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Parish Council

The May meeting of the Parish Council saw the start of the new year, and with it the Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mr Brian Mulford was nominated by Mrs Margaret Turner, and seconded by Mr. Peter Cissell, and this was carried unanimously. Mr Alan Walker was nominated as Vice-Chairman by Mr. Cissell, and this was seconded by Mr. Jim Mulford. The Council thanked Mr David Levey, who stood down as Chairman, for his work on the Council's behalf.

Regarding the options for the further expansion of Didcot during the period 2006 - 2011, the April Meeting heard that there is likely to be an exhibition in early July (possibly 3rd) in the Village Hall, put on by the County Council. This will be part of a consultation exercise following a study of the traffic effects etc. of the options. Parishioners comments will be invited; it is expected 6 weeks will be allowed for comments. There may be a special edition of the newsletter setting out the options and the Parish Council's views. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend and / or make any concerns known to the County Council.

The Council agreed that a meeting with Milton Parish Councillors, and with Mr. Terry Joslin of Didcot Town Council, regarding the plans, would be useful.

Facilities for teenagers were also discussed at the April meeting; Mrs June Blissett had attended a seminar on facilities for teenagers, and a number of other nearby villages have have shelters / seats where teenagers can meet, and some facility in the recreation ground should be considered. It was agreed that the various Youth organisations, e.g. Youth Club, Scouts, Girls Brigade be consulted, and a questionnaire is to be devised and circulated.

The April meeting also discussed the removal of some trees and pruning of others in the Freeman Orchard and agreed the work should be done. After getting a further quotation one was accepted and the work carried out. At the May meeting a letter from a neighbour was read, complaining of the amount of material that was burnt, causing a lot of ash etc. to fall on neighbours property. The Council's response was that certain precautions had been taken, only dead, dangerous or invasive trees were removed, two with nesting birds were left, and replanting will replace the old fruit trees removed.

The Council is now registered for V.A.T., as from 1/4/98. This is now a requirement since the Parish Council is able to reclaim V.A.T. but means that V.A.T. is now payable on newsletter adverts and certain cemetery fees; these fees are now inclusive of V.A.T.

Cemetery fees were revised at the May meeting, using the table of Parochial fees as a guide. Details are available from the Clerk on request.

The Council agreed to a quotation to repair the Tennis Courts fence adjacent to the Bowls Club, that was damaged in strong winds due to the wind-break fixed to it. It was agreed that the Bowls Club should be responsible for taking down the wind-break at the end of the season, and also for half the cost of any further damage caused by its use.

Parishioners are asked to only take bottles to the bottle-bank at the recreation ground - the Council has recieved a complaint about broken window panes being left there, which could obviously be a danger.

A donation to the Harwell School Playscheme has been agreed of £150.

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Recreation Ground Pavilion at 7.45pm. The next meeting will be on 13th July, the June one having preceded this tardy newsletter, on 8th. Items for the agenda should be with the Clerk, Debbie Roberts ten days before the meeting - contact her on 820006 (office, answer-phone) or 832727 (home). The deadline for the next newsletter is about 25th July with distribution about 1st August, but get your item in a week before to be sure.

Annual Parish Meeting

This was held on Thursday 21st May. Brian Mulford opened the meeting and reviewed the main activities of the Parish Council over the last year. He reminded people that there would be Parish Council elections next year, at least if there are sufficient candidates. Anyway, if you want the Parish Council to spend more, spend less, etc., you will have a chance to do something about it next May.

He discussed how the Parish Council has made representations to the County regarding the Structure Plan for the years up to 2011, in particular the location of further Didcot Housing. There has been a study of the options, and it is expected there will be an exhibition in the Village Hall in early July (see PC news above). There was some discussion on this matter.

He also explained that the Parish Council was considering putting a rest garden in the recreation ground, and introduced Mrs Adele Harris who gave details of some of the options that were being considered, such as shrubs to provide shelter, and raised beds. No decisions have yet been made, so if you have any views please forward them to the Clerk.

A brief summary of the Millenium Committee's plans was given by John Fisher; these are summarised elsewhere in the newsletter.

Planning Matters

Notices of Permission:

HAR/9399/4 Improved highway access at Kings Piece, Grove Road.

