

Parish Council

We have again entered the Oxfordshire Best Kept Village, sponsored by Halls Brewery. The awards are for **Best kept**, not prettiest! Judges will look for "evidence of care, concern and maintenance by communal effort and enthusiasm for all those features which affect the appearance of the village as a whole and assist in the preservation of its natural environment". The preliminary round of Judging will take place from Friday 1st May to Friday 22nd May, so please do what you can to make the village attractive, and cared-for, during this period.

An additional street-light is to be placed close to the junction of the A417 and The Winnaway, as the approach from the west to the junction is not well illuminated.

In the recreation ground, the long-delayed improvements to the floodlights were at last completed in February. This was to enable the Football Club to make use of a greater area during training evenings.

The Parish Council agreed at its meeting on 17th February to make an interest-free loan to the Bowls Club of £1968 so that a new mower could be purchased in time for the start of the new season. The Bowls Club will repay the loan within two years, or sooner if it receives any grants for that purpose.

It was also agreed in principle to make an interest-free loan of £1500 to the Book Committee, so the Harwell Book can be reprinted.

The newly-appointed grounds and maintenance employee of the Parish Council is Mr. D Pike.

The Harwell Playgroup has applied for planning permission to put two Portakabins on the Freeman Orchard, to provide new accommodation for them. The Council is fully supporting the Playgroup in this.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on Thursday 14th May at 8pm in the Village Hall. Villagers may raise any item of concern to them at this meeting.

The Didcot & Wallingford Friends of the Earth recently offered to plant a few trees in the Parish, and these were put in 'Bag's Tree' and by the 'Cuckoo Pen'. The Parish Council made a contribution of £25 towards the cost.

The week of 4th to 12th April is 'Spring-Clean' week, and the Youth club has volunteered to assist in tidying the Village.

Parish Council Element of the Community Charge

It was agreed at the January meeting of the Parish Council that in addition to essential day-to-day ex-

penditure, provision should be made to cover the following commitments:

employment of a full-time grounds and maintenance worker

grant to assist with work on the Village Hall

maintenance of the Churchyard

erection of a new perimeter fence to the allotments

maintenance of football pitches

fencing the Freeman Orchard

additional street lighting

additional grounds maintenance machinery

loan for publication of the Harwell book

This amounts to a considerable increase in expenditure over the previous year, but it was decided to cover about one third of the total from the reserves (if all the planned expenditure actually takes place), so that the precept could be kept set at £18,000, ie £9.79 for those paying the full charge, which is very close to the average for the Vale.

Recycling

You will by now probably have your *Green Box* if you received an invitation to join the recycling scheme from the Vale WHDC and replied to it. Some houses were omitted from the mailing, because the address list used was produced hurriedly to get the scheme under way. If you were missed, and wish to participate, then contact the Vale's Recycling Officer, Derek Vickers on 520202 or write to PO Box 126, The Abbey House, Harwell was chosen as one of the villages in which the scheme is being first introduced, along with Drayton, Radley and parts of Abingdon. The Scouts' newspaper collections will continue; the next is on 16th May.

Replies from the County Council

The OCC was asked to investigate the provision of a **Pedestrian Crossing in High St.** between Grove Road and Gaveston Road. The requirement was assessed as a low priority by the Traffic and Works sub-committee. The recommendation was based on the number of pedestrians and vehicles at the location. It is unlikely that it will be put into effect.

Another request from a villager was for a change to the **One-way system in The Barrow / Barrow Road / Townsend**, as signalling to turn left into The Barrow could be misinterpreted as an indication one was turning into Grove Road. It was acknowledged that the current layout is not ideal, and the County's Officer did consider the introduction of a complimentary one way system using Grove Road. But as it would put additional traffic through The Croft where the roads are narrow and inadequate for

large volumes of traffic he was unable to consider it further.

A villager asked if a *No Cycling* sign could be placed at the path at the lower end of The Park between the houses and bungalows. Such signs can only be erected where a traffic order has been made, and the OCC officer can only recommend a low priority for such. He also considered barriers to deter cyclists but as well as cyclists, elderly and disabled could find difficulty in negotiating them, or alternatively children may find them attractive to play around, with a corresponding nuisance to the neighbouring residents. (It would appear that the OCC uses the phrase 'Low Priority' to mean no priority).

