

Harwell Feast Floats

1st Harwell School The Mad Hatter's Tea Party



2nd Little Pippins - The Cat in the Hat:



3rd Rainbows - Christmas:



WI - Call the midwife:



Cubs - St George, Patron Saint of Scouting:



Beavers - One World:



Busy Bees - Walking in the Jungle:



Fun Club - Under the Sea:



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Harwell Young Singers - As long as I have music:



Harwell School Country Dancing:



May Queen Ellie McCallion, attended by Sammy Carter and Rhiannon Hanson



Bagg's Tree Buskers



Fancy dress Age 0-5 years
 1st Sebastian Norrie - pirate
 2nd Eve Hawthorne - scarecrow



Bonny baby winner:



1st Lucy McWhirter-Coy
 2nd Daphne Melidis,
 3rd Elliot Smith, special Charlotte
 Nash Rosanna Dore

Busy Bees theme was the Jungle:



Fancy dress - age 6-11 years
 1st Sam Orme - Bavarian beer drinker
 2nd Leo Goodall - Swiss mountaineer:



Getting friendly with a Cornsnake



Float winners Harwell School collecting their rosette:



Harwell Feast 2013 Chairman's Report:

Once again the Harwell Feast was a resounding success. This is measured by the number of people who turned up to enjoy the activities, shows, events, car boot, stalls and music provided by the Harwell Feast Committee with strong support of the Vale of the White Horse DC..

The Feast was formally opened by Councillor Mike Baddock, newly elected Leader of the Vale District Council after the Parade arrived at the recreation ground from the High Street. The parade was headed by the Abbey Brass Marching Band who provided an excellent fanfare to alert people to the imminent beginning of the Feast celebration. The parade consisted of vintage cycles, motorbikes, cars, floats, Morris dancers and musicians including the Bagg's Tree Buskers with a huge throng of general public supporters lining the high street and following on.

This year's parade of ten floats, created by organisations within the village, were particularly fine and the judging by Debbie Davies and her son Matthew found the Harwell School float winners of the *Harwell Feast Challenge Trophy* - for the second year running. Credit must be given to Janice Markey for her organisation of the parade and high street marshals and particularly David Pyke who had the unenviable task of leading them into the recreation ground.

We would like to apologise for omitting the Rainbows from the programme – for the second year running!

The parade couldn't be achieved without the full active support of the farming community and tractor club and I take this opportunity to thank them for their indulgence and particular thanks to David Mobbs, whose organisation of the tractors and trailers for the floats was exemplary.

The marquee housed a large number of craft stalls which continued outside where many others were competing to feed the visitors, but they all kept busy, supplying ices, cream teas, Roast Pig, and much more.

Amusements such as David West's Funfair, large bouncy slide, Sue Ryder inflatables, mini golf, bungee trampoline, climbing wall and coconut shy were among the many activities available. The dog agility and show were well attended and the vintage/veteran and old cars provided a wonderful drive round and manoeuvrability test. The falcons provided an organic break in the fantastic line up of cars, tractors and small steam engines with a small disappointment that the large traction engine wasn't with us this year. Water Zorbing event provided by the scouts alongside their marathon cycling event. It was good to see the Punch and Judy event with a large enthusiastic crowd of children making full use of the playground hill.

The Sumo suit wrestling had a very long queue of willing participants and grateful thanks must go to Alex and Elliot Gaspar for taking this on at short notice. Peter Cansell controlled proceedings despite the temperamental PA system and his hopping about explaining the races to an excited group of children was truly a sight to behold! The Village Hall was the venue for the Impeyan exotic animal show. This was a great success with

children and adults alike being extremely enthused with the animals - *My son fell in love with the snake and was so happy that they let him help by holding its tail end ...I was very happy indeed to have a Meercat on my shoulder and a gorgeous skunk to cuddle!* and the very friendly accommodating presenters (picture page 2).

The programme cover this year was designed by Sara Lee and the programme printed in full colour by Stuart Morris, enabling our sponsors to be shown to their full capacity. The banners were particularly interesting showing our main sponsor, the Vale of White Horse, clearly along with the new Harwell Feast Logo.

I would like to thank all those who helped on the day to make this an extraordinary event. It was very successful due to those unnamed friends that, created and sold the new colour programmes, collected money on the gate, directed traffic, calmed stressed stall holders and generally helped people have an enjoyable day.

