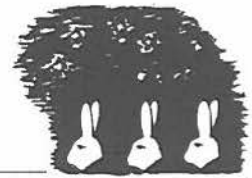


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Parish Council

The only meeting in August was of the Environment & Planning Committee which, as well as planning matters, discussed briefly the proposed Didcot development. This has become a regular item on agendas - the September Council meeting discussed what should follow on from the public meeting. A response is being prepared to the statement from the northern and eastern villages, which, the Council believes, contains a number of inaccurate and misleading statements about the advantages of the western area over the northern one. This response will be sent to the two District Councils which will soon be deciding their preferences.

In addition a petition is being organised, partly in conjunction with this newsletter delivery, so you may well already have been asked to sign it. The aim is to deliver it to the Vale WHDC before the meeting where they plan to decide their preference.

Although the Public Meeting had been well attended (reliable estimates make the number who attended about 150), concern was expressed at the Council meeting that it hadn't been held in the Village Hall.

On a few of the many planning applications that the Council has seen lately comments have been made to the Vale WHDC; the significant items are listed under planning matters below.

Under District Councillors' reports, Ken Howard asked if there were any particular bus routes that the Council wanted to recommend for consideration, under a new scheme to provide funds for new rural services. The problems of school transport was raised, a larger bus being needed for the Girls' School. Some transport between Harwell and Milton was also suggested. The planning applications for Rowstock were also discussed; the new permissions appear to be contrary to the Vale WHDC's policy regarding small settlements, and there seems every likelihood of a continuing series of applications for one property at a time.

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, now at 7.30pm. The next meetings will be on 12th October and 9th November.

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 22nd November with distribution about 27th, but get your item in a week before to be sure.

We have been asked to remind parishioners to please consider their neighbours before lighting any of those **autumn bonfires**. Perhaps you could recy-

cle some of the material, either in your own garden or by taking it to the Drayton tip? Also remember that some materials can give off nasty (ie carcinogenic) fumes when burned. If you must burn it, choose a time and weather conditions that will not cause interference with neighbours.

Planning Matters

Notices of Permission:

HAR/15489 Installation of free standing postal pouch boxes on land at Drewitts Corner, Barrow Road and Hengest Gate for Royal Mail.

HAR/4870/14 Erection of house on land at rear of Hollyhocks, Reading Road.

HAR/4870/15 Amended plans for house at rear of Bloomfield, Reading Road.

Notice of Refusal:

HAR/725/3-X Erection of a single house at Holloway Thatch, The Holloway. Permission was refused because the site is not considered within the built-up limits of the village, and also because the highway is considered inadequate.

Notice of Appeal:

HAR/9868/1 Erection of single-storey dwelling with garage on land at The Poplars, Wellshead.

New Applications:

HAR/9167/3-X Resubmission of expired permission for erection of house and garage at The Malthouse, Townsend.

HAR/10742/2-X Erection of detached house and garage on land north of Mulberry House, Townsend for Mr & Mrs M. Lay. The Council commented to the Vale WHDC that the house would be beyond current boundaries, and it objected as this would set a precedent for further development in the area.

The Royal British Legion Harwell Branch Remembrance Sunday

The Village Remembrance Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 8th November starting at 10.40am at the High Street War Memorial, followed by a Service in St Matthew's Church. A further wreath laying Ceremony will take place at the War Graves Cemetery War Memorial after the Church service. It is hoped we will have the usual excellent turnout from the Village that we have come to expect. We also ask for your support in respecting the Two-Minute Silence on Wednesday 11th November at 11am. We will as in the past two years dip our Standard in tribute to the fallen at the High Street War Memorial; this is receiving excellent nationwide support.

The British Legion Branch Annual General Meeting is to be held in the RBL Club on Tuesday 24th November at 8 pm.

Peter Cissell, Hon. Secretary

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on Friday mornings

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01235 521039 for more details

Winterbrook Youth Club

Juniors 8 - 15/16 years 6 - 8 pm
Seniors 15/16 - 21 years 8 - 10 pm

Monday evenings, Freeman Hall

Membership £1 per year
Subs 30 pence / week.

All young people in Harwell and their friends are
welcome to join Youth Club.

Autumn Jumble Sale

Saturday 10th October

(postponed from 3rd)

2pm Freeman Hall

Hall open 10am until noon to receive your jumble,
etc. Thank you for your support.