Planning Decisions

It is intended to include here in future the results of applications to the Vale WHDC, but omitting minor extensions, and non-controversial developments at the AEA and Milton Park areas.

HAR/9269/3 Permission refused for the erection of a 2-bedroom bungalow, ex-Telecom site opposite The Chequers. An appeal has been lodged.

HAR/2738/10 Permission refused for two-storey extension to 1 Locktons Barn.

HAR/6837/1-X Permission refused on appeal, for the erection of a single-storey dwelling and garage on land in The Cleave, for Mr E S Druce.

Winterbrook Youth Club

Monday evenings - Freeman Hall
Juniors 8 - 12 yrs. 6 - 8 pm
Seniors 13 - 18 yrs. 8 - 10 pm

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Special Project: A competition is being held to design a mural for the Front Door and surround of the Freeman Hall. A prize of £25 is to be given for the winning design. Then it has to be painted! Further details at the Youth Club evenings.

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Planning Policy Document for the Didcot Area to 2001

This document concentrates on Didcot, but it has been jointly produced by the SODC and VWHDC and part of Harwell Parish is included in the area considered, namely the area to the east of the A34. The review was started before new regulations in 1991 which require District Councils to prepare a single, District-wide local plan, and which will prevent two Districts from jointly preparing a plan such as this in future. The two District Councils have invited comments, to be received by April 13th.

There are two items of particular interest to Harwell:

1. In the section on Housing, "it will not be appropriate for further dwellings to be added to the existing ribbons of housing development which project into the countryside along the Harwell and Abingdon Roads. Further building in these locations would add to the visual intrusion which the existing ribbon development makes on the rural scene, and add to traffic hazards on these major through roads." Policy H20 states:

"Planning permission will not normally be granted for new housing in the countryside, nor for new housing which would consolidate or extend the existing ribbon development along the Harwell and Abingdon Roads, nor for new dwellings on the edges of the town".

2. In the section on the Rural Fringe, "as Didcot's population expands there is likely to be increased use of the existing rights of way in the rural fringe by ramblers wishing to enjoy the quiet open countryside. If trespass onto farmland and damage to crops is to be avoided, then there must be co-operation between landowners and the County Council to maintain existing Rights of Way and to identify new recreational routes from Didcot into the countryside." Policy RF6 includes:

"The District Planning Authority will seek to retain and protect the existing public rights of way network and, where appropriate, will support proposals to improve it. In particular, improvements are needed to ... and West of Didcot to eliminate dead-ends in the existing footpath network and to link the town with footpaths in Harwell Parish."

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Harwell School

There was great excitement in school earlier this term when we heard that Hannah Williams of Class Five, together with the rest of her class, had won one of the prizes in the National ITV Weather Schools Competition organised by the company Powergen, in collaboration with Acorn Computers and the Met. Office.

Class Five entered the competition last term, as part of a project on weather and weather forecasting. They wrote a series of notebooks in which they examined the weather from many different points of view. For the competition itself they had to record correctly a set of temperatures broadcast in November and December and they also had to submit forecasts of their own for the temperatures in London, Cardiff, Belfast and Glasgow on Christmas Day. Hannah's forecast was superb, "with a total error of only 1.2 across all four answers", as the congratulatory letter from Powergen's Chief Executive put it. More than 5000 schools took part in the competition so, as you can imagine, we felt very proud of Hannah and her classmates.

The prize which they won for the school was an Acorn 3000 computer system with an Acorn colour monitor. It finally arrived in February, just before half-term, and is now proudly installed in Class Five's classroom where it is already in heavy demand. Then, on the morning of March 11th, representatives of Powergen and Acorn Computers came to the school to make the official presentation of the prize. They brought with them framed certificates, one for Hannah Williams and one for the school, and a special personal prize for Hannah herself. They also brought Ms Sian Lloyd, one of ITV's weather presenters, who gave us all a talk about a day in the life of a weather presenter on ITV. Sian spoke for more than half an hour and the children were captivated by the story she had to tell. Afterwards Class Five stayed behind in our Hall to chat to Sian and to ask more questions. In the end she had to be torn away! Otherwise the children would have gone on talking to her all day.