Notices of Refusal:

HAR/15235 Relocation of fence at 1 Manor Green. Permission was denied because the proposal, by virtue of its siting and materials would have a detrimental effect on the character, appearance and visual amenity of the area.
HAR/15106/1 Two-storey extension etc. 35 Loder Road. The appeal was dismissed as the application would overdevelop the site and have an unacceptable impact on on living conditions of nearby residents.

New Applications:

HAR/4870/13 Erection of a new house and garage on land to the rear of Bloomfield, Reading Road, for Her-ring Homes. The Council objected on the grounds that it constitutes backland development.

HAR/2096/4 Extension at Woodlands, The Cleave.

HAR/15227 Amended plans for extension of Autumn House, Barrow Lane. The Council re-iterated to the Vale WHDC that the extension was still substantial and that neighbours' concerns be considered.

Vale Housing Association

The Vale Housing Association wishes to remind tenants, and also to let others know, that tenancies are subject to, amongst others, conditions requiring tenants or their visitors not to cause a nuisance to neighbours. This includes playing a radio, television, or recording loud enough to cause a nuisance, not keeping pets under control, or generally interfering with the peace and comfort of neighbours.

National Bike Week

If you are reading this in time, you might like to go on the Family Treasure Hunt on Sunday 14th June, 1.30pm to 4.30pm, starting from Didcot Civic Hall. Assemble at 1pm, refreshments and prize-giving 5pm.

Bus Service, AEA Harwell to Didcot

The Bus Service between AEA Harwell and Didcot has been improved and now provides a morning and afternoon Shoppers' service to Didcot From Monday to Saturday excluding Wednesday. That is, there is a daily service provided by Thames Travel (No. 13) including Wednesday leaving at 09.00 and returning to North Drive at 15.54, and there is an additional service except Wednesdays at lunchtime, leaving Didcot station at 12.00 for North Drive and arriving back at the station at 13.00. On Wednesday the bus continues from the station at 09.30 into Oxford, arriving there at 10.05, and returning from Oxford at 14.50 arriving at Didcot Station at 15.25 (service X13).

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Chilton	09.04	12.26
Upton	09.09	12.21
Blewbury	09.13	12.17
Didcot, Broadway	09.27	12.03
Didcot Station	09.30	12.00
	Not Wed.	Daily
Didcot Station	12.00	15.25
Didcot, Broadway	12.03	15.28
Blewbury	12.17	15.42
Upton	12.21	15.46
Chilton	12.26	15.51
Harwell, North Drive	12.29	15.54

Children's Fine Food Festival

Didcot's first Children's Fine Food Festival is to take place on Thursday 23rd July as part of 2 months *Summer Fun on the Broadway*. Local food producers will be exhibiting in the Methodist hall and the Market Square from 10am to 4pm, many offering taste and try demonstrations and competitions.

Food retailers in the town will also be participating to encourage children to eat a healthy and balanced diet. Events will range from making Pizzas to a Healthy Lunchbox competition.



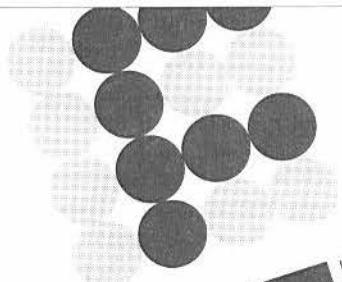
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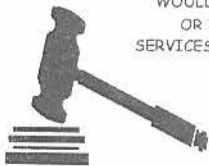
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Harwell Fun Club

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If you have a young baby, come along on the third Tuesday of the month when the Health Visitor will be available to weigh your baby and answer any questions.

Fun Club meets every Tuesday morning during term time from 9.30 - 11.30 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 80p per family.

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Local businesses, who will be the first to benefit when their employees aren't watching the clock, have already started assisting with gifts of money or goods. Significant contributions have been received from UKAEA, Esso Research, Barclays Bank and Safeguard International. Donations of software (with transfer of licence) and board games in good condition are welcome.

The Club, assisted by the Oxfordshire Play Association, is led by an entirely voluntary Management Committee of Harwell school parents and will employ qualified and experienced staff to run the scheme on a day-to-day basis. It joins scores of other similar ventures in the county which offer easily affordable care and play provision.