Harwell Feast Committee

Village Quiz

Saturday 5th December

Village Hall 7.30 pm.

Teams comprise up to 6 members, either residents
of Harwell or representing a Harwell organisation or
pub please.

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Ploughman's Supper included.

Tickets £3 per adult, £2 under 18.
The current holders of the trophy are the Rugby
Widows, so give them a challenge - start reading the
papers, brush up on your local knowledge, and start
listening to Top of the Pops! Tickets are bought at
the door, but please let Janice know if you are enter-
ing a team - on 832802. Thank-you.

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Little Pippins Pre-School

After a very successful Summer Club, with 21 chil-
dren attending every day, we are now back in the
swing of things with a busy term ahead.

Due to an increase in the number of children regis-
tered, we are now open all day on a Tuesday, Wednes-
day and Thursday. Our Wednesday afternoon ses-
sion is specially for four year olds and those who are
now able to concentrate a little bit more, working
towards Key Stage I of the National Curriculum.

Our new opening times are now as follows:

Day	9.15 - 11.45	Lunch	12.30 - 3pm
Monday	✓		
Tuesday	✓	✓	✓
Wednesday	Toddlers	✓	4+
Thursday	✓	✓	✓
Friday	✓		

Toddler session - To be accompanied with Adult,
from age of 2 yrs 6 months. The costs are - morning
or afternoon sessions £2.75 each, lunch period, with
packed lunch provided from home £1.00.

The Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning
sessions are currently full, but we have a few vacan-
cies left for the other days.

A bonus for working parents - if your child is
offered a part-time place at School as a rising five and
you would them to join us for an afternoon session for
only £2.75 we now have an arrangement whereby a
member of our staff will, for only 50p extra, go and
collect your child for you and bring them back to
Little Pippins where they can have their own packed
lunch, a rest, and a bit more fun with all the other
children.

So you can see, we have made some major changes
this term. We are doing our best to provide good
quality preschool day-care for all children in our Vil-
lage and I think you will find that our fees are very
reasonable. If you would like any more information,
please phone Little Pippins on Ab. 821741 weekday
mornings please,

Yvonne Hinchliffe - Playleader



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Harwell Millennium Group

At a meeting on Thursday 17th September the group looked at several logo entries and also considered many suggestions put forward for consideration by individuals. We would like to thank everybody who has written or contacted members of the group with ideas and proposals for the Millennium Year and hope that by the next Newsletter final decisions would have been made on several issues.

Logo: We were impressed by the ingenuity and thought given by many people to the Logo for the Millennium Year. It will be a difficult decision but we expect agreement at our next meeting and hope to publish the result before Christmas. Many thanks to the children of Harwell School and everybody else who gave some thought and time to this project.

Publicity Officer: We do need a Publicity Officer to join our group. The job really is to make sure that everybody hears or reads about anything to do with the Millennium activities in our village for the year 2000 and that posters and publicity for events are done in plenty of time. If anybody is interested in joining our happy band please contact John Fisher, 21 The Park or any other member.

Club & Society Events: As you know during the year many of our Village clubs and societies will be holding particular events to mark the arrival of the new Millennium. If you are a member of any village group that would like to hold a particular activity that may interest people during the year please could you contact us as soon as possible as we would like to print your event on our calendar.

Update: Our Village calendar will be completed by December and we are hoping for our first published draft in January and the actual calendar will be on sale during the Feast in May 1999. We hope to make the Feast Day next year a 'warm up' for the Millennium Feast Day which we hope will be a truly memorable occasion.

The Harwell Storybook is taking shape and we are still looking for people who have anecdotes and tales of Harwell from any walk of life. Please contact Tom Taylor, Anne Fisher, Brian Brinkley or Betty Pyke.

With this newsletter you should find our Questionnaire about Street Parties. Please fill it in and put it in one of the boxes provided in the Village. We are keen that we get a response from you and hope that you will return the slips as quickly as possible. There are several things that are beginning to slot into place with our plans and it should be an exciting year in the life of Harwell Village. We do hope that as many of you will take part in all the events organised and enjoy being part of our rural community for as long as it lasts!

Thank you all for your support, suggestions and help.

