



The HARWELL NEWS

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There being no full meeting in August, there is less to report on than usual. Among matters arising was our entry to the National Village of the Year Competition, or at least completion of a selection form for Oxfordshire County Council, which has to select one village to go forward from among the top placed villages of the Best Kept Village Competition. As mentioned in the last issue, Harwell was joint second in the large village class. A slightly abbreviated version of the judges report is given elsewhere.

Our new area officer, P.C. Juhn Cumming, attended the meeting to introduce himself and there followed a general discussion of crime in the area. Colin Lamont updated the Council on various County and District matters including the recent emergency at the Harwell site and phase 2 of the Abingdon traffic study.

Didcot development was on the agenda again. The Examination in Public of the proposed alteration to the Structure Plan to define the direction of growth for Didcot will be held in Didcot Civic Hall on Tuesday 30th November for 3 days that week, and the following Tuesday. The Parish Council has been invited to participate, a precondition to speaking. There will be a preliminary meeting early in October to give further details; both this and the EIP are open to the public, although only invitees can participate.

The Council is investigating the possibility of a bus shelter on the southbound side of the A near North Drive, from an advertising company which would provide it free.

The Council has given permission to the Wallingford Dog Training Club to use the recreation ground for flyball training, for a trial period, subject to avoiding use of football pitches and training sessions.

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Recreation Ground Pavilion, at 7.30pm. The next will be on 11th October and 8th November.

Items for the agenda should be with the Clerk, Debbie Roberts ten days before the meeting - contact her on 820006 (office, answerphone) or 832727 (home). The deadline for the next newsletter is 21st November, with distribution about 1st December, but get your item in a week before to be sure.

There are still allotments available. Contact the Clerk.

Oxfordshire Best-Kept Village Competition for Large Villages - from the Judges Report

... The church is a beautiful well preserved old building in an attractive, well maintained churchyard, leading down to the Chilbrook. The cemetery, near the church, but separate from it, is very peaceful, well maintained and mown. The special section for

War Graves is particularly well kept. The primary school is well kept, with no litter; the playing area and attached playing field are attractive, with good, sound equipment. The village possesses three public halls, the Village Institute, the Freeman Hall and the Church Hall. The latter is a new building and looks very fine. The others are older, but well kept, except for a few weeds around the Institute.

The playing field is a large area (there is also an extension under construction). There is amusement equipment, in good safe condition and also an adventure playground. The judges were impressed by the tidiness and lack of litter, particularly since they learned that it had been the venue for the Harwell Feast a few days previously. Of the commercial areas, the shops, including an excellent butcher / general store / post office, a newsagent and a hairdresser, looked tidy with no litter and the garage forecourt was likewise litter free. There is a small Business Park, well laid out and two pubs, close together on the main street.

There are many attractive houses in the village's mixture of old and new properties, with colourful gardens and well cut verges although some weeds were visible in the roadside. Footpaths were well cut back and also well signposted. That which leads to the allotments gives very good access. Of the allotments themselves, those in use were very productive and generally well tended. The stream flows mainly through private property, but where it is visible from the road it appeared to be clean and well cared for. In some cases very beautiful gardens had been planted on the banks.

Of what may be described as roadside amenities, the bus shelters were clean, with little graffiti, while the telephone kiosk was litter free. There were many litter and dog litter bins and these seemed well used, judging by the absence of litter in most of the village. The Parish Council Notice Board was perfection itself with all the notices up to date. The seats near the Recreation Ground and in the main street were in good condition.

The judges noted from the entry form that a committee was in being to make plans for celebrating the Millennium and they saw evidence of some of its activities as they walked round, for example in a tea dance and in the sale of special locally made mugs, keyrings and calendars. These activities are all in keeping with our impressions of a caring community, as is evidenced from the high standard of the village housekeeping and the fact that there are, in spite of the proximity of Didcot, flourishing village shops.

In summary, the judges had a very pleasant tour round this attractive village, which has many interesting, and some unusual features. What, for example, is the history of the bargain store? (sic)

continued —

War Memorial

The structure and stonework is in generally good condition. Lichen obliterates the 1939-45 heading. The paved area needs to be swept and weeded. A small amount of weeding is needed on the stone surround. There are some loose crosses lying around.