If you are responsible for sponsorship within your company, or you know the right person for the After School Club organisers to contact, call Chairman Julia Dionian on 833347 (evenings).

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Harwell Millenium Committee

Since the last Newsletter the Committee have met several times and Suggestion Boxes have been collected in from the various places in the village. There were some very good suggestions and some hilarious ones (particularly one or two from the Crispin!) From the substantial list several suggestions were seen as realistic targets. Further costing and enquiries are now taking place and hopefully by the next Newsletter a decision would have been made as to which project will be undertaken.

The Freeman Hall rebuild was considered to be an unrealistic target for the Millennium but hopefully this project could be taken up by the Village as a whole and pursued and supported with the Village Hall Committee. My personal feeling is that this is a very worthwhile enterprise and should have the support of all residents.

Our **Calendar for the Year 2000** is now well under way. It will contain photographs, pictures of Harwell Village and each month will contain events and venues as they happen. We are looking for photographs and pictures of all angles, dates, times of the year etc of the Village. If you have pictures that you wouldn't mind us borrowing to copy (we promise we will take great care of them) could you please get them to Kath Luker or Janice Markey by the 31st August. Should there be a problem or a concern please contact John Fisher on 221050 or ring Janice on 832803 or Kath on 861057.

It is hoped that a **Harwell Memories Book** will be published in the year 2000 containing stories of our life in Harwell Village. These may be amusing anecdotes or hair raising incidents, spooky encounters or just incidents that may well be forgotten in the mists of time and need to be committed to paper. Tom Taylor and Anne Fisher are at present prepared to gather together any accounts that you would like to offer but they would also be pleased if anyone else wished to join their editorial group. To this end we are holding a meeting at Harwell British Legion on Thursday 2nd July at 8pm.

We are currently experimenting with ideas for a **Logo for the Millennium**. So far we have not received a great deal of support from the Village. It may be that the design for our own Millennium in 1985 is a hard act to follow and we might have to look at incorporating the old with the new.

We are still looking for suggestions and any ideas that people may have for the Millennium Celebrations and also any other societies who are organising events during the year 2000 make sure that the Committee knows so that we are able to advertise it on the Calendar.

Harwell Village Hall

The 1998 Annual General meeting was held in the Freeman Hall on Tuesday 5th May. There being no other nominations, the incumbent office-bearers were elected as follows: Chairman: Martin Ricketts; Vice-chairman: David Edwards; Secretaries: Dorothy & Desmond Neill; Treasurer: Colin Lamont; Booking Secretary: Roy Bullock; Auditor: Mr. David Levey. Reports were received on the final aspects of the new toilet block; the Treasurer presented the accounts; it was agreed that, as well as auditing of these, an Annual Report has to be prepared to send with them to the Charity Commissioners.

The state of the Freeman Hall roof was discussed again. It was agreed to present the next meeting with various quotes ranging from the minimum work required, to a renewal of previous quotes, ie for reroofing. (The next meeting was due to take place this week, but because of delays in getting quotes this has been postponed.) It was still anticipated that the entrance area to the Car Park would be resurfaced soon, a quote has been accepted for the work but the problem is fitting in with Hall Users. It was also agreed to set up a sub-committee to look at the options for the Freeman Hall.

The Rabbit Club was thanked for providing the Hall with a new boiling-water urn. Janice Markey reported that the Youth Club was expecting to obtain a basketball net; the Hall Committee had previously agreed to fund the hole necessary to put it in.
Dorothy & Desmond Neill, Secretaries.

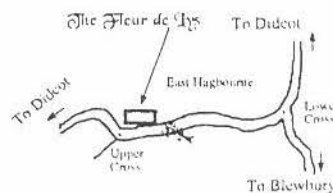
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(continued below)

Harwell Senior Citizens Fund

As some of you already know, our Bingo promoter, Mr Alf Smith, has passed away. We are, therefore, looking for a new promoter. This would only take about an hour of your time per week throughout the year and it would be a great help in raising money for the older residents of this Parish, to give them a nice gift at Christmas-time. We have a small committee which meets two or three times per year; if you would like to join us, you would be very welcome. We are also looking for an Agent, to call on a few people each week in the Orchard Way area of the village. This again would only take up an hour or so of your time per week.

