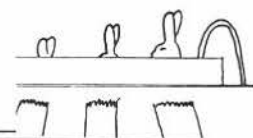


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Parish Council

At the June meeting, after a long list of planning matters, the Council got onto reports from District and County Councillors. Mr Colin Lamont reported that the OCC will, in theory, provide 50% grants for rural bus shelters. The Clerk was asked to take this up as the Council was asked some time ago about provision of a shelter on the A4130 southbound near North Drive.

The matter of the Cherry Trees near the Recreation Ground entrance, raised at the Annual Parish Meeting by the owner of the adjoining property, Mrs Langley was discussed. It was agreed to remove all but the main trunk and prune the tree roots.

The Parish Council Noticeboard is moving north along High Street to the wall of Kings Barn, near the bus shelter, courtesy of Mr George Corby, ie across the road from the shops. Residents of North Drive, etc have one at the Curie Avenue shops.

At the July meeting, the local policeman, Pc Parsons attended, and reported that petty thefts had been a problem recently, particularly garden tools and plants. In order to assist in identifying the culprits the Parish Council asks parishioners to report any thefts, even if minor, as this will help to establish any pattern to them and hopefully bring them to an end.

There have been reports again of parked vehicles causing problems in Kings Lane. Residents are asked to park off the road if possible, and anyway should not obstruct either the road to other vehicles or the footway to pedestrians.

Also at the July meeting it was reported that Mrs Alison Dixon had tendered her resignation, due to other commitments. The Council thanks her for her contribution over recent years. Unless there is an official request for an election, the Council will appoint another councillor, and if anyone wishes to be considered they should apply to the Clerk.

The Parish Council accounts were presented by the Clerk to the meeting. She said they were now prepared on an accrual basis, which means this year's cannot be compared easily with the previous year's (next year they will again show the previous year for comparison). Despite the changes, the final balance of £13,073.27 is only £500 below last year's. The Council approved the Statements subject to audit and thanked the Clerk for the additional work involved in changing the accounting method. The income and expenditure summary is given elsewhere.

The Council approved a request for a marble plaque to be placed on the pavilion wall in memory of Mr Fred Luker, submitted by Harwell Football Club, and agreed a donation towards the cost of £25.

On environmental matters, the Council heard from the Clerk that the OCC had no funds for lighting along the path from Grove Road to Gaveston Road. The Council asked Mr Cissell to survey the area and see if one light could be suitably positioned to cover the area most in need of illumination.

The Parish Council has given permission for the Harwell Football Club to use the Recreation Ground for its annual 6-a-side competition on 16th August. It has also given permission for its use on 14th September for a fun-music day in aid of Whiz Kidz, provided it does not interfere with any football matches. Also note the annual Fun Dog Show takes place there on Sunday 7th September. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

The entries for the competition for designs for the Recreation Ground extension had been considered by a sub-committee, who were impressed by the efforts of the two classes at Harwell School who competed. See the separate item for the results.

The Parish Council has made representations regarding the County's Structure Plan for the years to 2011, on the matter of Didcot's expansion. As a result it has received copies of all the other submissions, including one from Mrs Jan Morgan on behalf of the villages to the north and east of Didcot, which says that further expansion of Didcot should be to the West. Because the Plan currently states that some of South Oxfordshire's allocation might be built in the Vale WHDC, a joint Vale WHDC / South Oxfordshire committee has been set up to consider where the housing should be built. On this committee is SODC Councillor Mrs Jan Morgan. The Council agreed to write to the Vale WHDC to express their concern that Mrs Morgan did not appear to represent the interests of SODC as a whole, and therefore that she should not participate in the negotiations.

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Recreation Ground Pavilion at 7.45pm. There is no August meeting, so the next meeting will be on 8th September. 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 27th September.

Produce Show

Saturday 20th September

Don't forget to get your schedule. Remember, this is not just the Gardener's Club, but a Village Show, for all, young and old. Schedules can be obtained from White Horse Printing, Bob's the Butchers, or from me at Blenheim House, Blenheim Hill,

Adele Harris

Planning Matters

Notices of Permission:

HAR/6429/1 Change of use from shop to residential, demolition of shop front at Wilcote, High St. for Mr G. Barwell.

HAR/14888 Demolish existing Bungalow, erection of chalet-style dwelling with integral garage at Parkstone, Reading Rd.

HAR/5196/2 Erection of two storey detached house and double garage on land between former Kicking Donkey public house and Hill Orchard, Burr St. for Berkley Homes (Oxford) Ltd, subject to conditions.

Allowed on Appeal:

HAR/11889/4 Erection of house etc. at Westfield House, Grove Road, for Mr Boniface. The Council wrote to express disappointment at the decision of the Appeal Inspector to allow this application. The Planning Inspectorate has replied reiterating that both the Highways Authority and the Inspector foresee no danger from highway safety with regard to a new access onto Grove Road.

New Applications:

HAR/14976 Two-storey extension at The Potters. The Parish Council commented to the Vale WHDC that it had no objection in principal but the proposal did not appear to be in keeping with the present property, particularly regarding the roof line and cladding.

