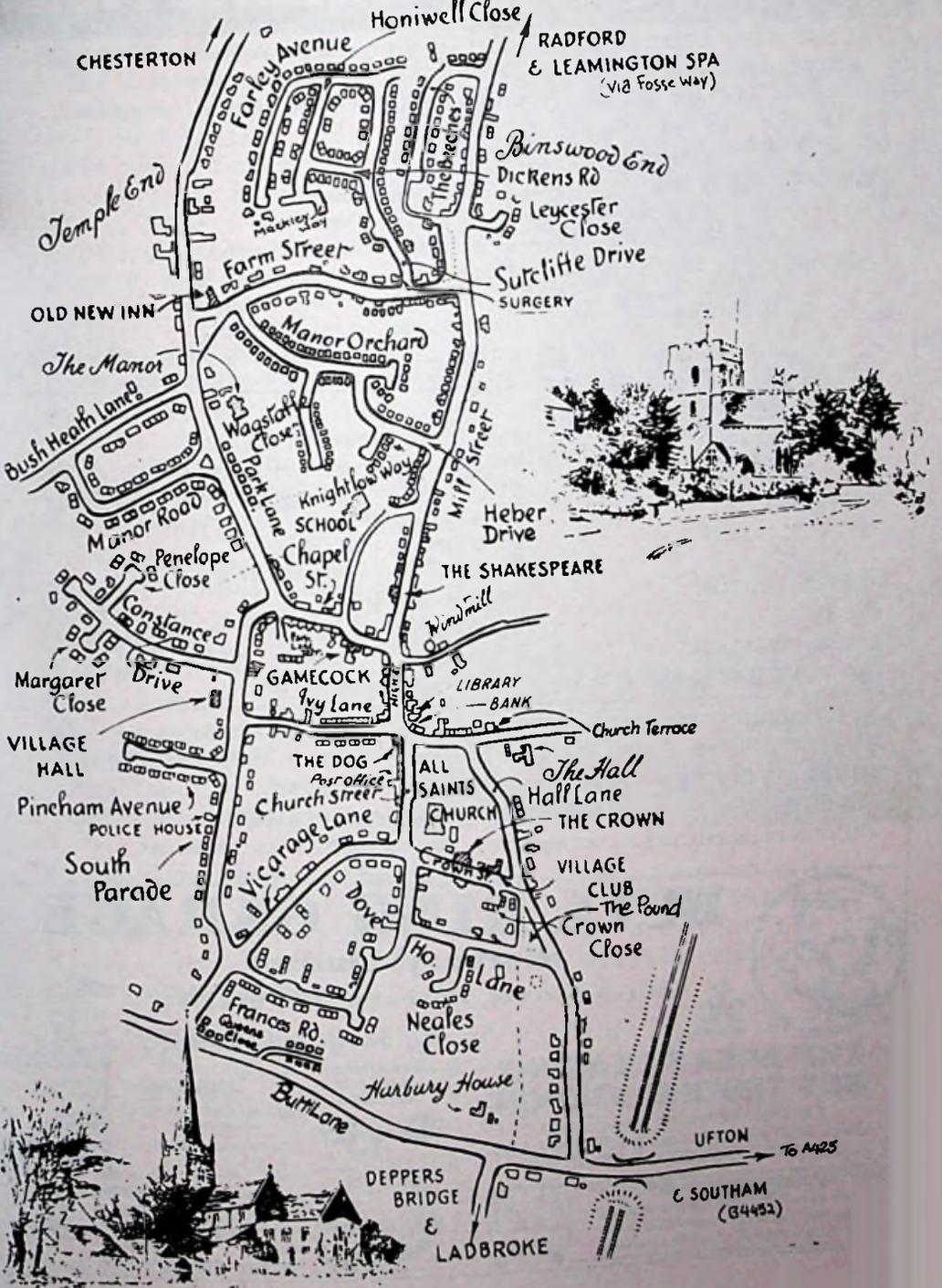


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Communion - 11.45am

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BUMP?

First of all the Editors wish all readers of the Harbury & Ladbroke News a Happy, Peaceful and Successful 1987. Have we a foretaste of what is awaiting us in Mike Bloxham's picture of Mrs. Gerda Pickin and her twin daughters in last month's snow!



We would like to draw your attention to the much changed date of the Annual General Meeting of The Harbury & Ladbroke News. It is now on Monday, February 9th at the Shakespeare Inn at 8.00pm. Don't miss your annual opportunity to criticise, throw out (or even compliment) the Editors and Committee.

We apologise for the belated appearance of this month's edition but our printers had an extended holiday. This means our diary is a bit on the short side. Our New Year Resolution will be to have no gaps next year!

The increasing practice of putting lights on garden trees during Christmas gives most of us a great deal of pleasure. It is very sad to report that others prefer to be destructive and steal the bulbs.

These are very expensive to replace and consequently there will be fewer gardens decorated next year - a victory for the vandals.

On a happier note the Carol Service on Christmas Eve - a little different from the traditional one - was really delightful and a packed congregation emerged from the Church feeling the spirit of Christmas.

We are sorry to hear of the deaths of Jim Whittles and John Drever (Alison Hunt's father) both of the Beeches.

Congratulations to Chris Finch and Mary Mugleston on the birth of their sons.

HARBURY DIARY

JANUARY 1987

- Sun. 11th EPIPHANY I, 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong. Adventurers starts 11.30am V. Hall. 2.30pm Free Church Service.
- Mon. 12th Praise & Prayer, 17 Farm Street.
- Tues. 13th Mother & Toddler Service, 2.15pm in Church. Harbury Friends, 8pm in School. Prayer Group in Church 8pm. Harbury News Cttee, 8.30pm 23 Mill Street.
- Wed. 14th Parish Bible Study, 3 Vicarage Lane, 8.15pm. *N.B. For Youth Club Dates, see Article*
- Thurs. 15th Whist in Village Hall, 7.45pm.
- Sat. 17th Scouts JUMBLE & NEARLY NEW SALE, V. Hall, 10am.
- Sun. 18th EPIPHANY II, 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 3.30pm Ecumenical Service at Ladbroke (see Rector's Notes). Scout's paper collections.
- Mon. 19th Praise & Prayer, Mill Cottage. Word of God, 8pm at 63 Mill Street. Youth Club Meeting in Tennis Room of Village Hall.
- Tues. 20th SDP/Liberal Alliance Jumble Sale 10am, The Hut, Craven Lane, Southam. Parochial Church Council, 8.15pm in Wight School.
- Wed. 21st BLOOD DONORS in Village Hall, Noon till evening.
- Thurs. 22nd Thursday Club, 2.30pm in Village Hall. Parish Council, 7.30pm in Village Hall.
- Sat. 24th Blue Peter Sight Saver Bring & Buy Sale, 10.30-12 noon, Wight School.
- Sun. 25th CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm 'Into His Courts With Praise' (see Rector's Notes).

