

HARWELL NEWS

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HARWELL VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting, open to all residents of Harwell issues, to be raised at this meeting, include: the composition of the Management Committee and the election of its officers for 1991 - 1992; the responsibilities of Trustees; and the improvements to be funded out of the proceeds of the successful Christmas Raffle and Talent Auction. Please attend and support your Village Hall.

HARWELL FEAST COMMITTEE

The Harwell Feast Committee are organising events for Bank Holiday, 27th. May. This event will be on a larger scale than in the past few years and attractions include a parade of floats, a Donkey Derby, a Hot Air Balloon, a Ballon Race, Fun - Race Run, Car Boot Sale, Children's Fancy Dress, Races & Entertainments, Morris Men, plus many other amusements.

Events start this year with the parade of Floats, which Assemble in the Barrow at 11am., to be ready for Judging by 11.15am., and be ready to proceed to the Recreation Field at 11.30am.

If you are able to ENTER please give the NAME and REPRESENTATIVE of your ORGANISATION to Trevor Packer, "Sunnymede," High St., Harwell, as soon as possible but not later than May 1st.

We are particularly anxious to have a good array of Stall and Sideshows this year as we feel this is really one of the main attractions of a village fete and of course provides a source of income for the village organisations. The charge this year will be £6.00p. per Stall and I am afraid that once again we have to ask you to provide your own tables. Bookings to Janice Markey, 17, Didcot Rd., Harwell Abingdon 832802.

Proceeds from the Feast will go towards the restoration of the Almshouses.

HARWELL GARDENER'S CLUB

April 8th. Elizabeth Farr will talk on Pansies - Violas - Violets. Harwell Village Hall at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

May 13th. Video & Talk on Garden Ponds by David Leigh. Harwell Village Hall at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Newcomers, Oldtimers, Beginners!.... If you're not yet Members, why not come along to a meeting and see for yourself. Some of the topics covered by this year's programme are Bedding Plants; Propagate your Plants with success; find out such things as using stale beer to deal with slugs, soapsuds for blackfly on shrubs, planting marigolds to protect your broadbeans, etc. Our resident expert, Laurie Chumbley offers monthly tips on what you should be doing, weather reports, and answers questions.

Do you want plants grown locally, or have you a surplus? Consult the notice - board. Have you something special to show? Look at the monthly competitions. What could you offer for the Produce Show in September? There are cups of tea and prizes galore for the different categories whether you're a beginner or a old hand.

Refreshments, Raffles, not to mention Excursions, an annual weekend to other areas, a chance to see other member's gardens, are an offer.

Membership Fee: £3.00p. per year. Secretary: Ken Hill, Tel: Abingdon 835825.

CHERRY TREE COURT

Coffee Morning, May 18th. 10am - Noon. Cake Stall Large Raffle, Tombola, Plant Stall, Book Stall, etc.

HARWELL VILLAGE PLAYGROUP

There will be a Pippadee Ladies Fashion Show May 14th. 8pm. Harwell Village Hall. In Aid of the Playgroup Building Fund. Tickets available from: Anne Laing 835640 & Amanda Ponting 820177 (Abingdon) Entrance includes a Glass of Wine. Tickets £1.00p.

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Don't forget your old Newspapers for collection on May 11th. The funds raised are used to finance the Beaver, Cub and Scout activities and buy equipment. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

CONTINENCE CLINIC

It is proposed to hold a Continence Clinic at the Didcot Health Centre on the third Friday every month, commencing 19th. April, 2.30pm - 4.30pm. If you are a sufferer of urinary incontinence, no matter how small the problem, then come along and seek some advice. HELP IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOU. It is a problem which is rarely discussed in public, but one which can cause distress and anxiety to those who are sufferers. Unfortunately, we cannot give you an appointment, as we have no clerical help, but if you are willing to take telephone appointment for us, and have an hour or two free, then we should be pleased to hear from you. Please contact: Heather Paterson who is the Continence Advisor or Wendy Smith (District Nurse). Didcot Health Centre.

GIRLS BRIGADE

A Spring Fayre will be held on Saturday, 11th. May. 2pm - 3.30pm. Admission 10p. White Elephant, Cakes, Plants, Toys, Good-as-New, etc. Refreshments.

If you are 5yrs.old and over, come and join our lively bunch, we have lots of fun and activities. Meetings are held on Wednesdays: Explorer's 5 - 7yrs. held in the Church Extension 6pm - 7.15pm. Juniors 8 - 10yrs.old. Church Hall 6pm - 7.15pm. Seniors/Brigader's, Church Hall 7.15pm - 8.30pm. Further information from Hilary Crossman. Abingdon: 835300.

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LITTER BINS IN VILLAGE:- The person employed by the Council to clear litter bins on a weekly basis frequently has to remove household refuse, large cardboard boxes, and obnoxious refuse AND, on a recent occasion discovered a broken-up toilet cistern.

Such use of the 'Litter Bins' is clearly not that for which they were provided.

Would the small minority of parishioners involved, please dispose of their household and other refuse through the weekly collection by Biffa. Large items may be taken to the Waste Reception Centre at Drayton. If transport is not available the District - Council will arrange a special collection, for which there may be a charge.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:- The four-yearly election of Councillors will take place this year. Nomination Papers should be delivered not later than 12 noon on Friday, the 5th. April.

POLLING will take place from 8am. to 9pm. on Thursday, 2nd May, 1991.

Please would members of the Public pay attention to the "Overhanging Trees and Hedges" as there have been many complaints concerning this matter in various parts of the village. We do ask you kindly to attend to these as this has caused some accidents to pedestrians and especially to people with prams.

ALSO ... Would all those who have had Security Lights installed please make sure they are not a "Hazard" to the oncoming motorist.

HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL (continued)

Editorial Note: This Newsletter will be issued bi-monthly. All items for printing should be sent to Betty Pyke, 6, Tyrrells Close, Harwell, by the 15th. May, 1991. We wish to express our thanks for the support given from participating organisations and individuals and do so hope you will find this 'Newsletter' of some interest.

Success will very much depend on Club Secretaries providing the Harwell News with information about forthcoming activities and events. If you have regular meetings or occasional events that you want people in the village to be informed of, let us know so that the information can be passed on.

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