Harwell Feast Committee

At the AGM held on Wednesday 8th September proceeds of £1,649.53 were declared for Harwell Feast 1999. Total assets carried over to 99/2000 are £3,521.10. As previously announced it has been the Feast Committee's decision this year not to donate any proceeds this year to village organisations as is customary, but to hold this money over to fund **Harwell Feast 2000** where we hope to offer you more attractions and entertainments to make the Millennium year enjoyable for all ages.

The Feast Committee needs more members willing to work together for our big event next year. Please consider joining us, just for one year. If you cannot make this length of commitment please think about helping on the day. Our next Feast Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th October at 8pm in the British Legion. We would be pleased to see any new members there, or give Janice Markey a call on 832802.

The following were elected officers for 99-2000:

Chair: Janice Markey
Secretary: Janet Derbyshire
Treasurer: Peter Cissell

Ordinary members: Patricia Cooke, Colin Lamont, Trevor Packer, Jake Castle, Jayne Newman, Sid Gale. Two members stood down from the committee - Lynn Wilkinson and Joan Spratt. They are warmly thanked for all their hard work for Harwell Feast.

Next event:

Village Quiz

Saturday 13th November

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We have had a very busy start to the new School year, our first task was the preparation of lots of drawings and sticky paper pictures for the Harwell Produce Show, we won lots Of Prizes and the children were delighted. The Freeman Orchard is full of apples at present and so we have made the most of this and the children have been doing lots of cooking, I think we have now exhausted the topic - 101 things to do with an apple (best not ask really!).

We will be holding a Coffee-Apple morning, all the parents are going to provide an apple creation to sell on the morning - Friday, 22nd. October 11am start. Dorling Kindersley will be there with a book display, and it would be an ideal time for you to visit us if you have any thoughts of your child coming to our provision.

Spaces are very limited at the moment, we have 52 children on our Register now, with 22 children attending nearly every session. The charge is £3 per session, if you would like any further information please ring me at Little Pippins on 821741 or at home on 835397 and I would be happy to tell you all about us.

Yvonne Hinchliffe - playleader

Harwell Women's Institute

On **1st October** there will be a Coffee Morning sponsored by Nescafé in the British Legion Club, from 10am until noon, in aid of the Macmillan Nurses. Cakes Raffles, Books, Bric-a-brac. Please come and support this event.

Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall; visitors and new members welcome. At our forthcoming meetings we have:
October 13th - St. James Singers in concert
November 10th - The craft of Stamping - demonstration and tuition by Mrs Kathy Warner.

Audrey Poffley

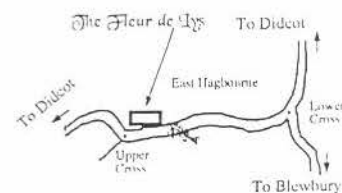
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FUN CLUB NEWS FUN CLUB NEWS

Are you a Mum, Dad or carer for young children? If so, please come and join us in the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings during term time. We meet between 9:30 and 11:30 and there are lots of toys, books and puzzles, a different craft activity every week and a singing session. There is also a weekly cake raffle. All this for only £1 per family, which includes a drink and biscuit. This term we are particularly busy and look forward to seeing you at as many of the following events as possible:

Our next **Mums' Night Out** is going to be on Friday, 15th October. At half-term, Tuesday 26th October, we will be holding a '**Messy Morning**', a big paint and craft activity morning for normal Fun Club customers and older children too.

We have booked a **photographer** for Tuesday, 2nd November. The photos will be back in plenty of time for Christmas so come along on that day and get your child to say cheese!

Our next **committee meeting** will be at the White Hart Pub at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 4th November. There is absolutely no obligation to volunteer for anything, so come along and have a drink and see what the committee get up to. It's a really good way to get to know people better and feel more part of things.

We have two big fund-raising events this term. The first one is the **Nearly New Sale** on Saturday, 6th November, 10 a.m. until 12. This is a big sale of second hand baby and children's toys and equipment. It is usually very well attended and has a lot of bargains available. If you'd like to book your own table (£7-50) or put some items for sale on the Fun Club table (one third commission), please ring Fiona (861593). We will be fund-raising with a big tombola this year and there will also be refreshments available.

