

HARWELL NEWS

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HARWELL VILLAGE HALL

We are very grateful indeed for the recent generous donation of £1500 from the Harwell Feast Committee. The money will be used for the purchase of additional tables and the cost of essential repairs and additions to comply with Council Regulations regarding the use of the Hall for public performances.

The Windows on the South side of the Hall have been repaired and partly replaced at a cost of £1840. The builder thought that the old ones were probably the originals as they were built into the brickwork.

Booking Secretary:- Betty Morgan feels that she must resign, we are very grateful for all that she has done in the past year, but we do urgently need a replacement. All enquiries please to Ian Thompson on Abingdon 832865; Betty Morgan on 835506 or Ken Plumb on 835597.

HARWELL GARDENERS' CLUB

April 2nd. Harwell Village Hall. 7.30pm. A Talk given by Mr. Joe Elliott on "Alpines - without a Rock Garden."

May 14th. Harwell Village Hall. 7.30pm. A Talk given by Mr. O'Brien on "Growing - Pelargoniums." Comp: Spring Salad or Vegetable.

1990 is beginner's year, the Club invites all would be gardeners to have a go! Come along as a visitor to sample the monthly meetings. There will be talks by various speakers, competitions, gardening tips, raffles, refreshments and a chat to other gardeners. Also there are annual weekend away with gardens galore to visit, a coach-trip to some special horticulture projects as well as a trip to the local garden centre at Chilton. We are also hoping to hold a Produce Show in September to look forward to. The array of Silver Trophies may seem beyond your reach but there is a special one for beginners. One of the summer meetings is a walkabout visit to members gardens - old ones, new ones and all sizes. Come and see for yourself. It's a very friendly meeting and a chance to meet other people and all for "£2.00p. a year."

HARWELL PLAYGROUP

Freeman Hall (behind the Village Hall) every weekday morning, 9.15am. to 11.45am.. There is a great variety of activities for your child to take part in - painting; cutting-out; sticking; dressing-up; climbing frame and lots of other interesting things to do in a very friendly atmosphere.

If your child is about 3yrs old and you think he or she might benefit from mixing with other children, please pop into the Playgroup any morning and get some more details from Mrs. Hinchliffe, Mrs. Froud or Mrs. Harris or telephone Mrs. Froud on Abingdon 835491. Each Morning Session will only cost you £1.20p.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

At last we have some details of signs to erect at the entrance to our village, so everybody will know this is a N.W. Area. We have had a spate of burglaries lately, so we need more people to take notice of what is going on in the vicinity of their homes. If you do see anybody acting suspiciously and feel somebody should be informed, just let your co-ordinator know. It might be important. If you don't know who your co-ordinator is, give me a ring on 832814 and I should be able to tell you. If you become a member of the N.W.S., you may well be entitled to a discount on your Insurance Premium. So it is well worth it. You would be supplied with information on how to protect your property and home and a sticker to put in your window. Then the criminals will know they are being watched and hopefully they won't choose your home to break into. If you want more information, please phone Sue Curran on the above number.

CHERRY TREE COURT

Coffe Morning with Cakes; Tombola and Raffle on Sat. 19th. May. 10am. to noon.

ST. MATTHEW'S BELLS CELEBRATION WEEK-END

We at St. Matthew's are celebrating the 400th. Anniversary of the casting of the 4th. Bell by holding a Fun Raising Garden Fete in the Rectory/Church grounds on Saturday, 30th. June. This will be followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 6.15pm. on the 1st. July when all members of the family will be warmly welcomed.

It was in 1932 that extensive work was carried out to the Tower and Belfry Steps. The Bells were removed to J. Taylor & Co. Loughborough Bell Foundry, where the cannons or crowns were removed and the metal helped toward the casting of 2 new bells to make a peal of eight in the key of E.

Details of the founder, date and inscription are as follows:-

	Note	Cwt.	Qrs.	lbs.		
Treble	E	4	1	24	J. Taylor & Co.	1932
2	D	4	3	7	J. Taylor & Co.	1932
3	C	5	3	11	W. Yare	1611
4	B	6	3	2	J. Carter	1590
5	A	8	0	14	W. Yare	1611
6	G	9	3	11	W. Yare	1615
7	F	13	1	27	J. Carter	1597
Tenor	E	16	1	26	W. Yare	1612

The inscription engraved on the bells are as follows:-

No.1	J. Taylor & Co	1932
No.2	J. Taylor & Co	1932
No.3	Humphrie Loder gave this Bell	1611
No.4	"Prayse ye the Lorde"	1590
No's 5,6,7,8, Each have on them "This Bell was made" - followed by the date - as given above.		