Now for a request to all readers of the Harwell News. This is the first Acorn computer which we have acquired. Our other five computers are all from Research Machines. We are going to need to build up a supply of software for the new computer and this is where you all come in. Tesco Supermarkets are running a special Acorn computer voucher scheme for schools, from April 6th until May 17th. For ev-

ery £25 that customers spend in the stores they can claim one computer voucher. Schools will be able to exchange the vouchers for computer equipment. We are hoping to collect at least 1000 vouchers which we will use to buy software for our new computer. So if you go shopping in Tesco we would like to ask you for the vouchers and to send them to us here at the school. We would be very grateful, and in the end we will let you all know what we have 'spent' them on.

Michael Armstrong



Didcot & Wallingford Victim Support Scheme

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The Didcot & Wallingford Victim Support is completely voluntary and now we need your help. We would like to initiate a *Friends of Victim Support* - a group which will help us by fundraising and generally assisting us to keep the Scheme solvent.

Whilst everyone who works for the Scheme is a volunteer, we incur costs in postage, telephone, and mileage payments to our volunteer Visitors. We cannot expect our very dedicated team of volunteers to give more of their spare time to raising funds unless we withdraw some of the support we now give to the victims in our communities.

The time and effort we need from our Friends is not onerous - we only ask you to give whatever time you can spare.

Help us to help you; please telephone 813674 - if there is not a personal reply, please leave your name and telephone number and you will be contacted.

Cherry Tree Court

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Harwell Feast Committee

As you probably know, over the last five years the Feast Committee has extended its activities beyond just the organisation of the annual Feast Day and it is now involved in year-round social activities in the village, which we hope are enjoyed by all.

We are often asked where the money raised goes to, and who decides. The current system operated by the Feast Committee is to invite village organisations, clubs, groups, etc. to apply to us for funding, either general or for a specific project. All applications are then considered by the committee and voted upon.

From the applications received last autumn, six organisations received immediate donations from Feast funds, whilst two requests were from groups requiring substantial funding; the Scouts who desperately need a new minibus for their many activities, and the Bowls Club, who after working hard to establish a new Green need a specialised lawn mower.

Thus the Feast Committee voted to make these two organisations joint recipients of the proceeds from Harwell Feast Day 1992. Applications for funding for 1993 will be invited after our AGM in July. All applications will be given due consideration.

Since the occasional reports of Feast Committee donations cannot give a proper picture of how funds

have been distributed over the years, a list has been compiled of the donations over the last 12 years, a total of £17,621.85 - see below. We hope you will agree that most village groups have been supported over the years.

Current Officers:

Chairman	Pete Davis	835579
Vice-chairman	Sue Cooke	833075
Treasurer	Janice Markey	832802
Secretary	Vicki Done	835144

Harwell Feast Day

Bank Holiday Monday 25th May

The Didcot Diamonds will start off the parade at 11.30 am from Townsend to the Recreation Ground. The Floats by the Village organisations and Vintage Cars will follow.

The Recreation Ground will open at 11 am; events on the field this year will include the following:
 Car Boot Sale (£7 per car, entry from 10am),
 Stalls & Sideshows (£7 per pitch),
 Fun Run (details from Mike Kerswell, 832283),
 Childrens Fancy Dress Competition (0-5, 6-11 years),
 Bonny Baby competition (under 1 year),
 Donkey Derby, Children's Races, Uncle Brian,
 Bouncy Castle, Tappins Minibus, Fairground,
 Five-a-side fancy-dress football and much more...

Harwell Feast Committee Donations 1980 - 1992

1980	£	1986	£	1989	£
Parish Council	500	No donations made, funds		Sobell House, in memory	100
Parochial Church Council	1076.90	carried over to 1987		of Margaret Skeats	
1981		1987		Village Hall	1,500
Parish Council	250	Hungerford Appeal	50	Freeman Hall	1,000
Bellringers Fund	250	Almshouses	400	Christmas Hampers	200
1982		Church Clock Restoration	300	Royal British Legion	25
Scouts	250	(still held in account)		1990	
Girls Brigade	250	Playgroup	100	Telethon (football	150
Playgroup	200	0-5 group	100	package for Harwell School)	
Youth Club	250	Girls Brigade	100	Thatched Wall restoration	500
School Association	200	Scouts	100	Scouts	250
0-5 Group	50	Youth Club	100	School Association	250
Tennis Club	20	Cherry Tree Court	70	Busy Bees	100
1983		Tuesday Club	50	Girls Brigade	100
WRVS Christmas Party	25	Football Club	30	Wednesday Club	100
St. Johns Ambulance	25	1988		Under 5's Liason Group	50
Village Hall	500	School Association	250	Youth Club	50
Freeman Hall	500	Harwell Senior Citizens	200	Harwell Horse Show	25
Parochial Church Council	250	Christmas Hampers	200	1991	
Bowls Club	250	Children In Need	130	Almshouses	2,300
Parish Council	250	Playgroup	100	Village Hall	1,150
Royal British Legion	250	0-5 Group	100	Fun Club	220
1984		Youth Club	100	Busy Bees	200
Gardeners' Club	60	Adventure Playground	100	Evergreens	150
Tennis Club	50	Evergreens	100	School Playscheme	110
W.I.	50	Almshouses	100	Youth Club	100
1985		Girls Brigade	50	Wednesday Club	100
No donations made - poor		Scouts	50	Cherry Tree Court	62.70
profit made on Feast Day		Luncheon Club	50	School Association	50
		Cherry Tree Court	50	1992	
		Tuesday Club	50	Neighbourhood Watch	142.25
				Cancer Research, in	100
				memory of Clare Skinner	