Harwell Craft Fair Sunday 13th December 1998 Harwell Village Hall 10am till 5pm

Lots of local crafts for presents including, toys, cards, clocks, mirrors, pictures, cushions, rubber stamps, gift boxes, jewellery, dolls clothes, bags, candles, flowers, fudges and sweets, sewn gifts, home made cakes and many more.

Come along and browse and have coffee, tea and cakes.

All proceeds from the refreshments will be given to Cancer Fund. Anyone wishes to donate cakes etc should contact Audrey Poffley. Any other enquiries to Kath Luker Tel 861057 or Norah Dearlove Tel 210620

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Harwell Village Hall

At the meeting of the Hall Committee on 15th September, it was reported that the accounts for the year to March had now been audited and, accordingly, the treasurer, Colin Lamont had now handed over to Trevor Packer, who was taking over the post. Colin Lamont was thanked for his work over the last three and a half years.

A request for financial assistance had been made to the Vale WHDC, and provided this is successful, the Freeman Hall reroofing should go ahead before the end of the year.

A presentation of a rose bush had been made to Dorothy and Desmond Neill, our recently retired secretaries, in recognition of their work over the last eight years. In return they presented the Chairman with two boxes of paperwork! The Committee has yet to find a volunteer to take over this interesting and not terribly arduous post - if anyone thinks they might like to help in running this Village amenity, please contact Martin Ricketts (835628) or other Committee member.

A purpose-made booking diary has been produced for the booking secretary, Roy Bullock (White Horse Printing), so we can hopefully avoid booking the Hall to a casual user when a regular user wants it.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Freeman Hall.

Harwell Harvest Lunch and Produce Sale: Diary Date

After Harvest Sunday on 4th October,
a sale of Harvest produce and the Harvest Lunch
will be held on Monday 5th October
at Harwell Village Hall.

The sale of produce will start at 11.00 am,
and Lunch will be served from Noon.
Entrance fee 50p.

Full hot homemade lunches for under £4 per person - excellent value!
Teas, coffees and snacks will also be available.

The Traditional Harvest Fare stalls: Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Bakery,
Cakes, Jams, Chutneys and Compotes!
There will also be Tearcraft (Famine Relief) Gifts and Wares on sale.

Come and be part of the Village tradition - Make friends and share at the
Harvest Lunch and Produce Sale - Put it in your diary now!



Goring Christmas Craft Fair

Goring Village Hall

Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd November
10 am to 5 pm.

Entry 50p for adults, accompanied children free.

This is a reputable quality Fair with a wide variety of gifts and at prices to suit all ages. Now in 9th year. It is being held in aid of Hall improvements.

Harwell Labs Rec. Soc.

Bonfire & Fireworks Display

Friday 6th November

South Sports Field - *Note Later Times:*

Bonfire 7.30pm Fireworks 8pm

Bucket Collection on behalf of Rec. Soc. and 1st
Clifton Hampden & Burcot Scout Group

Please do not bring any fireworks
not even sparklers, as even these can be dangerous
where there are crowds.

Didcot Fireworks Display is back!

Didcot Chamber of Commerce and Didcot Rotary have joined forces to provide the much loved firework spectacular in Loyd Recreation Ground, Brasenose Road, Didcot on Saturday 7 November.

The Gates will open at 5.00 pm where there will be local club stalls, entertainments, children's rides, food and drink. Freddie The Fox and Mayor Doreen McNulty will light the huge bonfire at 6.30 pm followed by a spectacular firework display. Tickets will be £3.00 adults and £1.50 children and seniors.

Enquiries: Jeanette Howse 01235 817200
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Harwell School Playscheme

Ten years of kids enjoying summer fun was celebrated by over 100 children this year.

Our special blend of arts, crafts and sewing plus sports, drama and outings was as popular as ever. A new event for '98 was a hiking and camping trip where children found that their breakfast was hanging in the trees and your trainers got wet if you left them outside at night! Our thanks to the Scouts for the loan of their camping gear.

My thanks to everyone who contributed to such a memorable Summer Playscheme - I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did, Janice Markey, Chair / Playleader.

The drama team gave a belting production of Grease. Actress of the Playscheme award must go to Zöe Cundy - you saw her first at Playscheme folks!