By the way, if you think your name isn't on our list to receive the Christmas gift and you are aged 70 or over and a resident of this parish, please phone Mrs Harmer on 832717 and she will make sure it is.

We would just like to thank all those people who sell our tickets every week; we really do appreciate it. And if you aren't yet participating, and would like tickets (10 pence each and you could win £60!) please let us know, Yvonne Hinchliffe, Secretary



The May Queen, Jemma Shipman, 11, and her attendants Heidi Zimmerman, 11 and Charlotte Stemp, 11. Photo by Janice Markey.

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Harwell Feast 1998

The Harwell Feast Committee would like to express their thanks to the four Organisations, The Fun Club, Little Pippins Pre-School Group, The Busy Bees and The Cubs, who produced such superb floats for this parade.

They would also like to congratulate the Harwell Horizons and the Baggs Tree Buskers for their performances at the head of the procession. The parade would not be the same without the May Queen and her attendants in a pony and trap. Thanks are given to Mr Bob Skinner for organising one for us this year.

Thanks are also given to the owners of the vintage cars and tractors, especially to Mr Mobbs, Mr Read and Mr Langford. They would like to thank Mr Ted Lay and Mr Dennis Lay for again supplying the tractors and trailers for the floats and thanks are also given to the drivers.

Harwell Feast Committee 1998

Lynn Wilkinson (Chair), Janice Markey (Vice-Chair), Colin Lamont (Secretary), Peter Cissell (Treasurer), Patricia Cooke, Jake Castle, Janet Derbyshire, Trevor Packer, Joan Spratt, Jayne Newman.

Competition Results

Floats

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| 1st | Fun Club - Flower Show |
| 2nd | Little Pippins Pre-School - Thomas the Tank Engine |
| 3rd= | Busy Bees - Themselves!
Cub Scouts - Jungle Book |

