

The Harwell News

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HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Harwell Bypass

The traffic counts that we have done over the last few years, combined with the prospect of an extra 3,200 houses in Didcot, suggest that peak hour traffic through Harwell could double over the next 10 years. The County Council, through the Didcot Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) and other studies, is considering the possibility of a new road to bypass Harwell, since it does not now look as if extra slip roads could enable the A34 to be used to bypass the village. However, there are many unanswered questions. Two key issues are:

1. What factors need to be taken into account in assessing the need for a bypass? In particular, what might be the effect on the village shops and pubs of loss of trade from through traffic?
2. If a bypass is needed, which route offers the best solution, taking into account cost, damage to the local environment, and other factors?

The Parish Council wants to get your views and to get more information to help answer these questions. At the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday May 19th there will be a presentation and discussion, with a display of maps showing possible routes and forms on which to write comments. Then, in the summer, a weeks' survey at the shops will be conducted with the full co-operation of the shop owners. It will help to estimate the possible effect of a reduction in passing traffic.

NO more slip roads into A34

We want to be prepared to represent the best interests of the village when the issues need our input. Please come to the Parish Meeting on May 19th!

*Investigating 3rd site for affordable housing.
Setting up web site - no expertise - looking for help
1000 flats 2x post centre
Survey early July
MFSS
2x increase
peak 600ph 1 each 6 secs → 1/3 secs*

The Council was pleased to meet the new beat officer, PC Kevin Taylor (see Page 3) who explained that intelligence would need to be passed to him from residents to help with problems and that he would be meeting Neighbourhood Watch groups in the course of time. He agreed to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, commitments permitting. Details of the Annual Parish Meeting are below and for the new introduction of "Surgery Arrangements" see page 2.

The Council noted that there was a great deal of resentment regarding the withdrawal of bus tokens by VWHDC. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council objecting to this move.

The Annual Footpath walk will take place on Sunday 24th April meeting at the Village Hall at 2.p.m.

TO ALL ELECTORS OF HARWELL

You are invited to attend the

PARISH MEETING

Held at HARWELL VILLAGE HALL on
Thursday 19th May 2005 at 7.30 pm
under the Chairmanship of Mrs June Blissett

The Parish Meeting may by law discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them. The following matters have so far been placed on the agenda.

Jane Woolley

Chairman's Report

Presentation by VWHDC Environmental Warden

Presentation by VWHDC on Community Safety

13 Hagden Crime & Disorder in Harwell Bypass

Bus Routes

*partnership
4 of them*

The hall will be open at 7.00pm to allow residents to view information re bypass.

*Tracy Hughes
Norman*

*past time drug sale
mouse prevention
Hill*

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SURGERY ARRANGEMENTS

Starting on 4th June 2005 between 10 – 11 am and on the 1st Saturday of each month thereafter, the Council Office in the Recreation Ground Pavilion will be open to residents who wish to make enquiries or raise concerns.

This arrangement is on a trial basis for 6 months to assess demand.

Keep Harwell Rural

The Public Inquiry into the planning application for Great Western Park will start on Tuesday 24th January 2006 at the SODC Offices in Crowmarsh, and is expected to last 20 days. KHR and the PC will be represented.

Everyone should have received through their door a questionnaire called *Your Shout* about the South East Plan to 2026. If you want your views known make sure you return the questionnaire by the closing date of 15th April.

Keep Harwell Rural Committee – Contacts:

Tony Hughes ☎ 835301,

Colin Lamont ☎ 832866

Planning Matters

Formal Notice of Permission

HAR/17167/1 – Erection of a four-bedroom dwelling and car parking on land at rear of 17 Kings Lane subject to usual conditions and also to restrictions on height of window roof lights.

HAR/9366/4 – Erection of a 2 bedroom bungalow at 21 The Park.

HAR/18801 – Erection of an extension at Willow, Barrow Lane.

HAR/9479/5 – Single storey extension to provide entrance hall and sun lounge at Harrow House, Burr Street.

HAR/18890 – Demolish bungalow and outbuildings. Erection of new dwelling with integral garage at Hazeldene, Abingdon Road, Rowstock

Formal Notice of refusal

HAR/12945/2 – Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two-storey extension (re-submission) at Yearlings Downs Close.

New Applications

HAR/17167/1 – Erection of a double garage on land at rear of 17 Kings Lane.

HAR/8070/1 – Erection of 2 storey and single storey extensions at Dormers, Reading Road.