- Mon. 26th Praise & Prayer, 4 Leycester Close.
 Tues. 27th Young Wives Mtg. 2pm V.Hall, Ann Allan talking about "Home Start".
 HARBURY SOCIETY SOCIAL with Buffet & Jug Band in Crown 8pm. Tickets £2 from Linda Ridgley.
 Village Hall Committee, 8pm in Village Hall.
 Prayer Group 8pm in Church.
 Street Representatives Mtg., 8.15pm Wight School.
 (HARBURY NEWS AGM changed (again!) to Monday 9th February).
- Wed. 28th Parish Bible Study Group, 16 Neales Close 8.15pm.
 Southam School PTA, 8pm School, Knitting Demonstration (by Websters).
- Fri. 30th Theatre Group Meeting, Wight School 8pm.
 Sat. 31st ALL ARTICLES FOR FEBRUARY ISSUE TO 23 MILL STREET BY TODAY PLEASE.

FEBRUARY 1987

- Sun. 1st PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE - CANDLEMASS (anticipated). 9am Sung Eucharist, 6.30pm Evensong.
- Mon. 2nd Word of God, 8pm at 26 Manor Orchard.
 Praise & Prayer, Ravenshaw Cottage.
- Tues. 3rd Horticultural Society, 8pm in Wight School.
- Wed. 4th Mothers Union Lunch in V. Hall, followed by meeting at 2.15pm.
 Julian Group, 8pm in Church.
- Thurs. 5th Prayer for Persecuted Christians, 10.30am, 19 Farm Street.
 Men's Society, 7.45pm.
 Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn, 8.30pm.
- Fri. 6th NETBALL CLUB DISCO in Village Hall.
- Sat. 7th Youth Club Disco in Village Hall.
 Southam School PTA Wild West Casino Night.
- Sun. 8th 2.30pm Free Church Service.

DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO LINDA RIDGLEY - telephone 612792.
 For Village Hall Bookings, ring Mrs. Padbury, 613246
 For Wight School bookings, ring Mrs. Hayes, 613488

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES IN HARBURY & LADBROKE

- Tuesday: 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion in Harbury
 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in Ladbroke
 Thursday: 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury
 Friday: 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion in Harbury

REGULAR DIARY DATES

- 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.
- LUNCHEON CLUB: Village Hall every Tuesday & Friday 12-30 p.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.
- YOUTH CLUB, Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays
- DANCING CLASSES for Children & Adults, Farley Room, Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays.
- W.I., Village Hall, 2nd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.
- POP-IN, Village Hall, 1.20 - 3.30 every Friday.
- CHOIR PRACTICE, Church, 6.30pm every Friday.
- KARATE CLASSES, Village Hall 7pm every Friday

FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS

A reminder that on the FIRST Sunday of each month there will be only one morning service at Harbury and this will be at 9am. The form of service will alternate between Rite A and Rite B. The next 9am service will therefore be on Sunday February 1st and Rite B will be used.

The Christmas Services were, as usual, very well attended. Our grateful thanks are due to all those who prepared and decorated the Church so beautifully and to those who helped to make the services a joyous act of worship.

Special mention should be made of the Carol Service held on Christmas Eve which has since been the subject of much favourable comment. It really was a delightful service, benefitting from imaginative additional readings and from the augmented choir who gave an excellent performance - as did our young, regular choir. Well done to all those who arranged everything and to those who took part.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Jim Whittles just before Christmas. Jim moved to Harbury when he retired from the Rootes Group some 19 years ago. He became a staunch member of the C.E.M.S., and later the H & L Church Men's Society - of which he was treasurer for many years.

His horticultural prowess was well known - particularly his geraniums.

Most of all he will be missed as a valued 'no-nonsense' friend.

Harbury and Ladbroke will, under the leadership of the Church Army, be holding a Mission this year from July 1st to 12th. Church Army officers will be in the village on January 12th and 13th and more details will be published as they become available. The aim of the Mission is to deepen the understanding of our faith and to make the Church a more integral part of our community.

Organisations who feel they could become involved in any way should contact Ruth Dodds (612529) or The Rector.

JBM

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CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you for your support for The Flower Friends Project. Some 20 people have responded which has considerably improved our finances and enabled us to decorate well for Christmas. We should be grateful for even more members and you will find a supply of envelopes on the table to be returned to Mrs. Keir, the Rector or me.

Many thanks to those who came to decorate at Christmas, the Church looked lovely.

Margaret Rigden.

FROM THE RECTOR

It is delightful to receive Christmas cards from near and far and it is utterly amazing how varied they all are, with seldom any duplication. We are most grateful for all we receive and are pleased to be greeted for Christmas and for the New Year. May we wish everyone a happy and favourable 1987, with the hope that there may be more peace in the world, less despair and suffering, and the possibility of greater harmony and understanding between nations and within society. That is not just a casual or careless wish, but it is what we pray for earnestly and constantly day by day in church. Moreover I believe, that is what millions long for, but perhaps target their concern mostly to a national or international level, without realising that peace, harmony and toleration cannot be achieved only by powerful leaders, but must be established as well, in the home and in the local community.

This month my section touches on a number of matters. The next thing I want to mention is the change of service times. It is not popular to tinker around with times and it can so often produce confusion and irritation. The changes relate only to the first Sunday of each month, and I do make a plea to Parishioners both in Harbury and Ladbroke to respond to these adjustments positively and sympathetically. On the first Sunday of the month, the service on

Sunday morning at Harbury will be at 9am, and at Ladbroke at 10.30am. This enables me to provide once a month, a service at Harbury not too early for some and not too late for others, a compromise time, and at Ladbroke, the occasional later morning service. It could work out very well and with everyone co-operating, it will.

At present, no firm date has been fixed for our Confirmation this year, but it is likely to be about the same time as in previous years, that is in May. There will be a course of instruction for young people and another for adults and I should be grateful if those who wish to be confirmed or are wondering about being confirmed, could get in touch with me, as soon as possible please. People are sometimes hesitant about saying they are interested in Confirmation, in which case, may I assure them that no-one exerts pressure and instruction is intended to help a person to decide whether or not he or she really wishes to be confirmed.

