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Parish Council

The main item of the January meeting was the setting of the precept for 1997/8, the amount the Parish Council asks the Vale WHDC to collect as part of the Council Tax. After considerable discussion the budget for expenditure was set at £38,500. There was very little flexibility in reaching this figure, but it was agreed to budget £2,500 (excluding vat) for the adventure playground, to start a programme of renewing the fence and upgrading the equipment.

With anticipated receipts of £13,000, it was agreed to set the precept at £25,500. This is the same as last year, although the actual amount per household may vary slightly according to the number of households etc. in the Parish.

Churchyard maintenance was discussed, as the Parish Council is responsible, and the Clerk reported there was a large increase in the bill submitted by Harwell PCC for the last year, but part of it apparently related to the previous year. The Council asked for a breakdown of the sum, £872, and deferred the matter.

It was reported to the meeting that Harwell Primary School had welcomed the invitation to hold a competition for suggestions for uses for the extension to the Recreation Ground. For older children, (11-18), the Parish Council will do similarly, and Mrs Fisher will co-ordinate (see elsewhere).

'Little Pippins' had written outlining their proposals for a permanent building in the Freeman Orchard. The Clerk was asked to make these known to Mr Freeman and seek his consent in principle.

On environmental matters, the subject of dog-waste bins and their emptying was still on the agenda. The Council was still trying to improve the value for money as there was thought to be some room for such improvement. A parishioner had asked if a bin could be placed in the High St. near Gaveston Road junction. This will be reviewed when an agreement has been reached over charges. Meanwhile, Parishioners are asked to consider others before allowing their dogs to foul the pavements and footpaths. In particular complaints have been received regarding the path by the Village Hall, from High St. to Westfield (where a bin is sited).

On street lighting, a site was agreed for the proposed new light in School Lane. There is £1500 budgeted for the coming year for new lights. This will provide 2 to 4 lights, depending on whether or not a pole exists to which the bracket can be fixed. Requests have already come for improvements to the A417 Rowstock - Harwell road and to Chilbrook.

There was discussion of making a contribution towards signs identifying Rowstock to road users; Milton Parish Council had written to suggest that the three adjoining Parish Councils contribute the cost

of £400. Mr E. Cissell proposed that the Council should not agree to the proposal, Mr A Walker seconded it and it was carried.

The local Policeman, Pc Parsons attended the first part of the meeting and there was discussion of the problem of under-age motor cyclists.

The Vale Councillors also attended and mentioned the possibility of a 'one-stop shop' for Council services in Wantage, and the likelihood of Wantage Civic Hall being refurbished.

The policy regarding newsletter advertisements was discussed. The charges have remained the same for about 5 years, during which time printing costs have increased. It was agreed to increase the charges by 25% from the April issue. For the standard size the cost will therefore be £25 per year (6 issues) or £6 for one insertion.

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Recreation Ground Pavilion at 7.45pm. The next meetings are on 10th February and 10th March. 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 22nd March.

Planning Matters

Notices of Permission:

HAR/14675 Rear extension and erection of a single garage at Elmslea, Didcot Road.

HAR/1310/1 Retrospective application for laying hard-standing at The Old Chapel, High St.

Notices of Refusal:

HAR/11889/3 Variation to permission approved 13.1.94 for erection of a single detached house, etc. (and Notice of Appeal) Westfield House, Manor Grn

New Applications:

HAR/11889/4 Erection of a single detached house, etc. Westfield House, Manor Green.

HAR/11889/5 Variation to permission approved 13.1.94 for construction of new garage with access from Grove Road. The Council replied to Vale WHDC that its views on the earlier application, HAR/11889/3 were applicable to these 2 further applications, namely the new access onto Grove Road would be hazardous and the proposals would be detrimental to the character of the area and contrary to Policy H5 of the Local Plan.

HAR/14745 Erection of new dwelling and garage, formation of new access onto Gaveston Road, and closure of existing access on land at rear of Cherry trees, High St. The Council made no comments to the Vale WHDC on this application.

CHI/HAR/14221/26 Link road between Fermi Avenue and Bequerel Avenue, upgrading of Fermi Avenue with cycle paths.

Harwell Feast

Firstly we would like to inform you of a change in officers. Sue Cooke is standing down as chairman after many years of hard work for the Feast. The committee would like to thank her sincerely for all the effort and energy she has brought to Feast Day over the past 9 years, and to wish her well for the future. The acting chairman is now Lynn Wilkinson and the acting secretary is Colin Lamont. The remaining committee members are Janice Markey (treasurer), Betty Pike, Peter Cissell, Ernie Skeats, Pat Cooke, Trevor Packer and Jake Castle.