HAR/18997 – Extend and convert roof space with internal alterations at Cheslyn Haye, The Winnaway.

HAR/16917/1 – Two storey front extension to provide porch with en-suite over at 50 North Drive.

HAR/18989 – Erection of a single storey rear extension at 23 Orchard Way.

List of applications are posted weekly and can be accessed via the web page
<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/DevelopmentControl/>

HARWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY SAFETY DAYS

HARWELL VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

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JUNE

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PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Council continues to receive complaints from Parishioners regarding the parking on verges. Pavements are for pedestrians; parking can damage the pavement and cause difficulties with disabilities or with pushchairs. If parking on a verge causes a hazard, by restricting visibility, the police have the power to fine the offender, whilst it is appreciated that it is often difficult to find parking in the village it is requested that consideration be given to pedestrians and other road users.

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Floats (835436)

Stalls & Sideshows (832802)

Car Boot Sale (£10)

Bonny Baby Comp (Up to 12 months)

Children's Fancy Dress (0 5 yrs, 6-11yrs)

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Children's Races with Mr Cansell

2 Roast Pigs & A Barbecue

New for 2005 – BINGO

Entry by Programme

£1.50 in Advance

£2.00 on the Day

**Tickets available from Village Shops
Mid May**

If anyone could offer 1 hour of their time on Feast Day to help The Committee this would be very much appreciated. Please contact Janice Markey 832802 or Patricia Cooke 832702 (Callminder after 6 rings)

News from Harwell School

The Harwell School Association has organised events for the following months, to which we hope to welcome the whole village.

FAMILY BARN DANCE Featuring the band ODDSOX.

**Friday 22nd April, 7.30pm until late in
Harwell Village Hall**

- ❖ Adults £7.50, children £3.50 (supper included; or a family ticket (2 adults and 3 children) for £20.
- ❖ Tickets available from the school office and the post office.

July 9th – Summer Fair featuring the first ever Harwell School **Fun Run** with mini-run for children and the annual Grand Draw.

Do come along and support these events, which raise much-needed cash for the school to buy equipment, provide transport and subsidise educational outings, to name but a few things. If you would like more details on any of the items mentioned above, call Hilary on ☎821442 or Colleen on ☎832294.

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Yet again a busy term for the children culminating with our annual Easter Bonnet Parade kindly judged by Kath Luker. An extra special event this year as we say farewell to Yvonne Hinchliffe after over 25 years of service. Many thanks to Yvonne for her dedication, amazing energy, enthusiasm with the children and ability to lead the playgroup into being the well established, excellent pre-school it now is.

Congratulations to Nicky Mercer who will be taking over from Yvonne and well done to the team Sally, Jackie, Gemma, Helen and Laura for continuing with the good work.

- The Harwell Feast is approaching us and preparations are already under way for our float. You will find us at the stall on the Recreation ground on the day – Monday 30th May. Look out for our Grand Prize Raffle tickets on sale soon.
- The annual Teddy Bears picnic will take place in the recreation ground in June, date to be confirmed.
- The annual summer outing for the children, parents and carers will also be in June.
- Our open day will be held on Saturday 25th June. A chance to meet the staff and see the setting.
- We hope to be able to start swimming in the summer term weather and availability of the pool permitting.

The Breakfast club is providing extra care for those families who need an early start Monday through to Friday. Places are available to book and also at short notice if needed. We will also deliver school age children to Harwell Primary if necessary.

We have a few spaces left for this term. Term five begins on Monday 18th April. If you would like your child to come to our setting please ring the Pre-school on ☎ 01235 821741 or just call in any day from 8.15a.m. until 3.00 p.m. and have a look around to see what we have to offer for the children.

Children can start with us from the age of 2.5 years initially with their parent/carer and by the time they are 3 years old, they should be ready and able to stay unaccompanied. The term after their third birthday, your child would be entitled to 5 free sessions with us and this carries on until children start school. You can choose from any of the 10 sessions available and increase the total number of sessions your child attends depending on need.