My final thanks are to my colleagues on the Feast Committee who have worked very hard to make this a memorable occasion for all and to the Parish Council for supporting the Feast. Gareth Buxton



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This term we have enjoyed making decorations for our 'Cat in the Hat' float and taking part in the Feast parade. We are also continuing our regular visits to Harwell School's Foundation Class, which helps prepare the older children for the move to the school in September. Still to come, we are looking forward to our summer outing to Beale Park, a teddy bears picnic on the Recreation Ground and to Sports Day at the end of term.

We are now accepting registrations for children wishing to start between September 2013 and July 2014. Early registration is advised. Please contact us if you would like to have a look round. Registration forms and more information are also available on our website.

Our term-time sessions and charges from 1 September are as follows:

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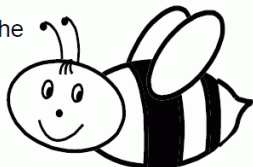
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Harwell & Hendred Youth Football Club Come to the Rec on 15th, 16th June

Harwell & Hendred Youth Football Club will be holding their annual football tournament on the recreation ground on the weekend of 15th & 16th June. We appreciate that this will cause an increased volume of traffic into the village (particularly first thing each morning) and will do our utmost to minimise the disruption and get all the cars on to the rec area and off the roads as quickly as possible. We would like to thank the village in advance for your patience and invite you to come and join us. As well as very good youth football to watch, there will be a BBQ and refreshments.



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Harwell Village Hall Redevelopment Project

Latest news: Our fund raisers have found it very difficult to identify grants for new buildings but there are a few grants for renovations. But with all the building going on in the Parish, we are hopeful that some significant contributions can be found, for example from the money that has to be provided for local services and facilities. The Hall plans have been modified to make more space available, and these have been submitted to the Vale WHDC for approval. Users can move into the new hall if all goes well while we renovate and upgrade the old hall, minimising any inconvenience! Keep your fingers crossed...

Fund raising events to date have been very popular so thank you to everyone who is supporting us and we hope you are enjoying them. Our current fundraising total, including pledges and gift aid is over £140,000!

Look out for these upcoming events and help us reach our target



Don't forget we still *need* your support and there are many ways you can help:

Get together with friends and hold an event, small or large, it all helps.

Email a letter of support to Keith Beswick on keith@kbeswick.co.uk or post it to him at Lime Tree House, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX

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Friday 12 th July	Wine Tasting Evening £12.50 pp, (max 40)	Harwell Village Hall, 8pm – 10pm. Get tickets now from Alan Wagner on 835425
July – August	Pop-up events throughout the summer	See the Village Hall website for the latest details and updates!
Autumn	Film Events	Dates to be announced – let us know your film suggestions on our facebook page
25 th January 2014	Burns Night Supper	Save-the-date. Details to be announced later in the year

Please check the Village Hall website and the Fundraising and Community facebook pages for more information on these and future events:

<http://www.harwellvillagehall.co.uk/>

<http://www.facebook.com/HarwellVillageHall>

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/360101054082012/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

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HARWELL WI

Recent events have included, in April, Barbara Hatley-Broad who gave us a fascinating talk about the history of the wartime Changi Quilts. Also in April members went to Biba in Brighton and an amateur performance of 'Calendar Girls' at The Cornerstone in Didcot.

In May we had a Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in the Village Hall; it was a great success and the money raised went not only to the WI but also to the Village Hall Renovation Fund. Also in May we had the Hathor Middle Eastern Dancers and some members did join in!!! In May also the WI opened a new bench in the Cemetery to commemorate 90 years of the WI in Harwell:



At the end of May the Harwell Feast brought out the annual WI float, this year depicting 'Call the Midwife'. Shown in the photo on page 1 are left to right, Agatha Girard, Penny Marsh, Kate Hunniman, Di Baker, Barbara Jackson & Amy Smith.

On 12th June, local author Carol Bunyan, descendant of the famous John Bunyan, will be talking about her first novel 'The Choir Mistress'.

On 10th July, Chris Partington will be talking about 'Classic Cars and the Places they take you'. Partners are invited to enjoy this talk.

There is no formal meeting in August but there will be a river walk on the 9th, from Sutton Courtenay to Dorchester.

On 11th September we have a hands-on craft evening arranged by the Didcot Craft Shop 'No Two Things'. Members will be shown how to decorate items with Deco-Patch.

The rest of the year has some exciting new topics including: The Air Ambulance; Pinewood Studios; Digital Photography; Midwives.

There will be day visits to Harcourt Arboretum, Highclere Castle, and Highgrove House, home of Prince Charles.