Last Autumn, the Parish Bible Study Course ran into difficulties over dates, but in January a new series has been planned commencing on Wednesday 14th January at 8.15pm and the meeting will be fortnightly, the first at 3, Vicarage Lane. If you think that you would be interested and have not been before, please let me know and I can give you more information.

Finally to let you know about two special services. At Ladbroke on Sunday 18th January at 3.30pm, there will be an ecumenical service, at the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, observed each year from 18th to 25th January. This year we are very fortunate to have as our special preacher, Canon Paul Oestreicher, the newly appointed International Director at Coventry Cathedral. He is a well-known churchman, journalist and broadcaster who has, until coming to the Diocese in September 1986, worked in London and was for some years Chairman of the British Section of Amnesty International. Then at Harbury on Sunday 25th January is a service entitled 'Into His Court With Praise', when we shall

be singing hymns, which have been requested by the village. Please let me know what hymns you would like and I will try to use as many as I can. After the service, refreshments suitable to the occasion will be served. Please come yourself and invite a friend or neighbour.

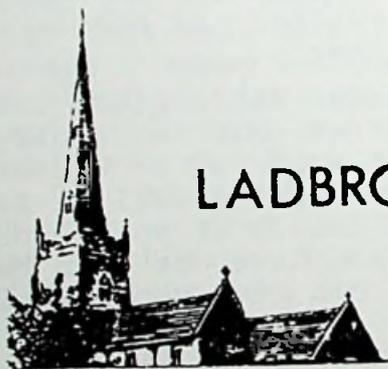
Antony Rowe

HOLY BAPTISM AT LADBROKE

Sunday 21st December, Dorothy Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Howard and Dawn Elizabeth Sharples, School House, Ladbroke.

FUNERAL

Monday 22nd December, James Arthur Whittles, 19 The Beeches, 84 years.



LADBROKE NEWS

JANUARY DIARY

- Sun. 11th EPIPHANY I, 9am Holy Communion with Hymns (according to the Book of Common Prayer).
- Wed. 14th 10.30am Holy Communion.
2.30pm Women's Fellowship.
- Sun. 18th 9am Holy Communion with Hymns, 3.30pm Ecumenical Service (Preacher Canon Paul Oestreicher).
- Wed. 21st 10.30am Holy Communion (Corporate Communion - Women's Fellowship).

Thurs. 22nd W.I.
 Sun. 25th Conversion of St. Paul, 9am Holy
 Communion with Hymns.
 Wed. 28th 10.30am Holy Communion.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Jan. 11th & 18th: Mrs. Badman & Mrs. Wilson,
 Jan. 25th & Feb. 1st: Mrs. Stubbs, Feb. 8th: Mrs. Smith

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We enjoyed our December meeting, starting with a service in church in 'Preparation for Christmas'. Four lessons were read by members and hymns were also sung. Afterwards we went to the home of Mrs. Stubbs for refreshments.

The meeting on January 14th is at 2.30pm, when Mrs. Irene Bennett has kindly invited us to her home, 'Woodlands' in School Lane. She will tell us about the time she has spent in Bahrein.

NANCY STUBBS

LADBROKE CHURCH

I am very happy to tell you that, at the Christmas Fair on 29th November, we made a profit of over £460, and this has been divided between the Cathedral Appeal, Self-Help in Africa and our Church Fabric Fund.

The raffle prizes were won by: Cake - Mrs. Cambray; Cockerel - Mrs. Dowdswell; Basket of Fruit - Mrs. Gould; Pheasant - Miss Vicki Todd; Book Mark - Mr. Ron Abbott.

Carol Service

On 28th December the Church was filled for a candlelit service. The readings and the singing of the newly-formed choir, together with the mulled wine and mince pies, were all very much enjoyed. An outstanding feature was the East Window, floodlit from outside, which provided a beautiful backdrop to the whole service.

GWYNNE BADMAN

FROM THE LADBROKE CHURCHWARDENS

Our thanks to Harbury P.C.C. for altering their services on the first Sunday in the month. Labroke will now be able to join with the Rector monthly in a mid-morning Family Communion, which would not otherwise have been possible. Altering established service patterns is not easy; some people in both Parishes will find the changes irritating, if not downright inconvenient. We pray that both congregations will adjust without too much difficulty, so that we may take the opportunity to enrich our worship and to reach out further into our communities. For those to whom a change of time presents real difficulties, it may provide a stimulus to worship occasionally in the sister Parish which could prove rewarding.

From Ladbroke - thank you Harbury for your cooperation
In Ladbroke - what will we make of this opportunity

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

December was a busy month for W.I. members. It started with the carol service in Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 14th December. This was followed by the annual party given in the Christopher Wren Ward at Hatton on Tuesday 16th December when 10 members, accompanied by Mr. Alan Gould, took along seasonal food and drinks and entertained the patients who enjoyed the fresh company.

The W.I. committee met at secretary Mrs. Jill Norgate home on Wednesday 17th and to complete the year, Christmas Dinner was enjoyed at the Butchers Arms, Farnborough, by 15 members on Thursday 18th December. It is hoped in the New Year to help in the Hatton Hospital shop on certain evenings on a regular basis, plans to be finalised in the New Year. The next meeting is on Thursday 22nd January with a talk entitled "Self Help to Good Health" by Mrs. Walmsley. Old and new members are very welcome. A Happy New Year to All.

GLENYS HALLAM

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 25th November 1986

The Chairman reported that he keeps getting enquiries as to why there is still no gate in the Bypass fence at Windmill Lane. The large waste lorries are still cutting through the centre of the village and it was decided to involve the District Council who gave permission for the Waste Tip at Ufton. The road through the centre of the village is now a C road. The Parish Council is to be sent a definitive large-scale map of local footpaths and it is hoped to organise some local walks next year to make sure everyone is aware of the routes.

It was noted that the coach Transport Cafe had moved on, probably due to a spate of accidents caused by mud on the road. The Council had been notified of the proposal to close Fenny Compton Fire Station, Mr. Tom Sheasby pointed out that when he had his recent fire on his farm, the fire engines came from Fenny Compton, as the Soputham engine was already on call. In view of the large number of motoring accidents on the A423, it was felt that the closure of Fenny Compton Fire Station would be a very retrograde step.

The Youth Club are holding a Dutch Auction soon in aid of the Blue Peter Sight Saver Appeal. Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact M.E. Hagard at "Arvika", Radbourne Lane.

Happy New Year to Everyone.

KATE LIVERTON

JULIAN GROUP

Julian meetings will take place at 8.00pm in the Church on the first Wednesday of each month, starting on January 7th 1987.

R.S.P.C.A.