If you would like to know more about Little Pippins Pre-school or are interested in supporting the pre-school please call the above number. Alternatively contact **Lorraine Moore** on ☎ 832 713 e-mail

littlepippins2004@yahoo.com.uk or visit our website <http://home.btconnect.com/harwell>

Friends of Little Pippins Pre-school

After over 25 years of service to developing and leading Little Pippins Pre-school, Yvonne Hinchliffe is retiring. To commemorate Yvonne's achievements there will be a celebration evening held in the Village Hall on Friday 17th June at 8pm. A book of names for comments and best wishes will be available to sign at the Post Office until the 17th June. It will then be available to sign at the evening function. A list will also be available at the Post Office to allow you to request tickets to the evening function. We will be asking for a small financial contribution towards the cost of the evening when your ticket is issued. The event is intended for Adults. For any other information please contact Lorraine Moore at Brook Farm House, Jennings Lane, telephone 832713 or Karen Muir at Autumn House, Barrow Lane, telephone 835251. Alternatively e-mail littlepippins2004@yahoo.co.uk

Harwell Village Tennis Club

The Village Tennis Club runs the two courts on the recreation ground. For the extremely good value annual subscriptions of £25 Family, £12 Adult, £8 Senior Citizens and Students, £5 Junior (plus £2 for key if required) members have unlimited use of the courts, will be welcome to join our Club Nights on Thursday evenings (6.00-7.00pm Juniors, 7.00pm - Adults, starting 29 April), and will be even more welcome to play in our regular friendly matches with other local clubs in the area.

The club holds two fun tournaments in the summer, a Friendly Tournament (for Adults and 12+ Juniors) at 2.00 on Sunday 12th June, and a Juniors Tournament (12-15 years) at 2.00 on Sunday 4th September. We are currently negotiating some coaching sessions, which we expect to start at the end of April, and are likely to be on Thursday evenings before the Club Night.

For membership or coaching, please contact Jane Cumming on ☎ 01235 221048, or come along to one of the Club Nights.

-----Volunteers needed-----

Against Breast Cancer is a local charity based in Curie Avenue at the Harwell Business Centre, we fund vital research into the secondary spread of breast cancer. We have upgraded our database and are in desperate need of volunteers to input data. If you feel you could spare some time please call Louise on 0870 7744288 for further details. ABC Registered Charity No. 1020967



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The Mobile Library will be outside the Harwell Village Hall between 2.45 – 3.20pm on the following Wednesdays

20th April; 4th and 18th May; and 1st June

Oxfordshire Children's Information Service

Karen Walker is the Outreach Officer for the Children's Information Service. The Service is funded by the County and District Councils to provide free information to parents and carers on child care, sport and leisure activities in Oxfordshire.

As Outreach Officer, Karen is able to come out to groups and meet parents. This gives her an opportunity to talk to the parents about the Children's Information Service and the support that they can provide to families.

A Children's Information Service Guide for VWHDC is being produced and Karen is looking for information about activities for children to be included in this Guide, this would include parent and toddler groups, singing, gym and dance classes etc. Details of the type of activity, contact names and telephone numbers should be sent to

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the Environment**" and "**Farmgate Milk
Prices**"

In June we will be entertained by a speaker
on "**Talking Hats**" and then more
amusement follows in July with
"**Confessions of a Pantomime Dame**"

If any of these events take your fancy
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Harwell Gardeners Club

In **February** members travelled to East Hanney Gardeners Club for a joint meeting. The talk was entitled 'Travels in Search of Remarkable Plants' given by Robert Hardy. He showed some really beautiful slides showing alpine plants and flowers growing up in mountainous areas around the world. He then moved on to unusual plants growing in the desert regions of Arizona and California in the USA, Australia and South Africa. His talk ended with some photos taken in forest areas with specific attention to large specimen trees and also woodland flowers and shrubs. A very interesting evening with some excellent photography.

At our **March** meeting members enjoyed an illustrated talk entitled 'Plants for Pots' given by Jenny Whitham. She showed us some beautiful slides of various urns, pots and other unusual containers displaying all types of plants from summer bedding to spring bulbs. By showing us how these pots are used in other British gardens it gave members ideas on colour and composition for use in their own gardens.

The club has a very full programme for the coming year and already has lots of new members, so do come along and see for yourselves. The evening was rounded off as usual with a raffle and refreshments.

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FUN CLUB NEWS

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Each week we provide a variety of toys and puzzles, a craft table, juice and biscuits for the children and tea and coffee for the adults – all for only £1 per family (first visit free).

Forthcoming events:

Photographer – Tues 26 April – come and have professionally taken photos of your child(ren), you, granny, etc on a sale or return basis – you've got nothing to lose! The cost of a pack of 1 large, 2 medium and 6 mini photos is £15.