Children's Fancy Dress

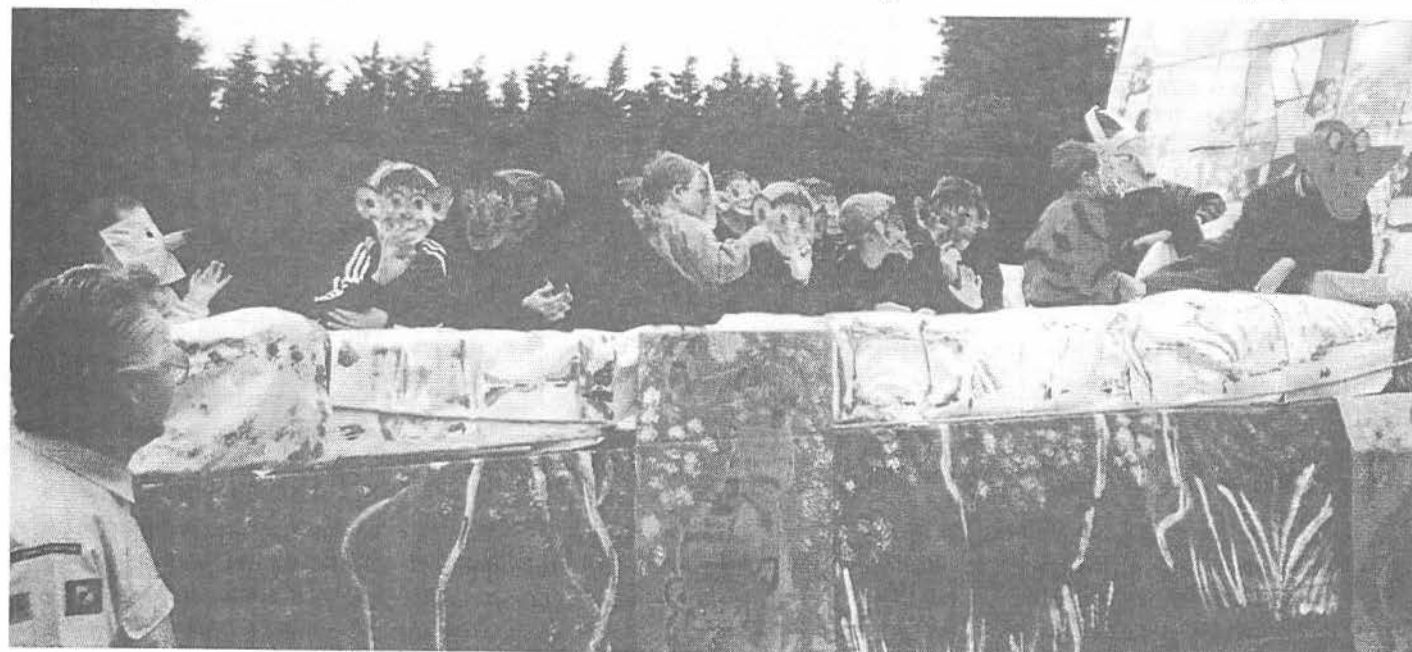
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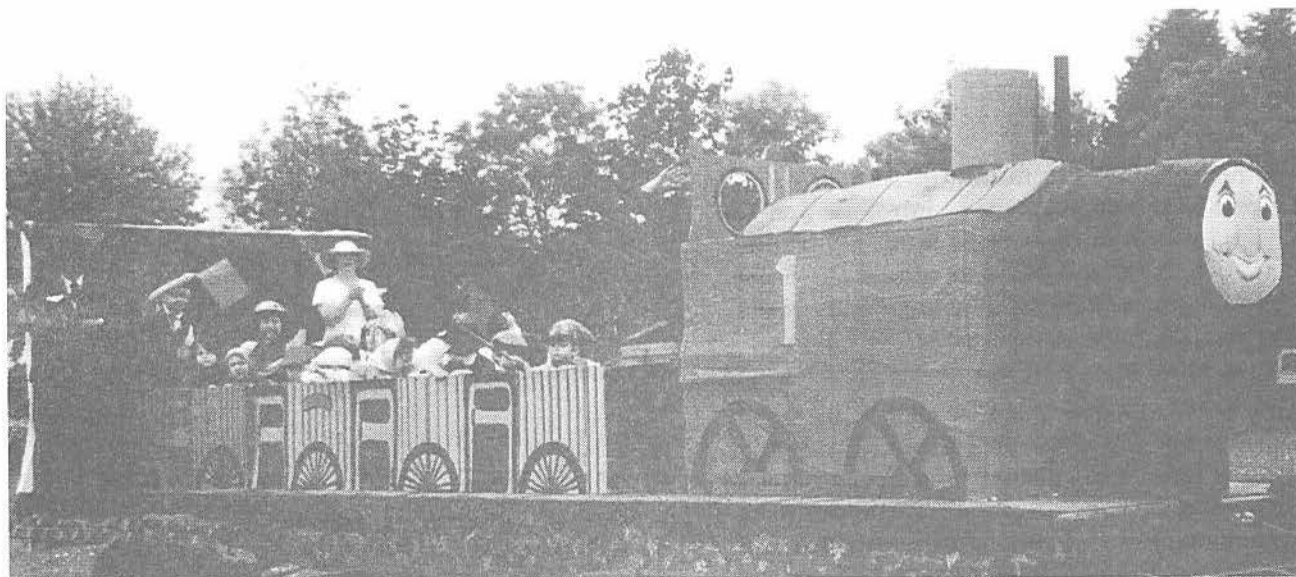
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| 1st | Chester McGregor-Lambert
- <i>A Bumble Bee</i> |
| 2nd | Annabel Hawksworth - <i>A Clown</i> |
| 3rd | Emily Dearlove - <i>A fairy princess</i> |
| 4th | Georgia Hawksworth - <i>Aladdin</i> |
| Special | Summer McGregor-Lambert
- <i>A mermaid</i> |

6 - 11 years:

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| 1st | Adrian McIlroy Speed - <i>T-Rex</i> |
| 2nd | Maria & Margery Pepper
- <i>Bride & Groom</i> |
| 3rd | Amy Burkett - <i>Tooth Fairy</i> |
| 4th | Rebecca Linnard - <i>Snow White</i> |
| Special | Louise Donovan - <i>Baby Spice</i> |

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11 Feast Days 1998

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Bonny Baby Competition

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2nd	Curtis Eggleton-Hart	9 months
3rd	Henry Roberts	3 months
4th	Rosie Lawrence	9 months

