

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 26th April, 8pm, in the Village Hall

The provisional agenda includes:

- Chairman's Report: to include mention of Shirefest and storage of waste at Harwell Campus.
- Play Area and Our Street Corner update: Money raised and implementation plans.
- Planning: Update on status of Vale's Core Strategy, Harwell Link Rd & Interim Housing Supply Policy
- Mason's Funfair: presentation by proprietor requesting village consent for funfair on the Recreation Ground
- Harwell Feast: Update on plans for 2012
- Village Hall: Update from trustees on their plans

There is still time for registered electors to request items for the agenda, so if you have any topic which you would like discussed at the meeting, then please let our Clerk know.

It is also open for electors to place resolutions on the agenda, which can be voted on by those at the meeting. These resolutions are not binding on the Parish Council, but they must be taken into account, especially if they are thought to represent the views of a large part of the community.

Parish Council News

February Meeting

At the Open Forum a group from Our Street Corner presented a cheque to the Parish for £2000 towards the Play Area refurbishment project. They explained that as well as their own fundraising, they had applied for and been awarded £1000 from the Mid Counties Co-operative Grants Fund and £1000 from the Chill Out Fund towards the project. The Parish Council Chairman, Mr David Marsh received the cheque on behalf of the Council and thanked them for their contribution to getting the Play Area project under way.

Our County Councillor, Mr Stewart Lilly reported that Local Government Boundary Commission has published its findings regarding the number of County Councillors in Oxfordshire and some changes will affect the Harwell ward. The Vehicle Activated Sign for Reading Road will be powered by solar panels, and should be installed by Easter. The Harwell Link Road preliminary design should be ready by June.

In the meeting proper, under planning matters, the application from Grove Farms to hold a music festival during 20 – 23rd July was discussed. The Council agreed to ask the Vale WHDC: That as the event is to take place on the same weekend as the Truck Festival in Steventon, traffic planning is done carefully to ensure minimum disruption, that neighbouring residents are given advance notice of the event as well as reminders nearer the date, that access is only through Grove Farms main entrance and that Footpath 7, which runs alongside the site, is not affected.

Under Lands matters, there was a need to appoint a Councillor to undertake a Risk Assessment with the Clerk, and Mrs Kate Beswick volunteered for this. Also some refurbishment work in the Pavilion was discussed, now that Our Street Corner has obtained a grant to fund some storage in the Pavilion. The plan is to remove some of the counter in the meeting room to make way for other storage units.

Among recommendations from the Lands Committee, it was agreed to try to find an aerator locally that could be hired, to arrange a meeting with HHYFC to discuss further their request for storage of goal equipment, and that a request to extend the floodlit area used for evening training be rejected. A table of revised Cemetery Fees was agreed.

There was an item on the agenda to enable the Parish Council to apply for grants and manage funds on behalf of Harwell Village Hall for refurbishment and extension work, subject to various conditions – see the minutes on the Parish Council website for the full details.

March Meeting

In the Open Forum, Mr Marsh welcomed five members of the public to the meeting and explained the procedure. One lady explained that she was still distressed about the soil which had been spread on her parent's grave, and Mr Marsh apologised on behalf of the Council. Mr Creasy said he was concerned about the traffic which would be generated once Great Western Park is completed and wished to know what the Council had been doing to oppose the extra traffic. Mr Marsh explained briefly what had happened to date, and agreed to speak to Mr Creasy further, to provide more details.

Under Planning matters, the two proposals within the Parish for additional housing under the Vale's Interim Housing Supply Policy were discussed. The Policy document indicates that no further housing should be considered in Harwell Parish. The Vale WHDC has put the proposals out for comment, which must be made by 20th April. See the separate item on this. *See the separate item on page 4.*

Under Financial matters, the RBL ground rent was due for review, and after discussion of options, it was resolved that the rent be set with an increase of 2% at the next review.

Under Lands matters, Mrs Greatbanks was invited to give a progress report on the Play Area; they were about ready to invite tenders for the work from four contractors. The Council was happy with the proposals, but urged that correct procedures must be followed, including having in place a definition of how the tenders will be assessed before any tender letters are opened.

Several recommendations from the Lands Committee were approved, including that the bonfire site be removed from the allotments to the far part of the Recreation Ground, and that the Clerk writes to residents of Green Road, suggesting that they contact

OCC about reinstating the original status of the bridleway, which the Council would support.

It was agreed that the Council should ask the Village Hall Trustees to look into providing an office for the Parish Council in the redeveloped Village Hall. It was noted that at present this is only one option and that the Council may decide to keep the office in the pavilion.

