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Parish Council

At the June meeting, under Planning Matters, the Herring Homes houses at Rowstock were discussed; the height of the roof of the one erected so far was far in excess of that of the neighbouring bungalows. The Parish Council had objected as it was 'backland' development when it had seen the application, but the Vale WHDC had allowed it as an exception to Housing Policy H7 because it was replacing the builder's yard. It was reminder that the Parish Council needed to consider all the possible grounds for refusal when objecting to an application, and not just the most obvious ones (policy H7 only allows infilling of single houses in Rowstock). At the July meeting further applications from Herring Homes were considered. One was an ammended plan for a further house where the original application has gone to appeal; the plan now included 2 access routes into the land beyond that of the application. The second was for a sixth house. The Council agreed to object to both - see under Planning Matters.

A meeting had been held with Parish Councillors from Milton and Terry Joslin from Didcot Town Council regarding the future development of Didcot. Mrs Margaret Turner reported on this; it seemed that on most grounds that deveopment to the North is preferable to that to the west. The council agreed to the production of a special news-sheet to publicise the consultation period. Although this officially ended on 24th July, if you haven't yet sent your comment to the Vale and do so quickly it may still be considered. See the separate item in Parishioners comments.

At the July meeting the Council agreed to hold a public meeting in early September. This has now been set for **8th September at 7.30 pm at the British Legion**. The Vale WHDC and SODC have agreed to send officers from their planning departments, and it is hoped OCC Highways will also be represented. The Council would be responding to the Vale WHDC and a further meeting of interested Councillors was set for 20th July, to finalise the response and other publicity.

The Post Office has applied for permission to install drop-boxes at Drewitt's Corner, Barrow Road and Hengest Gate, so mail can be left for delivery postmen.

A developer had written to the Council asking for support for development of land at Little Orchard, Reading Road, on the grounds that at least part would be used to meet local housing needs. The Council decided it could not support the proposal as it was contrary to the Vale's current Structure Plan.

Under matters related to Council-owned lands, the Council reviewed the plans for the proposed rest-garden. Quotes are to be obtained for paving and

path to it, so that a grant application can be made. This would be under the Vale's Millenium Grant scheme, for which work has to be carried out between September '99 and August 2000.

A survey among youth groups of the kind of meeting shelter / other facilities has been carried out and at the July meeting it was agreed to obtain quotes and apply to the Vale for a grant under their Village improvement scheme

Churchyard grass-cutting, for which the Council is responsible, was discussed at both of the recent Council meetings. A number of Councillors expressed dissatisfaction at the standard of the work. The Chairman of the Lands Committee, Mr Peter Cissell, put the case for the Contractor that the season had been unusually wet, increasing growth and reducing opportunity for cutting. It was commented that some of the cuts had been incomplete at the churchyard was left looking untidy. The Council will continue to monitor the work to see that value for money is being obtained.

The annual accounts were presented at the July meeting. The Chairman and Clerk signed them as a true reflection of the Council's financial position on 31/3/98; the main sections are included elsewhere

Following requests from the residents of Rowstock for replace of the signs that the OCC took down some years ago, and after hearing that Milton Parish Council will be paying for two, the Council agreed to fund the purchase of the remaining two needed to put one on each approach road, at a total cost of £405.

The following donations were agreed at the June and July meetings: To Little Pippins £160 for 4 safety mats; To Winterbrook Youth Club £100 towards Village Hall affiliation fee, to partially offset loss of OCC grant; To Didcot and Wallingford Victim Support Scheme £60; To Harwell Village Hall £200 towards Freeman Hall roof repairs; To Harwell Primary School After School Club £50 towards play equipment; To Harwell Nursery School £25 towards 50th Birthday celebrations;

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Recreation Ground Pavilion, apart from the months of August and December. The next meeting will be on 7th September; in accordance with a request from some Councillors, the time of future meetings has been changed to 7.30pm.

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 about 26th September with distribution about 3rd October, but get your item in a week before to be sure.