Secondly we would like to say

Harwell Feast 1997 is ON!

Bank Holiday Monday 26th May

All the usual attractions will be on offer - Parade of Floats, vintage cars and tractors, May Queen, Fun Run, Children's Fancy Dress, Car-boot sale, Children's Races, Uncle Brian, West's Fairground, Bouncy Castle, Craft Tent, Animal Tent, Silverdown Gymkhana, Pig Roast, Barbecue, etc.

Among the new attractions for 1997 will be a Harwell Past & Present exhibition in the Village Hall, Children's Country Dancing, Tug of War, Morris Dancers, and an Aunt Sally competition.

Harwell Feast is back! All funds raised will be distributed amongst village organisations after the Feast. Lots of manpower will be needed to run a successful Feast Day, so if you could spare some part of the day to help serve teas, run a stall, sell programmes, etc then contact any member of the Committee for further details, and help us to raise money for the village in the biggest event of the year!



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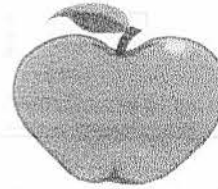
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Little Pippins Pre-School starts the new year with two new members of staff, giving us a total of four, including one Primary school teacher and two with 'early years' training. This increase means we now have an improved ratio of one adult to eight children, enabling us to enlarge the range of activities and increase the level of individual attention that each child receives.

From April 1st, Little Pippins Pre-School is registered to accept vouchers, so if you are interested in one of the limited number of places, please contact Yvonne Hinchliffe on 835397.

As we started off the New Year with a European theme, it seemed appropriate to have as our first fund raising event of 1997 a European lunch. This will be held at 12 noon on Friday 14th February in the Pre-School building off Gaveston Road, and will include the following:

Menu

A choice of:

Meat or Vegetable Lasagne

Pizza

Bread and Cheese

All served with garlic bread and a drink

Apple Strudel

Price: Adults £2.50 Children £1

There will also be a raffle, *find the clown* and a chocolates stall. The children really enjoy these lunches, so we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Recreation Ground Extension

As mentioned on page 1, the Parish Council is keen to get as many views as possible as to what uses the Recreation Ground extension might be put. To this end, as well as involving the Harwell Primary School, it invites suggestions from any parishioners. Those under 18 and not at the Primary School are offered modest prizes for the best proposals. Although the Parish Council does not undertake to implement the winner's, it will take into account the suggestions made. A4-sized copies of the plan shown below are available. The closing date will be in a few months,

to be announced in the next newsletter. Contact

Mrs Anne Fisher at
21 The Park
for further details.



Harwell School News

The last issue of Harwell News included a letter from a number of our older pupils about the wild area in one corner of the school's playing field and the problems we face keeping stray dogs out of the area. Since then the school has received a generous donation of £250 from AEA to help us fence off the area. We are very grateful to AEA for its support and encouragement.

The environment is very much a theme for the school's work this term. On Education Sunday, February 2nd children from the school sang and danced at the morning service at St Matthew's Church and an exhibition of art and writing on the environment was on display.

In March the school takes part in the Didcot Schools Arts Festival, which culminates in the presentation of the children's cantata *Along Came Man*, by Oxfordshire composer Linda Marsh, at the Primary Schools Music Festival on March 19th and 20th in the Civic Hall. Harwell School is mounting an exhibition in the Civic Hall to coincide with the festival. Its title is *Preserving the Planet*. During March children from the school will also be visiting other schools in the Didcot area to present them with an anthology of art and writing on the environment and to read from their work.

Meanwhile, on a related theme, our youngest children have just won a Special Commendation award for work which they submitted to the Duke of Marlborough's Heritage Education Prize Competition. Their work consisted of models of two rooms at Blenheim Palace, the Red room and the Green room, which the class visited last summer. We are very proud of them for their achievement.

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Christmas Scout Post 1996

On behalf of Harwell Scout Group, I would like to thank everyone in the village who was involved, in any way, with the Christmas Scout Post, i.e. the British Legion Club and the shops where the collection boxes were situated, those who helped to deliver the cards and, of course, all those of you who used the scheme to post your local cards.