Dog Fouling of Open Land

The Vale WHDC has new powers, under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, under which it is now an offence for any person in control of a dog **not** to clean up any faeces deposited by it in public places. There is a £25 fixed penalty fee as an alternative to prosecution, for which the fine on conviction can be up to £1000.

The areas covered all open land in the Vale where the public has access without payment, except certain areas of common land, agricultural land, woodland, and roads where the speed limit is more than 40mph. So please, would all dog-owners, or anyone else taking them out, note the locations of dog-bins around the village, and go out prepared to clear up. The Parish Council has purchased a supply of pooper bags, which are available from White Horse Printing.

The Parish Council is asking the Vale's Dog Warden to pay particular attention when in the area to places which are reported to be especially bad, such as the path from High Street to Westfield by the Village Hall.

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Activities for Young People

For ages 8 to 14 the Vale's Good Sports team is coming round during the week starting Monday 18th August. Sessions are from 10am to 12 noon and among the sports you can try are football, volleyball, rounders, tennis, golf, uni-hoc and kwik-cricket. Tickets cost £2.50 for 1 session, £4 for 2. To book phone Steve or Ali on 531197. The nearest locations are:

Monday 18th	Harwell Rec.
Tuesday 19th	Blewbury Rec.
Wednesday 20th	Steventon Rec.
Thursday 21st	Milton School

There are also Flying Circus Workshops, where you can learn to juggle, unicycle, toss a diabolo or throw a devil stick. Again for 8 - 14 year-olds, places cost £1 and to book phone Katie on 531039. The two nearest sessions are on Tuesday 12th August, 2 4pm at Blewbury Rec. and on Wednesday 13th August, 10am - 12noon at Steventon Rec.

Didcot Saturday Fun

The next few Saturdays see Summer Fun events on the Broadway in Didcot.

On Saturday 9th there is **"PANG" unplugged** outside Broadways at 1pm, and a free vintage bus between the Steam Centre and the Antiques Centre from 11am to 3pm. This and the next three Saturdays are Steam days.

On Saturday 16th **Clown about** with Jonno in the Market Place and Broadway.

On Saturday 23rd **Tea Cup ride** and free candy floss outside Broadways 9.30am to 2pm. There is **Balloon Modelling** with the Magic Man at Clothes for Children at 10.30am and at the Market Place at 12 noon. For further information contact Vic Clinch on 812637.

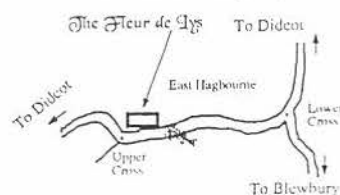
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Harwell Village Hall

A meeting of the Management Committee was held on 24 July 1997. The Chairman reported on his attendance at a seminar on village hall fundraising, organised by ORCC at which useful ideas were discussed. The Treasurer drew attention to the fact that the progress on the building of the new toilet block meant that he had begun to disburse payments, underlining the need for active work on raising funds. Building was proceeding apace, and apart from some problems with electricity supplies had caused little disruption.

The Secretaries referred to the necessity to fund repairs to the Freeman Hall roof, and voiced the gratitude of the Committee for the generous gift from the Feast Committee of 1,000. An application to the Vale of the White Horse District Council has met with the allocation of a grant to finance an independent professional survey and report on the state of the Freeman Hall. This will permit an informed decision on the best course of action.

We have been required to resubmit the application for the Public Entertainment Licence.

Secretaries Mr & Mrs D. Neill 834720



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HARWELL FUN DOG SHOW



This year's Dog Show will be held on Sunday 7th September, starting at 2pm. Entries will be taken on the field from 1pm. Classes will include Fancy Dress, Best 6 Legs, longest tail, nicest eyes, and owner most like their dog. In other words, there is a chance for every sort of dog to win!

Rosettes will be given to 6th place in each class and there will be a special one for the Best Harwell Dog. Entries £1 per class; there will also be an agility course at 50 pence per round. There will also be a raffle, bring and buy stall, and light refreshments.

Please bring umbrellas and chairs - and help support the Kenyan Hospice movement.

Caroline Woodall (835362)

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Music in St. Matthews.

The next two concerts in the series being given by professional musicians drawn from leading British orchestras will take place in St. Matthews church in September. Tickets will be available from White Horse Printing or at the door and cost £7.50 (£5 concessions). For further information contact Tim Payne (832902).

Friday 5th September at 7.30pm

The Amphion Ensemble

Programme to include:

Mozart - Serenade in C minor K388

Dvorak - Serenade in D minor Op. 44

Friday 26th September at 7.30pm

The Southern Sinfonia

Mozart - Clarinet Quintet in A K581

Brahms - Serenade in D Op. 11 (original version)

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Winterbrook Youth Club

The Youth Club would like to thank the Feast Committee for their generous donation of £250. The money was used to subsidise an activity weekend at the Youth Clubs UK site, Avon Tyrrell, in the New Forest. This enabled us to make the cost affordable to all who wanted to go.

Our young people enjoyed canoeing (in the rain), swimming (in the rain), horse-riding, campfires on the beach, trips into Bournemouth, and getting to know other young people on the campsite. Sleep was virtually dispensed with, loud music was a necessity, and did you know that chocolate spread can be eaten for breakfast, dinner, tea & supper, and makes a pretty yummy snack in between as well?!

