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Parish Council

The June meeting began with a presentation by a representative of Comtel, outlining the work now in progress. Conduits are being laid, following which engineers will put in the cable and then advertise their services to us. The work has a 2-year warranty, so if parishioners feel any reinstatement work hasn't been properly carried out, could they please inform the Clerk (see below).

The District Councillor, Ken Howard, referred to the Vale's 'Staying Put' scheme, which aims to help the elderly and disabled, in various ways, to remain in their homes where possible. Anyone who thinks they may be eligible for such help should contact the Vale District Council, or our Clerk.

Our County Councillor, Derek Southern, reported on the rate-capping affecting the County; a loan of £3.5 million would be required to balance the accounts for this year, the cost of the loan being altogether some £0.7 million!

Under environmental matters, Ken Howard summarised the present status of enquiries regarding footpath number 7. Between the June and July meetings a group of councillors met to walk a feasible route close to the line marked as 'definitive'. No evidence is known by Councillors that the definite line was ever the route, and at the July meeting it was resolved to try to agree a practical route with the landowner which will be for the overall benefit of parishioners.

Also in July, Mr Cissell reported on the Recreation Ground equipment annual inspection, which indicated that the playground is generally in good order. Some minor adjustments were noted, which would be put in hand, along with topping up the bark in due course. The tennis Court windbreak has been purchased, and should be fitted this month.

It was agreed to hold the Annual Footpath walk on Sunday 13th October. Those interested should meet at the Village Hall at 2pm; maps will be supplied, as will poooper bags for those with dogs, who should be on leads.

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Recreation Ground Pavilion at 7.45pm, except there is no meeting in August, so the next meeting is on 9th September. Items for the agenda should be with the Clerk, Debbie Roberts ten days before the meeting - contact her on 820006 (office) or 832727 (home). The **deadline** for the next newsletter is 22nd September.

A short series of professional chamber music concerts will take place in St Matthews Church over three evenings in September. They are being organised by

Tim Payne, a clarinettist who has lived in Harwell for eleven years and plays with the London orchestras. He and his wife Beverley, a professional saxophonist, have invited some of their friends to the village for three concerts covering music from the seventeenth to the twentieth century. Details of the concerts, on 12th to 14th September, are given below. All the performers are members or regular guests of the country's leading orchestras and ensembles.

Late Summer Festival of Chamber Music

A Short Series of Concerts given by Professional Musicians at St. Matthews Church, Harwell

Telemann Harpsichord Ensemble

A programme of mostly baroque music for oboe, cello and harpsichord by Vivaldi, J.S. Bach, Telemann and Quantz.

Thursday 12th September at 7.30

The Amphion Ensemble

Two popular works from the classical period combining the elegance of early Beethoven with the radiant lyricism of Mozart's Clarinet Quintet.

Septet in Eb Op.20 Beethoven
Quintet in A K581 Mozart

Friday 13th September at 7.30

Meridian Saxophone Quartet

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...the Meridian players covered themselves in glory with their sensitive intense playing *The Independent*
...seriously thrilling saxophones ...a marvellously homogeneous and richly eductive sound *The Telegraph*

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The Times

Saturday 14 September at 7.30

Tickets £7.50 per concert or £18 for all three (children & senior citizens £5 each or £12 for all three) and will be on sale at the Post Office or on the door and refreshments will be available during the interval.

The organisers would like to thank the Rector and the Parochial Church Council for giving permission for use of the church.

Planning Matters

Notices of Permission:

HAR/14234/1-X Erection of bungalow and garage, land at rear of Lassen, Reading Rd. Permission was granted subject to various conditions mainly on access.

HAR/10828/2 Renewal of temporary permission on portable building for Playgroup for a further 10 years; use is limited to normal weekdays 8am to 6pm.

New Applications:

HAR/2028/3 Extension to Silverdown Riding School and stables. The Council forwarded to the Vale comments asking that there should be adequate on-site parking, improved visibility at the access, and correction of any existing effluent problem.

Notices of Refusal:

HAR/4515/1 Erection of single storey extension, 9 Tyrrells Close. Refusal was on the grounds that the proposed extension would have a dominating impact, overshadowing a habitable room and immediate garden of the neighbouring property.

Note - the policy is to give information on 'significant' applications. Those for extensions and the parts of the Harwell site and Milton Estate within Harwell are not normally included.