We delivered nearly 1,600 cards in and around Harwell, a very slight increase on last year's total. Another 666 were taken down to Didcot for delivery. The league table for the collection boxes is as follows:

Fanfare Stores	564
8 Orchard Way	507
White Horse Printers	390
From Didcot	284
Bob's Family Butchers	187
British Legion Club	145
Crown Nursing Home	90
Rowstock Corner Garage	76

All the money collected from the 1996 scheme will go towards the funds for a new van, as we have been without one now for about 9 months. We look forward to your continued and ever increasing support for Christmas 1997 - if every household in the village posted just 6 cards into the scheme, we could easily deliver about 5000 cards!

Jane A. Cumming (SL)

Christmas Concerts

The Village Hall in Harwell rang with the sound of children singing on Friday 13th December as about 60 adults and 80 pre-school children crammed into two concerts for Father Christmas held by the Busy Bees Music Group.

A collection for *Aid to Eastern Europe* raised a magnificent £166.61 for the Valley Orphanage in Baia Mare, Romania. I would like to thank everyone who made the morning so successful. It made a wonderful end to the term.

Rachel Shearer 521039

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Harwell Village Hall

The Management Committee met in the evening of Wednesday 22 January 1997. Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting it was reported that the Day Centre representatives had located a suitable replacement for the kitchen cooker - a gas fueled commercial cooker in stainless steel. The cost is only a little more than the previously mooted figure and the Day Centre authorities will make up the difference.

Problems with the heating during the recent cold weather were reported. It was suggested that the old electric heaters be made available for use on such occasions. The Chairman said that he had asked an electrician to inspect the heaters and advise on any servicing required. He also said that he suspected a lot of heat was leaking into the roof; the old ventilation system was blocked off at the top but was open into the hall; there was about 300 square feet of sheet metal surface to the ventilation system! In addition there were a number of holes in the ceiling. On the afternoon he checked, after the heating had been on all day (admittedly mild), the roof space seemed as warm as the Hall! It was agreed to seal off the ventilation system from the Hall and the holes in the ceiling. The cost of insulation would also be investigated.

Discussions have been held with ORCC about the funding of the proposed new toilet block, as a result of which formal submissions have been prepared to the Rural Development Commission and to the Vale of White Horse District Council. If these bids are successful it is hoped the work will start in mid-July and last about a month.

The Committee heard with regret that Mrs Gwyneth Lee, for so long one of our major fundraisers, felt it was time to let new ideas have the opportunity to seek support for the halls. She will continue to be available as an assistant. The Committee is very conscious of the debt owed to Mrs Lee and is

reassured by her willingness to continue her support.

However, regarding new activities, it was reported that the Vale was encouraging Village Halls to put on performances by several companies by providing assistance. Of the three possibilities, the two for children still had dates available. It was agreed to put on one of these if possible - see elsewhere for details.

Arrangements have made for the regular upkeep of the surroundings of the halls. The Gardeners Club will restock where necessary the planned hedges around the play area.

The next meeting will be held in the Freeman Hall on Tuesday 18 March 1997 at 7.30 pm. All who live in the village are very welcome to attend.

Secretaries Mr & Mrs D. Neill 834720

Stolen: Garden Windmill

Has anyone seen a nice 3ft. plastic garden windmill, nearly new, white, yellow, black and brown? It was recently stolen from my garden. If you think you may have seen it, would you kindly ring me on 834787, or the Police on 512929 as it has sentimental value. Thank you,

Mrs Dewar, 33 The Park.