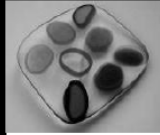
There are also Theatre trips, as and when available, which are notified to those wishing to be involved. There are also many other outings organised by Oxfordshire Federation of WIs and these are advertised in our monthly newsletter, News & Views, and can be attended by the members and booked via Andrea, our Club Treasurer.

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.

Harwell Stone Service 8th June

On the Saturday nearest to the anniversary of D-Day, a parade and service is held at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone at the Harwell Oxford Campus. The stone marks the departure point for Servicemen who were amongst the first to land on D-Day. This is organised by the Royal British Legion Harwell Branch and supported by Goodman.

The 2013 Service will take place on Saturday 8th June 2013 at 5.30pm. Legion Standards, Service Standards and Army / Air Cadet Standards are also welcome to attend, please be there for 5.00pm. Attendees should note there are no facilities at the stone. After the service attendees will be welcome at the Harwell Village RBL Club in Westfield. If you require further information please contact the Branch: branch@harwellrbl.co.uk



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**Harwell Scouting Group
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You are invited to attend the 1st Harwell (St Matthew's) Scout Group AGM, which is being held on Thursday 13th June 2013 from 8pm in St Matthew's Church Hall, The Park, Harwell, Oxon OX11 0HB. Everyone connected with Harwell Scouting Group are welcome to attend. Harwell Scout Group is thriving with a membership of over 100 boys and girls across the four sections. Meetings usually take place in St Matthew's Church Hall, The Park. The age groups are:

Section	Age
Beavers	6-8
Cub Scouts	8-11
Scouts	11-14½
Explorers	14½-18

If your child is interested in joining then contact committee member, Sharon Palmer on 07774 676793 and she will put you in touch with the appropriate section leader.

The current Committee, comprised of parents and former parents of the Scouting Group meet for about an hour, once a month in Harwell. In addition to ten monthly meetings during the year, the committee have a lot of fun being involved in three annual events; Fireworks in November, an annual quiz in March and supporting Scout activities at the Harwell Feast in May. We are actively looking for new members to join us, if you can spare just an hour a month come along to the AGM and meet us!

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Monday 1st July Earth Trust; Wildflower Meadows, Hill Farm Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ. Meet there for 6.30 p.m. Charge is £5 members, £7 non members. Includes refreshments.

Monday 12th August Manor House, Manor Farm Rd, Dorchester OX10 7HZ. Meet there for 6.15 p.m. Charge is £5 members, £7 non members. Includes refreshments.

To book a place or to cancel a place please contact Ruth Alexander 835359.

All Day Coach Trip to Compton Acres, near Bournemouth on Weds 24th July. Leaving the Village at 8.45 a.m. Returning approx 6.00 p.m. Cost £23 members, £25 non members To book a place please contact Janice Markey 832802

Garden Club meetings in the Village Hall resume on Monday 2nd September.

Harwell Village Produce Show is on Saturday 14th September. 3.00 p.m. Schedules are now available from Bob's Butchers. Classes for all villagers of any age to enter. Garden Produce, Flowers, Arts & Crafts. Something for everyone. All welcome, even if not entering come along and see what it's all about.

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Parish Council - Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the 80 or so Parishioners present and introduced Parish Councillors and also the District and County Councillors. He began his report of the past year by thanking the Clerk, Mrs Stephanie Taylor, and the Council's three grounds staff, for their work over the past year. He also thanked those involved with the Parish Newsletter, the editor Martin Ricketts, who had produced his 100th edition during the year, and the distributors led by Mrs Pat Staples.

He said that the main activity of the Council over the previous year had been the Play Area refurbishment. With one phase yet to be done the total cost would be about £90k. Contributions had come from various sources, to whom thanks were due. Village organisations had contributed about £2k and local companies £3k. The youth group, Our Street Corner had been busy fundraising, and Mr Marsh invited them to come forward. Mr David Woolley, their Treasurer, and four of the group, shown in the photo below, presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £5,500.



Mr Woolley said this was made up of £60 from donations on Local Giving, £90 from a Christmas Raffle, where the main prize was donated by Sovereign Vale Housing, £350 from Bagg's Tree Buskers, and £5000 from Comic Relief through Oxfordshire Community Fundraisers.

Mr Marsh concluded his report by thanking all the village organisations and fund-raisers who had contributed to making the village such a great place.