Very many thanks to all helpers and supporters of the Coffee Morning held in aid of the R.S.P.C.A. which raised a record £198-28p.

Pam Spurling

CAROL SINGING AT CHRISTMAS

This year, as usual, there were a number of carol singing groups around the village before Christmas. The group from the Church visited older folk. John Eld has contributed the following thoughts. -

As we stood outside the row of houses, some were dark and cold and empty, others warm and welcoming with lights in the porches. We knocked on the doors, sang our carol and waited - we could raise no answer and we were bitterly disappointed because we wanted to give the inhabitants a gift. As we stood outside in the cold the words of John came to me "He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him" and Jesus' own words came "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me".

And then I realised we were bringing mince pies and it struck me that when we open the door Jesus supplies the feast he shares with us. "I am the Bread of Life". As we shared bread (communion) the next day, He reminded me of this and I realised how foolish it is of us to imagine we provide the feast for Christ for "our righteousness is but filthy rags". When Jesus comes to collect us will he find us cold and empty or welcoming on the outside, but shutting Him out within? It did not matter that people did not wait in for us carol-singers, but are we ready for Jesus? Even so Lord, come!

HARBURY ADVENTURERS

It was nice to have so many parents and friends at our Carol Service and especially to see past leaders - Jeanne and Ken, Mary, Sue and Debbie - joining us. The theme was Christmas around the world and members made a delightful tableau dressed to represent children from many countries. A donation from the collection will be sent to the Bible Lands Society who support schools and training projects for deprived and handicapped children in the

lands of the Bible. During the service Bibles were presented to Emma Bloxham and William Stringer for their 100 attendances. We would like to thank the Rector for accompanying us on the piano and the Young Wives for providing tea and mince pies after the service.

Our next class is on Sunday, 11th January at 11.30am in the Village Hall.

S.K.

FREE CHURCH SERVICE

Rev. Malcolm Clarke from Lillington Free Church will be making his third visit to preach on January 11th at 2.30pm in All Saints Church, Harbury. The service lasts for 45 minutes and is held on the second Sunday in every month. We invite preachers from local Baptist, Evangelical, Methodist and United Reformed Churches. This is a family service, though the children are usually looked after separately during the address. Everyone is welcome to attend this simple, informal and very friendly service. Please come.

S.J.

PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

At the recent Unity Service in Harbury, Erica Robb gave a moving talk on conditions in Romania and prayer was offered on behalf of one particular imprisoned Russian Christian, Alexander Ogorodnikov, whose case has since been widely publicised. As a result several people have expressed a desire to continue to pray for the persecuted. On Thursday 8th January and thereafter on the first Thursday of the month, a prayer meeting will be held at 19 Farm St to pray for the Suffering Church. It is an area in which Christians of all denominations and traditions can truly join in unity. One particular prisoner has already been adopted by a Harbury group and we shall continue to pray for him and work for his release. There are many others in prison, psychiatric hospitals and labour camps. They and their families need our prayers and help. We plan to start around 10.30am and everyone who wishes to share in this cause is most welcome.

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The recent releases of dissidents highlighted in the media are an encouraging sign. However they should not blind us to the fact that hundreds of others remain incarcerated, often in appalling conditions. The Soviet authorities seem to be increasingly sensitive to Western opinion and pressure.

Jill Winter

HARBURY COMBINED SCHOOL

As the end of the Autumn term drew near there were the usual welter of Christmas activities going on.

The First School production of 'Baboushka' drew packed houses to its two performances. The two huge audiences gave tremendous support to the children as they sang, acted and danced their way through this Nativity story from Russia. We had many complimentary remarks too about the very colourful 'set' which had been designed by the staff and painted by the children.

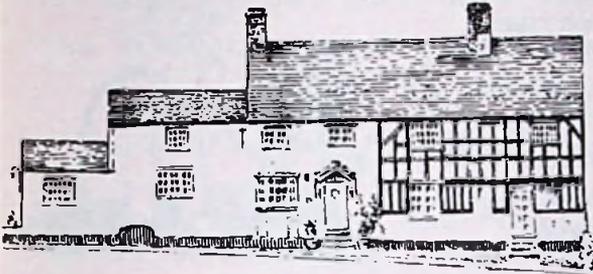
The children of class 8 were pleased to accept the invitation from the 'Thursday Club' to join them in their Carol Service at church, on Thursday, December 11th. The boys and girls sang 'The Star Carol' and 'See Him Lying in a Bed of Straw'.

On Monday, December 15th came the Middle School Carol Service in Church. How lovely it was to see the church packed to join us in our theme of 'Christmas Around the World'!

On Tuesday, December 16th came the 'PTA Carols Round the Village'. We would like to thank all those who joined us. On our return to school hot soup was served in the hall to the children, and mulled wine and mince pies to the adults. This was most welcome after two hours walking around the village on quite a cold night.

We have been helping two worthwhile charities at the end of the Christmas term. The first was a sponsored event to help the NSPCC, the response to this was truly amazing, because the final total was £550.

The collections from our concerts, as well as the PTA Carols Round the Village have been to help the



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Coventry Diocesan Children's Summer Holiday Project 1987, which is a scheme to enable some disadvantaged children to be taken on a week's holiday.

The collections taken were as follows:-

'Baboushka' total	=	£55.45
Middle School Carol Service		£53.00
P.T.A. Carols Round Village		£62.53
Total	=	<u>£170.98</u>

We thank all those who contributed to this magnificent response to our two projects.

On Wednesday, December 17th it was First School Party day, including Father Christmas, whilst the Middle School classes went to see the pantomime 'Cinderella' at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry.

On Thursday, December 18th the First School Carol Service was held in the church, by popular request. The children read and sang about the meaning of Christmas. Again it was pleasing to see the church so full.

At our last assembly two members of staff, Mrs. Angela Brady and Mrs. Anne-Marie Williams, were presented with leaving gifts. Both ladies have been on the staff of Harbury School for eight years, and we wish them well in their new appointments.

Finally, may I wish all the readers of Harbury News a Happy and Contented New Year.

N.C.O.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL

Sixth Sense - Progress Report

Up until Christmas our Company has done very well and has made a reasonable profit. Much of our success has come through the stalls we have set up at several different venues, such as the Parent's Evening for prospective Sixth Formers, where we took many orders, the Warwick Victorian Fair, where we also did very well and our final sale before Christmas at the Christmas Show. We have been so successful that we have sold the majority of our products, and the New Year will hopefully see the coming of some new items.

J.B.