Harwell Nursery School

The Parish Council is looking for someone to represent it on the Committee of Governors of Harwell (AERE) Nursery School. Is there a parent or grandparent of a child attending the school who would take on this post? If you are interested, please contact the Clerk on 820006 or 832727,

Information Wanted

I am attempting to compile a welcome booklet or sheet for newcomers to Harwell Village. Has anyone done this before, or is there one already I don't know of? If anyone has any ideas or suggestions about what should go in it, I'd be grateful. Also, anyone who runs a club, group, or team who doesn't regularly advertise in either the Broadsheet or the *Harwell News*, can you please let me now meeting times, venue etc. I can be contacted at Heathercote, The Winnaway, tel. 835281.

Geraldine Stemp

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Royal British Legion Harwell Branch War Graves Cemetery

I wish to inform you that following many adverts and requests at meetings over the past three years, I have failed to recruit sufficient volunteers to continue with the maintenance of the Cemetery and therefore the Branch Committee have decided that we can no longer continue the maintenance, which they have done for the past fifteen years or more. The upkeep is therefore now the responsibility of: Commonwealth War Graves Commission Tel: 01926-330137. I apologise for it's condition at the present time but am assured it will soon be put in good order and kept that way. I would also like to record a public vote of thanks to Stan Hanks who without any assistance has cut the grass and trimmed the edges for the past few years. Thanks again Stan.

Peter Cissell Branch Secretary.

Royal British Legion Club (Harwell) Ltd.

We are looking for suitable Part-Time Bar Staff for some evening and weekend lunchtime work, anyone interested please apply in writing or telephone 820298 in the first instance, when further details will be provided.

E P Cissell Club Secretary, RBL Club (Harwell) Ltd., Westfield, Harwell Didcot OX11 0LG.

Harwell Royal British Legion Branch and Club Subscriptions

A reminder that Subscriptions for both Branch and Club become due on 1st October 1996 and early payment is requested please. I shall be in the Club for the purpose of collecting on Friday evenings from 27th September until the end of October between 8pm and 10pm and also some Sunday lunchtimes.

The envelope system will also operate, or you may post it to me, if you wish your cards to be returned by post please include an S.A.E. or add 26p, otherwise you would be expected to collect your new cards from the Club.

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Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1996.

balance at bank 1. 4.95			recreation ground		
N. S. B. Investment Account	20150.13		dog waste bins plus emptying	796.89	
Girobank High Interest Deposit Account	9025.16		bench seats	205.62	
Current Account	116.14		moving entrance	110.91	
cash in hand 1. 4.94	32.75	29324.18	maintenance: tennis courts fence/tractor shed	185.35	
			servicing tractor plus parts	31.98	
			sundry items	139.62	1470.37
bank interest 1995-96					
N. S. B. Investment Account	941.17		adventure playground: maintenance		493.48
Girobank High Interest Deposit Account	346.00	1287.17			
precept 1995-96		26550.00	recreation ground pavilion		
			caretaker	480.00	
refund v. a. t. 1. 1.95 to 31. 3.95	1027.08		electricity	986.53	
1. 4.95 to 30. 6.95	1351.97		electrical maintenance	140.36	
1. 7.95 to 31.12.95	1063.13	3442.18	water	62.90	
			sundry items	113.89	1783.68
cemetery fees		2058.00			
			grounds and maintenance work within parish	10147.84	
grants: Oxfordshire C. C: churchyard paths	500.00		dog waste bins plus emptying	1048.33	
V. W. H. D. C: VE/VJ Celebrations	200.00	700.00	Bedford pickup: garage rent	240.00	
			insurance	311.60	
use of recreation ground		798.00	road fund licence	135.00	
			M. O. T. Test and parts	78.14	
ground rent: British Legion Club	2287.50		fuel etc.	389.66	12350.57
Harwell Bowls Club	125.00				
Harwell Tennis Club	100.00	2512.50	purchase recreation ground extension		15060.00
allotment rents		87.00	churchyard and cemetery upkeep		7542.98
The Harwell News: advertisements		645.00			
			purchase Ransomes gangmower	5610.63	
'Little Pippins' Playgroup:			hire of tractor	587.50	
repayment interest-free loan		600.00	machinery hire, spares and tools	195.62	6393.75
Vale of White Horse District Council			professional fees and insurance		4233.33
street cleansing (fifty per cent of cost)	888.75		clerk's salary	2570.00	
Oxfordshire County Council			telephone, postage, printing and stationery	532.57	
grass cutting 1995-96	709.00	1597.75	The Harwell News	1565.38	
			donations and subscriptions	1949.05	
payment by employee of tax and			p. a. y. e./n. i. contributions: 1995-96	289.90	
a. i. contributions due for earlier years		840.00			
			'horses crossing' signs on A4185	229.04	
Farm Business Tenancy: half-yearly rent		250.00	Victorian postbox pillar/seat plus plaque	397.00	
			VE/VJ Day Anniversary Celebration	207.00	
sale Allis Chalmers tractor plus gangmowers		550.00	advertisements	233.83	
			allotments water rate	163.42	
miscellaneous		124.47	miscellaneous	436.43	
Millennium Fund			balance at bank 31. 3.96		
debit balance brought forward 1. 4.95		60.95	N. S. B. Investment Account	4366.30	
			Girobank High Interest Deposit Account	9146.16	
			Current Account debit balance	.52	
Income from sale of books 1995-96 £60.95			cash in hand 31. 3.95	73.48	13585.42
		71427.20			