In conjunction with this The Crispin will be holding a Yard of Ale drinking contest!

Entry to The Feast will be £1 adults, children free. The scouts will be selling programmes from door to door and they will also be available from the Village Shops.

Please Support Harwell Feast 1992

Open House & Garden Afternoon

This event was extremely popular when first held two years ago and will be repeated on **Sunday 12th July**. There will be several houses open that have not previously shown, and also a *History of Harwell* exhibition in the Village Hall.

If you have an old or interesting property that you would like to open for this event please contact Alison Brisland (Ab. 835218). Further details will appear in the next issue.

Harwell Village Playgroup

What are playgroups?

Playgroups are an alternative to state-run or private nurseries. Harwell's playgroup, as with most others, is run by a committee of parents. There is no direct state or local funding for playgroups, so they exist only because parents work together to support the group in its general management, and with fund-raising, etc.

The Playgroup's fees are currently £1-40 per child per session, and we rely on fund-raising to keep the fees as low as possible to that no child should be denied a place for financial reasons.

What do children do here?

They learn to:

- play with other children
- trust new adults
- experiment with all sorts of different things
- express themselves in all sorts of ways
- to listen to stories with other children
- develop language skills
- work things out for themselves
- do things they wouldn't always do at home

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Rights of Way

The map in the last issue omitted the bridlepath from the Didcot Road to the Hagbourne Track on the east side of the A34. Also, path 6 was shown inaccurately, in that it diverges from the Holloway near the Reading Road around one of the houses and rejoins the track some 200 metres further up. The path is overgrown and has not been cleared for some time. As the width of the Holloway is not great, although only a few cars use it, pedestrians might prefer to use the footpath. If anyone has strong views on the matter, e.g. would like to use this path, could they please contact the Clerk, or myself.

The report of the Harwell Rights of Way Group, held over from December (apologies for the delay - ed.) continued to say that in 1988 a survey was made of all the RoWs in the 5 x 5 Km grid square which includes Harwell. The square also covers most of the parishes of East Hendred, West Hendred, and Chilton and small parts of Upton and Milton. This was for the Countryside Commission (CC), which was conducting a nation-wide survey. The CC found that only about a third of footpaths were signposted or waymarked where they left a metalled road (the OCC should improve Harwell's by this summer). Less than half of the footpath links (ie sections between junctions with other paths or roads) could be followed easily without a map, and 11% were difficult to follow even with a map.

As a result of that survey the CC called for the RoW network to be got into good shape by the end of the century, and emphasised the part which should be played in this by voluntary groups and local communities, asking that these should

(a) recognise the interests and concerns of all those involved in the countryside, in particular those who earn a living from the land, and

(b) be prepared to watch over the Rights of Way system and undertake practical work to put it in good order, in conjunction with the highway authority.

Members of the RoW Group conducted a further survey last summer before the crops were harvested, as the CC wanted a resurvey of areas with the highest proportion of arable land, of which this is one.

Two members of the RoW Group met the Estates Manager of AEA Technology to ask about way-marking of the Icknield Way where it passes through their site and this, we are pleased to report, has been carried out. Some areas of the site, such as the playing fields, are open to the public for sensible leisure use. It would be good to keep it that way; after all, villagers were using Harwell Down centuries before AEA was thought of! AEA Technology was invited to make a statement of their policy on public access, but declined.