Janice Markey

Youth Club is now closed for the rest of the summer hols due to leaders holidays (San Francisco - here I come!). The Club reopens on Monday 8th September -

Juniors	• 8 - 14 years	6 - 8 pm
Seniors	15 - 21 years	8 - 10 pm

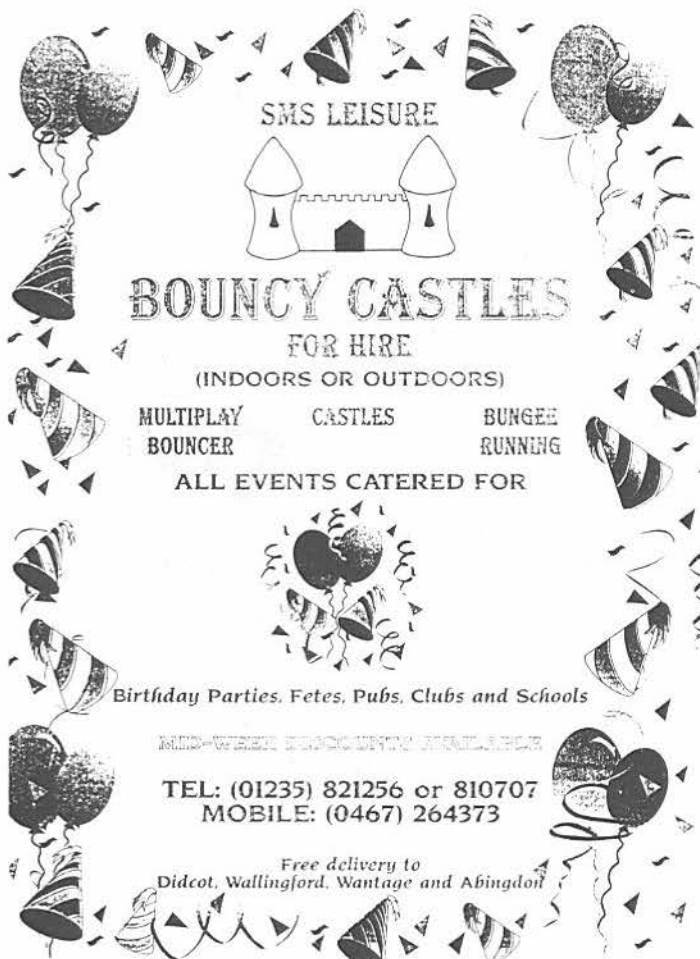
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Late Summer Fête

Saturday 27th September

2pm Freeman Hall

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Harwell Rainbows

Harwell Rainbows have just completed a very successful and fun-filled year. The Rainbow Guide section of the Guide Association (for girls aged 5 - 7) celebrated its 10th anniversary this year and Harwell Rainbows have joined in the celebrations. On May 7th all the Rainbows wore their uniform to school, later in the month we were part of a giant birthday party in Didcot, and in June we travelled to Bristol by train to visit the Exploratory. In addition, all the girls have been working on a special 10th anniversary challenge book and we would like to congratulate the 5 girls who have completed all 10 challenges: Georgina Doman, Hannah Eveleigh, Rebecca Linnard, Martha Thompson and Charlotte Woods.

Many of our Rainbow Guides would like to move on to Brownies and we are planing to open a Brownie Unit soon. We need one or two more people to add to our leadership team. If you can spare 2 hours a week, are between 18 and 65 and enjoy games, outings, making things and the out of doors we would like to hear from you. No previous experience is necessary.

Finally, we would like to thank all the parents, helpers and people from Harwell who have helped us in any way over the past year.

Lynn Nickerson (835254)

Shona Sugden (831723) (Rainbow Guiders)

Little Wittenham - 7th, 8th August Science of the Senses

Looking at what your nose can tell you, these sessions have activities aimed at 7 to 12 year-olds. There are two sessions each day, lasting 2½ hours, at 10am and 1.30pm. The cost is £2.50 each or £9 for four; children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information phone 01865 247007.

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Harwell Feast Committee

At a meeting of the Feast Committee held on 1st July proceeds of £2,570.65 were declared for Harwell Feast Day 1997. Applications for funding were read and discussed and the following donations were voted upon and passed:

Village Hall Complex	1,000
Harwell School Association	500
Winterbrook Youth Club	250
Playscheme	150
Little Pippins	100
Harwell Horizons Majorettes	100
	2,100

No applications were rejected. The residue has been put into the Feast accounts for the Millennium Year.

The Harwell Feast Committee AGM will be held on Wednesday 24th September at 8pm in the Freeman Hall. All are welcome. Indeed we would hope to see some new members coming forward to join the committee. We would like to build up a strong committee over the next 2 to 3 years with a view to putting on a spectacular Feast Day in the year 2,000.

Children's Colouring Competition

1st	Naomi Nickerson (8)
2nd	Corrie Lynn (4)
3rd	Kirsty MacLean (7)

Runners up: Christian Nickerson, Iana MacLean, Rachel Nickerson.