Mason's Funfair:

The Chairman then introduced Lee Meech of Mason's saying the Council was interested in Parishioners' views on having the funfair on the Recreation Ground. Mr Meech said that the family-run firm had rides that were more suited to families than teenagers and not like the ones to be seen at the big Abingdon fair. He showed pictures of some; one was built in 1902 and one, the Fly-O-Plane, came to Britain from the US for the Festival of Britain in 1951. They have visited several local villages and typical opening hours were 2 to 9.30pm on a Saturday and 2pm to 8pm on Sunday. In response to questions, he said they would respect any decision not to let them come if the Rec. was too wet. Mr Marsh said that it had not yet been decided where in the Rec they might operate, but the effect on neighbours would be taken into account. One Parishioner said there

had always been a funfair before the Feast in her youth, and another asked the PC to take account the views of children also.

Harwell & Hendred Youth Football Club

The Chairman introduced Mr David Woolley as a member of the Harwell & Hendred Youth Football Club management committee to say a bit about the club. Mr Woolley said the Club was 9 years old and wanted to give as many children as possible the opportunity to take part in sport. They currently had 120 children in 8 teams from Under 8 to Under 18 using facilities here in Harwell, in the Hendreds and on the laboratories site. The Under 9 and Under 11 teams were currently top in their leagues, and the first Girls' team was starting. They were intending to expand by roughly a team per year for at least a couple more years and were looking to increase the number of pitches in use on the Rec. to get more children enjoying a high-quality experience.

Village Improvements:

The Chairman introduced Mrs Dee Boughton-Waite who said that the Parish Council had decided a modest sum should be devoted to improvement and they were currently asking for ideas of places where improvements might be made. These included entrances to the village, the bus shelter and the Recreation Ground mainly by suitable planting, but there could also be things like additional seating in the Rec;

Vale Local Plan:

Mr Marsh outlined the recent history, from 2009 when Valley Park was included in the Core Strategy as it was then called, though the now defunct Interim Housing Supply Strategy, to the present where the Vale of White Horse D.C. has now published a draft Local Plan for consultation. Recent Government actions have included the Localism Act and it is now possible for Counties to consider modifying access to Trunk roads, and for us this could mean access to and from the north of the A34 at Chilton. The draft Local Plan, while having the link road / Harwell bypass from Valley Park to the Reading Road does not actually include the Harwell Field section, south of the A417 to the laboratories

A separate meeting was held the following Tuesday April 30th, attended by about 70 people, to review the Vale Local Plan, to discuss issues that affect Harwell and help the Parish Council write its response. The final PC response to the Plan can be seen on the PC website, under the section Planning. Thanks are due to everyone who provided ideas at the meeting, and who submitted comments to the PC, and direct to the Vale. Contd.→



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APM continued Grove Road Alder View Proposal:

The Chairman then introduced Mr Andrew Cattermole of Taylor Wimpey and Mr Steven Neil & Mr Craig Burden of Boyer Associates. They described the proposal to build about 65 houses on the 2.59 hectare site between Grove Road and the school. Vehicle access to Grove Road would be shared with Manor Green.

The plan has bungalows adjacent to Manor Green, and construction traffic would be routed by farm tracks from near Rowstock on the Reading Road. The initial planning application would be for outline permission only, allowing for further adjustment of the scheme. There would be 40% so-called affordable dwellings.

There were concerns expressed regarding the additional traffic on Grove Road. In reply it was said that it had been estimated there would be an additional 30 journeys during the morning peak hour; their traffic consultants were not currently advising additional works on Grove Road, but if Highways asked they would of course comply. There would be a pedestrian route through Westfield, which would be a route to a lot of village services that avoided Grove Road. The overall housing density would be 24 per hectare compared with 22 on Manor Green and a Government norm of 30.

There was a query regarding the eastern boundary of the site, as there had reportedly been difficulty getting work done on the trees adjacent to the footpath. The reply was that the boundary ran through the line of trees, but they agreed to check on this. Regarding management of the open spaces, there might be a management company to which residents contributed, or it might be vested in the Parish or District Council. A questioner asked about the condition of the trees, saying some others nearby of similar age were diseased. It was stated that a survey had considered them 'moderately' healthy.

There was a comment that the site extended beyond the boundary of the village; although the western limit was in line with the school's boundary, a large part of the latter was playing field. It was said that the District Council no longer had a policy on village envelopes.

The representatives asked for any further ideas to which Section 106 monies might be used; support for the Village Hall refurbishment has been proposed. They have a website, www.alderviewharwell.co.uk where plans can be viewed. Comments may be made to the District Council until 12th June.