It was noted that complaints had been received about the deteriorating surface of, and cyclists riding on the footpath between The Cleave and Church Lane. OCC had been informed, and had promised a site visit.

Full minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on the web. The next meetings of the Parish Council are on Tuesdays 10th April and 8th May.

Items for the agenda need to be with the Clerk, Mrs. S. Taylor one week before the meeting. Contact her on 01235 820006 where messages can be left, email clerk@harwellparish.co.uk, or by post to P.O. Box 223 Wantage OX12 2DH. Office hours, in the Pavilion, are 9am to 5pm Mondays. To contact Councillors, see the appropriate page at www.harwellparish.co.uk

Concessionary Fares Update

Responsibility for running the Concessionary Fares Scheme within Oxfordshire passed to the County in April 2011. District Councils continued to administer the scheme for the County on an agency basis but this agreement comes to an end on 31 March.

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Planning Matters

Permissions:

11/02925/FUL & 11/02926/LBC Proposed structural repairs, alterations & change of use of existing listed outbuilding at The Homestead, High Street
11/02903/FUL Extension to existing goose house at Land rear of Froud Builders & Rempstone, Reading Rd

Applications

12/00014/FUL Erection of agricultural implement type building with open & closed bays, building to be used as wood store & block preparation for use in Meadow House at Meadow House, Reading Road
12/00371/FUL Conversion of garage/workshop & extension to annexe adjoining main building & loft conversion (re-submission) at The Hudsons, Barrow Rd
12/00302/FUL 2 storey extension at 11A Kings Lane
12/00355/FUL Rebuild at Elmslea, Didcot Road.
12/00372/FUL Erection of a single 2 bed dwelling at Land adjacent to 8 Wantage Road.

Following discussion, the Parish Council voted by 7 to 1 with 1 abstention not to object to this application.

The Vale WHDC was asked that neighbours' comments to be taken into consideration for all these applications.

12/00247/FUL Erection of temporary storage shelter at Land north of Becquerel Avenue.

Ed Vaizey local surgery dates

April 27th 2012 - Faringdon, Pump Rooms

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The cost is £1.50 per family and includes a snack and a drink for the children and adults. Your first session is free.

URGENT! Help wanted -two of our committee members move on in July and we also desperately need more people to help us open up in the mornings. Without support we will have to close which would be a real shame for the village.

Please call Alison Fautley on 01235 221052 if you can arrive earlier on a Tuesday (9.15am) or want to help on the committee.

The next Nearly New Sale is on 19th May.

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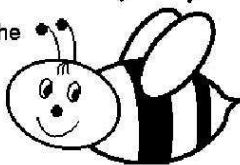
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We offer the following sessions:

Breakfast Club – 8am till 9:15am

Morning Session – 9:15am till 11:45am

Lunch – 11:45am till 12:30pm

Afternoon Session – 12:30pm till 3pm

After School Club – 3pm till 6pm - (in association with Harwell Afterschool Club)

We do have some spaces available for the summer terms. If you would like to know more, you are welcome to call in anytime and have a look around or contact, Sally Begley, on 01235 821741, email littlepippins@btinternet.com or visit our website www.littlepippins.org.uk



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Another 240 Houses in Harwell in the next few years?

On March 27th the government introduced into law its National Planning Policy Framework which reduces, it claims, some 1200 pages of regulation to about 50. It puts pressure on Local Authorities to complete their Local Plans, and gives them twelve months to do so.

This will put pressure on the Vale, whose Local Plan, also known as the Core Strategy, is not due its next public review until September. Elsewhere in this Harwell News you can see the concerns raised by Keep Harwell Rural about the implications of an extra 3,000 or so houses in Harwell Parish, mostly in the proposed Valley Park, at the north of the Parish. Remember we only have 1000 houses at the moment.

Without their Local Plan, the Vale has to demonstrate that it has a short-term supply of land suitable for housing and so it has implemented an Interim Housing Supply Policy. They have invited landowners and developers to submit proposals for land that could provide these houses. Capacity for over 4000 houses has been offered. The Vale only needs about 1000, so most of the proposals will be turned down.

The proposals that will be favoured should have the support of their Parish Council, and, by implication, their local community.

For Harwell, two sites have been proposed. One is for 40 houses on land east of the A34, south of the Harwell to Didcot Rd. This will threaten the green area separating Didcot from Harwell, and will be an extension of Great Western Park, once the rest of the GWP houses are built.

