads of coloured lights, and slung between them across the main roads were Santa Claus and his reindeers, stars and angels with trumpets. Inside, the huge shopping complexes were beautifully decorated too, and sounds of Christmas carols, hymns and of course "A White Christmas" filled the air. Everyone seemed to be shopping as frantically as they do here. One 30-storey building was "tied up" like a parcel, with red lights from roof to ground level on the four sides and a huge red rosette on top.

I was staying in a fifth floor flat with the sea just below at high tide.

Christmas Day was warm and sunny with the temperature in the 80s, but indoors everything was very Christ-massy, with decorations on the walls and a tall tree in the corner. It was made of plastic, but looked beautiful when covered with decorations and tinsel and fairy lights, and was very realistic. The only thing missing was the lovely smell of pine!

Breakfast was a very prolonged affair, with pauses to unwrap presents, but eventually some sort of order emerged and we went downstairs with my grandsons and wandered along the shore looking for shells, and just basking in the sunshine. The sea looked very inviting, but bathing was not recommended!

Dinner was about 6 p.m., and it was no trouble at all to eat turkey and plum pudding, with holly on the table and the fans turning. Later there was a lovely sunset over the sea, and the ferries and junks began to show their lights as they sailed up and down - there were even carol singers below the flats.

It was a very happy and unforgettable Christmas.

M. CURRY.

New Zealand

Christmas this year in Harbury will be for us vastly different to that of Tauranga on New Zealand's summer holiday coastline.

The Pohutukawa trees showed a profusion of brilliant red blossom against a backdrop of blue sky and sea, herald the approach of Christmas, and a Maori saying is "If they bloom early we can be sure of a long hot summer" from November through to March. Many pine trees are conveniently "pruned" at this time of year, and among others local Boy Scouts and their fathers bring the branches into town to sell as Christmas trees from a Supermarket site on Saturday mornings. My children always take great delight in choosing their branch, which is carefully put into the back of the station-wagon and eagerly taken home, where it is soon popped into a bucket of damp sand and festively decorated.

In the nearby Port even the large cargo ships have a Christmas tree attached to a mast, and are generally lit up at night. Up to 20,000 tourists have by then arrived in the City by bus, plane, caravan and cars, and everywhere tents and caravans appear in their hundreds at camping and motel sites.

Christmas morning usually dawns sunny and hot, Church services, the radio and television commemorate the day with appropriate hymns and music. Always at 6 o'clock in the evening we sit down to listen to the Queen's Christmas Message to the Commonwealth broadcast on TV.

Most New Zealanders sit down to a traditional dinner of new season's succulent lamb with perhaps a leg of glazed ham on the side, followed by Christmas pudding and brandy sauce, or perhaps a thick Pavlova topped with cream and masses of strawberries or kiwifruit.

After the excitement of Christmas Day, we then look forward to Boxing Day when a picnic is packed and we take off to spend the day on one of the nearby sandy beaches. Never seeing snow in Tauranga, we look forward to a traditional English Christmas.

JANET HAMLIN.

HARBURY SOCIETY

Our speaker for November was Chris Poupard who has developed the Quarries into the fishing complex known as Bishop Bowl Lakes. He gave an excellent and very interesting talk and has agreed to show members of the Society round his lakes in Spring.

Mr. Poupard first conceived the idea of developing his own fishing complex whilst working in fish farming in Argyll. He wrote to a dozen top mineral extractors asking whether they had suitable sites available, and spent the next four years investigating the possibilities. His ideal had to be located near centres of population with water of the right size and quality for trout fishing.

Harbury was one of his final list of three, and at first sight it was not very promising, but as he explored he became more enthusiastic. There was bank fishing available. Not only that, but the wildlife was abundant and once by the water's edge the pools looked natural. It was in fact the best still water trout fishery that he had ever seen!

Negotiations with Blue Circle proceeded ponderously, but after four years he was able to begin. There were Planning constraints, and Conservation interests to be satisfied. Roadways were constructed, a fishing lodge built, and causeways opened up to the islands.