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7.30pm

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Thursday October 8 1998

Poetry Day '98

The morning session is at
DIDCOT CIVIC HALL
10.30am - 12.30pm

The afternoon session is at
**BARNES CLOSE COMMUNITY
CENTRE** 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Admission Free to both sessions
Refreshments - Please donate toward cost

The Sessions will be chaired by
Mr David Brooks Saxl

Anyone coming along can read a poem or two.
Bring a favourite poem or one you have written.
(Limit your reading to 15 minutes - a maximum of 100 words per poem)

Contact: John Hall Tel: 01235 812591
Beryl Garsdale Tel: 01235 812524

DIDCOT FESTIVAL '98

Didcot Festival

Bijou Theatre Presents

Pantomania

A half-term holiday family show
Monday 26th October at 2pm
Harwell Village Hall - £2-50 all ages

Harwell School

The last school year was one of our most memorable, a year of achievement in so many different aspects of our school's life. In May we had our first inspection. Preparing for it was certainly stressful but the school came through it in style. The inspectors' report was full of praise for the commitment of teachers, parents and children, for the achievement of the children, especially in creative aspects of the curriculum, and for the "very positive attitude to learning throughout the school." As the inspectors put it, "the school provides a happy, caring and secure environment where children can flourish."

Flourish they undoubtedly did last year, both on the sports field and in their studies. The netball team won the Garrick Shield, in which all the primary schools in and around Didcot take part, for the second year running. The football team had its most successful year ever, winning both the Didcot Six-a-Side Tournament and the Vale of White Horse Seven a Side Competition. Academically, the school's results in the national tests of attainment taken at the age of eleven, were outstanding. 89% of the children achieved Level 4 or above in English, 94% in Mathematics and 89% in Science. Better still, no fewer than 44% achieved Level 5 in English and in Mathematics.

The School Association, our parents' organisation, also had a great year, the highlight of which was the auction of promises held in the Village Hall in June, which raised £2,500. Altogether during the year the Association raised almost £10,000 for the school, money which has enabled us to complete our adventure playground and will help us now to re-line the swimming pool, as well as providing much needed financial support for many other aspects of the school's work.

The new school year will be memorable too, at least for the author of this note, because it is my last year as headteacher. I first came to Harwell in 1981 and now there are in school the children of children I taught that first year. Before the year ends there will no doubt be a celebration or two for all those of you who have been involved with the school over the past eighteen years. There will also be a new headteacher in waiting. But before then we are looking forward to another year of achievement - and also of fun.

Michael Armstrong

Three Poems of Autumn

Autumn by Naomi Nickerson

Autumn
Leaves crackling
Conkers dropping
But there's a sadness
In the air.

Autumn
Rich colours
Red brown and gold
But winter will soon
Be there.

Conkers by Freddie Davis

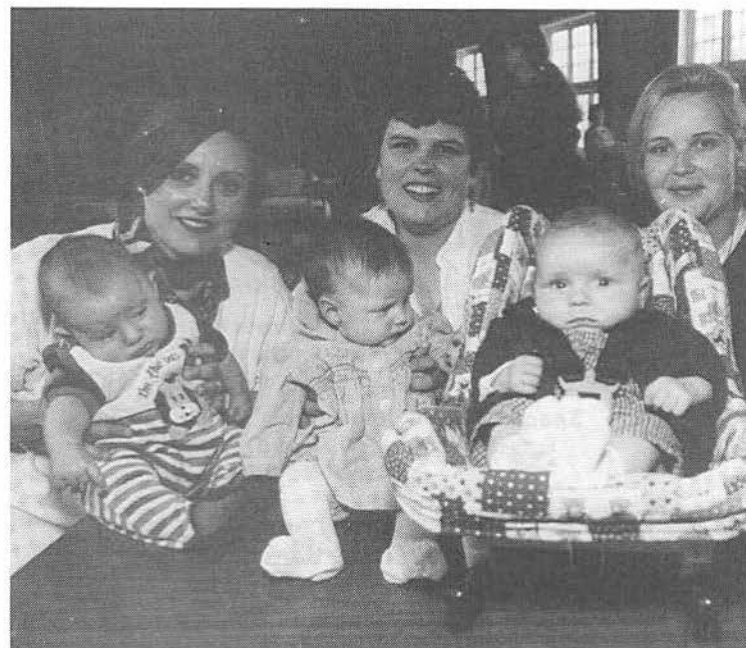
Conkers falling on top of each other,
Out of their shells they smash,
Now millions of children pick them up.
King of all conkers comes down,
Everyone runs for it, a boy gets it, it isn't
Ripe, when they all get there
Shouting, the conker's gone with the boy.