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Well, another term over and have we had a busy time? We ended our last half-term with a visit from the local Fire-brigade who came into Freeman Orchard with the engine, and showed the children all the equipment they carry and that it's for. They flashed lights, sounded the siren, and squirted water all over the grass, which the children thought was marvellous. A fireman talked to the children about safety in the home and even dressed up in an oxygen mask and explained to the children how and why they do this. The fireman stayed with us for about an hour, had coffee, and ate all the "best" biscuits and played with the jigsaws puzzles, etc. before giving out balloons and information leaflets for parents.

We have been running a project on *Our Village*; For this we have visited St Matthew's Church, where we sat quietly and had a story in the back of the Church. We had a Teddy Bears' picnic on the Recreation Ground; we also visited Fanfare Stores, Bob's the Butchers and the Post Office. Last week Mr Lay gave us a tour of the farm and showed us his pigs, some of which were only a day old.

Nearly every Monday we have taken the children to Harwell School where we have had use of the outside heated swimming pool. We also visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park for our annual outing and thoroughly enjoyed this.

We start back at Pre-School on Wednesday 4th September. We have lots of new children starting and we have had to introduce a waiting list system, so if you are interested in your child coming along please telephone me on 835397 and I will give you details.

On a Wednesday afternoon, as from the start of term, we are holding a *Fun for 4's* afternoon, where we will be concentrating more on a curriculum which works towards approved learning outcomes for the children. If you are interested in your child attend, please give me a ring.

It sounds as if we have an exciting time ahead of us, and what with the Voucher Scheme for 4 year-olds coming in next April, it's going to be even more fun (I think!!). Hope you all enjoy a break over the holidays,

Yvonne Hinchliffe (Playleader)

Winterbrook Youth Club

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All young people in Harwell are welcome to come to Youth Club. We are open until 19th August; then taking a 3-week break, re-opening on Monday 9th September.

Harwell Feast Committee

At the Harwell Feast AGM, held on Tuesday 9th July, a handful of people turned up and after we had persuaded them all to join the Feast Committee our ranks now number 10, and with the promise of back-up support on the day from the British Legion we are planning to go ahead with the full traditional Feast Day on Bank Holiday Monday May 26th 1997. Anyone else wishing to join us would be very welcome. Either contact the Chair, Sue Cooke (see below) or simply come along to our next meeting which will be held on Thursday 19th September in the White Hart.

We also plan to resurrect the Village Quiz in November - further details in the next *Harwell News*.

At the AGM our accounts for the year to July 96 were declared. We hold a bank balance of £1,308.62. No events were held during the last year and no donations made. In addition we are holding the sum of £2,341.44 in the "Adventure Playground Fund". Work will begin over the summer holidays for the provision of play equipment in the Freeman Orchard using the funds from this account.

The following officers were elected:

Chair	Sue Cooke	833075
Secretary	Lynn Wilkinson	835536
Treasurer	Janice Markey	832802

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nanced by the Gardeners Club - we just happen to
be on the Committee.

The Show is growing each year; please help us
make it even bigger this year as more exhibits make
it more interesting. I am sure most people can find
some sections to show their hobbies - apart from
flowers, fruit, and vegetable classes, there are classes
for cookery, handicraft, floral art, photography and
painting. Children's classes include - a marrow with
the competitor's name, a miniature garden, baking
gingerbread men (or persons, if you prefer), plants,
coloured pictures etc. So get your schedule now and
prepare for it! Entry forms must be returned by
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Found!

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Secretaries Mr & Mrs D. Neill tel 834720

Harwell W.I.

7 September Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12 noon at Highdrive, Townsend. All welcome

11 September Speaker Mrs Christine Usherwood on Memoirs of a Public School Matron.

28 September Harvest Time Auction - Village Hall 7.30pm. Live entertainment Mullins & Gladwin comedy duo. Ploughmans supper. Tickets £3.50 available from Daphne Gerring 813785, Lois Farren 835520 and Veronica Webster 835594. Come and have a evening, you will be very welcome

Why, oh Why join the W.I.?

