

# HARWELL NEWS

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## CHANGE OF PARISH CLERK

Bill Woollen is retiring after 35 years as Parish Clerk at the end of March. From 1st April the Clerk will be Miss Rita Bosher, Rooftops, The Holloway, Tel. 835208.

## WILLIAM BRIAN WOOLLEN - CLERK TO HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Bill Woollen, who was first appointed Clerk to Harwell Parish Council on 31 July 1952, was only the seventh Clerk to be appointed since the Parish Council was first established in 1894. In the following 35 years he has served under 10 chairmen with a total of 48 councillors, 38 of whom still live in the village.

Little change had been seen in Harwell in the 100 years following the great fire of 1852, but since Bill's appointment as Parish Clerk, the village has expanded significantly. The establishment of new technologically based industries in the district brought an influx of scientists, engineers and administrators and their families to the village and a requirement for many new homes. Orchard Way, Tyrells Close, Broadway Close, The Cleave, The Croft, the Gaveston Road estate, Chilbrook, Brookside and Hengest Gate have all been built in orchards and on farmland.

Activities of the council expanded with the increase in population within the parish. Introduction of a street lighting scheme, improvement to the Recreation Ground and Pavilion, reduction of traffic through the village due to the Milton-Didcot link road and most recently the thwarting of an attempt by developers to join the village to Didcot have been among the many Parish Council activities in which Bill has been involved.

The skills which Bill brought to his task as Parish Clerk were ably supported throughout the years by his wife, Ruth and augmented by the experience he gained in giving service as a Councillor on the Wantage District Council for 12 years, until its dissolution in 1974, and then for a further 4 years on the Vale of White Horse District Council. Additionally he served as a Harwell School Manager, as Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, as Chairman of the Tennis Club and on the Youth Club Management Committee. His 35 years of service to the community are unlikely to be surpassed and on his retirement from the position as Clerk to the Harwell Parish Council, all who live in Harwell say with sincerity "Thank you, Bill."

## CEMETERY

The first plaques have now been erected on the Wall of Remembrance. A new seat is to be installed as soon as the warmer weather comes. Dog fouling is becoming an increasing problem and the Council has decided that, in future, dogs are to be prohibited from the cemetery.

## ALLOTMENTS

Plots are available from the Parish Council at an annual rent of £4.50.  
Contact the Parish Clerk.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Comments have been sent to the District Council on the following applications:

- HAR 3566/2 Change of use 'Tissa' Winnaway
- HAR 2096/2 New dwelling adjacent Woodlands, The Cleave
- HAR 9479 Conversion of pre-war dwelling in grounds of 'Restharrow' Burr St.
- HAR 7680/2 Revised plan for inclusion of a further 6 dwellings behind Kings Manor
- HAR 9155/1 Replacement of sub-standard dwelling by New Bungalow, Winnaway.
- HAB 9500/X Outline permission for single dwelling adjacent Holloway Cottage,  
The Holloway.
- HAR 9500 Extension 30 Westfield
- HAR 9501 Extension 32 Westfield - common extension with No. 30.
- HAR 9479/1 Extension 'Restharrow' Burr St.
- HAR 4729/x 4 dwellings on the nursery site, Burr St.
- HAR 8793/2 New manager's house, Hazeley Farms, close to cold store at Rowstock.

A MOBILE LIBRARY visits the village every fortnight on a Wednesday morning at 12.15. A good selection of books may be obtained on a monthly borrowing basis. Next visit 8th April.

HARWELL LUNCHEON CLUB meets every Wednesday at the Village Hall at 12.30. 2 course meal 70p. If you wish to come please let Marion Black tel 835625 or Jean Campbell tel 835479 know, so that we can cater for you. If anyone has any surplus garden produce through the coming year, your gift would be most welcome.

HARWELL VILLAGE PLAYGROUP is held from 9.15-11.45 Monday to Thursday in the Freeman Hall (85p per morning). We now have some vacancies. Mums/Dads and toddlers over two years are welcome to come along on Tuesdays between 10.00 and 11.45 to have a coffee while your child makes friends and plays with new toys.

HARWELL 0-5 GROUP is held on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30-3.30 in the Freeman Hall. If your child is aged between 0 and 5 why not come along. The Health Visitor comes every 3rd Wednesday in the month which Mums with babies will find especially useful.

HARWELL YOUTH CLUB The Winterbrook Youth Club in Harwell Village is in urgent need of a leader to accept responsibility especially for the older members of the club. If you have an interest in joining a team of leaders to help club members enjoy an evening or two each week, please contact Dr. Tony Hughes, Kingswood, Kings Lane tel 835301 or Norman Ponting tel 835533.



HARWELL SOCIAL COMMITTEE organises various events in the village. Among the forthcoming attractions are a Fun Run, Car Boot Sale and Barbecue, all to be held on the afternoon of the Spring bank holiday, Monday 25 May. Any villager who has any suggestions for future events or who would like to join the committee should contact Pete Davis tel 835579.

HARWELL GARDENERS' CLUB meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Talks, slide shows, gardening tips, competitions, refreshments etc. Members £1 per annum. Visitors 30p per meeting. All welcome.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE on 3 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall a demonstration of icing of celebration cakes by Mrs. C. Wilesmith.

BRITISH LEGION - meeting to be held at the New Clubroom on 28 April at 7.45 p.m.

WOMEN'S BRITISH LEGION - meeting to be held at Kings Lane clubroom on 7 April at 7.30 p.m. New members welcome.

SCOUTS AND CUBS - Job Week 20-27 April. If you have a job that could be done by either a Cub Scout or Scout please contact Peter McNiven tel 835335, Andrew McNiven tel 832462 or Graham Cox tel 835353.

HARWELL OUT AND ABOUT CLUB 30 members went to see Me & My Girl in London in February and by the time you read this, we hope to have visited Bucklers Hard and Beaulieu for March. Our outing for April will be Wilton House, Salisbury. We now have nearly 100 members, but will always welcome new ones. If you are interested in a day out without the driving, contact Jean Campbell, Darnaway, High Street tel 835479.

BOWLS CLUB - We are sad to report the death of Mr. L. Harding, but pleased to report the marriage of Frank Bevan to Dr. Diana Scott. We wish them all the best for the future.

If you have information about a club, event, social occasion or anything else that you want publicised in the village, please contact either Betty Pyke, 6 Tyrells Close tel.835324 or John Child, 4 Tyrells Close tel. 835576.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN MAY'S HARWELL NEWS SHOULD BE SENT BY 17TH APRIL.