SOUTHAM SCHOOL PTA

On Wednesday January 28th at 8pm there will be a fashion show at the school staged by Websters Limited. The company runs nineteen wool stores and students from the school will be showing off the very latest fashion in women's jumpers, tops and cardigans. Expert staff from Websters will be on hand to advise on pattern choice and the evening has been geared to appeal to the experienced and novice knitter alike. "Websters Give Away Packs" will be on hand, refreshments will be available and admission is 50p.

C.M.

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

Sitting here in the quiet after yet another ear bending disco, it seems like a good time to reflect on our first full year at the Harbury Youth Club. What have we achieved?

Membership is now in excess of 160, with attendances going above that number for the disco evenings. We are getting to the point where we could suffer from our success.

With our range of equipment we are able to offer snooker, table tennis, darts, uni-hoc, basketball/netball, and video or computer games. Not being idle on the activities front, we have been ice-skating, canal-boating, stock-car racing, fun-days and football tournaments. There have been various other one-off activities which would take too long to list.

For making all this possible, I would like to thank our leaders, Kay Pallot, Malcolm Woodcock and Phillip Jones, nobly assisted by Wendy Knowles, Thelma Gulliver, Bill Chalmers, Andy Cowan and assorted members of the Phillips' tribe. There are various others who have also contributed, and we thank you all. However, in view of 160 Club Members, that nucleus is painfully small. Shame on the rest of you! One or two evenings a year is all we ask.

Enough of the old year, let us look forward to 1987, and I will start with the not so good news. Due to the ever increasing costs of Village Hall and DJs we will have to increase the costs of the future disco. To club members, on production of membership cards, it is proposed to charge 75p and £1 for all associates

and friends. This raises the second point, that by reputation we stage a first class disco, and this has drawn teenagers from all the surrounding areas. We do not want to refuse entry to anyone from Harbury, but space does limit too many outsiders. My final moan is that we cannot have a constant stream of teenagers leaving the disco and wandering around the village. If you leave you will not get back in. To allow you to cool off we will open the Farley Room so you can sit and talk for a while, but please don't leave the premises.

What's on for January/February?

Wed. Jan.14th - Clubnight - bring some money for ice-skating if interested.

Wed. Jan 21st - NO Club (Blood Donor evening). Ice-skating only - El meet Village Hall 6.30pm.

Wed. Jan.28th - Clubnight - DEADLINE for Guide Dog Sponsor Money. Don't let us down. Your efforts were fantastic, now collect your rewards for the Guide Dog.

Wed. Feb.3rd - WAYC Quiz area competition to come to Harbury (Youth Club Officially One Year Old).

Sat. Feb.7th - Valentines Disco, 7.30-10.45pm.

I am not afraid of repeating myself so let's have all of the money pledged for the Guide Dog Puppy in now. Don't let your club down. Parents, just pick up the 'phone and ring Peter McDonald on 613730 and book your two evenings to help the Youth Club in 1987, making it even more successful than last year. All the members and associates for HYC would like to wish everyone a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Committee's new venture, the Beer and Skittles evening proved to be a most enjoyable evening in which participants were able to play skittles on two full length skittle alleys. (See Mike Bloxham's photo over the page). Darts and other pub games were also available for the less energetic. Congratulations to Lin Hayes and Tony Bastin who are the first Scouts and Guides skittle champions.



Jumble Sale: The next fundraising event is to be the Jumble Sale, and includes a nearly-new stall, to be held on 17th January in the village hall, starting at 10am. For further details of collections - see advert

Newspaper Collection - The next collection will be Sunday 18th January and, if possible, we would be grateful if newspapers and magazines etc. could be boxed or tied and left outside your premises for collection.

Brian Ingram

HARBURY VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

Seven unit members had a weekend's caving and walking in the Brecon Beacons in November. We camped at Abercraf and on Saturday climbed the Brecon Black

Smiling - before they went down the cave, L to R: Stephen Luke, Brian Macauley, Julian Wade & Stuart Simcock



Mountain in very windy conditions with driving sleet. Later 'someone's theory about climbing during daylight and caving at night was tested and proved in practice to be bunk!

After hot showers at the Youth Centre the rigours of the day were put behind us. Caving next day was exciting but relatively straightforward after the previous night's excitement.

Our A.G.M. on 18th December was held in conjunction with a well attended and lively 'Question Time'. Thanks to our panel of Beryl Checkley, Keith Thompson and John Stringer for contributing their views and giving up their valuable time. The committee now includes Daniel Hughes - Chairperson, Jenny Barr - Vice-chairperson, Rodger Manning - Secretary, Karen Hill - Treasurer, Stuart Simcock - Equipment Officer.

The annual dinner at the Shakespeare Inn on Tuesday 23rd December was very well attended and a great

success. Thanks to Karen and Andrew for putting up with some raucous singing. It was great to have some unit members from the past including James Mayer, Caroline Holt and Bob Small.

A date for your diary - Easter Camp in the Lake District leaving Harbury Tuesday evening 21st April returning Sunday evening 26th April.

J.L.H.

BEAVERS - For boys aged 6-8 and anyone else who actually likes them!

We are thinking of setting up a Beaver Colony in Harbury - which for the uninitiated is a pre-cub scout group for boys aged 6-8 years old. Obviously before going ahead we need to know what sort of interest there would be in such a group - both for potential beavers and for any adults - male or female - who would like to help either on a weekly or occasional basis. If your son would like to be a Beaver or if you could help please contact one of the following:

Liz Bones	612832
Liz Robbins	612009
Sally Stringer	613214

RUGBY CLUB - MID-TERM ASSESSMENT

Mixed fortunes for the club at this halfway stage of the season. The first team, ably led by Steve Street, shows 10 victories to 7 defeats. The seconds have had their misfortunes - loosing matches they may have won - however, they have suffered from an unsettled side due to injury and illness.

Ian Winchester and George Mann have done a fine job with the third team - particularly taking their side 'up the hill' on the third team pitch. Although they are bringing the 2nd team pitch into use this weekend.

We could, as always, do with more players - any age up to 50 - we're not proud!

The minis and juniors have enjoyed a bright first half of the season. The 10s, 11, and 12s have participated in two festivals at South Leicester and Solihull where they met with success. The juniors - and in particular the Under-15s have been very effective, due in part to the inspired coaching of Ian Winchester and Paul Jenkins and of course to the commitment of the players.

Unusual in a contribution from a village organisation to praise a significant member. However, Ian Holroyd, Chairman and general factotum, has done so much this season, a great deal of which is just taken for granted. So I must finish with special thanks to him.