Our second fund-raiser is the **Christmas Book and Craft Sale** on Tuesday, 16th November. We will be running a normal Fun Club but holding a sale at the same time. You will be able to pick up a few Christmas gifts and treats and help boost our funds too. All welcome to come and browse.

And finally, our big event, the one we've done all the fund-raising for: the **Christmas Party** on Tuesday, December 14th. We will have a craft activity, a children's entertainer, a bring and share lunch and of course, you know who will be there to give everyone a present at the end. Do come and join us. Contact Fiona Tankard 861593 for more details.

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Didcot Development - update from the Keep Harwell Rural Campaign

If you expressed an opinion on the Didcot development plans to the County planners, you will by now have received their draft list of the organisations and authorities to be called before the Examination-in-Public (kind of public enquiry) in November/December. If you wrote in against development to the West of Didcot - that is, into Harwell parish - you will have been disturbed to see that, unlike several other residents' groups, Keep Harwell Rural was not selected to have its say.

The Campaign has appealed to the planners to reverse this decision: you can be confident that, given the opportunity, we will represent your views passionately but professionally. Keep your fingers crossed for us that the planners do not choose to ignore a geographically and numerically significant constituency of opinion at this final hurdle. You can contact us at 821248 or 834295 or e-mail us at etroberts@cwcom.net.

The FREEMAN HALL

The Harwell Village Hall Management Committee are pleased to announce that the Freeman Hall, which in the past has suffered from a leaking roof, has now undergone major renovation and is available for hire.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to the Lankelly Foundation, the Vale of White Horse District Council, the Harwell Feast Committee and the Harwell Parish Council for their generous donations towards the work. Thanks are also given to the Oxfordshire Probation Service for arranging for the decoration of the Hall.

Although the Hall does not have a public entertainment's licence, it is particularly suitable for youth activities, especially children's parties, as well as for handicraft clubs and committee meetings.

Details of availability and charges for any potential hirers, either on a single or regular basis, can be obtained from Martin Ricketts, tel 01235 835628, or Trevor Packer, tel 01235 835436.

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Harwell Millennium Committee News

Regrettably, one of the photographs for the month of October in the Millennium Calendar was wrongly attributed to Mr P. Oliver, when the recognition should have gone to Mr Ken Hill of School Lane who took the picture. The Committee would like to apologise to Mr Hill for the mistake and say that all future calendar sales will include a slip with the correct information. If you haven't bought yours yet, then please do and, and help support the Millennium Fund.

May we remind all parents with children aged 16 and under on 31st December this year that to ensure the Millennium gift for their child they should ensure that the child has been registered with the Committee. Please telephone Karen Muir on 835251 with the details.

We are organising a fund-raising 'Disco' on **Saturday 6th November** at the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale shortly at £5 each. There will not be a bar so please bring your own drinks. If you would like a good evening out then make sure you buy tickets. For further information contact any of the following Committee members - John Fisher (221050) Karen Muir (835251), Yvonne Hinchliffe (835397), Janice Markey (832802) or Anne Laing (835640).

Christmas Book and Craft Sale

Come along to the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th November to browse through our stalls and choose a few Christmas presents. We will be open from 9-30 to 11-30 so pop along and have a look.

Winterbrook Youth Club

Autumn Jumble Sale

Saturday 9th October

2pm Freeman Hall

Hall open 10am until noon to receive your jumble, books, toys, plants, cakes, etc. All Welcome -

Thank you for your support.

Harwell Senior Citizens Fund

A Plea for the year 2000: We will be looking for someone to type our Result Sheet every week as from January, 2000. Is there anyone out there who could help us with this voluntary job. We have an electric typewriter for you to use or if you have your own computer, it would be even less work. We would like to thank Jane Cumming for doing this job for us for nearly nine years but she has extra work commitments now. The task itself takes about ten minutes to do so it wouldn't take up too much of your time. Anyone who would be interested can contact me on Abingdon 835397.