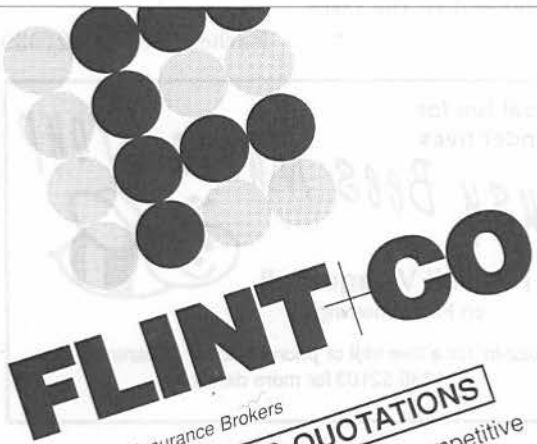
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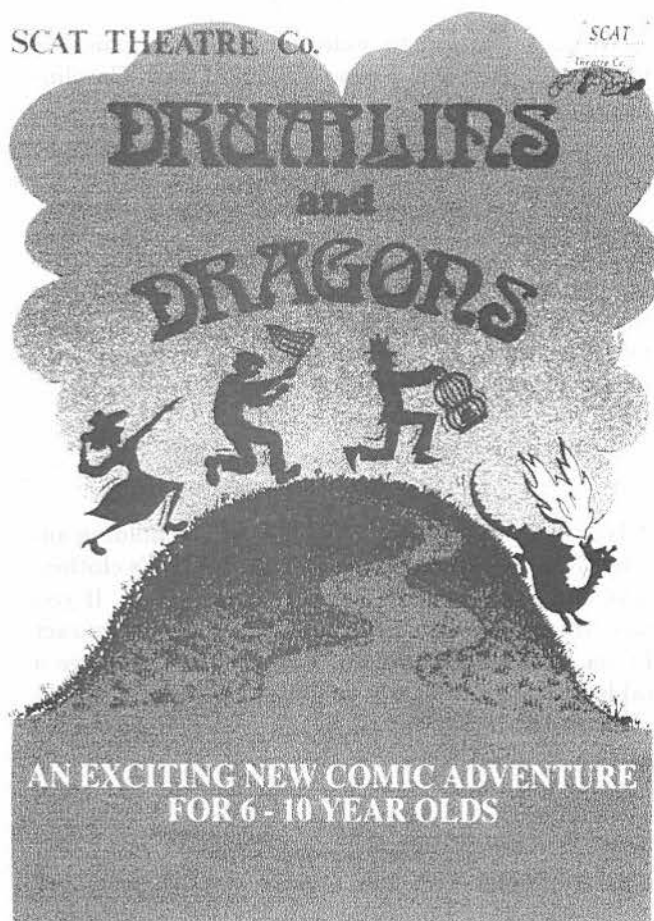
Seniors 15 - 21 years 8 - 10 pm

Subscriptions 30p per week

All young people in Harwell are welcome to come to Youth Club. Activities planned - seniors - week-end to Pontins, juniors - weekend to the New Forest, 10-pin bowling, multi-activity day, theatre trip, plus we will be taking part in a local inter - youth club tournament sponsored by Milton Park.

Youth Club is always active; we like to give our young people as many opportunities as possible.

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9 February In Quest of Spring. Where has spring been hiding? We will be down on our knees and looking up trees, dipping in ponds and scavenging in our hunt for the first signs of spring.

10 February Wild, Cute and Cuddly. A chance to get close to, and hold, some of our furrier park friends. Also a day to see and learn about our wild visitors too.

26 March Dipping the Ponds and Searching the Meadows. Become a bug detective, and find the early creatures of spring.

27 March Survival in the wild. What was life like 10,000 years ago? A chance to hunt for food and use flint and steel to make fire. Could you survive?

6 April A Walk on the Wild Side - along the River Thames.

Wild Days are supervised educational and fun activities for children. Much is outside and active so make sure that children come with suitable warm and waterproof clothing that doesn't matter if the knees get dirty. Please ensure that, children come with a packed lunch. **Wild Days** run from 10.30am to 4.00pm. The cost is £9.50 for one child, £17 for two and £21 for three children. Adults may enter the park free.

For more Information contact Jeremy Cossey, Education Officer on 0956 170241 or 01734 841500.

KEPMINDERS

- 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?
- feeling guilty about asking neighbours and relatives yet again?

YES ?

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Sutton Courtenay Camera Club

We wonder how many people living in and around Sutton Courtenay realise that there is a Camera Club in the village which has been running for over 36 years?

We are a small Club whose members' hobby is an interest in photography, with ages over many decades. We are all amateurs, **not** professional, but learn a lot from our various speakers and judges who come to our meetings. Of course, members cameras do vary from a simple snapshot type to the more expensive, - depending on their means. We have members not only from Sutton Courtenay, but from surrounding towns and villages, and everyone interested is made most welcome, whether you take pictures or not.

We mainly use slides, but have a Print competition each year and compete for cups and trophies which are presented at our Annual Dinner. We also have contests with other Clubs in the area. We have an Annual Show in the Village Hall when we give an evening of tape and slide shows which have been entered in the yearly competition, including a selection of members slides. We have several Open Evenings in the year and other than speakers with illustrated talks, we have various competition subjects ranging (next year) from 'Chocolate Box Picture' to 'Children at Play' etc. and many 'Open' ones. The more experienced members (and our Judges) are always willing to give help and advice if required.

