

HARWELL NEWS

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Harwell Feast Committee

The committee has received requests for funding from three village organisations. These applications are now being considered. Should any other clubs, societies, etc. wish to apply for financial donations from our 91-92 budget please write to the committee secretary Vicki Done at 13, Kings Lane. All applications will be considered. Future Events:

The **Village Quiz** has been brought forward to Friday 4th October to avoid clashing with a British Legion event. Entry forms are now available from Dearloves and Fanfare stores. A team comprises three members and you must be either resident in Harwell or be representing a village club, pub, etc. The entry fee is £3 per team. Spectators are welcome - entry 25 pence. The Quiz starts at 7pm and we have a licenced bar. Come along and enjoy a sociable evening.

Old Tyme Music Hall tickets are now available from Vicki Done, 13, Kings Lane on 14th, 15th and 16th November at 8pm - tickets £5, and also on 16th a matinee at 2pm - tickets £2-50. To quote, this will be a *splendiferous, spificating, quantificacious production*. Prizes will be given for best hats and costumes in the audience. This is a village event not to be missed. All proceeds will be given to the Village Hall by the Harwell Feast Committee - the piano (see below) was purchased with an advance payment from these proceeds.

The Christmas Dance is on Saturday 21st December. Tickets will be available in November from Committee members.

Harwell W. I.

Meetings continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. On October 9th will be the 70th birthday meeting where the birthday cake will be cut and nostalgic mementoes will be on display! The November meeting will be a *Craft Dabble Evening* when members and friends can try their hand at several different crafts.

There will be a **Flea Market** on October 26th 11am to 4pm in the Village Hall. Tables for stalls cost £6 - if you are interested please contact Wendy Metcalfe on 812740 (evenings). Why not have a stall and raise some money for your favourite charity. The W.I. will have cakes preserves, plants, crafts, etc. for sale so make a note of the date.

Winterbrook Youth Club

The club is currently closed as we lack a male leader / helper. If anyone feels they can help please contact Janice Markey on 832802. Club nights - Mondays 6 - 9pm.

Most Attractive Gardens Competition

The entries for the competition were rather late in arriving this year, but a late influx brought the numbers up. As usual entries came from the length and breadth of the village and this year's gardens looked much brighter and more cheerful than for the last two years, and all showed promise of maintaining that quality of display over a very long period.

The Judge, John Taylor from Chipping Norton, had to contend with great variety and high standard, but the following awards were finally made:

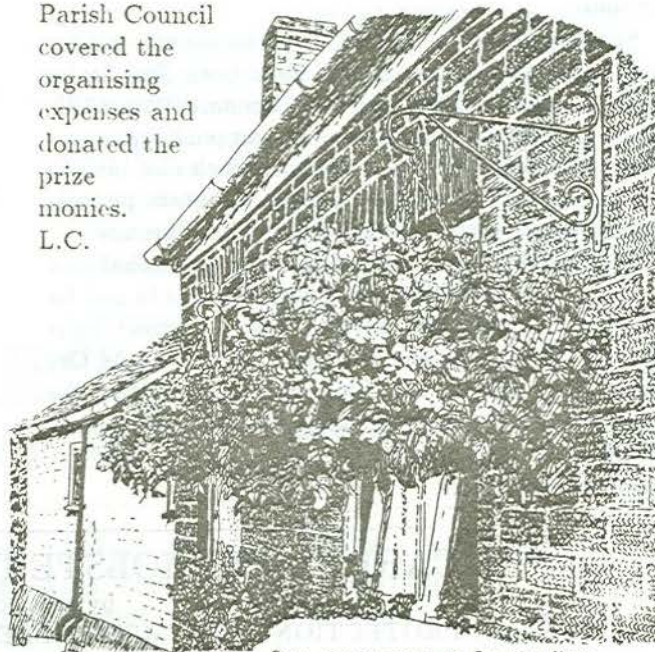
Gardens:

First	(£20)	Mrs Liz Matheson
Second		Mr & Mrs Ireson,
	(£10)	Land-O, The Winnaway.
Third	(£7-50)	Mrs Ruth Alexander
Highly		Mrs Sandy Carter,
Recommended		Englefield Cottage, Broadway.