Autumn by Holly Ponting

The leaves crunching
Conkers falling
The sky is crisp
The breeze is flowing.

Conkers falling
On the ground
You can hear
A whispering sound.

You can hear
Conkers chiming
But beware
Winter is coming.



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Harwell Feast Committee

At the AGM on 8th September the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chair: Lynn Wilkinson
 Vicechair: Janice Markey
 Treasurer: Peter Cissell
 Secretary: Colin Lamont

Ordinary members being Trevor Packer, Jake Castle, Patricia Cooke, Joan Spratt, Janet Derbyshire, Jayne Newman, and Sid Gale who was welcomed as a new member. The next Harwell Feast Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st October in the British Legion at 8pm. At this meeting we will begin making plans for Feast Day in the year 2000. If you have any ideas or views for our celebrations that year please contact any of the committee members or join us at our meeting.

Harwell Fun Club

Are you a Mum, Dad or carer for young children? If so, please come and join these bouncing babies and their Mums in the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings during term time. We meet between 9:30 and 11:30 and there are lots of toys, books and puzzles, a different craft activity every week and a singing session. There is also a weekly cake raffle. All this for only 80p per family, which includes a drink and biscuit. This term there will be a photographer on October 20th, a special craft and activity morning during half-term (October 27th), craft and book stalls on December 1st, a Nearly New Sale on December 5th and a Christmas Party at the end of term. We also run a Parent Support Group in the evenings and will shortly be starting a New Mums Group for mums with new babies, especially those who might be planning to go back to work. Please contact Fiona Tankard (861593) or Karen Muir (835251) for further details.

Good As New Sale

Advance notice that this year Harwell Fun Club's Good As New Sale will take place on Saturday, December 5th, from 2 p.m. Tables £7 each or we sell items on your behalf for one third commission. For further details or to reserve a table, please contact Karen Muir on 835251 or Fiona Tankard on 861593.

Left: Four of this Spring's bumper crop of babies for Harwell Fun Club. Left to right: Liz Roberts with Henry, Fiona Tankard with Gemma, Sam Osborn with Phoebe and Sarah MacGregor-Lambert with Amazon.



The Harwell School Christmas Craft and Gift Fair

Arts to after-school club
 Books to Buttercup clothes
 - that special dress for Christmas
 Candles and crafts
 Dried flowers and plants
 Equine prints to enamelled arts
 Frames for photos
 Gifts galore
 Hats with heaps of style
 Ink stamps to print with
 Jewellery to wear
 - all at our Christmas craft Fair
 I could go on but the list is so long ..
 The best thing to do is go there!

at Harwell School

Tuesday 10th November 7.30 - 9.30pm

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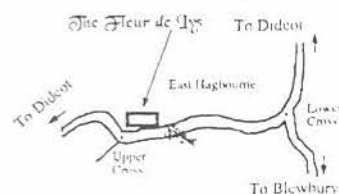
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Harwell Women's Institute

On 2 October there will be a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief from 10 - 12 noon in the British Legion Club - Cakes, Books, Bring and Buy & Raffle. Please come and support this worthwhile cause.

On 14 October our speaker for this month will be Clair Brown on *Aromatherapy for Common Ailments*

And on 11th November our speaker will be Amanda Wood talking on *Penguins, Fire and Ice*.

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,

Audrey Poffley, Press Secretary

The Royal British Legion Club (Harwell) Ltd

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

REMAINDER OF 1998

7 TH NOVEMBER	OVER THE HILL
14 TH NOVEMBER (NOT A DANCE)	GAFFER AND WILLIS SHOW
21 ST NOVEMBER	PADDY & TAFF AND UNION REVIVAL
	<u>FUND RAISING NIGHT FOR THE POPPY APPEAL</u>
28 TH NOVEMBER	TWO MUCH
18 TH DECEMBER	VAUGHAN HILL
	<u>MEMBERS CHRISTMAS DRAW</u>
24 TH DECEMBER	MILLENNIUM TWO
26 TH DECEMBER	<u>BOXING DAY</u> RHYTHM - 2 - ROCK
31 ST DECEMBER	<u>NEW YEAR'S EVE</u> TWO MUCH
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Lights of Love

On Saturday 12 December a tall Christmas Tree will stand outside Sir Michael Sobell House Hospice, in the grounds of the Churchill Hospital. The tree will be dressed with hundreds of sparkling lights, each one carrying a loving message for someone who has died.