Jerry Birkbeck

HARBURY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB



Harbury Albion held their Annual Boxing Day match and Mike Bloxham's picture shows the players resting at half time. Yes that is trying to hide in the second row.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR 1986



This year's Christmas Fair held in the Village Hall on 6th December had a Victorian theme with stallholders in Victorian Style dress and Father Christmas arriving by pony and trap. Mike Bloxham's picture shows Father Christmas trotting up Mill Street. The main hall was beautifully decorated by the Folk Club and the individual stalls were dressed to a very high standard - first prize was Father Christmas's Grotto decorated by the PTA, with W.I.'s Preserves, the Sewing Group's Cakes and the Mothers Union Tarts the other prizewinners. There was a happy atmosphere of bustle and chatter and an enormous number of purchases were made. All the raffle tickets in the Grand Raffle sold and the Turkey prizewinner instructed that the prize should be auctioned in aid of Church Funds. The great variety of stalls and games, refreshments, and visits to Father Christmas, gave something of interest to everyone and provided a most enjoyable afternoon.

The Fair was also a great financial success - a record profit for this event of over £800, and Harbury Church's committee who organised the event are most grateful to everyone who gave their support.

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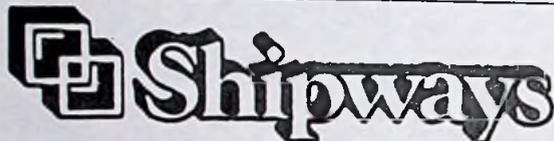
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In previous years the profits have been used towards Church Funds, but following the great success of the Stewardship Mission early in 1985, the Church is now able to distribute these profits to other organisations. Last year the profits went to the Youth of the village and provided fundings for the now highly successful Youth Club and for other youth organisations in the village. This year they have been distributed to the Village Hall as a contribution towards new lighting fitments in the main hall and to the Scout Support Group, Brownies and Adventurers. The recipients are, I am sure you will all agree, vital parts of our community. Thank you everyone for your co-operation and enthusiasm.

B.B.H.

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

Our next production is a lively version of "Pinocchid" with both adults and children in the cast, and Keith Burford's music. "Pinocchio" will be staged on the evenings of Thursday, Feb.26th, Friday Feb.27th and Saturday Feb.28th as well as a Saturday matinee. This is a family show; take note of the date now!

Theatre Group members are meeting on Friday 30th January at 800pm in the Wight School. New members, acting or non-acting, are welcome to join us.

JNS

THE MOTHERS' UNION

First of all my thanks to you all for making our Tart stall at the Bazaar such a success and to Shirley and Pam for decorating it so beautifully. Our congratulations to them on winning the fourth prize.

The speaker at our meeting on the 7th January will be Mrs. Ann Allan on the Home Start scheme.

On the 4th February we shall have a lunch party in the Village Hall followed by our meeting at 2.15pm when the speaker will be the Revd. David Beardshaw on the work of the Church Army. My good wishes to you all for 1987.

Esmé Churchill.

HARBURY W.I.

December proved to be a very busy month! On 5th we held our Christmas Party to which husbands and friends were invited. We all enjoyed a superb buffet meal provided by members and afterwards were entertained by our W.I. Drama Group.

On the 6th our preserves stall took the prize for the best decorated stall at the Village Christmas Fair. On the 11th we held our usual monthly meeting with our new President, Mrs. Deirdre Dunbar in the chair for the first time. After the business we sang carols and were then shown how to arrange some beautiful Christmas flower arrangements for table and wall by Sylvia Burdett. We then enjoyed hot mince pies and sherry and an exchange gift from the bran tub rounding off a most enjoyable evening.

The speaker for January is Mrs. Newsome giving a talk on "Painting". A Happy New Year to one and all!

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

Unusually, this month I have to report on two festive meetings of the Folk Club - the Christmas edition on December 4th and our New Year Special on January 1st. On both occasions, the Old New Inn lounge was absolutely packed, everyone seemed to have a good time, and the Jug Band sang "Christmas in Australia"!

In December, this song was the final one (before the encore) in the Band's guest spot which featured some old favourites, some suitably seasonal ones and some new ones like "Quasimodo be good". That evening also saw the welcome return of Gerda after a few months' absence and the debut of the "Tricuspid", the new combination of John, Nick and Andy. Whereas Tony and I paid little attention to the season, Bonas did the job thoroughly with four suitable songs, without the help of "Kris Kringle" this year.

On January 1st, the atmosphere felt much the same and we had more singers. In addition to the regulars - Tony, Bonas, the Jug Band and me - we had some songs from visitor Gary, some tunes from Roger, a classy set from Sarah and a spirited finale with the Harvesters, including some music hall favourites.

The next Folk Club is on February 5th when the guests will be Gerda, Roger and Mike, known collectively as "Car Ate the Blanket". Please let me know if (a) you contribute any photos etc. for the Folk Club album or (b) you are interested in doing some real Morris dancing (men and ladies). Finally, my thanks to the few who helped to decorate the Village Hall for the Christmas Fair. I know our efforts were appreciated.

Peter McDonald

HARBURY SOCIETY

Tickets, £2 each, are going fast for our Social at the Crown on 27th January, when the Jug Band will provide their individual entertainment and there will be food provided on the lines of the 'Piggery' buffet. Anyone who hasn't booked their place yet should contact Linda Ridgely, 16 Farm St (612792) as soon as possible.

The District Council has placed a Tree Preservation Order on the Hawthorn at the Old New Inn Green. It will be inspected in the spring to determine whether it is diseased and if so it is likely that permission will be granted for felling as it would not be safe to keep a dangerous tree overhanging a footpath.

Work still progresses on ur Footpaths Guide which we hope to bring out in the Spring.

On February 10th at the Wight School Mr. Cain of Napton will give a Natural History Slide Show and everyone is welcome to attend. The AGM will be in the Wight School on Tuesday 24th March and will be followed by a report on the Rescue Dig at Avon Dassett.

The Society's Stall at the Christmas Fair raised very little money but a lot of interest. Mark Hayes (a paperboy) correctly identified all the doors displayed but very properly had trouble with the Bar entrance to the Crown. That was the only one some people managed to spot! Our thanks go to John Barnes for the beautiful drawings he produced.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone and we look forward to seeing you at the Social on 27th January.

Linda Ridgely

CAMEROON DISASTER

I have two friends who live in the Cameroons fairly near the recent disaster area. They have seen at first hand the consequences and have great praise for the Aid Agencies. They are closely involved with an orphanage run by an ex-British army man. He has taken in some of the Nyos orphans, and there is a need for clothing. If anyone has any good secondhand boys clothing - to fit 6-14 yr olds - I should be happy to collect it. Anything is useful, shirts, trousers, warm sweaters, t-shirts etc. (not shoes or heavy coats). Arrangements are being made to airfreight it out to the Cameroons. Please 'phone me (613680) or call round after 11th January.