Feast Poetry Competition

The Committee judged as follows:

1st Margaret Haywood

2nd Lynn Nickerson

3rd Christine Taylor

Our apologies to Sarah Macgregor-Lambert, whose entry was forwarded to the Committee after the judging had taken place.

Harwell Feast

Was on a Monday morning
The 25th of May
Four jolly Hampshire pensioners
Travelled on their way
With maps and some directions
To Harwell Feast hooray!
We found the recreation ground
And promptly paid our money
The gentleman gave us a programme
And said it was going to be sunny
We found the stalls and car boot sale
What a good old rummage
With books and plants and bermuda shorts
Jumpers plus toys to manage
We went around the small pet show
There were some really sweeties
Some were fat and some were thin
Some gave you the shivering creepies
We saw the floats come passing by
Someone watching gave a sigh
Such lovely costumes, what attire
A lovely May Queen to admire
vintage tractors and vehicles too
There were lots of things to see and do
Start the fun run round you go
The children's fancy dress was slow
Dogs were faster through the hoops
In and out around the loops
A roasting pig plus hot dogs too
Who was going to join the queue
Around the craft tent twice we went
Our purses empty our money spent
Tired and weary we sat on the grass
Watching folk go merrily past
A cup of tea to end the day
Before we journeyed on our way
There is just one thing we would like to say
Thankyou Harwell folk for a lovely day.

Margaret Haywood

Harwell Village Hall

The Chairman reported that the secretaries for the last eight years, Desmond & Dorothy Neill, had reluctantly tendered their resignation, due to ill-health; their contribution to the running of the Hall over these years was acknowledged. The Committee would be interested to hear from anyone in the Village who feels this post might be a way in which they could contribute to village life (contact the Chairman, Martin Ricketts on 835628, or another Committee member).

As the Treasurer was also absent, the Chairman reported on those financial aspects of which he was aware. Grants had been received from the Parish Council of £200, and from the Feast Committee of £250, towards repairs to the Freeman Hall roof. The Committee would like to thank them both for their continued support.

Regarding the roof repairs, three quotations had been obtained by the retiring secretaries, which were in excess of available funds, so further funds need to be found if the work is to be done this autumn. It was agreed to set up a committee to look over the next few months at options for the Freeman Hall's long-term future, since the surveys paid for to provide an answer have failed to do so.

Miss Markey reported that she had met a representative of the Basketball Association regarding the donation of a post to be put in the play area adjacent to the Freeman Hall (see also under Youth Club report).

The next meeting was set for Tuesday 15th September at 7.30 in the Freeman Hall.

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SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1998

1997	INCOME	1997	EXPENDITURE
	Income		Expenditure
25500	<u>Precept</u>		<u>Recreation Ground</u>
		328	Dog waste bin & mtnc
	<u>Bank Interest</u>	0	litter bin
576	Girobank	230	Car park maintenance
297	N.S.B. investment	512	goal posts / seeding
		250	Tennis Club windbreak
		245	Bowls Club windbreak
		77	Fencing & Sundries
	<u>Rents Received</u>		<u>Pavilion</u>
2440	British Legion	682	Caretaker & cleaner
135	Bowls Club	779	Electricity
124	Tennis Club	98	Water rates
535	Use of Recreation Ground	500	Repairs & redecoration
114	Allotments		<u>Maintenance in Parish</u>
500	Farm Business Tenancy	2400	Grounds etc. 1995/96
45	Harwell Playgroup	10187	1996/97
		437	Dog waste bin mtnc
	<u>Cemetery</u>	333	Litter bins / dog bin
2225	Fees received	213	Allotments
			<u>Adventure Playground</u>
	<u>Grants from V. W. H. D. C.</u>	250	general maintenance
964	Street cleaning	0	play equipment
1135	Grass cutting	0	galvanised fencing
150	Litter bins		
0	Play area fencing	3755	<u>Cemetery Maintenance</u>
		1258	<u>Churchyard Maintenance</u>
	<u>Loan Repayment</u>		
600	Harwell Playgroup	954	<u>Street Lighting</u>
	<u>P.A.Y.E. & N.I.</u>	3250	<u>Tractor purchase</u>
600	Arrears paid by employee		<u>Bedford van</u>
		422	garage rent & fuel
	<u>Harwell News</u>	292	licence & insurance
756	Advertisement revenue	238	maintenance
308	<u>V. A. T. refund - 1995/96</u>	156	<u>Tools & spares</u>
	<u>Contributions towards:-</u>		<u>Harwell News</u>
100	Tennis Windbreak	1395	Printing etc.
152	Bowls Windbreak		
		468	<u>Donations & Subs</u>
	<u>U. K. A. E. A.</u>		
0	Donation - play equipment	1035	<u>Professional Fees</u>
90	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	854	<u>Insurance Premiums</u>
		2736	<u>Clerk's Salary</u>
			<u>P.A.Y.E. & N.I.</u>
		162	1995/96
		871	1996/97
		317	<u>Telephone & stationery</u>
		174	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
<u>37346</u>	<u>40824.92</u>	<u>35858</u>	<u>36379.67</u>