Donations are invited for the Lights. The money raised will go to Sobell House, which needs over £700,000 a year from charitable contributions to maintain its excellent care of those with terminal illnesses. Everyone is invited to dedicate a light - whether their loved one died at Sobell House or elsewhere. They are also invited to complete a personal 'In Memory' page which will be bound into one of the special Lights of Love Books of Remembrance.

The Lights will be turned on for the first time by the Lord Mayor of Oxford Councillor Carole Roberts at 4.30pm on Saturday 12 December. A band will lead the short service and afterwards refreshments will be served in a marquee.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to dedicate a Light this Christmas, please call Sobell House Hospice Charity on 01865 883339 for further information.

Didcot Christmas Street Fair Christmas Around The World

Didcot's fifth Christmas Street Fair on Thursday 26 November will be a colourful event celebrating many aspects of *Christmas Around The World*.

Atlantic rower Jan Meek will be switching on the lights at the Civic Hall with the Mayor, Mrs Doreen McNulty at 7.30 pm.

The evening promises to be as exciting as previous events, with a Scottish Pipe Band, Jamaican Calypso, American Line Dancing, Chinese Dragons and wine tasting from around the world. Enquiries to Jeanette Howse on Didcot 817200.

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HARWELL FUN DOG SHOW

A lovely afternoon for the event helped 60 dogs their attendants raised over £500 for the Nairobi Hospice and Hospice Care in Kenya. Three of the African staff attended the event and were impressed with the enthusiasm of the crowd and helpers, and the amount of money raised. So many thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who made it all possible.

Waggiest Tail

- | | | |
|----------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 Rocky | Susanna Sim | Didcot |
| 2 Fester | Hanna Clark | Oxford |
| 3 Hobbes | Charles Johnson | Stowe |

Nicest Puppy

- | | | |
|----------|--------------|---------|
| 1 Petra | Val Dilloway | Harwell |
| 2 Bonnie | Lucy Keny | Harwell |
| 3 Bailey | Sybil Evans | Oxford |

Best Recued Dog

- | | | |
|---------|------------------|----------|
| 1 Fudge | Chris Kurzfeld | Blewbury |
| 2 Honey | Josie Rostagni | Harwell |
| 3 Pip | Margaret McNiven | Harwell |

Owner most like dog

- | | | |
|---------|----------------|------------|
| 1 Osama | Mrs Heasman | Kidlington |
| 2 Kiki | Josie Rostagni | Harwell |
| 3 Bruno | Sue Price | Harwell |

Best veteran

- | | | |
|---------|----------------|-------------|
| 1 Oscar | Lisa Crisp | Kirklington |
| 2 Kiki | Josie Rostagni | Harwell |
| 3 Toby | Rosy Wilkins | Didcot |

Dog with most appealing eyes

- | | | |
|----------|----------------|---------|
| 1 Prince | Mr Thomas | Harwell |
| 2 Toby | Miss Sanderson | Didcot |
| 3 Millie | Tracy Deacon | Grove |

Best six legs

- | | | |
|-----------|----------------|----------|
| 1 Ziggy | Jack Hawsworth | Harwell |
| 2 Tilly | Jane Worton | Finstock |
| 3 Charlie | Rosy Wilkins | Didcot |

Judging at the show - photo by Janice Markey

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- | | | |
|---------|---------------|---------|
| 1 Emily | Coral Thomas | Harwell |
| 2 Lucky | Holly Thomas | Harwell |
| 3 Henry | Linda Dowsing | Oxford |

Most likeable dog

- | | | |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 Oscar | Lisa Crisp | Kirklington |
| 2 Tilly | Jane Worton | Finstock |
| 3 Bonnie | Miss Crowe | Harwell |

(Nicest Harwell Dog)

Mini-agility Course

- | | | |
|----------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 Winnie | Miss Samson | W. Hagbourne |
| 2 Monty | R. Stevenson | W. Hagbourne |
| 3 Tegan | Chris Kurzfeld | Blewbury |

Grateful thanks go to the judge, Capt. Michael Forsyte-Fforrest from Lambourne, who had some difficult decisions to make. We look forward to seeing you all again next year,

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Results of Produce Show 1998

Thank you everyone who took part in the Village Produce Show.