Joan Smith, 3 Vicarage Lane.

BLUE PETER 'SIGHT SAVER' APPEAL

Following the appeal on this BBC TV children's programme, we would like to invite you to a BRING & BUY SALE, with refreshments - on SATURDAY JANUARY 24th 10.30-12 noon in the Wight School. All proceeds go to help the fight for sight in Africa, giving a service covering a vast area, which is so simple and yet so effective and something we take for granted.

It would be helpful to have items for the sale beforehand - these can be taken to 13 Manor Orchard, otherwise please bring them with you on the day. Suggestions - cakes, toys, books, unwanted gifts! Children's clothes - all in good condition.

Thank you, Moya Waterman

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Councillors had taken heed of complaints that their proceedings were inaudible and had re-arranged the meeting so that they surrounded the audience which numbered ten! Keith Thompson took the opportunity to extend seasonal greetings and give news of the rude health (not bad as the Courier reported) of former Finance Chairman ex-councillor Mike Ellis.

Perhaps if he had still been on the Council they would have stuck out for the principle that the contractor who damaged the Mill Street lighting column should be made to pay, but with regret they had to pay EMEB because STWA would not accept responsibility for the contractor's action. Another time the Parish Council resolved to grab witnesses as soon as possible.

Councillors wished wistfully for a Cast Iron Victorian Pillar Box for Farm Street now that the Post Office has agreed that a bigger one is warranted. The reply on the late delivery of First Class mail used the excuse that the envelopes of the letters were not produced (they might bear evidence of their incorrect transmission, so keep them!)

Details of the new bus services will be displayed in the Library. There are new ones run by Catteralls which will allow hospital visiting, but the normal service leaves people marooned in Harbury after 1.30pm. However the Parish Councillors seemed more concerned to discover where buses would pick up and set down passengers than with the revised timetables.

It was confirmed that the roadway at Mackley Way, the condition of which was causing complaints, is the responsibility of the residents, but the District Council had agreed to change the sign at the entrance to the Sutcliffe Pastures to include reference to the development. A street sign for Mackley Way is the developer's duty.

The Council was pleased to accept the present contractor's quotation for the maintenance of the Village Greens for 1987 and agreed that the Cemetery Caretaker's quote for removing the broken kerbs was fair. He will be given six months to complete the job.

Jenny Evans gave details of the Netball Club's progress in raising money to build the Parish Council a Netball Court on the Receptions Grounds. The Sports Council had agreed a loan of £2000 which was slightly less than the ladies had hoped for and meant that they would have to take up the District Council's offer of an interest free loan of about £700. Stratford would give £250 grant aid and the Parish Council had graciously agreed to donate a similar sum. The Court would be sited across the field beyond the Tennis Courts and with a

reasonable gap between. The Sports Council would pay 50% of the bills as they arrived but as yet the Club had received no money at all. Keith Thompson asked whether the Club could 'service' the District's loan and hoped that the work might be done even more cheaply than was estimated. He thought the Court ought to be fenced or protected with short posts but Sharon Hancock pointed out the folly of this. She suggested that hedging would be a more sensible alternative.

Vicky Tanner wrote for the Pre-School Playgroups Association explaining why the Playbus no longer visited Deppers. There are no children wanting to use it! The Bus was a flexible response to the need for play provision for the under-fives and when it had visited Deppers there had been twelve families using it. As soon as there were four or five under-fives needing the facility it would return. In the meanwhile, Ratley and Fenny Compton which were experiencing a bulge of pre-school age children would benefit. The Association had been grateful for the work done on the hardstanding at Deppers and for the Parish Council's grant towards a new engine for the Bus. Councillors saw the logic of the argument for the Bus's withdrawal but were nonetheless annoyed that they had not been told about its imminent departure when their generosity had been called upon. However, when Councillor Dave Andrews gently scolded them for being parochial they agreed to monitor the need for the Bus in Deppers.

John Moore gave the Parish Council his decision on Play Equipment for Deppers: a Junior Commando Bridge and an A-Frame Climbing Frame, costing about £397. It was good durable stuff but the Councillors wanted a safety surface installed beneath it and deferred purchase until they could see if a discount could be obtained.

Several Deppers residents were present to put their strong views on the proposals for industry at Burnside. They were angry that the PC had not consulted them and was not aware of the depth of feeling against the development. Mr. & Mrs. Beale the applicants, had written to the Parish Council, putting their side of the argument for the granting of permission to run what they saw as a family business storing and supplying motor components by Mail Order. They assured the

Council that there would be no nuisance and there would be no extra traffic. The nearest house was 100 yards away. Deppers residents denied the claim that there had ever been industrial use there and said they were already being disturbed by noise from the buildings.

Mr. Tancock wrote of the intensity of local feeling against the proposals, which had twice been refused. The B4451 was narrow and heavily used by traffic which travelled at high speed; the area was green belt and the prevailing wind would take the noise into the village where old people and other residents would be disturbed by the running of microlite and hovercraft engines.

Councillor John Drinkwater said that the hand-building of hovercraft and microlites was a hobby of the applicant and District Councillor James Turner confirmed that at the cut-off date for establishing industrial use the site had been used as a poultry farm. There was some confusion over whether the application was to try to establish 'existing use' or if it was to legalise the continued use of the site for light engineering. It was agreed that District Councillor Sharpe would carry the PC's message that in registering no objection they had misunderstood the reason for the submission and had not appreciated the depth of local opposition.

There is a green hill far away in Deppers and the Parish Council supported the latest application for development there when assured by District Councillor James Turner that it was an alternative to the approved permission to demolish the building and erect dwellings in the grounds. The application before the Council involved only internal changes to convert Greenhill into nine flats and the PC was quite content to let this go ahead.

Pc Percival reported a disappointingly small attendance at the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators meeting. Some parts of the village are well covered by the scheme but in others there is a need for more people public-spirited enough to come forward to help stop crimes in Harbury.

Whitnash Parish Council acknowledged the PC's letter about run-off from the Harbury Lane Industrial Site. Necessary action will be taken it was said.

The dangerous state of the road past Peter Mann's tip was causing great concern. Sharon Hancock complained that the road markings were obscured and the mud was inches thick. Pc Percival admitted that Southam Police had had two official complaints in a week about the state of the road. It was his opinion that the cause was NOT mud brought off the site but the action of the tipping vehicles carving up the verges. The PC will write expressing fears that a fatal accident will be caused; to the County Ufton Council and County Councillor Patricia Bidwell.