The Chairman then closed the meeting, thanking contributors.

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April Parish Council Meeting

In the Open Forum at the start of the meeting, PCSO Kirby gave some information on the use of the SID machine in Reading Road near The Holloway. During January and February it had been set up on 5 occasions at various times of day between mid-morning and 4pm. On average 13% of vehicles were speeding. He also reported on the crimes reported recently in the Parish – 2 incidences of damage to vehicles and a workshop broken into. He said he would encourage residents to join the Neighbourhood Watch scheme – see the separate item.

District Councillors Reg Waite and Margaret Turner reported that the Vale was rethinking maintaining recycling bins such as the ones on the Rec. car park, due to use for dumping business and household waste. They also reported that the Vale WHDC's new electoral arrangements had been finalised. [These mean that for District Council elections, Blewbury and Harwell Ward covers Blewbury, Chilton and most of Harwell with 2 Councillors while the Hendreds Ward will include North Drive and the proposed South Drive houses. Harwell Parish Council will continue to have 11 councillors, but there will be two wards, called Harwell, returning nine Councillors, and Harwell Oxford Campus, returning two Councillors.]

County Councillor Stewart Lilly reported that other parishes had concerns about the proposals for roads in the VWHDC Local Plan. The County Council favours adding new slip roads to the A34 at Chilton, and possible improvements to the A34 Milton junction.

In the main meeting, there was discussion of the Council's position on the Local Plan. The Council agreed to oppose the removal of Harwell Field Road from the Local Plan and needs to be convinced that the alternative measures currently in the Plan will be viable.

There was a report on the Play Area works; Mrs Kate Beswick confirmed that grants were still being sought for Phase 2, and that £15,000 of funding had already been secured. The Council commended the fundraising achieved by the Playground Refurbishment Committee.

The County Council's work on the Parish bus stops was noted. [There have been difficulties getting the appropriate busses on the 32 route at times, which is why the High Street signs often say refer to timetable rather than giving the next bus time.]

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May Parish Council Meeting

As this was the first meeting of the Parish Council year, there was a lot of formal business to be gone through. Mr David Marsh was re-elected Chairman, and Mrs Kate Beswick as Vice-Chairman. Committee terms of reference and membership, Council representation on other bodies, and Council Policies were reviewed. The Annual Parish Meeting had recently taken place – a report is given above.

Work at the Recreation Ground entrance on Reading Road as proposed by the Lands Committee was discussed. The Feast Committee had obtained a grant from the Vale to provide an improved but still green surface. Oxfordshire County Council Highways had been asked and permission was awaited.

Further to the village improvements discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting, Mrs Boughton-Waite reported that white gates at the entrances to the village would cost around £560 each, but that Mr Lilly was looking into ways the County Council might help. OCC has advised that any planting on verges etc. would require a licence, as well as permission from landowners and service providers.

Full minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on the web, in draft form until approved at the following meeting. The next Parish Council Meetings will be on 11th June and 9th July. Items for the agenda need to be with the Clerk, Mrs S. Taylor one week before the meeting.

Contact the Clerk by email: clerk@harwellparish.co.uk, or by phone 01235 820 006, 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.

Use of [] above indicates additional information not in the minutes.

District Councillors

Reg Waite reg.waite@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
& Mrs Margaret Turner, tel 01235 821248.

County Councillor

Mr. Stewart Lilly Stewart.Lilly@Oxfordshire.gov.uk,
tel. 832867. Re-elected at -

County Council election May 2013

The votes cast for the Hendreds & Harwell seat were:
Stewart Lilly, Conservative, 1119; Stephen Webb,
Labour, 478; Jason Kent, UKIP, 474; Piran Martin
Fletcher, Liberal Democrat, 275.

Planning Matters

Permissions:

P13/V0242/LB Rosemead High Street Harwell Removal of existing sand/cement render, repairs to timber frame and introduction of traditional rough cast lime render to gable end.

P13/V0138/HH 30 Westfield New bay window to the front.

P13/V0319/FUL 8 Wantage Road Harwell Erection of a one and a half storey office/storage unit with parking and access.

P12/V2632/DIS

Great Western Park Phase 2f Didcot Road Harwell Discharge of conditions 27, 28, 29, 43 and 44 for phase 2 f of application P02/V1594/O.

P13/V0223/A Harwell Science & Innovation Campus Erection of 2 freestanding signboards.

Applications:

P13/V0519/FUL Cherry Tree Court Church Lane Harwell Didcot OX11 0HL

Conversion of the Warden's flat into 2 one-bedroom flats.