Cumulative fund balance

Balance b/f 1st April 1997	13073
Reserve re. donation brought into account	2000
Add total income	40825
Less total expenditure	-36380
Less Reserve - see note	-6500
Balance c/f 31st March 1998	<u>13018</u>

Rowstock Signs

May I thank all the residents of Rowstock who live in the Parish of Harwell for their support and enthusiasm in our request for village signs. No one refused to sign a petition which was sent to the Parish Council. Milton Parish Council agreed to pay for 2 signs at their June meeting, and now Harwell has done the same in July. Thank you all for your support.

Felicity Jones

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will be in Harwell on alternate Wednesdays on the following dates:

August 5th and 19th
September 2nd, 16th and 30th

It will be at North Drive between 12.40 and 1pm and at Harwell Village Hall between 2.45pm and 3.20pm.

Dialability

The mobile unit will be at Harwell Recreation car park on Wednesday 23rd September. It has advice and information for people with disabilities, their carers, families and friends, and covers all aspects of disability, from the elderly with Arthritis to families with disabled children, from benefits and allowances, to holidays and travelling, and much more.

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HAR/15227 Amended plans for extension of Autumn House, Barrow Lane, with conditions.

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

Result of Appeal:

HAR/9399/3 Change of use from orchard to domestic at Kings Piece, Grove Road Allowed.

New Applications:

HAR/4870/14 Erection of house on land at rear of Hollyhocks, Reading Road. The Council objected on the grounds that (a) it constitutes backland development, and (b) the height is excessive in relation to existing neighbouring properties.

HAR/4870/15 Amended plans for house at rear of Bloomfield, Reading Road. The Council objected on the same grounds as previously and for the above, and also that the amendment was for 2 access routes around the property to allow further development.

Harwell Feast Committee

At a meeting held on 14th July proceeds of £1,920.36 were declared for Harwell Feast Day 1998. Eleven applications for funding had been received and were considered. No applications were refused. The following donations were decided upon:

1st Harwell Scout Group	£500
Harwell School Association	£500
Harwell Village Hall	£250
Harwell Produce Show	£100
Little Pippins	£100
Harwell After School Club	£100
Harwell School Playscheme	£100
Winterbrook Youth Club	£100
Harwell Horizons	£100
The Tuesday Club	£100
Harwell Nursery School	£50
Total	£2000

Harwell Feast Committee A.G.M.

This will be held on Tuesday 8th September at 7pm in the Freeman Hall - all welcome (note early time). In particular, anyone wishing to join the Feast Committee as we begin our run-up to the year 2000, in which we hope to produce a spectacular Feast Day for the village, is warmly invited to come forward.

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Adele Harris

Harwell School Association

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Auction of Promises on June 20th at the Village Hall. We raised a staggering £2,600 and had a most enjoyable evening. Many thanks to everyone who gave a promise or donation, or who attended on the evening.

Our next fund-raising event will be *An evening with Paddy & Taff* on 25th September from 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. There will be a bar, a hot meal, and a raffle. Tickets are £6 or 10 for £55, advance booking.