Christmas is just around the corner: If your name is not on our gift list please telephone Mrs Harmer on Ab. 832717. You have to be a resident of our Parish and be 70 years of age or over.

Our Annual Auction: This will be held at the British Legion Clubhouse on Saturday 16th October. If anyone has any suitable items to auction please give me a ring and I will arrange to have them picked up or you can bring items to the Clubhouse on the Saturday lunchtime. This one of our major fund-raisers for the year and will hopefully make lots of funds for us as we have a busy time next year. which brings me on to the next item ...

Millennium Tea Party: We are hoping to have a huge tea-party for all of Harwell's Senior Citizens (over 70's) in a marquee on the Recreation Ground next June, I know it's a long way off yet but, if your name isn't on our list please inform Mrs Harmer again, telephone number above, we won't be able to send you a formal invitation next year if we don't know of your existence - please help us out,

Yvonne Hinchliffe (Secretary)

The VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Management Committee **urgently** need a new Booking Secretary. If you would like further information please contact either Martin Ricketts, tel 01235 835628, or Trevor Packer, tel 01235 835436.



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Looking for the Weaselsnout - Harwell Environment Group

After a break in August, the Group got back together to listen to a talk on Rare Flowers of Arable Fields by Dr Susannah Kay. Dr Kay's work is supported by the Northmoor Trust and English Heritage.

Dr Kay told the Group that an area of her work which she particularly enjoys is the opportunity to survey farmland. Together with volunteers, Dr Kay covers a large number of Oxfordshire fields to look for wild plants growing among the crops. Previous records of plant sightings in the same areas provided a useful base-line for the kind of flora that might be found.

Dr Kay described the excitement of spotting rare specimens that were feared to be extinct locally. However she also said that it was a disappointment when certain rarer plants were not spotted at all during the surveys. One example was the Weaselsnout. Although the Group was shown a slide of this striking plant, Dr Kay regretted that there was no example of Weaselsnout growing wild in the fields the team covered.

Dr Kay's beautiful slides of plants from Oxfordshire brightened a dark, cold evening. She explained how shifts in farming practices have affected the numbers and varieties of plants, causing some to almost disappear. The main reason for this is a shift to winter sown crops and the use of herbicides. The economic necessity for farmers to make the most from their land has driven those changes.

There are some ways that farmers can benefit from practices that encourage more rare plants. For example, some farmers can receive stewardship awards that compensate them for lower yields in areas where diversity is encouraged. In addition, organic farmland, covered by the survey, showed much greater numbers and diversity of rare plants. From the pictures Dr Kay showed, it looked like crop yields in organic fields were much lower - perhaps explaining why organic food is often expensive. However, rare plants and weeds were more plentiful in these fields than in the non-organic farms. All in all it proved a very colourful and enjoyable evening.

The Group has other talks planned for later this year. After a break in October, Harwell's own Dr Robin Buxton will give an illustrated talk on 18th November about his climb of Kilimanjaro. Another Harwell resident, Dr Martin Gibson, will talk about how our everyday activities affect the environment and the simple actions that we can take to reduce the damage that we all cause. This will take place on 16th December.

All the talks will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated. They are open to everyone and they are all free.

The Group will be concentrating on analysing data from land and hedgerow surveys in Harwell at the next meeting on 21st October. New members are always welcome.

Vale Care Link

New Help Alarm Service to Provide Independence, Security and Peace of Mind is Launched

Wesley Smith of Central TV helped the Vale Housing Association to launch a major new service for all those living in South West Oxfordshire, on 3d September. 'Vale Care Link' is a personal alarm service, which assists people to live independently, in the knowledge that help is only a 'touch of a button' away.

The button is light and can be worn either as a pendant, clip or wrist strap and works from any part of the house or garden. The control unit is easily connected to an existing telephone line. The alarm system provides help 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Speaking about the new service, The Vale Housing's Chief Executive, Mike Roberts said "The alarm service has been available to Vale Housing Association tenants for some time. It has proved to be very successful. By popular request we are now able to offer it to anyone who needs it. It has the potential to immeasurably improve the quality of life for users and their carers."

