

HARWELL NEWS

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HARWELL VILLAGE HALL.

The last Flea Market, held in November, 1989 realised £600. It also provided a convenient opportunity for other charities to raise another £400 in all. Many thanks to all those who donated, helped and supported this event.

Friends of the Village Hall enjoyed a Bring & Share Supper on December 16th, given chiefly to thank folk who have done so much in and for our hall over the past year. The decor in the Hall looks really attractive now and the whole building has a better image. At the same event a Christmas Raffle was drawn and the 21 presented prizes which were donated by Harwell Businesses raised £300 and will go towards the New Windows, urgently required for the Main Hall. Many thanks to all concerned.

Mothering Sunday Fleamarket in the Village Hall, 25th March. 10.30am. to 4.30pm.
Antiques; Collectors' Items; Bric-a-Brac; Craft; Cakes; White Elephant Stall, etc.
Entrance 20p. Children Free. In Aid of the Village Hall Renovation.

HARWELL GARDENERS' CLUB.

February 5th. Harwell Village Hall. 7.30pm. Talk given by Mr. Ian Cooke on the "Winter Garden" Comp: Winter Colour Arrangement.

March 5th. Harwell Village Hall. 7.30pm. Talk given by Mr. Alan Quartermain on "Four Seasons in St. Johns College Garden." Comp: House Plant. All Welcome to these events.

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February 14th. 7.30pm. Harwell Village Hall. Talk on "Church Bells and Handbells."

March 14th. 7.30pm. Harwell Village Hall. The A.G.M.

HARWELL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

March 10th. Video Race Night. Tickets £3.50p., inc. Supper. Available from the Headmaster or Hazel Phillips (Abingdon 834502)

March 24th. Jumble sale. 10.30am. in the School Hall.

WINTERBROOK YOUTH CLUB

Jnrs. 7 - 12yrs. old. Mondays 6 - 7.45pm. Programme for Feb/March will include a First Aid Course: A visit to Didcot Police Station and a Half Term Disco.

Snrs. 12 - 18yrs. old. Mondays 8 - 9pm. Programme:- Football & Pools Tournament, plus Inter Youth Club Quiz. Further details, look on Posters.

Jumble Sale: Sat. 3rd. March, 2pm. Freeman Hall.

A Competition will be held to design a "T" Shirt for the Winterbrook Youth Club.

Prize of £5, plus your own design made up into a "Shirt."

HARWELL FEAST COMMITTEE

The A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 13th. Feb. 8pm. in the Freeman Hall. Events for 1990 will be planned, in particular we would like to restore the Harwell Feast Day to it's former glory and we are hoping to bring back the Floats and Pig Roast this year. If you would like to join our friendly committee and help us organise this years Feast, please come along to this meeting or contact Pete Davies on Ab. 835579 or Janice Markey on Ab. 832802.

HARWELL GIRLS BRIGADE

Explorers 5-7yrs. old. Church Extension 6pm. Wednesdays; 8-10yrs. old. Church Rm., 6pm. Wednesdays; Snrs. 11yrs. old. Church Rm., 7.15pm. Details from H. Crossman on Abingdon 835300.

CHILTON AND HARWELL SOCIETY

The Society meets monthly alternately in the Village Halls of Chilton and Harwell. The Meetings begin at 7.45pm. and are open to all. The future programme is:-

Tues. 27th. February at Chilton: "Warm and Wet - British Aid in the Third World." by Brian Morris.

Tues. 27th. March at Harwell: "A Visit to Oxford." by Joyce Milward.

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Fence around Adventure Playground:- A Metal Post has been erected outside each of the two gates. Would "Dog Owners" please use these posts to tether their dogs. - Putting 'dog leads' over the chestnut paling caused damage to the fence. ...ALSO we would like those who take their dogs along the Village Footpaths to stop them from "Fouling" the same, especially the path by the Village Hall to Orchard Way.

Gate from Recreation Ground into Grove Farms Orchard:- The owners of the orchard have locked the gate because of a number of dogs have been allowed to run loose in the orchard without a person being there to control them.

Harwell Parish Rates for 1990/91

From 1st. April, 1990, domestic rates will be abolished and replaced by a community charge, payable at a flat rate by all adults (with a few exceptions). The Parish Council is required at this time to consider its finances for the coming year and to fix the value of the parish rate or community charge appropriately.

For 1989/90 the parish rate was levied at 3.8p for each pound of the rateable value of the property in question and was paid by the property owner. This sum was applied to both domestic and industrial properties and produced an income of £28,000. This sum was considered necessary to cover the expenses of providing the services in the parish, creating a cash reserve and setting up a development fund for the future. By the end of this year the new tennis courts will have been completed and the ground excavated for an extension to the bowling green. Sufficient money remains in the development fund to cover further projects over the next few years. The Parish Council intends to use up these funds for improvements to the parish and will develop a plan over the next few months. If any of you have any suggestions for possible schemes you should pass them to any member of the Council for consideration.

For the coming financial year, the parish rate will be paid by all electors with no contribution from industry. This means that 100% of the money raised by the Council has to be provided by the electors of the parish. The Council has decided to levy a sum sufficient to cover the expected running expenses of the parish. This sum is estimated to be £12,000 which is equivalent to a levy of £6.50p. per elector. This sum will be added to the District and County Community Charges, which have still to be announced. The development fund, as mentioned earlier, will be used for major one-off expenditures over the next few years.

Gordon Walker. Chairman, Harwell Parish Council.

EDITORIAL NOTE: This Newsletter will be issued bi-monthly. All items for the next issue should be sent to Betty Pyke, 6, Tyrrells Close, Harwell, by the 15th March '90. We wish to express our thanks for the support given from the participating organisations and individuals and hope that you will find this news of some interest.

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