How You can help: The RoW Group would be glad to hear from anyone who may encounter any problems while out walking, cycling or riding. Contact me on 835297.

Mel Veal Co-ordinator,
Harwell Rights of Way Group

Harwell Gardeners' Club

On Monday 6th April D Burles will talk on *Lawns*. The competition will be *An Easter Flower Arrangement*.

On Monday 11th May Ron Baleman (BBC Oxford) will give a talk on *The pleasures of Hanging Baskets, Windowboxes & Tubs*. All meetings commence at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

On Saturday 25th April there is an outing to Foxgrove - meet there at 2-30pm. Further details at the April 6th Meeting. On Saturday 9th May, in conjunction with the Out & About Club, there is a visit to Kew Gardens. The cost of coach and admission is £7, OAPs £5-50. Contact Ruth Alexander on 835359 or Ruth Stringer on 835549.

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Apologies to Laurie Chumbley and readers of his *Gardening notes* - the deadline for printing was fixed at short notice by other commitments, and it was not possible to include his notes. We wish him a speedy return from hospital.

It is expected that the **Gardens and Containers** competitions will be held this year. Unfortunately, the details have not been finalised, so must await the next PC meeting. We will publicise the details as soon as we can.

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Harwell Village Hall

The management Committee, at its meeting on January 28th, expressed its sadness on learning of the death of Mr Doyle, who with Mrs Doyle worked hard over the years (27 in fact) to make the Hall attractive to users, which was much appreciated by many in the village.

The Committee welcomed the fact that the Parish Council, as well as recently making a grant of £1000, had put a further sum in the precept for the coming year. A quotation has been received from British Gas for the installation of a 'blown' warm-air heating system, which should be significantly cheaper to run and more effective. Subject to the details of this proposal being satisfactory, applications for grants to cover the cost will be made to the Parish Council and the Vale WHDC.

A detailed structural survey of the Village and Freeman Halls was commissioned, and carried out by Mr T. Wallace, a Chartered Surveyor living in the village. This has identified necessary maintenance work, and indicated a schedule for its implementation.

The **Gardeners' Club** has generously undertaken to provide plants to improve the appearance of the Hall surroundings, and, with voluntary help, to supervise the planting. Hall funds will provide necessary plant containers and some of the plants. **If anyone in the village has surplus plants, shrubs, etc. which they would like to donate to the Hall, please contact Mrs Gwyneth Lee at 17 The Cleave (835449).**

The Crime Prevention Officer from Didcot Police has examined the Halls from the viewpoint of security against theft and vandalism. His report recommends, among other measures, the provision of security lighting around the Hall, and this is being considered.

Arrangements are well advanced for the Talent Auction & Social Evening on 11th April, in support of Hall funds - see the separate notice.

The date of "Music for Awhile - an evening with Michael Neill and Michael Chapman" has been changed to Friday 5th June, at 7.30 pm in the Hall.

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 12th May, at 7.30 pm. in the Hall. All welcome!

A **Safari Supper** will be held on Saturday 19th September. This is a good opportunity to enjoy good food and good company in the houses of Harwell. If you have not been to one of these, it works like this - you have the first course in one house, the second in another, and then everyone gathers for the last course and coffee, etc. in the Village Hall. Tickets will be £6-50 each; if you would like tickets or to find out more please phone Helen Potter on 835266, Mary Allan on 832856, or Jan Plumb on 835597.

The Royal British legion

At the AGM in January the following Branch Officers were elected:

President	Mr A. M. Cowie
Chairman	Mr R. J. White
Hon. Secretary	Mr E. P. Cissell
Hon. Treasurer	Mr J. A. Luke

As you can see we have a new hon. secretary who takes over from Mr R. C. East who held the post for some 19 years. Our grateful thanks go to Reg for his good work and loyal service to the Branch, and in recognition he was elected as a vice-president.

Last year's Poppy Appeal for Harwell and Chilton achieved the record total of £1788, some £440 more than last year. Thanks to everybody who donated, or helped with the collection. Our branch membership is still rising but we still need ex-service men and women - as membership nationally is falling - so if you qualify or are interested please contact me or call in to the *British Legion Club*.

Peter Cissell, Hon Secretary
Tel. 820298



Didcot New Library

This will be opened on Monday 27th April by Councillor Bob Morgan, Chairman of the Oxford-

shire County Council, at 9.30 am. The old library in Mereland Road will close its doors for the last time at 1pm on Saturday 11th April, and the following two weeks will be occupied with the move to the new building.