The price to Vale Housing Association Tenants is £2.00 per week, other members of the public £2.88 per week + £10 installation. To those on Housing Benefit it is available free. These figures include vat and a six-month maintenance charge. No additional charge is made if the alarm is activated. Telephone 536001 and ask for the Specialist Services Dept.

Harwell Gardeners Club

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➔ The Local Beat Officer for Harwell from October 15th will be P C John Cullum. You can always leave messages for him by phoning the Wantage Control Room 01235 776000

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This year, in conjunction with British Telecom, the Royal British Legion is appealing for recognition of the Silent Tribute, at 11.00am local time, throughout the Commonwealth. Readers with access to the Internet can see details of this appeal on <http://www.globalsilence.com/>. If you have relatives or friends in Commonwealth countries you might wish to inform them of this. Anyone wishing to email such contacts can do so through the RBL Club, please see the undersigned to arrange.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Legion Summer Fete. Combined with the Draw, a total of £304.06 was made for Club Funds. Tickets will soon be on sale for the Club's Millennium Draw with prizes of £10, £100, and £1000. The Draw will

take place at 00.15am on January 1st 2000 at the Club Millennium Dance. On **8th October** we have a Disco-Diner. Tickets (£6.00 each) are available at the Club.

The Halloween Dance, featuring the popular *Over the Hill* will be held on **Saturday 30th October** when members are invited to come in fancy dress. Details of the Club programme of events are kept on the internet at <http://www.rblharwell.freemove.co.uk>, or you can email the Club at club@rblharwell.freemove.co.uk.

Cyril Balderson Club Treasurer.

Harwell School Summer Playscheme

Thanks to the contributions of over sixty parents and grandparents and ten teenagers the children of Harwell School enjoyed another exciting summer fortnight of playscheme activities.

Arts & crafts, sports, sewing, cooking, making candy floss, Laser-quest, ten-pin bowling, Wiggy's World, horseriding, Cycling Proficiency and hiking were just some of the attractions at Playscheme this year. Our thanks go to our sponsors for 1999 -

UKAEA at the Harwell Business Centre, Harwell Parish Council, Vale WHDC. and Harwell School PTA.

A special highlight for 1999 was our eclipse workshop held on 11th August when we made pin-hole cameras and set up a mirror projection to enable everyone to view the eclipse safely. Finally we finish with a photo of the youngsters in our dance workshop who performed their version of "Thriller" for our entertainment. Pictured left to right: Alec Easter, Andrew Keene, Elna Wilkinson, Emily Davies, Fran Warwick, Eleanor Gasper, Elliott Gasper, Emma Haines and George Laing.



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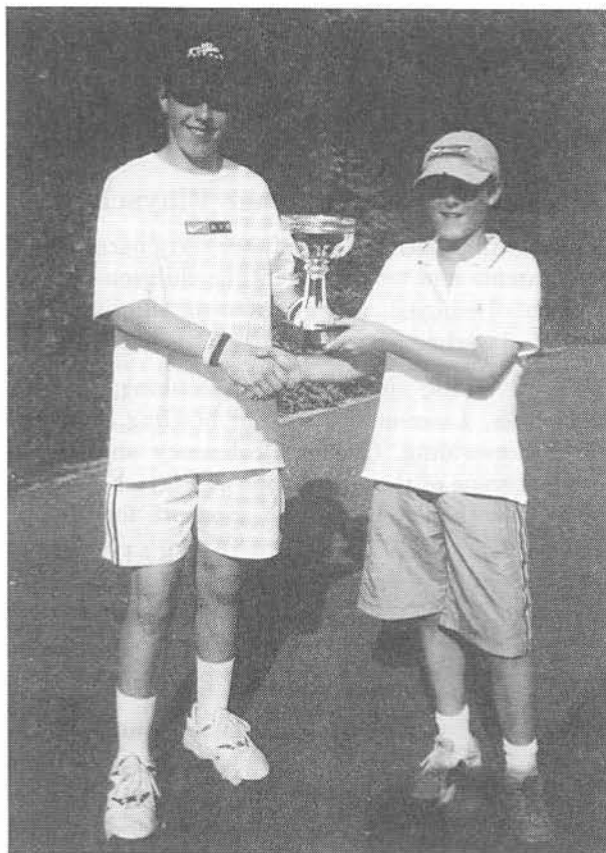
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Tennis Club