Mud is also a problem in Chapel Street where the tight development beside Fox Cottage is causing much inconvenience to residents. Pc Percival explained that the workmen dutifully swept up every night and were doing all they could.

The Council thought that the Hawthorn at the Old New Inn Green should be retained if it was not a threat to the public. Cllr. Drinkwater reported that Mrs. Gilman had told him that it was dangerous. The District is to be asked to make an inspection.

Cllr. Hancock reported that she was continuing with her efforts to complete the Emergency Planning Questionnaire and with her special knowledge she was also invited to peruse the Draft of the Electoral Roll and highlight errors and omissions.

The Council agreed to purchase for the Village a copy of the County Domesday Book costing £150. The Chairman suggested the acquisition might be jointly funded with the PTA, and the trustees of the Wagstaff Educational Charity thought that a donation might be added from their funds as it was such an important and worthy buy.

Linda Ridgley

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We would like to convey our grateful thanks to all who contributed to the Annual Poppy Appeal for 1986. The magnificent sum of £700.87 was donated. Many thanks to you all.

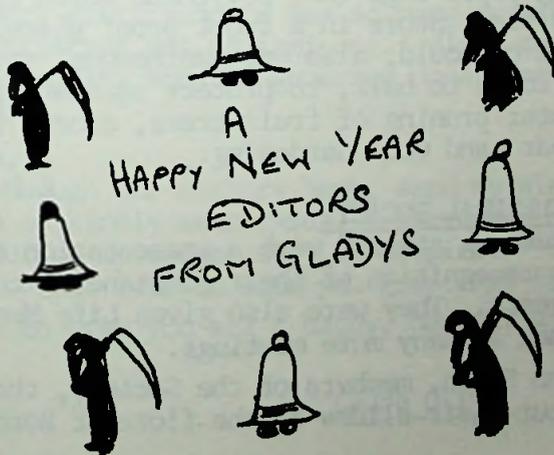
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ANSWERS TO QUIZ

Although I don't suppose it matters, as I don't suppose anybody did it.

1. Nowell.
2. The Grand Old Duke of York.
3. The Archbishop of Canterbury.
4. A Centipede with a wooden leg.
5. 1894.
6. By means of the present owners, Tussaud's. Originally they made wax images of the beheaded aristos.
7. Magpies.
8. Humpty Dumpty.
9. A lone Lancaster bomber flew over Lady Bower reservoir to commemorate the dam buster raids. The bombing was practiced over Lady Bower.
10. The Campbells, Grandfather and Granddaughter each attempting the water speed record.
11. The Pope.
12. So that he could hide in the custard.
13. Amy Robshart.
14. Sheep. Little Boy Blue, Little Bo Peep & Baa Baa Black Sheep
15. Guy Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.
16. The Flying Scotsman.
17. Bars.
18. Mistletoe.
19. Boston from where the Pilgrim Fathers sailed.
20. Jesus's.

P.S. There was a misprint in question 13. It should read 'one of the ruins' not one of the 9.



A winter afternoon visit to Coombe Abbey on the outskirts of Coventry is well worthwhile for the children - gardens, walks through red-woods, birds and a children's playground - on the Brinklow Road from Binley.

Stratford Butterfly Farm - In Swan's Nest Lane, open all the year, presents tropical butterflies, flying free in tropical vegetation, lovely bananas, tarantulas and scorpions. Adults fl.75, children over 5 fl.20. Butterflies are not so abundant in winter months but there are still enough to make it an exciting expedition.

The University Arts Centre - Warwick University Arts Centre which is fully open to the general public has now been extended to include a cinema, art gallery and a larger bookshop, as well as the Concert Hall, Theatre and Studio. The programme of events, many concentrated in term time is immensely varied, and many renowned performers are included. The cinema is fully bookable and it's a pleasure to go and see just the film and not masses of advertisements and trailers! Ring Coventry 417417 to book or to be put on the Mailing List.

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

First, that strange elusive "chain pipe" which appeared in last month's notes as a protection for the fish in your pond, it was of course "drain pipe!" And the tree was a Populus Candicans not popular - small printing errors.

While the ground is still open aerate badly drained mossy areas of the lawn, by stabbing across with a garden fork. Make sure the whole lawn has been swept clean of fallen leaves. Pack away drained dahlia plants. Cut stems back to 2" above the tuber. Place in strong paper bags (not polythene which causes sweating) Or pack in dry peat. Store in a frost proof place. Check regularly for signs of mould, also chrysanthemums, spray with captan. Cut back tall roses to half, to protect against wind rock. Continue with winter pruning of fruit trees, except for Plums. A Happy New Year and Good Gardening.

E.D.Z.

HARBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The December meeting started with a presentation to Fred and Edna Lines, in recognition of their outstanding contribution over so many years. They were also given Life Membership, so we hope to see them at many more meetings.

Mr. & Mrs. John Smith, members of the Society, then showed us and talked about their slides of the flora of Borneo. They

gave us fascinating insights into a part of the world few of ³³ us will actually see. It was good too, to have a "home grown" contribution - anyone else with something of interest to share, please contact Mrs. Zonik or any committee member. The meeting concluded with a splendidly varied buffet and a glass - or so - of wine. Hearty thanks to all those who cooked and contrived.

On February 3rd at 8pm at the Wight School, we shall welcome Mr. Lawson from Barnards who will talk about gardening under glass.

BAR.

Dear Editors,

Mick, Lindsey and Martin Brant would like to thank all their friends who sent messages of sympathy and attended Doreen's funeral.

M. Brant

Dear Editors,

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Barnes would like to convey their sincere thanks to friends and neighbours in Harbury for their 'get-well' messages and for the assistance given to Mrs. Barnes during Stan's stay in hospital. Also to Canon Rowe for his visit.

Dear Editors,

I wish to thank all friends for their kindness to me during and after my stay in hospital, and for gifts and cards. Happy New Year to you all.

Irene Drinkwater

Dear Editors,

Mrs. Jean Bullock would like to thank all the friends of late Jim Whittles for attending his funeral service in Habury Church.

It was very gratifying to see so many people there, especially as Christmas was so imminent. Also, many thanks for the messages of sympathy and the generous donations to Dr. Barnardo's Home.

Dear Editors,

May I, through the Harbury News, send my sincere thanks to everyone who so kindly sent cards, flowers and messages of good will to me during my recent stay in hospital.

It will be too late to send you greetings for Christmas, but I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Laura Oliver

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