Hanging Baskets, Tubs, Troughs etc.:

First	(£20)	Mrs Ruth Alexander,
		The Old Brewhouse, Townsend.
Second	(£10)	Mrs Adele Harris,
		Blenheim House, Blenheim Hill.
Third	(£7-50)	Mrs Liz Matheson,
		The Potters, Burr Street.
Highly		Mr & Mrs Crossman,
Recommended		Greenacre, The Cleave.

Thank You all who entered and congratulations on the high standard - if you didn't manage to gain a prize this time then try, try, try again and you can be sure you are making the village a nicer place for all of us. Thanks are also due to the Judge, Mr John Taylor, to Harwell Gardeners' Club for organising the event. The Parish Council covered the organising expenses and donated the prize monies.
L.C.



PART OF THE DISPLAY AT BLENHEIM HOUSE.

Parish Council

The bus shelter in High Street is in need of repainting and the Council will have this done if people want it kept. It is reportedly not used much even in inclement weather. If you have an opinion as to whether it should be maintained or removed, please let the Clerk (address below) or one of the Councillors know.

The Parish Council is re-introducing the Village Diary which will be kept at the Post Office. Please enter the dates of your events in the diary and then clashes can be avoided. The entries will be used to compile the diary on the back page of this newsletter.

We will be including a directory of local clubs etc. in the New Year. Please send up-to-date details to the Publicity Committee (see back page) or put them in the Village Diary.

There are 3 spare allotments at present, which can be rented for £6 per year, or £4.50 if you pay promptly - very good value! They are situated on the Green Road track off Didcot Road. Apply to Miss Rita Bosher, 'Rooftops', Reading Road.

Additional Street Light in Orchard Way

In the past the Council received requests that a street light be provided at the end of the path from Orchard Way to The Styles car park. Since the area concerned does not come within the boundary of highway adopted by the County Council, that Council was unable to undertake the work.

The ideal place would have been at the entrance to the car park but in this position the light would have been obscured by trees. The Parish Council therefore made enquiries of Southern Electric with a view to having a light provided at the end of the path nearest The Styles car park. The cable to the pole could have been laid either from Orchard Way along the edge of the concrete path or from The Styles, across the car park and the strip of privately owned ground.

Southern Electric quoted £479 to supply and install the light; to service the light from The Styles would have cost £462, and from Orchard Way £720. The Vale WHDC (which owns the car park) gave provisional permission to excavate a trench and lay the cable but the Council was unable to obtain permission from the owner of the other strip of ground.

The Parish Council agreed that the additional cost of laying the cable from Orchard Way could not be justified. It therefore opted to have a street light erected by Oxfordshire County Council at the Orchard Way end of the path (which is within the boundary of the adopted highway) at a total cost of £451.

Rita Bosher - Clerk

Harwell Village Produce Show



This year's show held on Saturday 7th September was a considerable improvement on the last 2 years' largely as a result of better growing weather in the early part of the year. We also had quite a number of new entrants - an encouraging feature.

Altogether there were just over 300 entries; the fruit, vegetable and flower classes were well supported and there were some lovely arrangements in the Floral Art section. The wines and cookery classes left some mouths watering! The handicrafts came from a great age range, at least 9 to 90; some of the knitted items were passed on to Oxfam for them to distribute. So make up your minds to show something next year (September 12th) - there is a chance for everyone!

Amongst the trophy winners were:
Harwell Produce Show Shield - John Mclean - the highest number of points gained in all classes. He also took the Rowstock Orchard Trophy for the highest points total in fruit classes.

Chairman's Trophy - Mrs Liz Matheson - for the highest points total in flower classes.

Floral Art trophy - Mrs Sandy Carter.

Novices Trophy - Mrs P McNiven - for the novice with most points in all classes

Vegetable Trophy - Mr Nash - for the highest points total in the vegetable classes

Domestic Cup - Mrs McNiven - for the highest points total in the domestic classes

Young Persons Challenge Cup - Alexandra Thompson - for the highest points total in the Junior Classes

An additional prize was awarded to Angela Phillips for entering some adult classes, for enthusiasm and enterprise.

David Dewey memorial Shield - John Mclean - highest points total by a Garden Club member. This was a new award, kindly presented by Mrs Dewey & family in memory of the late treasurer of the Gardener's Club.

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Cherry Tree Court

We are holding a small Bring & Buy, with Refreshments and a Raffle on Saturday 23rd November, 10.30 - 11.30 am. All are most welcome.