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We currently have an opportunity to receive a free basketball goal for our outdoor play area. The club leaders feel that this would be a popular addition to the facilities of the club and would promote better use of the outdoor play area which is currently underused generally. The basketball association's stipulation in providing a free goalpost is that it should have open, free access to young people on a daily basis. Any comments on this project should be addressed to the club leader, Janice Markey at 17, Didcot Road, Harwell.

Meetings: Monday Evenings Freeman Hall

Juniors 7 - 14 years 6 - 8 pm

Seniors 15 - 21 years 8 - 10 pm

Subscriptions 30p per week + £1 annual membership fee. The Club re-opens Monday 14th September. All young people in Harwell are welcome to join Youth Club - contact Janice Markey on 832802 or just drop in.

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Please let Jane MacLean know, Tel 833014, by Thursday 17th September if you can play and Arrive by 13.50 to enable a Prompt Start

Harwell Women's Institute

As August is popular as a holiday month, the WI doesn't meet again until September, but wishes everyone who is away on holiday in August 'a happy holiday' and we hope the sun will shine for you.

Our Garden meeting was held on the 15 July at Bishops Manor the home of Ted and Kath Lay, and we thank them for having us and for their hospitality.

Our meeting on the 9 September is Gill Fricker speaking on 'From Victoria to Venice on the Orient Express'.

On the 2 October we are holding a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief, this is a nationwide event, and is sponsored by Nescafé. This will be held in the British Legion Club, 10 to 12. Please put this date in your diary and come and support it. We would like to thank the British Legion for their co-operation in letting us use their Club.

We meet on the second Wednesday in every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are most welcome, please come and join us, we look forward to seeing YOU.

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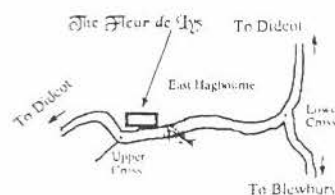
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From the Archives

100 years ago ... at the Annual Council Meeting of 1898, amongst other matters, it was proposed by Dr Rice, and seconded by Mr Bosely, that W. Hitchman be reappointed Cemetery Keeper, but the Clerk to make it clear to him that the Council requires the Burial Ground to be kept in a much better condition, that the grass be cut offener, and that the consider the removal of all superfluous matter comes within the terms of his contract.

At the Council meeting on 8th July, it was decided that the lamp-post broken by Mr Bosely's trap must be replaced by him, and that the standard upon which it shall rest must be of iron. The Clerk was requested to acquaint Mr Bosely of the Council's decision and that he be asked to meet the Lighting Committee so that a clear understanding as to how the work shall be done might be arrived at. The Council informed Mr Hitchman, who had been asked to attend the meeting, that he must wheel the surplus earth to one end of the Cemetery and that it would be carted away by the Council. It was suggested also that he should cut the grass a little more often.

50 years ago ... the Parish Council met in the Technical Institute on Monday 26th July. The Chairman stated that no work had yet been carried out by the County Council on the footpaths, as the men were working elsewhere at present. He commented on the condition of the Winnaway Path and said that this was a recurring charge upon the Parish for fresh gravel which did not now appear to do very much good. Mr Day proposed, and Mr Smith seconded, that the question of making a permanent path of asphalt be put to the County Council, and that the Director of A.E.R.E. be asked to write in support of the motion. This was agreed.

The Chairman said that no reply had been received from Wantage R.D.C. to our letter of 3 June asking for provision of fences and playground at The Park Housing Estate. The local paper, the North Berks Herald reported on Friday 30th July:

Petition for Fencing

Tenants of new houses in Harwell recently petitioned the Wantage Rural District Council to erect fencing. At Harwell Parish Council meeting on Monday their action was deprecated by the Chairman (Mr A. W. Woodall) who said that such petitions without first being referred to the Parish Council did more harm

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Caroline Woodall

than good. Petitions by unauthorised people only put up the backs of Wantage Rural District Council.