The other proposal is for 200 houses split between two sites. Some would be adjacent to Grove Road, on the left as you drive out of Harwell, and some adjacent to Barrow Road, again on the left as you walk away from the village, and behind the Croft.

The Vale's policy says that they will not consider houses in areas which are already allocated housing under the proposed Local Plan. This would automatically exclude these proposals in Harwell. However, the Vale decided to distribute all the proposals in case any Parish sees merit in them.

Rather than reject the proposals out of hand, the Parish Council decided to delay adopting a position until their next meeting on April 10th. It noted that the village does need affordable housing, that the community may benefit from the influx of new people, and that contributions from the developers may help with various projects needed in the village. It was thought possible that some variation of the proposal for the 200 houses might help to meet these needs.

If you have any views on this, please contact any of the Parish Councillors and pass your comments to the Vale. Although the deadline for comments to the Vale is April 20th, this will be on the agenda for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 26th.

David Marsh, Chairman, Harwell Parish Council

Keep Harwell Rural Campaign

Harwell to be encroached by yet further development beyond Great Western Park

Are you worried about the impact of the 3,300 houses at Great Western Park on the character of the Village? If Vale of White Horse plans go ahead unchanged, did you know that we are facing a further 2,150 houses between Great Western Park and the A34 by 2027? This development, called Valley Park, would obliterate any remaining "rural gap" between Harwell Village and Didcot. It would also be using up yet more quality agricultural land - something that planning policies say should be avoided if possible.

Didcot also to get a further 2,030 houses to the north east

As well as Great Western Park and Valley Park, Didcot will also be expanding to the northeast beyond the Ladygrove Estate. 2,030 new houses are planned there, despite objections from residents of Long Wittenham and other affected villages.

Is all opposition to Valley Park futile?

These plans have been around now for several years and we have made objections in all of the consultations. The Vale of White Horse District Council though has to satisfy certain housing targets, which is why you may also have heard about other smaller bids for development in Harwell Parish. Our Local Councillors and Keep Harwell Rural are making every effort to see if at least some alterations to the plans can be made by reducing the size of Valley Park and its impact on the remaining rural character of our village. We are also continuing to press for a village bypass and other road improvements.

Keep Harwell Rural's philosophy is to keep up pressure whilst there is the slightest chance that we can have an impact. This has paid off where the roads are concerned - they are now accepted to be essential.

We need to know if villagers continue to share our concerns about this further large-scale development

The Vale of White Horse District Council will be consulting after the summer about its plans, including those for Valley Park. If you share our concerns about this development please let us know via the *Contact us* page at www.KeepHarwellRural.org or by emailing to info@KeepHarwellRural.org.

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The February meeting was really enjoyable with a subject close to all our hearts - the *Bad Hair Day!* Andrew from *Philosophy of Hair* had some practical ideas together history of hair going back to the Royal Courts of our Kings and Queens.

March was the AGM and the end of the WI year. A new committee was chosen and Joyce Doughty gallantly agreed to take the helm again for another year. The programme will be issued at the April Meeting. After the AGM, Jill Kayley gave us a fascinating talk about Hedgehogs and her rescue centre in Goring. She also brought along one of her guests, Fenton, who was quite sociable as he was shown around the gathering.

On 11th April we have John Owen from the RNLI talking about 20 years of service with the Institution, training, fundraising and speaking about a lifetime connected with the sea.

On Saturday 5th May, whether you are a member or not, come to our **Coffee Morning and Plant Sale** in The Village Hall. Just £2 for a delicious scone with tea or coffee and a chance to start buying your summer plants at very reasonable prices.

On 9th May Liam d'Arcy Brown is going to give a lively talk on the geography, history and culture of The Grand Canal of China which is 1,170 miles long - similar to the Great Wall of China.

Later in the year there will be Punch & Judy, a Mouth & Foot Artist and Chinese Medicine encompassing a wide range of interests.

Outside visits include:

Thursday 3rd May - a Bluebell Walk, lunch and a guided tour of Nuffield House;

Saturday 16th June - Filkins Museum and village history trail and cream tea;

Tuesday 31st July - an evening visit to Manor Farm Herbs at Fringford;

Tuesday 14th August - A walk from Wallingford, via the Castle Grounds, to The Waterside Café at Benson for coffee and cake!

There are also Theatre trips as and when available during the year, which are notified to those wishing to be involved.