Special prizes:

Youngest: Amazon MacGregor-
Lambert - 10 weeks
Most relaxed: Thomas Juniper
4 months

Best Pet in the Show

Emma Gardner - Hamster

The Committee would like to thank the following for their contributions to this year's Harwell Feast:

Kath Luker, Norah Dearlove, Barry & Tina Jones, Sid, Mick Prior, Richard Pateman, Roger Thetford, Michael Armstrong, Steve Froud, The Moores Family, Bill & Pat Connolly, Debbie Warwick, Betty Hooker, Ann Lamont, Kate Beswick, Penny Marsh, Ken & Rae Chapman, Maurice Earl, Alan Alder, Alan Spence, Ruth Wilkinson, Ross Williams, Chris Rundle, Jason Kent, Charlie East, Robert Jackson, Tony Cooke, John Wilkinson, Gareth Derbyshire, Pete Newman, Alison Brisland, Jemma Shipman, Heidi Zimmerman, Charlotte Stemp, Kath Smith and all the girls of Harwell Horizons, The Baggs Tree Buskers, The Harwell Bowls Club, Kath Pearce and the Harwell School Country Dancing Team, Silverdown Riding School, Harwell School Association, Harwell School Governors, Harwell Scouts, Wallingford Dog Agility Club, Newbury Building Society (and we hope we've remembered you all!)

The photographs of the floats are, from the top left clockwise, The Busy Bees, Little Pippins Pre-School, The Fun Club, and the Cub Scouts. Our thanks to Janice Markey for these.

The proceeds from Feast Day are still being accounted out we now extend an invitation to village groups and organisations who would like to be considered for funding from this year's Feast Day to apply in writing to the secretary, Colin Lamont, at 2, The Old School, School Lane. All applications to be in by Monday 13th July for consideration at the Committee meeting on Tuesday 14th July. All applications will be duly considered, including those placed before Feast Day.





1st Harwell (St Matthew)

Scout Group

In this, the first of a regular feature in Harwell News, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce you to Scouting in Harwell. Scouting is open to all young people between the ages of 6 and 20. The aim of the Scout movement is to develop children and young adults to enable them to make the most of themselves - but above all to make Scouting fun!

We currently have an active Beaver Colony, Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop and are hoping to reform the Venture Scout Unit in the not too distant future. The Beavers have recently visited Didcot Fire station, made pancakes, planted seeds and made models. Along with the Cubs they took part in a float at Harwell Feast.

The Cubs have been building weather stations, making pinhole cameras, growing beans, playing 5-a-side football and tracking round the village, while the Scouts have geared their programme towards outdoor scouting and have been 'detonating bombs' (not real, I hasten to add!) around the village and enjoying a district 'incident hike', a mountain bike ride and a weekend camping in the New Forest. And we have got summer camps planned for both Cubs and Scouts.

Meetings are held in the Church Hall. Beavers and Cubs meet on Monday nights, Scouts on a Friday. For more details on Scouting in general, or on a particular section contact:

Brian Zimmerman	Venture Scouts	Ab. 833440
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- Always lock your bicycle when you leave it, even if you are just popping into a shop for a few minutes.
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- Fit a steel D-shaped shackle lock rather than a padlock and chain.
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There is no membership; the group operates merely as an informal gathering of like-minded individuals with mutual objectives and interests (consumption of chocolate biscuits included!). Contributions can be as strenuous and as frequent as desired, with the emphasis on enjoyment and learning rather than hard work. There is always guidance on hand and a tea break pending!

What to wear: Stout boots or Wellingtons and old clothes.

What to bring: Waterproofs and a packed lunch.

What is provided: Work gloves, tools (and advice on how to use them) and tea or coffee and biscuits.

We are active most Sundays throughout the year, commencing at 10 am - but there is no obligation to be there for the entire day. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact David Newnham on 01235 559068.

Harwell Women's Institute

On 13th June we are holding a coffee morning at the home of Audrey & Bob Cumberland - 6, Chilbrook, in aid of Sobell House, from 10am until 12 noon. Please come and join us and support this worthy cause.

On 8th July our speaker is Miss Joyce Hardcastle whose talk is called *Twice over the Wall*.