I don't know how it started
I suppose I'd had enough
of children, housework, husband, job,
Life could be so tough!

Come along, just once a month
a friend had said, well-meant
You'll enjoy yourself with all of us
So the very next month I went!

The subjects that were covered,
from one month to the next,
were always widely varied,
I was sometimes quite perplexed!

There was acupuncture and exercise
wildlife, cookery and bells -
I'm surprised they hadn't got a trip
walking in the fells!

There's a little bit of business
that's over in a trice,
and then the raffle and coffee
that part is always nice!

The company is great
we get along so well
A band of like-minded ladies
enjoying the fun - you can tell.

So my advice to you
anyone who has not yet been
is go along to you 'local'
and join their happy team.

It's not all jam and Jerusalem
and old ladies past their best
come and see our age range
and put us to the test!

Open Gardens Day

This was a great success, with the weather on our side. Cream Teas and squash were enjoyed under the trees. Laurie Chumbley gave demonstrations on grafting and ran a competition to see who could identify the most varieties of weed in his garden. There was a tie for 1st place between Wendy and Becky Sinclair, and a visitor to the village, Mrs Barry who identified 20 weeds. Laurie claims to have about 50 in his garden (see his column for more on the subject). A total of £286 was raised, half of which will go to the Memorial Fund for Transplantation.

Adele Harris

HARWELL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

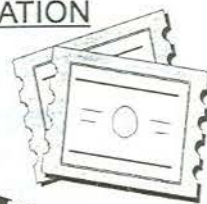


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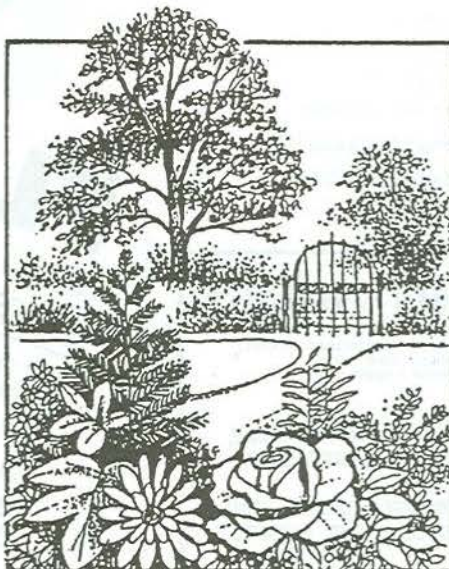
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The range of items which hobbyists can learn to decorate is truly amazing. From Eagles to Robins, Porsches to Austin Sevens, Fancy Pitchers to Cream Jugs, Xmas Trees to Oranges, Teddy Bears, Fairies, Pigs, Horses, Cows, and Sheep are available to decorate from an inventory of over 2000 items hand made on the premises. Hobbyists range in age from 12 to 70+ years.

Sessions are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning 10.00am to 1.00pm, and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings 7.00pm to 9.45pm. Special holiday seminars for children are very popular and keep the youngsters busy and creative during the school holidays. Telephone 01235 833326 for more information.

KEOPMINDERS

- going away?
- worried about leaving your home unoccupied?
- your cat prefers home comforts to holidays in the cattery?
- your indoor and outdoor plants need care?
- other tasks needing attention during your absence?
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BE ON YOUR GUARD

From the latest crime figures issued for the **eight Villages** in the Didcot Police Area, which includes **Harwell**, there were 181 **Crimes** reported in the first 4 months of 1996.

These included:-

- 35 thefts from motor vehicles,
- 25 thefts of motor vehicles,
- 22 Burglaries from dwellings,
- 15 other burglaries,
- 14 cases of criminal damage to motor vehicles,
- 13 cases of other criminal damage,
- 10 cases of assault,
- 1 theft of a pedal cycle,
- 47 other thefts, which include shoplifting, theft of purses and handbags etc.

Of these crimes 39 Happened in Harwell

Now that Summer is here and more people are away on holiday we must all be more vigilant.