Come and see for yourself. Find out at first hand the many interesting speakers, visits and outings we have to offer. Visitors are always welcome. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. For more information about joining us or about any of the above activities, contact our Secretary, Penny Marsh, on 01235 835430. Email: penny@digitalsafaris.com

Mobile Library

The **Mobile Library** will be in the Village Hall car park between 9.15 and 9.40am on the following Wednesdays: 11th, 25th April, 9th, 23rd May.



The New Poppy Tea Room

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Teas: 3rd, 17th April, 1st, 15th, 29th May, 2.30 to 4pm. Homemade cakes and tea / coffee, all for only £1.50. If you want to, you can have a go at our table quiz or have a go at our raffle, it's up to you. We also have a book stall for you to browse through.

Lunches: 10th, 24th April, 8th, 22nd May. Cooked lunch, bar facility. Please reserve a table in advance by telephoning the club (221126).

Also Sunday lunches, usually once a month - check the Legion calendar on www.harwellrbl.co.uk

The Poppy Tea Room Committee of The Harwell Club RBL Westfield.

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Harwell Gardeners' Club

Meetings are at 7.30 p.m. in Harwell Village Hall
Monday April 2nd:

Talk - *Grow Your Own '5 a Day'* by Chris Day
The competition is *An Easter Arrangement*.

Monday May 14th:

Talk *India - The Spice of Life* by Gwen Barton
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The Trustees will be holding a Jubilee Sunday Lunch on June 3rd in the Village Hall. More details after Easter.

Keith Beswick

Harwell Senior Citizens Fund

We have now finalised the above organisation after distributing just over £7,000 to parishioners last Christmas. We had £547.60 left in our bank account and have decided to split this amount between various organisations:

Harwell Feast £100 Didcot Hospital £100
Little Pippins £100 Harwell Gardeners Club £100
Cherry Tree Court Social Fund £100 and
Harwell Evergreens £47.60

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking everybody involved in this organisation since 1964.

Yvonne Hinchliffe – Secretary

Karate Class

A new Goju-Ryu Karate class has started at Harwell School, it is on every Wednesday 6pm to 7.30pm. The class is aimed at beginners of all ages, families welcome. This class is one of several held in the area by Didcot Karate School throughout the week. For more information please contact:

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Earth Trust Guided Walks:

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Sunday 29th April, 4:30am - 6:30am: Dawn Chorus. Celebrate springtime with a stroll around the Clumps listening to the amazing early morning birdsong. Learn more about the birds that live here and how to identify them; it will be well worth the early start!

Thursday 17th May, 8:30pm - 10:30pm: Bats at Wallingford Castle Meadows. Join local bat expert to find out about these fascinating night flyers living right in the heart of Wallingford. Learn how to use a bat detector and recognise different species in flight.

Saturday 19th May, 10am - 12noon: Birds at Thrupp Lake, Radley. Join local expert Ben Carpenter for a stroll around Thrupp Lake, Radley to learn more about the birds and the habitats they live in.

More details on booking.

All events - Adults £5, Children £2.

Booking is essential: 01865-407792 or
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New local running group for complete beginners

We are looking to start a new jogging group in Harwell, in April. The group will be run by a qualified jog leader with the GO Active (Get Oxfordshire Active) project, aimed at encouraging everyone the chance to take part in some regular exercise.

Everyone will be welcome to join up, whatever their age (16+), size or ability. A fully trained group leader will make sure that you are well looked after and having loads of fun. If you would be interested in joining this group please get in touch with Anna for more details on 01235 540377 or anna.capeldavies@southandvale.gov.uk. Please indicate if you would prefer a daytime or evening group.

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Bus Stop Improvements – from OCC

The Parish Council has received an update on progress of the Science Vale UK Bus Route Improvements project which is being carried out in a series of phases; this is an abbreviated version:

Phase 1 has begun; this is focused on relatively minor civil engineering works, mainly kerb height modifications and/or the reconditioning or placement of hard standing surfacing, at selected bus stops along the bus route between Didcot and Harwell Campus.

This work is expected to continue until the end of May. Below is an outline of the schedule and works start date for each of the bus stops, the duration for each is 3 to 4 days. The civil works will be followed by the upgrade of bus stop infrastructure (poles & flags) at these and other stops not requiring civil engineering as part of this phase of the project.