Nearly New Sale of baby & toddler (ie 0-5 yrs approx) clothes, equipment, books and toys – Sat 7 May 10-12 Harwell Village Hall. Fantastic bargains to be had.

All the tables for people who want to sell their own items have gone now but you can still:

- Contact me for us to sell for you on 1/3rd commission (suitable if you don't have too many items – eg 30 or fewer)
- Contact me now to reserve a table for our **next sale on Saturday 12 Nov** (tables are £8 each but you don't need to commit yourself by paying until September)

Contact Jane Woolley on Tel 22 10 30.

We always welcome more volunteers for the committee, or anyone who would just like to come along to see how Fun Club is managed. **In particular, we could STILL really do with more Harwell residents on the committee.** Fun Club members come from all over the district, but for some reason they are distinctly under-represented on the committee). Although I am no longer on the committee, I am still heavily involved in Fun Club so please feel free to contact me, Jane Woolley Tel 22 10 30 for details.

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- 9 Apr – RBL Dinner – Music by Graham Morris. Non-diners welcome
- 16 Apr – Quarterly Quiz – with Brian Mulford
- 23 Apr – Pats Disco – TBA
- 30 Apr – Monthly Dance – Music by Eddie Spencer Duo
- 7 May – Dance – Music by Julie Marie
- 14 May – TBA
- 21 May – The 'Bob' Show – wear wacky shirts
- 28 May – Monthly Dance – Music by Tony Casper

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What's in your dustbin?

Vale Urge Residents To More Recycle Paper

The Vale of White Horse District Council has just completed an analysis of the refuse, garden waste and recycling, that is put out by householders for collection by the Council contractors Cleanaway. The cost of the analysis was funded by Defra, and involved taking a random sample of 500 households in the Vale; they were then classified into categories according to economic and cultural factors, such as age, family structure, likely spending etc.

A team of experienced staff carried out the analysis and hand sorted all the waste and weighed it to find out how much of each material was from each home. It was found that the contents of an average bag of refuse, contained 26% paper, 12% plastics and 4% glass, all of which could be put into green recycling boxes.

Currently we are only recycling around 22% of our waste in the District, but with your help, by making full use of your Green Box, the Vale can get nearer its target of 29% recycling from 2005.

So please have a look at the table below, and see just what you are throwing away which we could be collecting for recycling.

Thank you for your support.

Here is a reminder of what you can place in your Green recycling box:

Paper	Plastic Bottles	Glass	Metal	Textiles	Other
Newspapers, Junk Mail, Pamphlets, Catalogues, Kitchen Paper, Telephone Directories, Brown & White Envelopes, Households Bills, Magazines.	Any Plastic Bottles Eg. Bleach, Milk Containers, Bubble Bath.	Jars, & Bottles (Any Colour, Clean).	Clean Food Cans, Drink Cans, Aluminium Foil & Aerosol Cans.	Clothing, Shoes, Sheets, Tablecloths, etc (In Separate Bag).	Mobile Telephones, Batteries (Place In Small Clear Bag), & Car Batteries (Place Beside Box)

If you would like a free Green Recycling Box, or would like a second box, or if you would more information on waste and recycling please give the waste team a call on 01235 520202 or email waste.team@whitehorsedc.gov.uk. Alternatively write to The Vale of White Horse District Council, Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JN.

OXFORDSHIRE YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM

Fed up with crime in your community? Ready to do something about it?

You could help by giving a few hours a month to sit on a new local panel to keep under-18s away from crime

Find out more from **01865 202218**

YOUTH OFFENDER PANELS

R H Fencing & Gates

All types supplied and erected
trees lopped & felled, stumps removed
hedges trimmed, gardens cleared
walls - paths - drives
sand, ballast, shingle supplied
for free estimate tel 835397

Ray Hinchliffe - Polkerris, High St. Harwell

Normal Collection	Will be Collected on
May Day	
Monday 2 May	Tuesday 3 May
Tuesday 3 May	Wednesday 4 May
Wednesday 4 May	Thursday 5 May
Thursday 5 May	Friday 6 May
Friday 6 May	Saturday 7 May
Spring Holiday	
Monday 30 May	Tuesday 31 May
Tuesday 31 May	Wednesday 1 June
Wednesday 1 June	Thursday 2 June
Thursday 2 June	Friday 3 June
Friday 3 June	Saturday 4 June

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