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Found: Maps of Cornwall

A bag containing 15 maps and guidebooks to Cornwall was left outside my house. Some of the books are labelled 'Willmer'. The bag was labelled 'Dorothy - would you please return these to Elizabeth - many thanks, Ann McDonald'. If you know any of these people, or to whom the books belong, please let me know so I can return them,

Lynn Nickerson (835254)

Zanya Cross & Ruth Wilkinson won the Young People's Challenge Cup with their joint entry. ➡

Gardeners: Don't forget the Millennium Show - get your Schedule Now!

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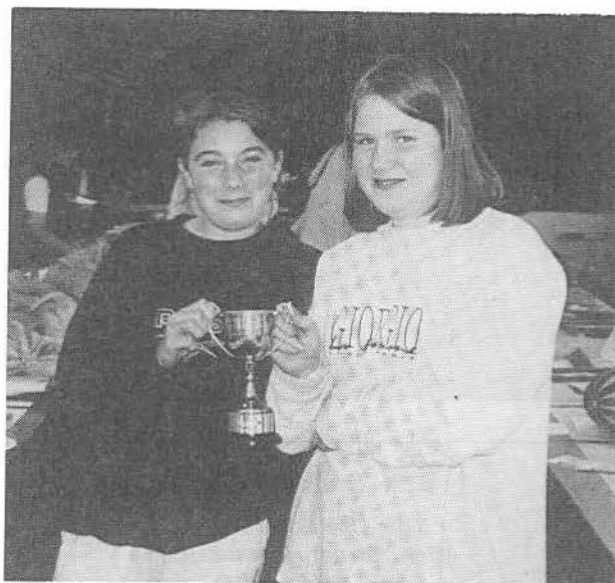
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Garden Competition Results

Garden	1st	Adele Harris
	2nd	Ruth Alexander
	3rd	Ruth Stringer
	h/c	Shirley Walker
Container	1st	Adele Harris
	2nd	Daphne Body
	3rd	Ruth Alexander

Produce Show Results

Intervillage Tray	Harwell
The David Dewey Memorial Shield (Garden club member with most points in all classes)	Fred Gee
Harwell Produce Shield (Harwell Parish resident with most points in all classes)	Fred Gee
The Harwell Rose Bowl (most points, horticultural classes)	Fred Gee
The Chairman's Trophy (most points in flower classes)	Joy Gee
Rowstock Orchard Trophy (most points in fruit classes)	Lynn Wilkinson
The Floral Art Trophy	Brenda Poulter
Novice Trophy	Howard Sims
Vegetable Trophy	Fred Gee
Domestic Cup	Joy Gee
Young People's Challenge Cup	Zanya Cross & Ruth Wilkinson
Handicraft Trophy	Joan Impey & Lynn Nickerson
The Wine Trophy	Chris Rowell
Most entries in the show	Alwyn Evans
Photographic Trophy (presented by Laurie Chumbley)	Janice Markey



Thank you to UKAEA and JAC Flooring

Harwell Fun Club would like to say a very big thank you to UKAEA for their generous donation towards the cost of our new shed. We would also like to thank Chris Hancock of JAC Flooring for very kindly varnishing it, fitting padlocks and carpeting the inside.

Gardening Notes October / November

October sees most of the active growing year over and we can begin to take stock and note those things which have done well and those which have not done so well. Particularly we need to note those things which have stood up to drought well because of global warming, though this year seems to have been of dry spells alternating with rain, although the dry spells were prolonged and the soil became very dry at one point. Now is a good time to sow members of the primula family and leave them out to get frosted, when they should germinate freely. Winter hanging baskets can be prepared now and may contain such things as variegated ivy, sempervivums, dwarf conifers and winter flowering pansies, primroses, polyanthus etc.