We meet in the Club Room of the Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month at 8.00 to 10.00 p.m. Our subscription is only £4 per year.

Topics for forthcoming meetings include:

February 24th Ron Brass from Oxford presents a Colour Print Talk entitled *Photographic Art*

March 10th 2 slides 'Far from the Madding Crowd', 3 Open.

March 24th Slide battle with Abingdon Camera Club.

We should be only too pleased to welcome anyone interested as a visitor, and if you require any further information, please contact Joan Clifford on 847481 or June Luther on 848608. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

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Harwell Fun Club

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Fun Club meets every Tuesday morning during term time (including half-term) from 9.45 - 11.45 in the Village Hall. We have lots of toys for the children to play with and also provide an activity table each week and a drink and biscuit. You can enjoy all of this for just 80 pence per family.

We look forward to welcoming you one Tuesday morning - Rossana Keene (835434) and Caroline Thetford (221139).

Activity Morning

18th February 10.00-11.30

Following the success of our half-term activity morning last term we have decided to hold another one this term. The morning will run alongside our normal session but will include a range of activities. All under 7's are invited to attend with a parent/carer.

Nearly New Sale

17th May 2.30-4.00

Advance notice that the Fun Club will be holding another Nearly New Sale of baby and children's clothes, toys and equipment in Harwell Village Hall. If you have things you would like to sell then please contact Fiona Tankard on 861593. You could either have a table for £7 or we will sell for you, taking 33.3% commission. More details in the next newsletter.

Wanted

Editor for Harwell News

This prestigious post may soon be available. Do you have some spare time and wish to help the Community? You will be able to choose your hours (unpaid). Membership of the Parish Council not a necessity. You will have freedom to bring to the Parishioners of Harwell news of the local clubs etc., and reports of Parish Council meetings unless the item might be embarrassing in some way and there were hopes that the Council might reverse the decision at the next meeting.

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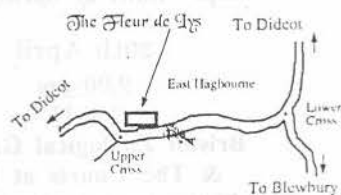
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Antique Buyers

They are reported to be back in the area. Leaflets through the door seem to suggest that dealers buying and selling antiques are bona fide. However you may do better by seeking advice from at least two dealers listed in the Yellow pages.

Gas Meter Readers

British Gas has announced that gas meters will be read by a firm called AccuRead in future. The new meter readers will wear uniforms bearing the name Accuread and will all carry Identity Cards.

Energy Survey

The Vale of White Horse District Council has asked the firm Datahouse Information Services to undertake an energy survey within the VoWHDC area. The survey will NOT entail going onto private property, although you may see someone taking photographs.

Ringmaster

We are still waiting for Ringmaster to come to HARWELL. However if you have any messages that you think may be useful for transmitting on Ringmaster, please phone the Ringmaster Co-ordinator Mr Richard Hover (tel 01235 776627

If you do see anything **SUSPICIOUS** Please DO REPORT IT immediately to the Wantage Control Room (Phone 01235 776000). Urgent messages will soon be sent by Ringmaster to Co-ordinators.

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On 21st December the Council met at the Board School to consider (a) the Clerk's resignation and (b) general matters. The Clerk's resignation was accepted and he was asked if he would apply for re-appointment under altered conditions. This he agreed to do. The reason was unstated, but presumably he was reluctant to sign the Bond to cover any loss he might incur, as after an adjournment, the meeting reconvened with the agenda: to consider Mr Fuller's application for appointment as Clerk to the P.C. and assistant Overseer @ £24 per Annum. Mr Fuller agreed that the Council could deduct from his School salary any amounts resulting from defalcations that

might arise in connection with these Offices for which he might be solely responsible. This was to be the Bond instead of entering into a contract with a Guarantee Society. However a note in the margin says this was not allowable according to Mr Ormond, and Mr Fuller must sign a Bond for £300.

The deed of Conveyance for the Burial Ground was then signed - the amount paid for the land was £45.

The matter of drainage was discussed; Councillors agreed that considerable hardship would be inflicted upon the Parish if the Thames Conservators persisted in pressing the matter, whatever it was. But by the meeting on 16th January, the Council had come to terms with carrying out the drainage work. The Clerk was instructed to write to the R.D.C. saying they would do all in their power to put the drainage in a satisfactory condition and prevent pollution of the stream running through the Parish. Circulars were to be sent to property owners instructing them to disconnect their property's drainage from the stream & that if not taken in hand at once by them, then the Council would do the work and charge them for it.