If you do see anything **SUSPICIOUS**

Please **DO REPORT IT?**

Phone the Police if Urgent (01235 512929)

Leave a message for your Local Beat Officer

P C John Parsons (01235 776000)

Tell your Local Village Co-ordinator,

or if of more general interest phone the Vale of

White Horse Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Mrs Hilary Green Telephone Number 01235 776604

LET US ALL MAKE A GREAT EFFORT TO TRY AND REDUCE CRIME IN HARWELL

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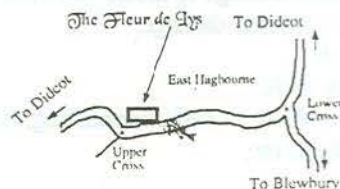
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Upholstery Classes

By popular demand I am again organising a class on Tuesday afternoons, from 3pm to 5pm, in the Freeman Hall. Fourteen of us made things in the first series, from footstools to armchairs to bedheads. Several made children's armchairs for our grandchildren and we had a good time doing it. If you are interested, please contact me - Adele Harris, Blenheim House, Blenheim Hill. Tel 835238.

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From the archives ...

50 years ago at the meeting of the Parish Council in July 1946, it was reported that the children's sports which had been postponed from June would be held as soon as the weather had settled, and that goal-posts for the Recreation Ground had been ordered. It was agreed to appoint a separate Sexton and Parish Clerk if they could, at salaries of £10 and £20 per year. Mr Day proposed and Mr Bosley seconded that the agreement with the War Graves Commission regarding headstones be signed and that the I.W.G.C. be permitted to erect them free of charge. The agreement was then signed.

Mr Bosley then outlined the three schemes for lighting the village and the cost of each. After some discussion it was agreed to call a Parish Meeting the following week so that the people living in the village could propose which scheme should be adopted.

Mr Woodall reported that the swings at the Swimming Bath had been repaired, and that the Bath had been drained and partly cleaned. It was pro-

posed that, as the water supply to the Swimming Bath would be inadequate, it should be converted to a sand-pit.

The Parish Meeting was duly held - as well as Councillors there were 45 members of the public and 2 representatives of the Wessex Electricity Company. The three schemes were (a) 25 lights costing £73.2.8d. pa for 10 years, (b) 14 lights costing £45.10.0d. pa and (c) 10 lights costing £35.12.5d. pa. After 10 years the cost would be for current only. After discussion scheme (a) was adopted.

Mrs Damman then raised the question of the Swimming Bath and asked that parents should be allowed to express their views. After some discussion the meeting was asked to vote and choose one of (a) convert it to a sand-pit (b) a paddling pool or (c) stay a Swimming Bath. The voting was 7 for (a), 5 for (b) and 14 for (c) with many abstaining.

Below, a picture from the Harwell book, still available at about £6-50 from Mrs Ruth Woollen, tel. 835253.

A July evening, 1946. Graves of airmen in Harwell cemetery. The temporary wooden crosses were later replaced with headstones in a rose garden, by the War Graves Commission and now maintained by Harwell Royal British Legion.



WEEDS.

WEEDS- SOMETHING WE'VE ALL GOT & WHICH MOST DON'T WANT. HOWEVER IT PAYS TO KNOW A BIT ABOUT THEM IF WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL THEM. THE USUAL DEFINITION OF A WEED IS "A PLANT OUT OF PLACE" BUT I THINK THERE IS MORE TO IT THAN THAT. - A SINGLE PLANT OUT OF PLACE IS NOT MUCH OF A PROBLEM AND I THINK THAT TO BE TERMED A WEED THE PLANT MUST BE SO PROLIFIC OR SO PERSISTENT AS TO BECOME A NUISANCE. MOST OF OUR WEEDS ARE JUST THAT. - PLANTS WHICH ABSOLUTELY THRIVE IN OUR SOIL AND CLIMATE AND TEND TO GROW TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL ELSE - SMOTHERING WANTED PLANTS AND DEPRIVING THEM OF FOOD AND WATER. MANY WEEDS ARE NATIVE WILD FLOWERS FULLY ADAPTED TO LOCAL CONDITIONS AND ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY FAVOURABLE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW & INCREASE. MANY PRODUCE HUGE QUANTITIES OF SEED WHILST OTHERS PRODUCE RUNNERS OR LONG INVASIVE UNDERGROUND ROOTS & PERSIST IN THE SOIL FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME, YET OTHERS ROOT WHEREVER THEIR STEMS TOUCH THE GROUND. SO WEEDS CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GENERAL GROUPS ANNUALS & BIENNIALS (THE SEED PROPAGATORS) AND THE PERENNIALS (SEED & VEGETATION PROPAGATORS) FORTUNATELY PERENNIALS SELDOM FLOWER IN THEIR FIRST YEAR.

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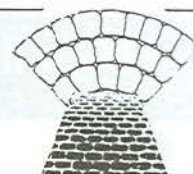


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