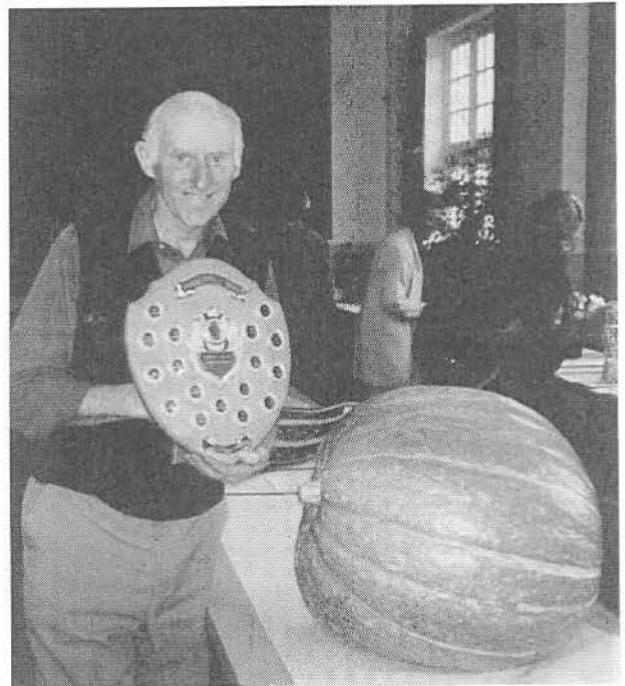
Prepare the ground for planting any shrubs, trees or fruit that you may have ordered and if the weather isn't suitable for planting, heel them in, it doesn't pay to keep bare rooted plants hanging around for long. Dig over all vacant ground to allow the frost to break it down.

Houseplants should be moved into the lightest place and given high potash feed. If you planted bulbs for Christmas flowering they should be examined to see that all is well. If you can, get your catalogues early to plan your needs for the coming spring. It is always worth while getting several and comparing the prices and quantities - you don't want 1000's of seeds where a few will do and many packets do contain many more than we need and the seed may not live very long. To save put it a screw topped jar with a little silica gel, label it, and put in a cool place preferably a refrigerator - but don't forget where you've put it!

Fruit has done well this year as there were no early frosts and in spite of the lack of honey bees. So prune them when they are dormant. Autumn fruiting raspberries should have all the cane cut right down to the ground whereas Summer fruiting raspberries should only have those canes which have fruited this year cut out together with any weak shoots leaving six or more strong new shoots to bear fruit next year. Also you may find raspberries coming up some distance from the original row, dig these up and use to fill gaps in the rows or start a new row but don't leave them or you will soon have raspberries coming up all over the garden. Thin clumps of Marguerite daisy and Golden Rod and cut down the foliage of everlasting sweet peas.

Younger members of the Family - have you ever

looked for skeletons in the garden? Not skeletons of animals, though I have found these, but skeletons of leaves and seedpods like Chinese lanterns. You can press the leaf skeletons and make quite a good collection. The spotted flycatchers have flown, the frogs have left the pond and all is quiet for another year.
Keep smiling! Laurie



Fred Gee with the David Dewey Memorial Shield and one of his prize-winning entries

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The Harwell Fun Dog Show took place on Sunday 5th September on a gloriously sunny afternoon, judged by Alison Steadman, currently to be seen in *Let them eat cake*, and Michael Elwyn, who was in *The French Lieutenant's Woman*. They did a super job in front of a big crowd and enables Hospice Care in Kenya to profit by £538.

Forty-four dogs took part, and the Nicest Dog in the Show and also the Best Harwell Dog was Petra with Mrs Dilloway. Many thanks to all of my stalwart helpers who make this event possible and fun. I hope to see you all on Sept. 3rd 2000,

Caroline Woodall

Judges Micheal Elwyn & Alison Steadman with 'Nicest Dog in Show' Petra and Val Dilloway



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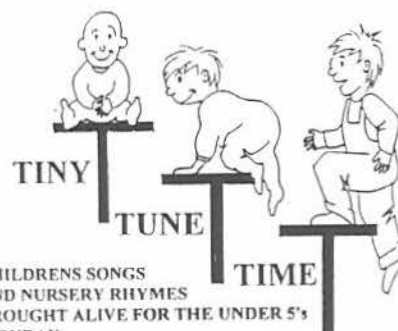
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