The Sanctus Bell weighs 1 cwt., and is inscribed R. Wells Abourns, but no date. The Bells were re-hung in a cast iron frame supported by four steel girders.

It will be seen that the back six were all cast within a period of 25 years, and the claim that they are the oldest complete ringing six in the country and the world has never been refuted.

The Tower will be open on Saturday, 30 th. June from:-

- 10am. - noon. For conducted tours to the Ringing Chamber
- 2pm. - 5pm. For the Bell Chamber and to the top of the Tower
- 6pm. - 9pm. For Ringing by Guild Members and Visitors.

An Exhibition will be arranged in the North Transept of the Church and this will remain in position until after the Evening Service on July 1st.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

President: Mr. A.M. Cowie
 Chairman: Mr. R.J. White
 Hon. Sec. Mr. R.C. East
 Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. A. Luke

As you can see we have a new Treasurer, he takes over from Mr. B. Mulford who has been our Treasurer for a number of years, our grateful thanks go to him for all his hard work.

Our Membership is still rising but we still need Ex-Service Men and Women, so if you qualify or are interested, please come along to the British Legion Hall or contact one of the above.

The Branch Meetings are held in the Club Room every last Tuesday of the month. All are Welcome.

May 19th. "Arabian Night." Harwell Village Hall. 8 - 12pm. (For the ITV. Telethon Appeal)
 An Evening of Eastern Magic. Tickets & Further Details: Tina Hobin Abingdon 834073.

HARWELL FEAST COMMITTEE

At the AGM in February we were pleased to make the following donations from 1989 proceeds:- Village Hall - £1.500: Freeman Hall - £1.000.

Forthcoming Events:- May 28th. Harwell Feast Revived. Parade of Floats, Pram Race, Fun Run, Car Boot Sale, Fancy Dress, Pig Roast, Clay Pigeon Shoot, etc.

Entry Forms for events available from Village Shops, Pubs. Programmes on Sale from mid May. Further details from Pete Davis Abingdon 835579 or Janice Markey on 832802.

WINTERBROOK YOUTH CLUB

The Winner of the "T" Shirt Design was Tom Fisher aged 10yrs. The competition was kindly judged by Mr. Eric Ferguson of the Didcot Rotary Club. These Shirts will be available shortly from the Youth Club.

Events for April/May include a Hairdressing Evening with "Eddy & Angie" Swimming and Games Evening. We also hope to enter a Float in the Harwell Feast. Would you like to be on the Junior Float Committee? Details from the Y/Club.

Sponsored Car Wash:- Sat. 28th. April. 11am. - 3pm. Village Hall Car Park. Come and have your car washed. Every care taken. No joy riding allowed? Charge:£1.00p. This is our major fund raising project by the children for 1990. Please support us. Thank you.

FREEMAN HALL

The land behind the Freeman Hall has now been surrounded by a low wall and thanks to a Grant from the "Vale" local donations and fund raising, there is sufficient money to top the wall with a high wire netting fence, excavate and fill with hard core. It is hoped to provide a Tarmac Surface so that it can be used as a Playing Area for the Youth Organisations using the Freeman Hall.

OXFORD COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION

Oxford College provide a wide range of business training courses. Many courses are available free or at a subsidised price. For details, contact Sue Brough or Diane - Carbon, Management Unit, Cricket Rd., Oxford. OX4 3DW. or Telephone Oxford 716171.

HARWELL W.I.

Harwell Village Hall, 11th. April, 7.30pm. All New Members Welcome. Also on the May 9th. 7.30pm. Harwell Village Hall. Speaker: Mr. L. Payne.

HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Electricity Liaison Scheme: Parishioners are reminded that, in the event of a major supply emergency (such as that which occurred during the recent gale-force winds) information regarding likely duration of a power cut may be obtained by telephoning the Council Clerk:- Miss R. Boshier: Abingdon 835208/ 820006.

In such an emergency it would be helpful to Southern Electricity if information regarding fallen poles or lines was reported to the Clerk, who will relay the information to the appropriate Office. It is stressed that these arrangements take only effect in the case of "Major Emergency." Other cases of loss of supply should be reported in the normal way to S.E.B.

Storm Damage to Trees in Cemetery: One of these trees which fell during the gales damaged a headstone in memory of Henry William Trenfield who died at Highworth in 1899. If there should be a parishioner with an interest in maintaining this grave they should contact the Council Clerk.

Parishioners are reminded that Harwell has been entered in the "Best Kept Village - Competition," so please help our village to win this event.

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. May, 1990. 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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SURGICAL CHIROPODIST: M.S.S.Ch.

Home Visits

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Telephone: Abingdon 834093 (after 6.00pm)

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Further details can be obtained by ringing Peggy Holland on Wallingford (0491) 34652

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