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Entertainment Programme

Remainder of 1997

9th August	Dance/Sing-Along
23rd August	Tony Kay
6th September	Dance/Sing-Along
19th September	Paddy and Taff
27th September	Tony Casper
11th October	Revival
25th October	Vaughan Hill
1st November	Haloween Dance
14th November	Paddy and Taff
(Fund raising for Poppy Appeal)	
29th November	Velvet Solitare
19th December	Christmas Draw

Festive Season Entertainment to be announced later.

Peter Cissell
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Childrens's Craft Workshops
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Didcot Railway Centre - admission free

30 Minute Theatre presents

STRUCTURES

A one-woman play about I.K. Brunel
Sunday 28th Sept. - 3, 4 and 5pm
Northbourne Centre admission £2.

Editorial Notes: **Harwell News** is published at the beginning of alternate months. Other than in reports of Parish Council meetings the opinions expressed are not those of the Parish Council. Details of your club meetings, reports of events are welcomed for inclusion. Also any other contributions will be considered for publication. Send them to the editor, Martin Ricketts 16, The Park, or Margaret Turner (15 Tyrrells Close) or to the Clerk by **27th September** for the October issue.

Advertisement rates are £25 per year for the column width (80mm) by 45mm high, £6 for a single issue, and *pro-rata* for larger sizes. Normally adverts larger than 80mm high will not be accepted.

Competition for the Design of the Recreation Ground Extension

Harwell School pupils produced some excellent entries; some were individual but more were from groups of two or three; with lots of coloured plans and designs. The judges would have had an even more difficult job deciding if there had been any ties for 1st place when the marks were added up and several groups had just one point less than the runners up.

The results were - for the younger age-group, 7 to 9 years, the winners were Abigail McNiven, Scott Barnes, Sam Froud-Davis and the runners-up were Laura Wilde, Jessica Roberts, Karina Hewardine.

For the older age-group, 9 to 10 years, the winners were Judith Hartley, Charlotte Stemp and Heidi Zimmerman and there was tie for second place between Dave Barnes and the group composed of Megan Froud-Davis, Charlotte Orr and Rachel Kowalski.

Some items chosen for inclusion were very popular, such as a swimming pool, fort, zip-line, kid's cafe, tyre swing, and crazy golf. Several wanted picnic areas, a maze, a paddling pool, a roller-blade track, a skate-board ramp, or a track for remote control cars. Some were rather extravagant, for example an ice-rink, a laser quest and a wall of death!

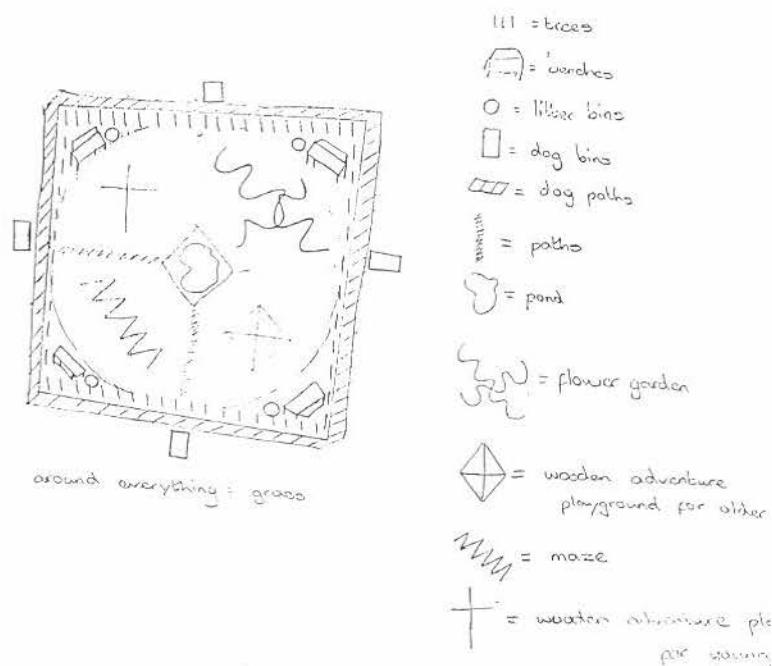
There were playgrounds for the under-7s or 8s, over 7s or 8s, all the equipment for these - swings, merry-go-round, bouncy things, springy things, monkey bars, rope net, teepee, a playpen for the under 5s (with tv to occupy them!), bike bumps, and balance bars.

There were pitches for rugby, netball, basketball, rounders, puma soccer, cricket, plus of course changing rooms, toilets, and a sports shop, pavilion, and even a flower stall. Pets were catered for, with dog walks, a pet zoo, dog obedience circuit, even pet toilets (male and female). Wildlife was taken account of, with a nature trail, nature reserve with deer and badgers, a pond and a fishing lake.