Our garden meeting is on Wednesday 15th July at the home of Kath & Ted Lay - Bishops Manor, Townsend.

A mystery trip is being arranged for August. We meet on the second Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. Visitors are most welcome, please try and join us, we look forward to seeing you,

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Summer Fun

Didcot Town Council and Didcot Chamber of Commerce will again be organising two months of Summer Fun Events in The Broadway, Didcot every Saturday from 4 July - 29 August. Entertainers are required including Morris Dancers, Choral Singers, Clowns, Jugglers, Magic Shows and Puppet Theatres as well as Musicians and Artists. If you have a talent or belong to such a group and would like to perform, please contact Vic Clinch - Town Centre Manager on 01235 812637.



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A Continuing Problem

Do not agree for any repair work to be carried out by uninvited door knockers. Always get an alternative quote from a recommended firm first.

Some Seasonal Tips

Thefts from garden sheds are again being reported. Do lock your house and garden sheds, even if you are only going to be absent for a short time. Post Code your expensive garden tools.

Do you have any Valuable Ornaments in your Garden? If so you should have them Post Coded and Photographed.

Some Reminders

Do follow the Knock Knock Code when answering the door. Always check the credentials of callers such as meter readers.

PLEASE report anything suspicious to the Wantage Control Room (Phone 01235 776000).

Winterbrook Youth Club

A belated thank-you to all who attended our spring Jumble Sale, which raised £200 for Youth Club funds.

Meetings: Monday Evenings Freeman Hall

Juniors 7 - 14 years 6 - 8 pm

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Best Garden Competition

The Gardeners Club, with support from the Parish Council which is putting up the prize money, is reviving this Competition by popular request. This is open to all those living in Harwell Parish. There will be two sections with four prizes in each, the first being £20:

- 1) Best overall garden
- 2) Best container or basket.

You may enter either or both sections, judging will be on Monday 6th July. All entries must be made to Adele Harris (835238) by **Saturday 27th June**.

Gardeners Club

On **6th July** we will be visiting Osler Road Mediterranean Gardens. Contact Adele Harris on 835238 for further details. The Gardeners Club normally meets in the Village Hall on the first Monday of the Month, except when it falls on a Bank Holiday, at 7.30 pm. We have a variety of professional speakers. All welcome.

The cost is £3 per year, but for that, your membership card will get you 10% discount at Chilton Garden Centre and Hagbourne Road.

Garden Open Day

Harwell Gardens Open Day will be on Sunday July 19th. Tickets will be available from the paper shop, Adele Harris (835238) Blenheim House, or on the day at Townsend. This year the charity to benefit is The Oxfordshire Playbus Association, which provides a service to families who are isolated from existing facilities, and helps set up schemes, e.g mother and toddler groups.

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GARDENING NOTES FOR JUNE/JULY.

IT SHOULD BE SAFE NOW TO PLANT OUT ALL THOSE TENDER PLANTS AND HANG UP YOUR BASKETS. RUNNER BEANS AND TOMATOES CAN BE SET OUT NOW BUT MAKE SURE THE GROUND IS MOIST - I ALWAYS LIKE TO WATER THE SOIL WELL BEFORE PLANTING & AGAIN TO SETTLE THEM IN AFTER PLANTING.

IN THE SAME WAY I HAVE BEEN PLANTING OUT SEEDLINGS RAISED EARLIER IN THE YEAR TOGETHER WITH SOME BOUGHT-IN PLUG PLANTS.

ONCE TOMATOES HAVE SET THEIR FIRST FRUITS THEY SHOULD BE FED REGULARLY WITH A HIGH POTASH FEED & THE SIDE SHOOTS REMOVED AS SOON AS THEY APPEAR - THAT IS UNLESS YOU NEED MORE PLANTS - IN WHICH CASE LEAVE THE SIDE SHOOT UNTIL IT IS ABOUT 5cm (2") LONG WHEN IT CAN BE DETACHED & POTTED UP. SIDE SHOOTS TREATED IN THIS WAY ESTABLISH VERY QUICKLY & FRUIT MUCH LOWER DOWN THE STEM THAN THOSE GROWN FROM SEED. ONLY A WEEK AGO I POTTED UP SOME SIDE SHOOTS IN 7.5cm (3") POTS AND NOW THEY ARE 5cm HIGH WITH A FLOWER TRUSS ALREADY, AND ROOTS SHOWING AT THE BASE OF THE POT.