P13/V0612/FUL Little Meadows Downs Close Construction of replacement dwelling.

P13/V0566/HH 49 North Drive Two storey front extension. Rear single storey ext.

P13/V0899/HH The Bays Kings Lane single storey rear ext.

P13/V0831/HH 7 Barrow Road Harwell Rear extension

P13/V0484/HH Meum-et-tuum Grove Road Installation of four dormer windows & elevation velux roof window.

Demolition of existing lean-to and erection of side ext.

P13/V0855/HH The Crispin Burr Change garage proposed finish under application P12/V1507/HH to shiplap (black).

P13/V0688/HH At Last 7 Didcot Road Single storey rear ext., raising the roof, internal reconfiguration.

The Council asked that neighbours' comments be given consideration by Planners in all the above applications.

P13/V0751/FUL Hanson Building Products Sutton Courtenay Lane Application to remove condition 11 of planning permission P86/V0542 to allow continued manufacture of building products after the closure of Didcot A power station.

The Parish Council objected to the removal of the whole of condition 11 as it was only reasonable to remove the clause which relates to the cessation of electricity generation at Didcot Power Station, and not the full condition. Clause 11ii) and the rest of condition 11, concerned with the restoration of the land at end of life, should remain.

P13/V0374/RM Parcel DN02A Great Western Park Land to the North of Didcot Road Didcot (In the parish of Harwell) Great Western Park Parcel DN02A: Reserved Matters Application for P02/V1594/O for the erection of 154 dwellings, landscaping and associated infrastructure.

The Parish Council asked that the following concerns be given careful consideration:

The drainage issues raised by Thames Water and already submitted to VWHDC regarding this application must be resolved before work starts on this part of the Great Western Park development.

Access to the primary school, adjacent to the north of this part of the Great Western Park development, must be clarified before work begins, so that vehicular access and the site layout of the school do not cause congestion or compromise safety for pedestrians, road users or schoolchildren; Concerns of neighbouring residents (eg those in Slade Road, Didcot) must be considered by Planners.

Clarification is required as to how many of the 154 homes in this application will be within Harwell parish - this is not clear from the plans submitted.

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Care must be taken to ensure that Section 106 Agreements covering the siting of dog waste bins, street furniture, and verge maintenance etc are adhered to.

Consideration must be given to any problems which may have already occurred within the Great Western Park development and which may need to be addressed before this part of the development is built, eg road widths, parking, adequate access for waste collection lorries so that damage to verges can be avoided.

Applications registered since the May Council meeting:

P13/V1077/HH Carita Didcot Road Erection of detached double garage with studio above.

P13/V1040/O Alder View Land South of Grove Road Outline planning application for a residential development comprising up to 65 dwellings with associated highway works, landscaping and infrastructure improvements.

Comments may be submitted to the Vale until 12th June.

P13/V0967/RM Great Western Park Phase 2E Land at Didcot Road Harwell Reserved Matters application following Outline permission P02/V1591/O, for infrastructure works including landscaping, drainage, footways and street furniture to Western Boundary and the Neighbourhood Park, Boundary Park and Local Park (Northern Neighbourhood). (Resubmission of P12/V1636/RM).

P13/V0966/DIS Great Western Park Phase 2E Wantage Road Didcot Discharge of conditions 26,27,28,29,35,41,43 and 44 for planning permission P02/V1594/O.

P13/V0981/HH The Cot Reading Road Extension to side of existing building.

Poppy Tea Room

We meet every other week on a Tuesday afternoon from 2 p.m. onwards in the RBL Poppy Room.

Call in, have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee and choose from our range of cakes or homemade cheese scones etc. You can also have a go at our table top quiz if you like, no pressure, it's just nice to get together and chat to other people from the Village. We also have a raffle. The cost is only £2.00 per person for unlimited tea/coffee and a portion of something lovely.

If you have a mobility problem and need a lift to and fro, give me a ring and I will arrange transport for you. Our next Tea Room is Tuesday 11th June and then fortnightly. For any more details either ring me on my mobile 07862127950, my home number Ab. 835397 or email me YJHinchliffe@aol.com

Also in the Poppy Room, Carolynne is now providing very affordable lunches for our Village and local Community on the alternate Tuesdays. Give her a ring on 07962 249 467 to find out more and to book a table. You are all very welcome, come and support us in our efforts to provide a meeting place for everyone.