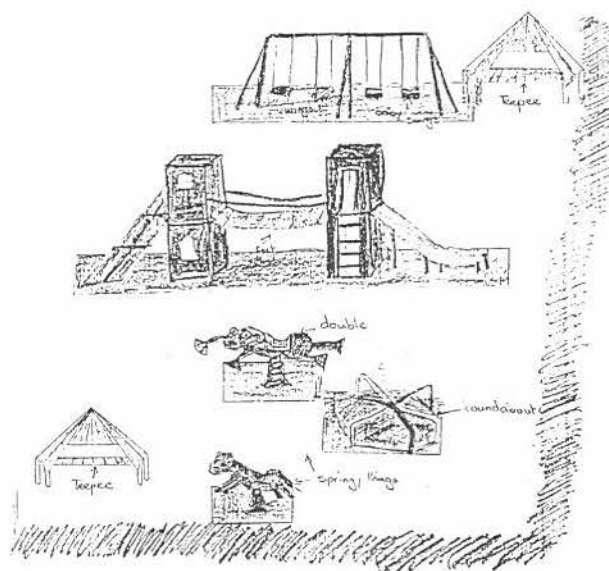
For the not so young there were benches and an elderly rest area, and to cope with all the visitors a car park, usually with reserved disabled spaces, computer-drawn in one case. And not forgetting the boating lake, shooting range, climbing wall, painting room, balloon stall, bouncy castle, go-carts, Mc-you-can-guess-who, without whom it seems our Recreation Ground would be incomplete!

No entry decided to integrate the whole area, for example by bulldozing a gap in the bank, but we had specified the new part. Some good drawings unfortunately did not copy well so can't be shown here. The Parish Council thanks the Harwell Primary School for providing us with a lot of ideas, and hopes to incorporate some in the plans and put them on the ground before too long (ie perhaps by the millennium!).

The older winners had a well integrated design:

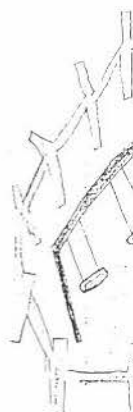
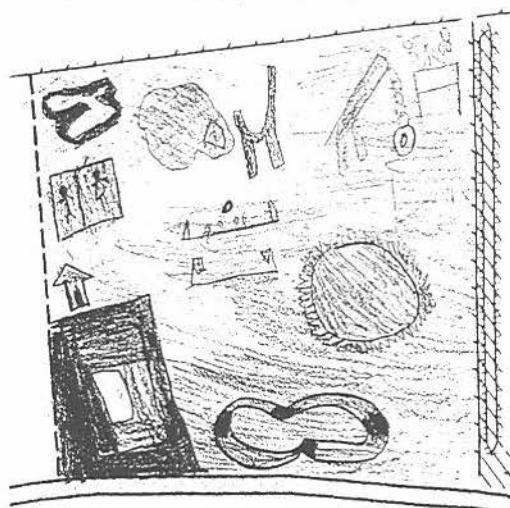


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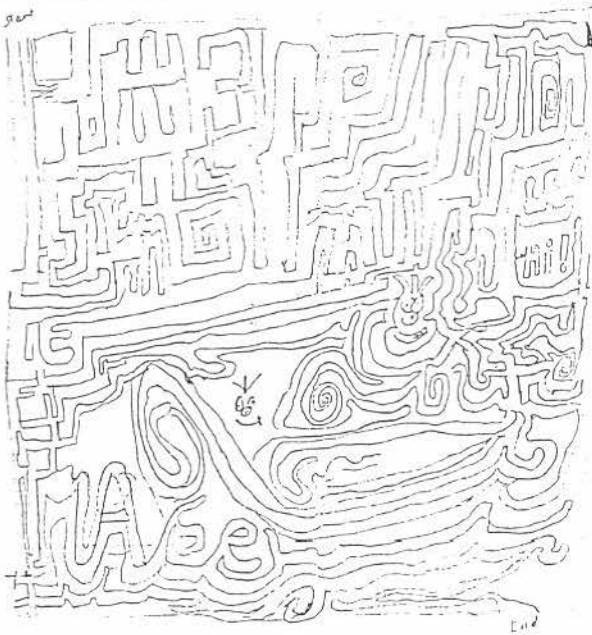


Winning layout for the younger group - Abigail McNiven, Scott Barnes, Sam Froud-Davis