North Drive S-bound, Newbury Rd A4185	30 th March
North Drive N-bound, Newbury Rd A4185	5 th April
Reading Road W-bound A417 west of Winnaway	13 th April **
Reading Road E-bound A417 west of Winnaway	18 th April **
Tyrrells Close E-bound Wantage Road B4493	23 rd April
Didcot Road E-bound B4493 east of Green Rd	27 th April **
Didcot Road W-bound B4493 east of Green Rd	3 rd May **
Wantage Road E-bound B4493	9 th May

** indicates there will be temporary traffic lights during off-peak hours

There have been concerns raised about the proposed west bound bus stop at Tyrrells Close, specifically on the location of the stop, which was on the west of the Tyrrells Close junction, and the potential safety issues arising from vehicles being tempted to overtake stationary buses close to a tight bend. For this reason they have recommended that we investigate putting a stop on the east of this junction, which was initially recommended in a site meeting.

The new Tyrrells Close stop will now be pursued as a separate phase 3. There will be another consultation with residents before we look to implement the new stop. Early indications suggest that Phase 3 may commence in the early summer, assuming there is no significant objections or complications that arise.

Phase 2 works commence immediately after Phase 1 at the end of May or beginning of June and this includes replacement of the shelter at Rowstock Corner.

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Wantage East neighbourhood update from Police Community Support Officer C9815 Tim Deane.

Crime Prevention tips from PCSO Gary Kirby -

Losing your mobile phone or having it stolen can be a real headache, but there are steps that you can take to find your phone, and reduce the payoff to the thief – traceable items may be difficult to sell on.

Record your registration number (IMEI) keep this safe, you can get your IMEI number (15 digit serial number) by keying *#06# into most phones or by looking behind your phone battery.

Register your phone on a property asset register such as www.immobilise.com

Mark your phone on the inside with a UV marker with your post code and house number.

If your phone is lost or stolen report it to your network provider; your phone can be blocked just like a credit card, and it will be useless, & report it to the Police.

Smartwater is a brand of forensic marking fluid containing millions of microscopic particles that make up an individual property identification code. The liquid is invisible to the naked eye, but glows green under UV light. It can be painted onto valuable items (e.g. laptops, MP3 players, televisions, antiques) so that if the items are stolen and later seized by the police, the markings can be checked and items linked with their owners.

The South and Vale Community Safety Partnership has recently provided funding for the provision of large ultra violet lanterns to detect items that have been marked with smartwater, ultra violet pens or other forensic marking products. We will be stocking a limited number of smartwater marking kits suitable for homes which mark up to 50 items at a heavily discounted rate of £15 per kit – if you would like to pre-book a kit then please contact Alison Smith Crime Reduction Advisor on 01235 776007.

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Neighbourhood Public Survey

Please respond by 13th April.

In order to tackle local concerns we want to know what matters to you in the area where you live. You can help by telling us what you think are the problems we need to deal with, by answering the questions below

What is your age group? Under 18()
18-59 () 60+ ()

Where do you live

Do you feel safe walking around in your neighbourhood?
Yes () No ()

Please state any concerns you have in your area that affect your quality of life:

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HELP US TO HELP YOU

Thank-you for your time and co-operation

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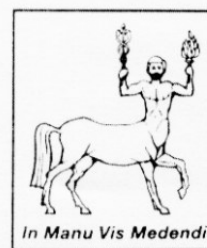
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Neighbourhood Public Survey continued Closes 13th April.

Please state any further concerns you have in your area that affect your quality of life:

Thank-you for your time and co-operation

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Didcot Cornerstone Exhibitions:

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A Brush With the Past 10 May into June

Mike MacGregor captures the life and times of people from a past era in his beautiful and atmospheric pieces. Mike aims to assist the viewer to journey back in time to revisit instances of a vanished life, by creating paintings which maybe funny, sad, beautiful or tragic.

Wallingford Museum - Flint House, 52 High Street, Wallingford

This year's *Royal Wallingford* exhibition presents the remarkable history of the town's royal connections, beginning with King Alfred and ending with Elizabeth II - Royals who've lived here, or been entertained as honoured guests or even as prisoners! In this family friendly exhibition you can listen to the speech made by the young Elizabeth from the Town Hall balcony during her visit in 1956. Also on display is the copy of Wallingford's Charter issued in 1558 by Mary Tudor and Philip II of Spain

Also, our other celebrated 'Queen in residence' – Dame Agatha Christie 'Queen of Crime'! There's more to see this year in 'Christie to Causton', with new, rarely seen, photos of the world-famous author at her home in Winterbrook. If you've ever enjoyed Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot, you certainly need to make this exhibition a 'must'.

Open Tuesdays - Fridays 2 - 5pm, Saturdays 10.30am - 5pm

Sundays (June - August only) & Bank Holidays 2 - 5pm

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