Hope to see you soon – Yvonne Hinchliffe

National Carers Week

In the week of 10th June there are various events in Oxfordshire – see www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk
There are also courses to provide training for Carers – for details contact emmahibbert @ carersoxfordshire.org.uk

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The Village Club (RBL)

The village club on the Recreation ground has now been under new management for five months. The new committee elected in February pledged that it would keep the club going for six months from the 1st March to 31st August. During this period their aim is to reduce the club's outgoings and try to increase its income. There were several major outstanding debts to be settled and also the need to reduce the wage bill and remove other heavy financial drains. Whilst this has been a difficult period the initial intentions of the Committee have been achieved.

During this turbulent period the Committee have worked hard to keep the club functioning putting in many voluntary hours cleaning and helping to run the Bar. Our Steward for many years Julie Gage has moved to another job locally and whilst we were sorry to lose her we are pleased that she is happy in her new position. Patrick Muldoon remains with us as our only fully paid member of staff and we are delighted to have retained his services. His years of Bar and Cellar work experience will be invaluable to us in maintaining our high quality of products that we serve to our customers. Along with our volunteer support staff we hope to continue running a very competitively priced, good quality bar. We have a choice of beers, lagers and Spirits plus a weekly Cask Ale.

There is also entertainment of all kinds on most weekends plus our regular weekly darts/ snooker/ Aunt Sally/Bowls/Tennis – see our sports board in the club house for information on any of these. We are currently supporting Harwell and Hendred Boys Football teams and are looking forward to their tournament on the weekend of June 15th and 16th when they will be using our club for refreshment.

The Rugby Club is currently in its close season but as members many are involved in supporting our club activities during this period. We are ideally placed to support these village sports groups and it's good for us as a club when they support us.

The Poppy Walk in May was a great success and around 180 people walked in support of the Poppy Appeal and other good causes. It was heartening for us that several of our members walked to help our Club and the Poppy Appeal and the Committee are really grateful to them for their effort on our behalf.

We are particularly interested in encouraging families to use us. We have recently hosted several Christenings in our well-appointed Poppy's Tea Room and it has been delightful to see parents and children enjoying the use of our club facilities for these happy occasions. Sunday lunchtimes can be a particular favourite for families. On a fine days the children can use the new play area on the Recreation ground, which is fabulous, and then call in and join with your friends to have a drink altogether.

Please try and support our advertised events as the only way we can continue to run this village facility is if the village uses us. Please check with our website page www.rblharwellrbl.co.uk for any events and updates. As you will see below, we are trying to include all ages in the Village so please try and support us in our efforts

to continue. Here are some of the events that we have planned for the next few weeks:-

June 8th BBC in House Disco – Tickets £4 only

June 15th Curry & Quiz Night – proving to be very popular £1 only to enter quiz, £4.00 for Curry /Lasagne or Vegetarian Lasagne – prize for winners –
Call club to book your food

June 22nd – Family Disco - £5 for family ticket

DJ Alan is in the house – tickets from Club

June 29th – Monthly Dance - Cabaret with Alan Sellars
Crooner/Comedian- Tickets £5 only

July 6th – BBC in House Disco – great music from all the era's – Tickets £4

July 13th – **SUMMER BALL** – Black Tie/Cocktail
Dresses – Grand Buffet – Tess & the D'Urbervilles
Band, Check calendar online for more details.

July 20th – *SCHOOL 'S OUT* Family Disco – get your
tickets from the Club £5 family ticket

July 27th – Monthly Dance - Tickets £5 only

Ed Vaizey MP local surgery dates 5.30 to 7pm

14th June – Grove Old Mill Hall

21st June – Wallingford Town Hall

5th July – Didcot King Alfred Drive Community Centre

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Harwell Jubilee Playground - Phase Two

With the better weather it has been really good to see the playground so well used. Thanks to our latest grants from Biffa, of £10,000, & Comic Relief, of £5,000, we are able to complete the second phase of the playground. The zip wire, the Inclusive revolve, a nest swing and the boardwalk seating around the zip wire are all part of this phase, and work has now started – see the two photos below.

We still need to raise enough money for the finishing off, such as hedge planting & general maintenance but we are nearly there. Talking of maintenance if you notice any damage or necessary repairs please notify the clerk of the Parish Council.

You might be interested to know where the money has come from to fund the playground, and it's listed on the right. Obviously this doesn't include all the work that our volunteers have put in to the project and, as well as the equipment and installation costs, there are other expenses which have to be met, but we are delighted that so much money has been raised. We are very grateful to all our supporters and sponsors and do hope that you, as residents enjoy this exciting facility. Our Parish Council has been particularly active and supportive of the project and have handled all the finances. Our local councillor, Stuart Lilley, has managed to secure funds from Oxfordshire County Council and many local firms and village groups have helped too.