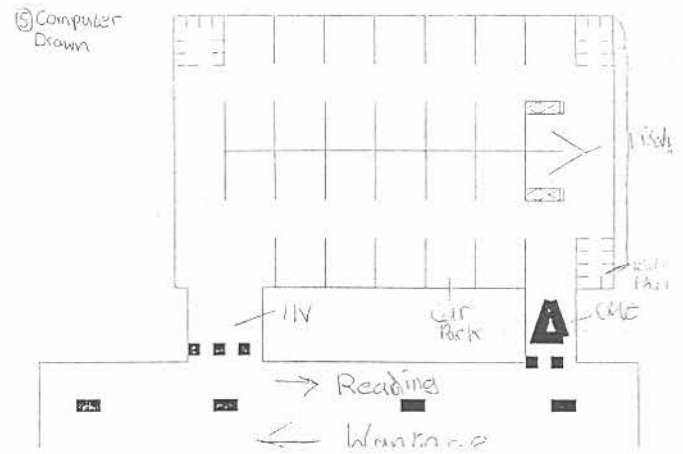
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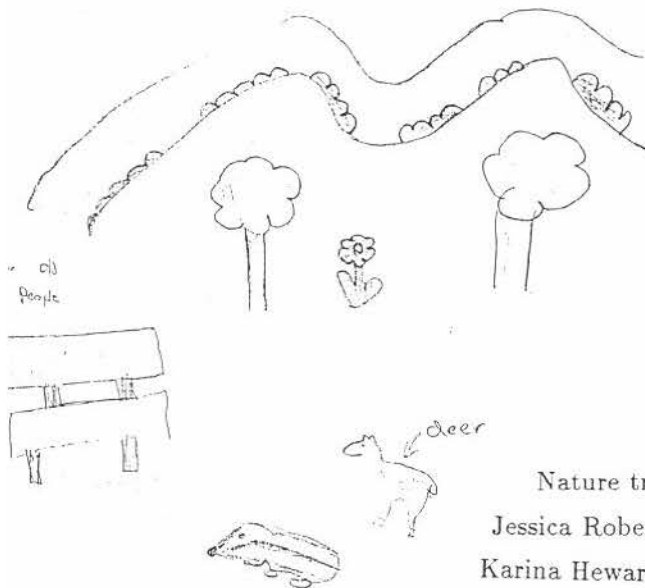
The maze - Alec Easter



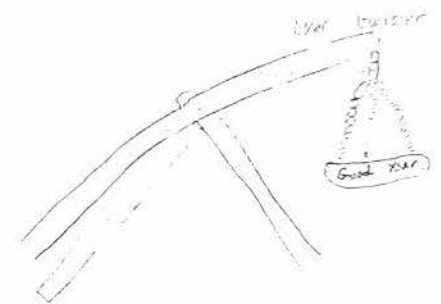
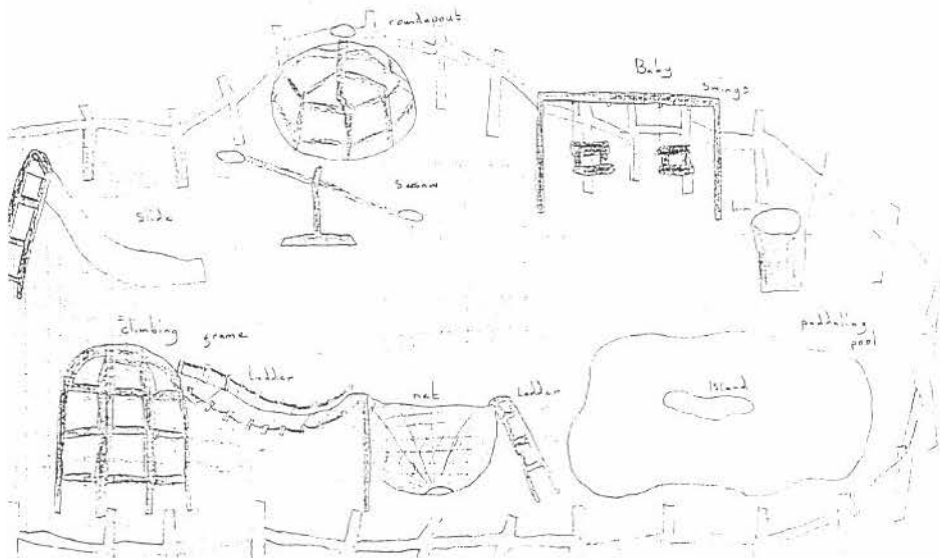
Car and Bike Park - George Laing



Cover by Natalie Brisland and Emma Haines

Nature trail by Laura Wilde,
Jessica Roberts and
Karina Hewardine

The twisler - Matthew Evans

er 8's playground - Megan Froud-Davis,
Orr and Rachel Kowalski

A few quotes:

'We would like the playground to be very colourful, especially the fort'.

The cafe, as well as supplying ice creams 'also gives lots of people jobs' On skate ramps: '7's and under must have parental guidance'

Title: 'The New Wreck', but then the W and k had been rubbed out.

'The kid's cafe is open from 10am to 10pm and has a very long menu'.

'Can you make the Treasure Hunt maze open every day?'

'The tyre swing is very fun but you've got to make sure you don't get sick'

HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1997

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	Income		Expenditure
<u>Precept</u>	25500.00	<u>Recreation Ground</u>	
<u>Bank Interest</u>		Dog waste bin mtnc	327.60
Girobank	576.22	Car park surface repair	230.00
N.S.B. investment	296.73	New goal posts	512.37
		Tennis Club windbreak	249.41
<u>Rents Received</u>		Bowls Club windbreak	245.31
British Legion	2440.00	Sundries	77.45
Bowls Club	135.00	<u>Pavilion</u>	
Tennis Club	124.50	Caretaker & cleaner	682.50
Use of Recreation Ground	535.00	Electricity	778.67
Allotments	114.00	Water rates	98.31
Farm Business Tenancy	500.00	Repairs & redecoration	499.71
Harwell Playgroup	45.00	<u>Maintenance in Parish</u>	
		Grounds etc. 1995/96	2400.24
<u>Cemetery</u>		1996/97	10187.10
Fees received	2225.00	Dog waste bin mtnc	436.80
<u>Grants from V. W. H. D. C.</u>		Provision of litter bins	333.00
Street cleaning	964.10	Allotments	213.16
Grass cutting	1135.00	<u>Adventure Playground</u>	250.38
Litter bins	150.00	<u>Cemetery Maintenance</u>	3755.12
<u>Loan Repayment</u>		<u>Churchyard Maintenance</u>	1258.00
Harwell Playgroup	600.00	<u>Street Lighting</u>	953.97
<u>P.A.Y.E. & N.I.</u>		<u>Tractor purchase</u>	3250.00
Arrears paid by employee	600.00	<u>Bedford van</u>	
<u>Harwell News</u>		garage rent & fuel	422.14
Advertisement revenue	756.00	licence & insurance	292.08
<u>V. A. T. refund - 1995/96</u>	307.91	maintenance	237.81
<u>Contributions towards:-</u>		<u>Tools & spares</u>	155.93
Tennis Windbreak	100.00	<u>Harwell News</u>	
Bowls Windbreak	152.00	Printing etc.	1394.52
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	89.83	<u>Donations & Subs</u>	468.50
		<u>Professional Fees</u>	1035.50
		<u>Insurance Premiums</u>	853.64
		<u>Clerk's Salary</u>	2736.00
		<u>P.A.Y.E. & N.I.</u>	
		1995/96	161.61
		1996/97	870.83
		<u>Telephone & stationery</u>	316.68
		<u>Miscellaneous</u>	174.10
	<u>37346.29</u>		<u>35858.44</u>

Cumulative fund balance

Balance b/f 1st April 1996	13585.42
Add total income	37346.29
Less total expenditure	-35858.44
Less Reserve	-2000.00
Balance c/f 31st March 1997	<u>13073.27</u>

Fit for Life?

Every monday morning a group of adults, many of whom are retired, meet at Milton Community Centre for a weekly work-out called 'Nice and Easy Fitness'. Designed specifically for the group by tutor James Greenwell who is a modern pentathlete, the course consists of a programme of gentl movement and relaxation exercises to promote physical fitness, mental alertness and agility. It's also a lot of fun! The hall is large, light and airy and there is plenty of space for more participants. The next course begins in late September. If you would like to enrol, call Sue or Steve on 01865 340688 at Mount Farm Community Education Centre, Berinsfield for a free brochure about this and all other classes available this autumn.

ROBERT NICHOL

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We recently enjoyed a talk and demonstration on 'Summer Entertaining' by Mrs Barbara Gray, and have been entertained by The Wallingford Ringers, who introduced us to a new type of hand bell - bell plates. We have also had an informative talk by Kendra Kirkam on 'The Bach Flower Remedies' - alternative medicine.

A successful coffee-morning was held by Mrs Una Walker, and another by Mrs Audrey Cumberland. The sum of £203.50 from the latter being sent to Sobell House. Many thanks to everyone for their support, and to the generous donor of £50. Our thanks are due to Adel and Lionel Harris for allowing us to hold our Garden Meeting in their beautiful Garden at Blenheim House.

My apologies for an error in the last newsletter - we meet on the third Wednesday in each month, not the second - at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There will be no meeting in August, and at the next meeting in September we will have a talk by Claire Brown on 'Fun with Massage'. Visitors are always welcome; why not join us?

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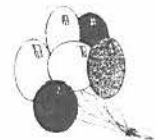
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Does your house only have a name?

If so could the emergency services easily find it?

Please have an accurate description on how to get there available by your telephone at all times.

It could make the difference between saving a life or not!

Some useful tips if you are going on Holiday?

Is there anybody who can make your house look less obvious that it is empty?

Open and close the curtains for you

Turn the lights on and off

Water the garden

Mow the lawn

If not have you got time switches on your lamps?

Cancelled your milk and newspapers

Notified your local Co-ordinator

Did you realise that there were 91 crimes reported from the 924 houses in Harwell and Rowstock to the Police in 1996?

These included several thefts of plants and containers from front gardens which have also been recently reported again this year

Lets try and reduce the number for 1997!!!

Be on your guard

Report anything suspicious please telephone the Police Wantage Control Room (01235 776000)

You can also leave a message for our beat officer Mr John Parsons on this number

If you want more information on the Vale of White Horse Neighbourhood Watch Scheme or if you are prepared to be linked up to Ringmaster please contact Mrs Hilary Green or Mr Richard Hover (telephone 01235 776627)

Open Gardens Day

It was a glorious summer day once again with people coming from as far afield as Benson and Oxford; we had the added bonus of a plant stall by *Broadstone Alpines* of Sutton Courtenay. The total sum raised was £513.50, half of which is going to 'Breathe Easy', a club for people with lung diseases based at the Osler Chest Clinic at the Churchill Hospital.

Thank you everyone who supported, either by opening your garden, making tea, selling tickets, or visiting the gardens.

Adele Harris

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- going away?

- worried about leaving your home unoccupied?

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GARDENING NOTES FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER.