Some of the smaller weedy pools were cleaned out to make them suitable for Coarse fishing. WARNACT expressed some concern about these changes but there is still much reed left and it soon takes over again. The Coarse fishing areas are full of Damselle-flies and Dragonflies, and through the Tunnel to the other side of the road there are Cowslips, Orchids, Butterflies etc. The Blue Pool is in this area, and is for Coarse fishing.

Trout do not breed in still waters and so the lakes have to be stocked on a 'put and take' basis, which during the main March, April, May season can mean stocking twice a week with about 600 trout. At the moment the trout are between 1½lbs. and 10lbs., with

the largest caught weighing 111lbs.4oz., but eventually this should increase.

Now that the lakes are becoming known, people want to explore them and nothing irritates fishermen more than being disturbed, and so Mr. Poupard has laid out Nature Trails for visitors.

The Quarries are his business, and must make him a living. They are designed to make a profit, and most of the money must come from the fishermen, who must therefore be kept happy, which in turn means they must have a chance to catch fish.

There is an obvious conflict with Conservation interests, and Mr. Poupard tries to protect the wildlife. He has put in gravel paths and roped off sensitive areas. The site is now patrolled, and all shooting of geese, ducks and partridge has been stamped out. The sheep no longer graze the promontory, so that the wild flowers are not damaged.

Mr. Poupard is sensible of possible resentment to his development and has tried to satisfy all interests. The Nature Trails are open to the non-fishing public. There is a charge of £1 per car for parking, but people from Harbury and Bishops who come on foot can wander round the paths free. Mr. Poupard does ask that the walkers using the field footpaths do not trespass on the rim of the Quarries for he has been warned that the cliffs are unstable.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th December, at 8p.m. in the Farley Room of the Village Hall, when Mr. Evans of the Stratford Planning Department will explain the proposals for Conservation Areas in Harbury. This is an Open Meeting. LINDA RIDGLEY.

IN THE GARDEN

In December you can let your imagination run riot, until you see what it is going to cost you. Then you begin to come down to earth and settle for what you actually want. This is the time to inspect all your vegetables and fruit which are in frost-proof store. All the soil for your flower cuttings

should be just moist, and stored where the temperature does not fall below 45°. The sooner you get your seed order in, the better.

If you have got your farmyard manure, now is the time to spread it on ground that is clear of vegetables. This can then be dug in when the ground is fairly dry. Carrots and beetroot can be stored in boxes of damp peat. Garden chrysanths should be dug up, and cut down to 3", then put into shallow boxes of peat or compost, and put in a cold greenhouse or frame until January.

W.F.LINES.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

There was a record attendance at the November meeting to hear the speaker from Watkins on "The Care of Houseplants". She was thanked by Maurice Bristow. We also welcomed a number of new members.

The December meeting is the Christmas Social, when Charles Lines MBE will be showing slides of National Trust Gardens. There will be free food and drink for members, and £1 for visitors which will entitle them to a year's membership.

In January there will be a Sausage and Mash Supper at Mrs. Zonik's home, Childyke, so at the December meeting we shall be taking numbers of those wishing to come, as I am sure Mrs. Zonik does not want to be left with a 'Mash Mountain'.

E.P.LINES.

ALCOHOLISM

This problem - equally distressing for sufferers and their families and friends - was the subject under discussion at a meeting of the Contact group.

John, himself an alcoholic and a member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), talked about the effect his excessive drinking had had on his life. When he was at his lowest ebb, with his career, his marriage and his health breaking up, he was taken - reluctantly - to a meeting of AA. "Welcome to the Winners!" was the greeting he received, and from that moment, with the support of other AA members, he began to rebuild his life.

His was not a depressing story, but one of hope, showing that help is available for sufferers of this illness, if they will take the first big step towards recovery by finding out about AA.

It is easy to contact Alcoholics Anonymous - there are six different numbers for them in the Coventry telephone directory alone!

But it is hard for sufferers and their families to reach the decision to dial one of those numbers and ask for help.

And yet, as John told us, that decision could change their lives. DMH.