Harwell History Society

A History Society for Harwell is gradually being formed. The society has three aims: to collect, preserve and research evidence of Harwell's history, to provide enjoyment for those interested in history and to qualify for a Heritage Lottery Grant toward the rebuilding of the Village Hall. To do this, we have to prove that we have a historical heritage and are working to preserve it!

Harwell and its families have a long and exceptionally rich history. Many Harwellians are keenly interested in this and have over the years made impressive collections of historical documents and photographs. Some of these were used to write the booklet, *Harwell: Village for a Thousand Years* in 1985. The Imperial War Museum has material relating to RAF Harwell, and other organisations have relevant archives. A project to preserve Harwell's history since the 1950s by interviewing Harwell residents is already underway – see memories at <http://archives.harwellvillage.com>.

We met in March and April and heard short talks on an outline of Harwell History, Lime Tree House, Harwell in Domesday Book, and a presentation on Harwell Memories (including living at The White Hart) based on a family archive of photographs. The society will, however, focus also on research: many in Harwell have been carrying out detailed family and local history research for some time and this is a key interest. At a meeting in early June Janet Haylett, from the successful Long Wittenham History Society, spoke on how this was set up and its usefulness for the village. Malcolm Thick gave a short talk on Robert Loder's social background. Over the summer we hope to collect an organising team, compile a constitution, and make plans for the future. If you are interested in Harwell's history, want to enjoy the past, are researching already or would like to do so, contact Jane Card on 01235 834163 or Keith Beswick on 835338 or history@harwellvillagehall.co.uk

Jubilee Playground Grants to date	
WREN- main sponsor of phase 1	50000
RWE npower	3000
Mid Counties Cooperative	1000
Chill Out Fund OCC	1000
Comic Relief	5000
Biffa	10000
Parish Council Nov '11, April '12	8000
Donations from local groups	
Harwell Feast Committee 2011	500
Our Street Corner youth club	350
Harwell Gardeners club	500
Didcot Rotary club	500
Donation- HOAC	70
Infineum UK	1000
OCC- (Stuart Lilley)	2000
Cella Energy	100
HOAC	300
Research Sites Restoration Ltd	500
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Tuesday 23rd July, 1.30-3pm. Little Explorers: Sensory Buggy Walk for Babies and Toddlers.

Friday 26th, 10am-12 noon. Discover and Play: Forest School for Pre-School Children. Free, suggested donation £2 per family.

Wednesday 31st July, 10am-12 noon. Woodland Adventure: an expedition for 5-8 year olds.

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Dog Owner
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2nd Rossie, 12 mo. Riccardo Riccio
3rd Mopsie, 6 mo. Charlotte Hathaway
Sp. Ninja, 9 mo. Idan

Class 2 - Prettiest Bitch
Dog Owner
1st Bella M Preece, Didcot
2nd Scruffy Effie
3rd Poppy Tricia
3rd Scaneh Chessack
Sp. Chutney Nell Ahier

Class 3 - Handsomest Dog
Dog Owner
1st Archie Lily, Abingdon
2nd Scamp Grace
3rd Bailey Sarah Pill
Sp. Merlin Ben Cudle

Class 4 - Best Veteran (8+ years)
Dog Owner
1st Honey, 17 yrs Jose Rostagni
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3rd Grouse, 14 yrs Dawn Graham

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Dylan Capon



Leah Marie Ashfield



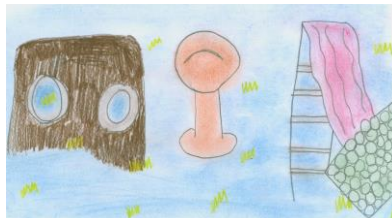
Megan



William Tompkins



Nicole Ediker



Daniella

And yet more from the Feast:

The Best Fancy-dress dog and handler was won by Nicole Ediker with her dog, Sky:



And Brian Zimmerman was getting his hands dirty – or clean – at the Scout's Cream Teas:



Coal-fired Power closed

A photo of the Power Station still at work by Liz Rapple. while dog-walking in January Sun:



More scenes from the feast...

Checking the bonny babies:



Pam Hancock judging the dogs:



John Hunt working one of his barrel-organs:



Water Zorbing:



Sumo-suit Wrestling:



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