AUGUST IS USUALLY THE TIME WHEN WE CAN SIT OUT IN THE GARDEN AND ENJOY IT, SO WHEN YOU ARE JUST SITTING THERE TAKE A GOOD LOOK ROUND AND MAKE A NOTE OF THINGS WHICH MAY NEED ATTENTION IN THE FUTURE:- THE SHRUB WHICH IS TOO NEAR THE PATH & NEEDS CONSTANT CUTTING BACK - THE PLANT THAT IS IN FULL SUN WHEN IT WOULD BE BETTER IN THE SHADE, THAT LITTLE ALPINE PLANT THAT BECOMES BLOCKED OUT BY ITS NEIGHBOUR.

MAKE A NOTE OF THESE THINGS AS YOU SIT SO THEY CAN BE DEALT WITH AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. GET YOUR DIARY OUT AND MAKE AN ENTRY AT THE TIME THAT THE ACTION IS REQUIRED.

WHILE SITTING THERE JUST LOOK AROUND AT YOUR PLANTS AND SEE IF YOU KNOW WHERE THEY CAME FROM ORIGINALLY. ROSES FROM ITALY, FRANCE, ASIA, CHINA, BURMA, PERSIA, PHOENICIA, ENGLAND ETC. IMPATIENS (BUSY LIZZIES) FROM TROPICAL AFRICA, MADAGASCAR, INDIA, CEYLON, JAVA. PETUNIAS FROM JAVA, CORDYLINE FROM AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND.

MANY HERBS COME FROM MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES AND EVEN MANY OF OUR VEGETABLES ORIGINATED ABROAD - RUNNER BEANS FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN, POTATOES FROM SOUTH AMERICA, RHUBARB FROM SIBERIA, JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE'S FROM NORTH AMERICA, CUCUMBERS FROM ASIA, TOMATOES S. AMERICA, MEXICO.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE PLANTS WE GROW OTHERS COME FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE AND AS YOU WILL SEE MANY OF THEM COME FROM PLACES WHERE THE CLIMATE & CONDITIONS ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. FROM AREAS OF HIGH RAINFALL TO ALMOST TOTAL DROUGHT. FROM TROPICAL HEAT TO ARCTIC COLD, FROM MOUNTAIN TERRAIN TO LUSH PASTURES AND YET WE EXPECT TO GET A MARVELLOUS SHOW OR BUMPER CROP FROM THE PLANTS WE GROW.

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MEANWHILE KEEP THE HOE GOING & KEEP DOWN THE WEEDS, CONTINUE DEADHEADING FLOWERING PLANTS AS THE BLOOMS DIE, HARVEST EDIBLE PLANTS & ORDER ANY NEW PLANTS, SHRUBS ETC. REQUIRED FOR AUTUMN/WINTER PLANTING. - THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OFFERS FOR 'PLUG' PLANTS ETC. IN THE GARDENING PRESS (USE THE LIBRARY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BUY THEM ALL!) AND THEN PREPARE THE GROUND TO RECEIVE THEM. HAVE A NICE REST!

Laurie.

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From the Archives - 50 years ago

In the early summer of 1947 the Parish Council was concerned that an application by Chilton Parish Meeting, for revision of their parish boundary, had been approved by Wantage RDC by 22 votes to 2 without consulting Harwell, which was presumably affected. The Parish Council passed a motion 'That this Council strongly protests against the action of Wantage RDC in judging the virtues of the Chilton application for adjustment of Parish Boundaries without in any way consulting or hearing the views of the Harwell Parish Council' and agreed to inform the County Council. It seems that the application was turned down, as in the minutes for September we read... the result of the Chilton application for alteration of Parish Boundaries was generally known. Mr Smith suggested that the Council should apply for the whole of AERE to be included in Harwell Parish. It was agreed that this was desirable, but that no action should be taken at this stage.

Also in early summer, the proposed site for allotments along the Barrow appeared to be zoned for housing, so another area was being sought. At the meeting on July 7th in the Technical Institute Mr Smith reported that an alternative site on the Didcot

Road had been inspected by his Committee and he recommended that it be purchased from Mr Tyrrel by private treaty if possible, or alternatively by compulsory powers through the ministry. At the same meeting the Clerk reported that the County Council had refused permission to erect a bus shelter in the High St., stating that it was technically an obstruction of the highway. The Clerk was instructed to write again, pressing for the matter to be reconsidered, and pointing out that the Wessex Electricity Co's transformer was also an obstruction and that the bus shelter would not make any difference to free passage on the Highway or footpath.

The Chairman stated at that meeting that agreement had been reached between the County Educational Authorities and the Charity Trustees re the use of the Technical Institute as temporary school accommodation. Mr Smith was able to add that the sub-committee of the Educational Authority had recommended that the provision of other temporary accommodation be proceeded with and that the building of a permanent school be pressed for. No date could be given as to the taking over of the Technical Institute as a classroom.

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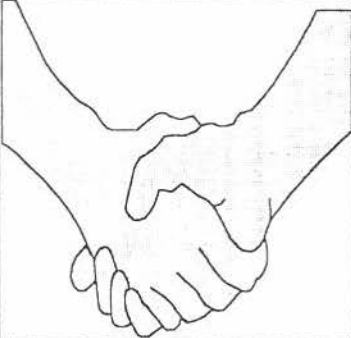
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