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7th April

"Fruit Growing"

Laurie Chumbley

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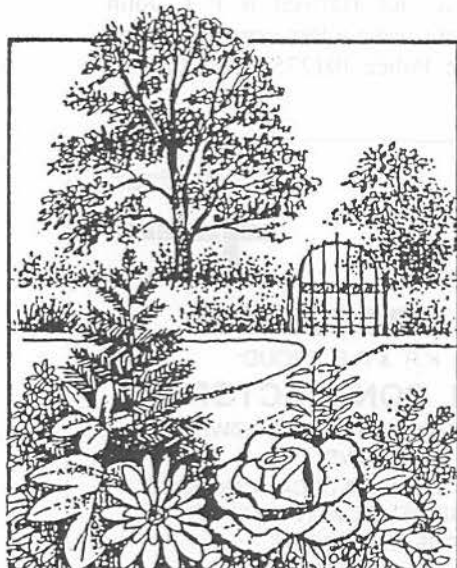
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OLD NEWSPAPERS CAN BE LAID ON THE SOIL AROUND PLANTS & THEN COVERED WITH SOIL TO HOLD THEM DOWN & HIDE THEM. - LEAVE GAPS FOR AIR & WATER TO PENETRATE. OTHER MATERIALS MAY BE USED AS AVAILABLE - FARMYARD MANURE, STRAW, MUSHROOM COMPOST, THE CONTENTS OF OLD GROWBAGS, PERFORATED BLACK POLYTHENE, GARDEN COMPOST ETC.

MULCHES SHOULD ONLY BE APPLIED OVER MOIST SOIL AND IF WE DON'T GET THE RAIN, SOAK THE GROUND THOROUGHLY BEFORE APPLYING THE MULCH.

MULCHES MAY DEplete THE SOIL OF NITROGEN AS THEY BREAK DOWN SO AN APPLICATION OF SULPHATE OF AMMONIA OR DRIED BLOOD OVER THEM CAN BE BENEFICIAL.

ANOTHER WAY WOULD BE TO USE A SMALL PUMP TO EMPTY THE BATH OR OTHER DOMESTIC WATER ONTO THE GARDEN OR INTO THE WATER BUTT. COLLECT ANY RAINWATER THAT YOU CAN. PUMPS FOR USE WITH AN ELECTRIC DRILL ARE AVAILABLE BY MAIL ORDER OR A PUMP FROM AN OLD WASHING MACHINE WOULD DO VERY WELL AS WOULD AN OLD STIRRUP PUMP.

OR IT IS POSSIBLE IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES TO SYPHON OUT THE WATER.

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ONCE YOUR CHRISTMAS BULBS HAVE FINISHED FLOWERING PLANT THEM OUT IN THE GARDEN & GIVE

RADLEY

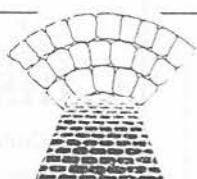
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TAR OIL WINTER WASH FRUIT TREES NOW! PRUNE RASPBERRIES COVER OUTDOOR PEACHES TO PREVENT PEACH LEAF CURL.

SOW BROAD BEANS, ONIONS, SWEET PEAS IN GREENHOUSE NOW FOR PLANTING OUT LATER. WATCH OUT FOR PESTS, WEEDS & DISEASES - THE SOONER YOU DEAL WITH THEM THE LESS TROUBLE LATER.

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- 14 'Little Pippins' European Lunch
21 10.30 am Drumlins & Dragons V. Hall

March

- 6 Gardeners Club - talk *Dwarf Shrubs*
15 'Day with the Stars' Didcot Civic Hall
26, 27 Beale Park Children's *Real Wild* days

April

- 3 Gardeners Club - talk *Fruit Growing*
12 Jumble Sale Freeman Hall 2pm
30 Gardeners Visit Bristol Zoological Gardens

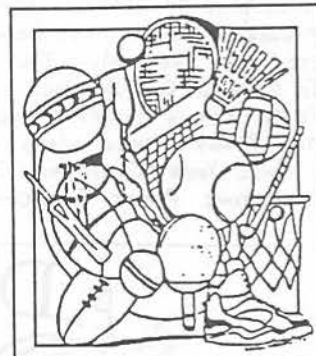
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