I AM TRYING SOME NEW VARIETIES THIS YEAR INCLUDING 'SANTA' A PLUM SHAPED CHERRY TOMATO - A NEW GOLDEN CHERRY TOMATO, 'SUNGOLD' WHICH HAS BEEN AROUND FOR A WHILE AND A REALLY OLD VARIETY 'ESSEX WONDER' WHICH I USED TO GROW WHEN I LIVED IN ESSEX. I HAVE BEEN AMAZED AT HOW VIGOROUS AND STURDY IT IS.

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Harwell School 200 Club

Thanks to all those who responded to the invitation with the last newsletter. It is hoped that it will be running by September. Meanwhile, if you would still like to join, contact Mrs Alison Dixon on 835541.

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 25th July for the August issue.

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UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE LOTS OF PESTS AND DISEASES IN EVIDENCE AT PRESENT - MILDW ON APPLES, GOOSEBERRIES AND ROSES; BLACK SPOT ON ROSES AND THERE ARE LOTS OF APHIDS AROUND. AS WELL AS VINE WEEVIL AND LILY BEETLE.

THE NEW 'ROSE CLEAR' CAN BE USED ON ROSES. 'NIMROD T' WILL TACKLE MILDW ON OTHER PLANTS AND PERIMICARB. (SPRAYDAY) WILL DEAL WITH APHIDS.

FOR RED SPIDER MITE SPRAYING WITH WATER TO MAINTAIN A HUMID ATMOSPHERE IS A HELP.

BIOLOGICAL CONTROLS CAN BE USED UNDER GLASS. PHYTOSEIULUS FOR RED SPIDER MITE, ENCARSIA FOR WHITE FLY AND A NEMATODE FOR VINE WEEVIL.

THE VINE WEEVIL NEMATODE IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE BUT NEEDS TO BE USED SOON TO CATCH THE GRUBS BEFORE THEY PUPATE. (LAST YEAR SOME NEMATODES WERE IN SHORT SUPPLY). PROVIDED THE SOIL TEMPERATURE IS ABOVE 12°C (54°F) THE NEMATODE CAN BE USED OUTSIDE. A SECOND APPLICATION IN EARLY AUTUMN (SEPT) WILL CONTROL EGGS LAID DURING THE SUMMER.

SLUGS & SNAILS MAY BE DISCOURAGED BY PUTTING ASHES OR SHARP GRIT AROUND THE PLANTS (A SPECIAL VOLCANIC ROCK (MOLLBAR) IS AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS GRADES FROM SEVERAL SUPPLIERS.). THEN THERE IS THE SLUG PARASITE PHASMARHABDITIS.

INCIDENTALLY THE CURRENT (2/6/98) SOIL TEMPERATURE 100% (4") BELOW THE SURFACE IS 18°C (64.5°F).

THE RAINFALL FOR MAY WAS 25.5% (1") AND AIR TEMP. FELL TO 3.6°C AND GROUND TEMP. TO 1°C ON THE NIGHT OF MAY 30TH.
ENJOY YOUR GARDENING. *Laurie*

Don't forget the Feast competitions. The first is the poetry competition, on the subject of Harwell Feast 1998. The second was the quiz on the back cover of the programme. Get your entries in the box in *White Horse* printing by the 1st July!

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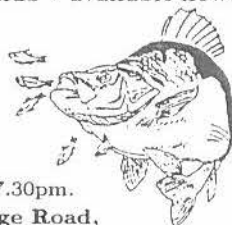
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Harwell Feast 1998

Junior Fun Run Results

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Time	Name, class
1 14.18	Lee Thornhill, 1st JM
2 16.09	Jonathan Churchwood, JM
3 16.52	Carl Rundle, JM, 1st Harwell U16
4 17.50	Aaron Evans, JM, 2nd Harwell, U16
5 18.51	Gary Pike, JM
6 18.57	John Davies, JM
7 19.42	Victoria Gottwald, 1st JW
8 21.02	Matthew Gottwald, JM
9 25.35	Thomas Cox, JM, 1st Harwell U13

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