It was agreed to call the R.D.C.'s attention to the need of fencing and a children's playground to be provided as soon as possible, instead of being left until the R.D.C.'s housing estates were completed.

The Chairman reported that with the winding up of the Nursing Association the site for the nurses bungalow had to be sold two-thirds of the proceeds being for the Parish Council and one third for Chilton. It was agreed 100 should be asked for the site.

The general purposes Committee reported £80 'pie money' had been received, which would be devoted to recreational facilities.

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Bogus Callers

They are still coming in all shapes and sizes

If they call on you:-

- 1 Know your caller
- 2 Never allow entry without identification
- 3 Only open the door when you are satisfied that the caller is genuine
- 4 Call the police if you are suspicious
- 5 Keep an eye on any caller while they are in the house

Reminders for Summer

Do lock your house and garden sheds, even if you are only going to be absent for a short time.

The Local Beat Officer for Harwell is P C John Parsons. You can always leave messages for him by phoning the Wantage Control Room 01235 776000

Please look out for the Latest Neighbourhood Watch Information on the Notice Board outside Whitehorse Printing, which will include Urgent messages received through the Ringmaster network.

The Parish Council Notice Board by the Bus Stop in the High Street also displays useful hints and reminders to help us reduce crime.

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Don't delay lets make it a Millennium to remember

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Garden Competition

Ten gardens entered the competition. The judges, Caroline Ball and Austin Maythem of Upton, were very impressed with all of them.

1st Ruth Alexander - Old Brew House, Townsend

2nd Adele Harris - Blenheim House

3rd Josie Huchell - Belga, Church Lane

Highly Commended:

Jan Shailes, 4 Kings Lane,

Dorath Taylor, 36 North Drive

Alan Walker, Little Dell, Church Lane.

Containers:

1st Lionel Harris, Blenheim House

2nd Daphne Boddy, San Sauci Reading Road

3rd Shirley & Alan Walker, Little Dell Church Lane

Gardens Open Day

Once again a very successful day - seven gardens were open, with Broadstone Alpines of Sutton Courtenay selling plants at a stall in Townsend. Many thanks to the White Hart for letting us use their car park, which relieved Townsend somewhat.

The amount raised was £512; we will be sending a cheque for £250 to Oxfordshire Playbus Association, the rest being divided between the Garden Club and Produce Show.



The Northmoor Trust

Little Wittenham Nature Reserve



Bat Walk

Friday 28th August

7.30 pm

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AS USUAL OF LATE THE WEATHER HAS BEEN THE RULING FEATURE IN THE GARDEN & WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION TO COMPENSATE. HEAVY RAINFALL AT TIMES HAS REDUCED THE NEED FOR WATERING. HOWEVER THE SOIL CAN STILL BE VERY DRY - SUN & WIND SOON REMOVE MOISTURE FROM THE SURFACE AND WE MUST NEVER FORGET CONTAINERS, BASKETS POTS AND THE LIKE - THEY HAVE A LARGE SURFACE AREA RELATIVE TO THEIR VOLUME & LOSE MOISTURE VERY RAPIDLY.

IN SPITE OF RAIN WATER LEVEL IN THE POND MAY NEED TOPPING UP. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE USE RAIN WATER AS TAP WATER ENCOURAGES THE GROWTH OF ALGAE AND BLANKET WEED. IF YOU DO HAVE TO USE TAP WATER - SPRAY IT ON RATHER THAN JUST POUR IT IN - THE ACTION OF SPRAYING RELEASES SOME OF THE CHLORINE & OTHER GASES DISSOLVED IN THE WATER. BETTER STILL WOULD BE TO FILL A TANK OR BUTT FROM THE TAP & LET IT STAND FOR A DAY OR TWO BEFORE USING THE WATER FOR THE POND.

NOW THAT THE TADPOLES HAVE HATCHED THERE SHOULD BE PLENTY OF YOUNG FROGS AROUND TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE SLUGS, SNAILS AND INSECTS IN THE GARDEN.

IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE IT ALREADY - FINISH SUMMER PRUNING YOUR FRUIT TREES AND CUT BACK PERENNIALS TO GIVE A SECOND FLOWERING. KEEP UP THE DEAD HEADING OF SWEET PEAS, CARNATIONS, PINKS PELARCONIUMS ETC. TO KEEP THE FLOWERS COMING.

YOU CAN ALSO TAKE CUTTINGS OF HERBACEOUS PLANTS & CLIMBERS - FOR CLEMATIS INTERNODAL CUTTINGS ARE REQUIRED - FOR MOST NORMAL CUTTINGS THESE ARE SEVERED JUST BELOW A BUD, BUT FOR INTERNODAL CUTTINGS, THE REQUIRED BUD IS OBTAINED BY CUTTING THE BARE STEM ABOVE AND BELOW THE BUD AND INSERTING THE PIECE OF

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STEM BELOW THE BUD INTO THE COMPOST WITH THE BUD JUST SITTING ON THE COMPOST. IT ALSO HELPS TO REMOVE ONE OF THE PAIR OF LEAVES ARISING FROM THE BUD.

IF ROSES ARE SUFFERING FROM MILDEW, BLACKSPOT, OR APHIDS IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE THEM A SPRAY WITH SOMETHING LIKE ROSECLEAR, WHICH MAY ALSO REDUCE AN EARLY ATTACK NEXT YEAR.

KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR VINE WEEVILS AND LILY BEETLES WHICH ARE PLENTIFUL AT THE MOMENT

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF DEALING WITH VINE WEEVILS IS TO USE THE NEMATODE ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS. THE RED LILY BEETLE CAN BE SHAKEN OFF THE PLANT ONTO A SHEET OF PAPER PLACED BENEATH THE PLANT. BE CAREFUL NOT TO DISTURB THE PLANT WHEN POSITIONING THE PAPER OR MANY BEETLES WILL JUST DROP OFF AND ESCAPE.

ONCE ON THE PAPER THEY CAN BE SQUASHED, TRODDEN ON, OR DROPPED INTO A JAR OF INSECTICIDE. ANY CATERpillARS FOUND SHOULD BE SPRAYED WITH SOMETHING LIKE DERRIS.

ON THE WEATHER FRONT THE RAINFALL FOR JUNE WAS 78.4mm. (3.1") AND FOR JULY (UP TO 24.5") 37.5mm. (1.5") AND ON THE NIGHT OF THE 24TH DROPPED TO 8.5°C. (GROUND TEMP 7°C) AND BENSON REPORTED 5°C FOR THE SAME NIGHT.

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Civic amenity sites are provided for household waste. Demolition and construction waste is not household waste, even if it arises from work carried out by a householder to his or her own house. Therefore, construction and demolition waste is not accepted free of charge at civic amenity sites.

Demolition and construction waste is accepted under the heading of 'trade waste' at both the Dix Pit (Stanton Harcourt) and Redbridge (Oxford) civic amenity sites.

This information comes from the OCC Environmental Services dept., and for any enquiries ring 01865 815747. If you are unhappy with the policy, perhaps you should contact your County Councillor, Mr Colin Lamont, School Lane, Harwell.



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Didcot Development

Our thanks to all those who gave comments on 'Which Way Didcot'. Over 80 replies have been received so far, Of which all but two have supported the Parish Council's view that further development should be to the North of Didcot.

There appear to be a rumour that development to the west would mean a road around Harwell to take the extra traffic. This is not the case, and nor is there any intention to link the Didcot Road with the A34.

Among the most frequent concerns was the increase in traffic, and the safety of young children. A traffic study claimed to show there would not be much difference in traffic levels whichever site was chosen. This seems contrary to common sense, but was explained at the exhibition as follows. If the northern site were chosen, people there would choose the route through Harwell because the Milton Road and junctions leading to it were congested. So the study was very dependent on which area of the traffic network were chosen for improvement.

The next stage will be for the District Councils to make their decision, in September or October. Meanwhile there will be a Public meeting on 8th Sept. - see front page for details.