Harwell Playgroup

At the moment we are trying to set up our own premises on the Freeman Orchard in Gaveston Road, which was kindly left to the village by Mrs Freeman in her will. Although we seem to be having a few problems we hope to overcome them in the near future.

To raise money for this we have just held a sponsored walk on 22nd September, and a 60's dance in the Village Hall on 28th September.

The Playgroup takes place each weekday morning from 9.15 until 11.45 during term time in the Freeman Hall which is adjacent to the Village Hall towards Orchard Way. There is always plenty for the children to do - sand and water play; painting; playdough; games; dressing up box; playhouse and a reading corner for those quieter moments. On tuesday mornings we welcome younger children but please stay with them. Your child will also be offered milk and biscuits - all this for just £1.25 per morning! What value for money! If you have any enquiries please ring Gwen Froud on 835491.

Parish Footpath Walk

Come along to a Footpath Walk on Sunday October 13th. We shall meet outside the Village Hall at 2.15pm. It is very important to preserve our footpaths and walking them regularly is one way of ensuring that they are kept open. Maps and *Dog Tidy Bags* will be provided free when we meet, so come along (plus dog, on lead!) and join in.

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Harwell Village Hall

The recent coffee morning at Pillar House raised £175 - thanks to all attending and especially Mrs Greta Whitehead and family. The money will go towards the new curtains which will be in the Hall soon.

The new piano, thanks to the Feast Committee, is now installed. It is normally locked up, so ask the booking secretary, Mrs Mary Allen, if you want to use it. The old piano is being kept at present, for those who want to have a tinkle, or bash, at their party, etc.

The Carnegie Trust is offering grants to assist a new activity to start in Village Halls, particularly in small villages, throughout the country. The grants are for interior fittings and equipment needed for the new activity, and can be up to £5000, although the Hall Committee would be expected to look to other local organisations and its own fundraising for some of the money. Certain activities, such as playgroups and those already started are excluded. If there is an activity you would like to see available which can take place in the Hall, but which lacks equipment, please contact the secretaries, Dorothy and Desmond Neill (834720). The next Hall Committee meeting is on 15th October.

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers

Although the cub pack is pretty full there is some room in the beavers (ages 6 to 8) and scouts (ages 10½ to 15). For further information contact the group scout leader, Richard Lewis (832562).

Crime Prevention

Bogus officials continue to appear in the Abingdon area - recent ones have been collecting for the JR2 Hospital - so always ask for an identity card if you are doubtful. Other increasing types are the 'antique knocker' calling to buy or value their furniture, and the distractor who will keep you occupied in one room while a mate goes through other rooms. If you have any suspicious callers it could help a neighbour if you let the police know.

A Neighbourhood Watch group may consist of ten or twenty households; members are not vigilantes, just good neighbours. If you and your neighbours wish to set up a such a group in your road, the local Community Liaison Officer in Didcot, PC Tim Elvin will be happy to advise. His number is Didcot 776501.

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Garden Notes - October & November

Now is the time to prepare the garden for Winter and there are lots of jobs to be done. If you are not already on their mailing list now is the time to write to the seed companies for a copy of their catalogues. Don't forget some of the smaller companies who may specialise in only one type of plant. Most of the catalogues provide much more help and information than can be given on the seed packet, and there are also many more varieties offered than is generally available from shops and garden centres. It is also probable that the supplier will have kept the seed under optimum conditions until sent to you.

Do not cut Lawns too short - raise the mower blades by 1/4" to 1/2" and give them a specially formulated Winter feed, not the spring / summer one. If you are troubled with moss give the lawns a spray with tar oil winter wash when you are spraying the fruit trees & roses. There are instructions on the label for this use - read them carefully!

General Garden care: Get any necessary digging done as early as possible in order to obtain maximum benefit from the winter weather. Prepare sites and plant any shrubs, roses, fruit bushes as soon as the leaves have dropped, or they are available from the nursery, enabling them to get their roots established before the colder weather sets in. Because of the insulating property of the soil, at about 15" - 18" depth the soil reaches its maximum temperature about September, and the minimum about April time.

Clear up fallen leaves (particularly rose leaves to avoid carry-over of blackspot) & tidy up plants - but not too tidy - leave protection for less hardy ones and apply slug killer around perennials, planting any that have been raised from seed.