The new address will be 197 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8RU, telephone 813103. The opening hours will be the same, ie

Monday & Wednesday 9.30 - 5pm
Tuesday & Friday 9.30 - 7pm
Thursday & Saturday 9.30 - 1pm

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Royal British Legion Women's Section

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A coffee morning is being held in the British Legion Club on April 11th, 10am until 12 noon.

New Members are Welcome.



Harwell Bowls Club

The outdoor season commences in Harwell on Sunday 19th April, with the traditional President v. Captains Match starting at 3.30 pm. (Green and weather permitting).

A warm welcome awaits new members, particularly Harwell residents; anyone who would like to try their hand at Bowls will have the opportunity to meet the Club's officers and members and to have a 'roll-up' during the afternoon. Bowls will be available on loan for this occasion, but it is essential that smooth-soled shoes with no heel are worn on the Green. It is intended to provide tuition and coaching for novices when the season gets under way.

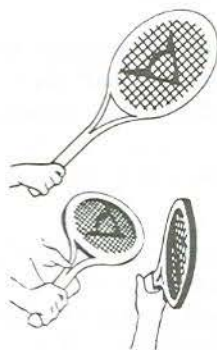
Annual subscriptions this season for adults will be £22 (£18 for OAPs), and £10 for under-16s (up to 18 if in full time education). In addition there will be a non-returnable Joining Fee of £10 for adults. Match fees are £1-50 per match - Home and Away.

The Hon. secretary is Mr. Rex Mitcham, of 16 The Croft, Harwell (835286), who will be pleased to supply application forms for membership, or answer any queries.

Calling all parents who have a bored toddler or child under 5 years on their hands!

We are pleased to announce that we now offer music classes for small groups of children aged 2 years and over (accompanied by an adult). Our aim is not to produce musical whizz kids, although if you do have musical ambitions for your children this would be an ideal starting point. By singing, clapping, using percussion instruments and playing games and other exciting musical activities your child will develop a good sense of rhythm and pitch, acquiring a firm musical foundation on which to build in the future. More importantly you and your child will have a lot of fun in a very friendly environment.

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Harwell Village Tennis Club

is gradually waking from its winter hibernation and expects to be in full swing again by the middle of April. Membership last season reached 180, but we are always ready to welcome new members. The booking system introduced last June ensures that everyone is able to have fair use of the courts.

The Club aims to be a village facility, not something exclusive, and consequently we have kept subscriptions low, i.e. £5 for adults, £2 for children, and £10 for families. Non-members may use the courts by borrowing the key from the secretary at 8 Orchard Way, on payment of 50 pence per person per session (25 pence for juniors). All these charges will be subject to review at the Club's AGM in May.

Some professional coaching has been available during the last two seasons and we hope to be able to offer this again. There is also a beginners' class for juniors on Saturday mornings, which usually runs from early May until the end of the summer term.

The club takes part in the Vale of the White Horse League, which involves playing approximately 7 mixed doubles matches against other local clubs on Sunday afternoons - we are always on the look-out for stronger players who would be willing to play in this league - our record last year was a little disappointing! There are also internal competitions and social events.

If you would like any further information, please contact the Secretary, Mrs Jane Cumming, 8 Orchard Way, Harwell, tel. 835289.

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Harwell Village Hall Hire Charges

with effect from 1st January 1992

		A rate	B rate
		£	£
Main Hall	Morning, until 1pm		
	Monday to Friday	13	10
	or Afternoon, 1pm - 6pm		
	Saturday & Sunday	12	9
Whole day, until 6pm	Monday to Friday	26	20
	Saturday & Sunday	24	18
Part evening, 6pm - 10pm	Sunday to Thursday	15	11
	Friday & Saturday	30	22
Whole evening, 6pm - 1am	Sunday to Thursday	22	16
	Friday & Saturday	40	35
Whole day through to 1am	Sunday to Thursday	40	32
	Friday & Saturday	50	45
	Friday 6pm to Sunday 1am	60	55
	Saturday 6pm to Sunday 6pm	50	45
Committee room	per session	5	5

A rate: Normal rate

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- no charge is made for admission other than for charitable purposes
- no charges are made in hall except for refreshments

Rates include normal use of heating, etc. Where recorded music is used there will be an additional charge payable to the Performing Rights Society. For discos, dances, pantomimes the fee is £3-00.