Intervillage Tray Harwell

The David Dewey Memorial Shield Chris Rowell

(Garden club member with most points in all classes)

Harwell Produce Shield Fred Gee

(Harwell Parish resident with most points in all classes)

The Harwell Rose Bowl Fred Gee

(most points, horticulture classes)

The Chairman's Trophy Joy Gee

(most points in flower classes)

Rowstock Orchard Trophy Lynn Nickerson

(most points in fruit classes)

The Floral Art Trophy Caroline Ball

Novice Trophy Alwyn Evans

Vegetable Trophy Fred Gee

Domestic Cup Joy Gee

Young People's Challenge Cup Joel & Millie Packer

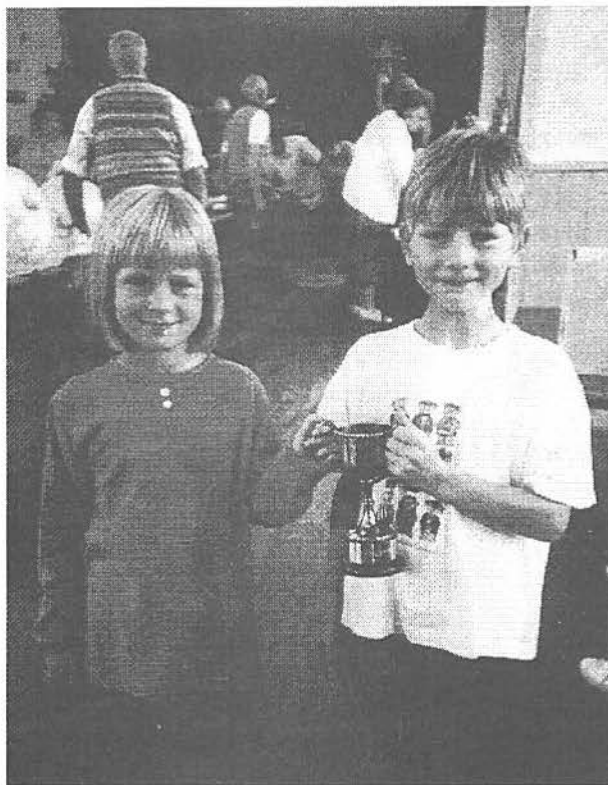
Handicraft Trophy Brenda Poulter

The Wine Trophy Chris Rowell

The Mary Turner Salva Brenda Poulter

(WI member with most points)

Most entries in the show Joy Gee



Millie & Joel Packer - joint winners of the Young Person's Challenge Cup. photo by Janice Markey

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GARDENING NOTES OCT/NOV.

AS THE NIGHTS DRAW IN WE SHOULD BE GETTING READY FOR THE WINTER. FRUIT SHOULD BE PICKED AND CAREFULLY SELECTED, ONLY THOSE WITHOUT ANY SIGN OF DISEASE OR DAMAGE SHOULD BE STORED - ONE BAD FRUIT CAN AFFECT ALL THE REST.

APPLES & PEARS CAN BE WRAPPED INDIVIDUALLY IN NEWSPAPER OR SPECIAL WAXED WRAPS, AND SOME VARIETIES OF PLUM CAN BE STORED FOR A SHORT WHILE IN EGG BOX TYPE TRAYS. UNLESS THEY ARE TO BE EATEN IMMEDIATELY THE OTHER FRUIT SHOULD BE PREPARED AND FROZEN. AUTUMN RASPBERRIES FREEZE VERY WELL AND EVEN STRAWBERRIES CAN BE FROZEN IF THEY ARE PUREED FIRST - THE FLAVOUR & COLOUR WILL BE THERE BUT NOT THE SHAPE OR TEXTURE.