HARBURY LANDMARK



With reference to the recent National Tree Week, it seems appropriate to mention the Horse Chestnut growing on Harbury Pound.

It was originally planted by Wight School pupils in the late 50s on a small triangle-shaped green near the row of neat cottages in Farm Street. It flourished until the road was to be altered: at this point its future looked doomed. The late Head of the Wight School, Mr. Reginald Farrow, protested about this and it was decided to move the tree to the present site.

The Horse Chestnut tree was moved to the Pound with guidance from the late Miss Helga Jensen, who tended and watered it while it was supported by steel hawsers.

As my picture shows, it survived its moved hand-somely, and leaning against its sturdy trunk is Carnival Queen Hayley Green. M. BLOXHAM.

ONE WORLD LINK

In last month's issue I wrote about the possible formation of an OWL group in Harbury, as a local branch of this organisation which aims to nurture links between communities across the world in order that they may understand one another better.

You may be interested to know that there is now an exhibition about the link with Bo in Sierra Leone, West African, in Harbury Library.

The exhibition will be there until Christmas, and we hope many will go and see it. MSH.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

What generous people live in Harbury!

One Sunday afternoon, I was visited by my grandchildren from a city. We decided to go for a country walk, and the children were amazed to see a wheelbarrow of rosy apples, with a notice:

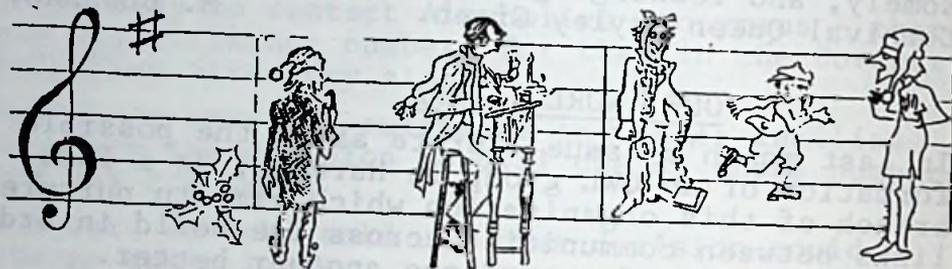
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The apples were much appreciated by all.

Thankyou. F.F.

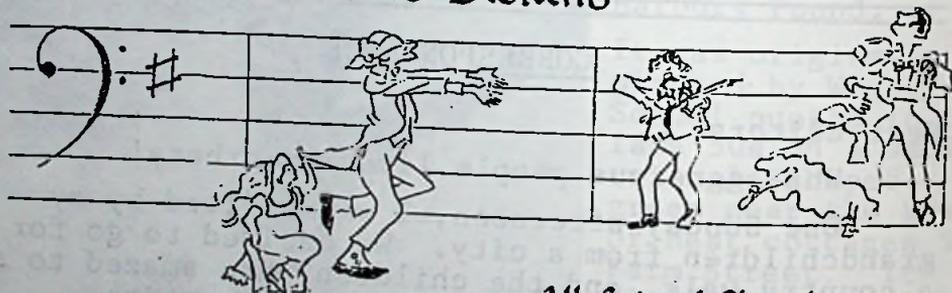
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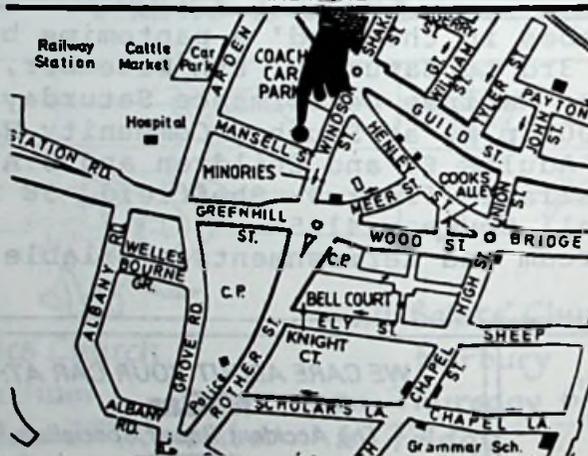
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