Further details may be obtained from the bookings secretary:
Mrs Mary Allan, Beech House, High Street, Harwell. 0235-832856.

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Harwell Football Club

Currently nicknamed *the Village*, although previously known as *the Cherries*, the 1st team is playing its best football for some years, through new players coming into the club. Paul Moon in centre mid-field is tall and strong and his distribution of the ball is probably the best in the league. Mark Roberts, at centre back is also having a good season, and has been picked for B/Bucks and the Rep. side, as have seven others. The hope is for continued success in the two cups they are in, as well as a good league position, writes the manager, Rob Dodd. They met AERE in the North Berks Cup at home on March 21st in the quarter-final, and won 3:2; their next opponents are Wittenham at Dorchester.

In the Reading Town Senior Cup Peppard are the next opponents, undefeated for 40 games. Harwell having recently defeated Cookham Dean, from Maidenhead, by 2 goals to nil. Also enjoying a fantastic season, the 2nd team are top of their division, finalists in the League Cup, and semi-finalists in the A G Kingham Cup, with some fine players coming through.

Much of both teams success is attributed to the managers, Robert Dodd (1st Team) and Charlie East (2nd Team), who have worked hard through the winter to ensure the commitment is maintained. There has been a good team spirit throughout.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for the improved floodlighting, installed this year, which has enabled training to be better organised and enjoyable.

Terry Bradshaw, Chairman.

Apologies to the Football Club, who provided a photograph of the 1st team. Due to circumstances beyond our control, it has not been possible to get this prepared in time for inclusion.

Neighbourhood Watch



You should by now have been visited by your local Co-ordinator to ask if you would like to be entered on the Harwell Neighbourhood Watch Register. If you have not been contacted, and you are interested, please notify Sandy Carter (835645).

If you wish to report an incident to the Didcot Police, the number is 512929. It is hoped to have a Police Crime-prevention Caravan at the Harwell Feast on May 25th.

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In & Around Harwell

April

- 6 Gardeners' Club talk on *Lawns*
- 11 British Legion Coffee Morning
- 11 Talent Auction & Social Evening, at the Village Hall.
- 25 Cheese & Wine, Cabaret in Village Hall, 8pm - Friends of St. John Ambulance

May

- 9 Gardeners and Out & About visit to Kew.
- 11 Gardeners' Club talk by *Ron Baleman*
- 12 Village Hall AGM 7.30pm.
- 14 Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall 8pm
- 16 Newspaper Collection, Harwell.
- 23 Coffee Morning, Cherry Tree Court
- 25 **Harwell Feast**, Recreation Ground, High Street Parade

June

- 5 "Music for Awhile" - Michael Neill & Michael Chapman, Village Hall

Further Ahead

- July 12th Open House and Garden
- Sept. 19th 'Safari Supper' in aid of Village Hall

From the archives

50 years ago At the Annual Parish Meeting at the Technical Institute Mr Midwinter asked whether steps could be taken to cultivate the vacant allotments as they were proving a nuisance to other allotment holders. It was decided that the PC should pay the expenses for ploughing the land (the bill later paid for this was £3-0-0d). It was proposed by Mr Midwinter and seconded by Mr King that the allotments should be fenced to keep out cattle. Mr King suggested that the road to the allotments should be made up to allow holders to get barrows along. At the PC meeting following it was agreed to put chestnut fencing along the road & 4 yds. of gravel be ordered for the path to the allotments.

75 years ago At the meeting of May 17th 1917 it was agreed to request the Clerk to write to the Clerk of the RDC calling attention to the condition of the Cleve and the footpath joining the Barrow to the main street & asking that satisfactory repairs & metalling be taken in hand at an early date. A cheque was drawn for 12/6d. for W^m Slade's salary as Cemetery caretaker for the quarter ending June 21st.

Editorial Notes

The Harwell Diary was intended to record future dates of events, and avoid clashes, but it has not been used by many people. In future our back page diary will include brief details of special events further ahead, so send them in as soon as you have fixed the date. Thanks to Dearloves for looking after the Diary for us.

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 - Martin Ricketts, 16 The Park, (phone 835628) or Margaret Turner, 15 Tyrrells Close, by May 20th for the next issue which will be distributed about 1st June.

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