AFTER THE FRUIT HAS BEEN PICKED THE TREES & BUSHES SHOULD BE TIDIED UP REMOVING ANY BROKEN OR DISEASED WOOD BUT LEAVING THE MAIN PRUNING TO BE CARRIED OUT LATER WHEN THE OVERALL SHAPE OF THE TREE CAN BE SEEN ONCE THE LEAVES ARE OFF. HOWEVER DO REMEMBER TO PRUNE ONLY IF YOU HAVE TO, AND ALL PRUNING SHOULD BE DONE WITH A CLEAR OBJECTIVE IN MIND. FIRSTLY TO REMOVE ANY DAMAGED OR DISEASED BRANCHES. THEN TO REMOVE ANY CROSSING OR TOUCHING BRANCHES. FINALLY TO PROMOTE FLOWERING & FRUITING. MOST OF THE PRUNING AIMED AT INCREASING FRUIT PRODUCTION HOWEVER NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE SUMMER. WINTER PRUNING IN GENERAL TENDS TO PROMOTE GROWTH RATHER THAN FRUIT.

IT IS TIME NOW TO PREPARE THE GROUND FOR PLANTING NEW SHRUBS, TREES & HERBACEOUS PLANTS MAKING SURE THAT THE WHOLE AREA IS FREE FROM ALL PERENNIAL WEEDS. TREAT THE AREA WITH GLYPHOSATE IF PERENNIAL WEEDS ARE FOUND. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT NEW PLANTINGS. THE WEEDKILLER ACTS THROUGH THE FOLIAGE SO THE MORE FOLIAGE THAT CAN BE TREATED WITH THE WEEDKILLER THE MORE EFFECTIVE IT WILL BE. IN WINTERTIME THE WEEDS TAKE LONGER TO DIE OFF DUE TO THE SHORTER AMOUNT OF DAYLIGHT.

THIS AUTUMN THERE ARE A NUMBER OF NEW VARIETIES OF FRUIT, FLOWERS & VEGETABLES ON OFFER AND THERE IS A NEW EMPHASIS ON WINTER & EARLY SPRING MATURING ITEMS. MANY VARIETIES ARE WINTER HARDY AND MAY BE GROWN OUTSIDE WITHOUT PROTECTION. WHY NOT GET SOME

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Laurie

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Thursday 8th FREE EVENT

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Didcot Civic Hall - 10am-12.30pm &
Barnes Close Community Centre - 2pm-4pm

Friday 9th 7.30pm

**THE JULIET ALLEN PIANO
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Saturday 10th 10am, 11am, 12pm

**THREE CHILDREN'S CRAFT
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Sunday 11th 7.30pm

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**AN EVENING OF MUSIC
& HUMOUR**
Northbourne Centre, Church Street £3.50
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Wednesday 14th 7.30pm

Writers for Pleasure present
TELLING TALES
Didcot Library, The Broadway £1.50

Friday 16th 7.30pm

Chalgrove Band in
FESTIVAL CONCERT
Didcot Civic Hall £3.50 / Cons. £3.00

Saturday 17th 2.00pm & 5.00pm

Didcot's talented kids present
**THE YOUNG DIDCOT
STAGE SHOW**
Northbourne Centre, Church Street £2.50

Sunday 18th 7.30pm

Actor Charles Pemberton presents
"A DISAGREEABLE MAN?"
The story of W. S. Gilbert (and A. S. Sullivan)
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Saturday 24th 10.30am - 4.00pm

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Friday 23rd 8.00pm

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Monday 26th - Friday 30th

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Harwell Village Hall 26th 2.00pm
Didcot Youth & Community
Centre 27th 10.30am
Blewbury Village Hall 27th 2.00pm
Northbourne Centre, Didcot 28th 10.30am
Hagbourne Village Hall 29th 10.30am
Chilton Village Hall 30th 10.30am
£2.50 - all classes

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st 7.30pm

The Phoenix Drama Group presents
**"AN EVENING WITH
GARY LINEKER"**
Didcot Civic Hall £4.50/Cons. £3.50

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st 10.30am - 4.00pm
DIDCOT CRAFT FAIR
Didcot Civic Hall Adults 60p/Child, Cons. 30p

Wednesday 4th 7.30pm

Didcot & District Archaeological & Historical
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Friday 6th 7.45pm

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Friday 13th 8.00pm

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Saturday 14th 7.30pm

Didcot Choral Society present
MOZART'S REQUIEM
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Sunday 15th 7.30pm

Bijou Theatre & Solstice present
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