Continue to plant bulbs - especially summer flowering ones - as they become available: alliums, acidanthera, chionodoxa, crocus, erythronium, leucorum, etc.

Prune roses part back about halfway - this reduces wind and allows for any shoots damaged by frost to be cut back in spring.

Ponds should have any fallen leaves removed, and if oxygenating plants have made excessive growth these should be thinned now. To keep the water clear add 100 gram (1/4 lb) clean (insecticide and herbicide-free) straw to each cubic metre of water any time between November and May.

Glasshouses should be cleaned now and when tomatoes and cucumbers have finished use a proprietary smoke to fumigate it before bringing in plants which have spent the summer in the open. But do make sure that the plants you take in are free from pests & diseases otherwise in the protection of the greenhouse eggs will hatch and pests multiply rapidly. Check any heating system and have mowers

and any other mechanical aids serviced - don't leave it until they're needed again. Cut down on watering and spraying in the greenhouse, according to the needs of the plants. Water or spray before midday to allow leaves to dry off before nightfall.

Keep an eye on bulbs planted for Christmas flowering - and just nicely moist and cool until the heads are well above the bulb when they may be brought into the light in a slightly warmer place (50 - 60F). After flowering plant out in the garden and give a good general feed (Growmore, phostrogen, etc).

Laurie Chumbley



Didcot & Wallingford Victim Support Scheme

We urgently need volunteers in Didcot and surrounds to join our friendly active group. Availability of your own car would be useful; all expenses (including mileage) are paid.

How much time is involved? That is your decision - you are not committed to a fixed amount. If you have ever been a victim of crime and know how it feels, you will appreciate how important it is to have someone willing to help, someone to talk to - a good neighbour.

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Friends of St. John Ambulance

Is there someone, or a group of you, who would consider forming a *Friends of St. John* in Harwell?

As you may know, St. John Ambulance is a voluntary organisation receiving no official or regular funding from Government or any other source. At present monies for the provision and maintenance of equipment (from ambulances to bandages), training resources, uniforms, the provision of Divisional HQs and their maintenance is all raised by the Brigade itself.

This appeal and the concept of forming a *Friends of St. John in Oxfordshire* to support the Brigade will not only relieve Brigade members from the task of fundraising but will, we hope, involve volunteers like you who may care to support the work of St. John Ambulance. Our ideal is to form groups of *Friends* in every community in Oxfordshire.

The numbers of recruits to St. John Ambulance are not as great as they used to be, yet each year they are asked to perform even more public duties. They need to recruit and they need funds. They are all volunteers with full-time jobs. They have not enough free time to be on duty, recruit new members and raise money. Can you help by organising one fund-raising activity a year in Harwell or by recruiting 50 *Friends of St. John* (or more) at £2 per person per year in your area? If you feel able to help or would like more information please telephone St. John Ambulance County Headquarters (08675 78229) and leave a message for Georgina Stonor or Gillian Ovey. We will give you all the support we can to launch your group. Do come and join us. Thank you.

Editorial Note

Harwell News is published at the beginning of alternate months. Details of your club meetings, reports of events are welcomed for inclusion. Also any other contributions will be considered for publication. Send them to one of the Harwell Parish Council Publicity Committee - Margaret Turner, 15, Tyrrells Close, or Martin Ricketts, 16 The Park, (or phone 835628) by November 15th for the next issue which will be distributed about 1st December.

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In & Around Harwell

October

- 2 Blood Donor Session, Didcot Civic Hall - 2 to 3.45, 5 to 6.45.
- 4 Robert Jackson MP interviews 5.30-7pm
Didcot Conservative Club, Foxhall Rd.
- 4 Village Quiz, Village Hall 7pm.
- 7 Gardener's Club - Mrs Fretton on *Herbs, Culinary and decorative uses.*
- 13 Footpath Walk meet V.H. 2.15pm
- 26 W.I. Flea Market, Village Hall 11-4.

November

- 11 Gardener's Club - Quiz.
- 14-15 Olde Tyme Music Hall - V.H. 8pm
- 16 Olde Tyme Music Hall - V.H. 2pm & 8pm
- 23 Cherry tree Court Bring and Buy
10.30 to 11.30am

December

- 2 Gardener's Club - AGM & Party

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