

Parish Council Meeting

There was no Parish Council meeting in August, so this is the report of the September meeting. Under Planning Matters, the Chairman Mr Marsh reported on the status of local developments. He said that the next draft of the Vale's Local Plan is due out in October; housing numbers are being re-assessed before the Local Plan is finalised. Mr Marsh has asked District Councillor Reg. Waite for clarification on implications in the latest Vale housing supply document that money is to be loaned to developers via the Homes & Communities Agency for infrastructure projects.

The Chairman also reported that the proposed housing at South Drive has been approved subject to Section 106 agreements, which cover payments by the developer for local infrastructure etc. Mr Marsh is liaising with the officer in charge of processing the planning application, as there is some confusion about whether the Council's requests for the Section 106 agreement are compliant with National Planning Policy Framework criteria.

An exhibition was due to be held on 20th September by developers Taylor Wimpey showing the plans for the proposed Alder View development. Taylor Wimpey has agreed a significant donation towards the village hall project. [If you missed the exhibition you can see copies of the display boards on the developer's website www.alderviewharwell.co.uk.]

The County Council has confirmed that money is available for upgrading the Winnaway into a cycle route or mixed-use path, to include improvements at the junction with the A4185.

It was reported that the Vale WHDC had just announced that it intended to consult on various changes to Parish boundaries. For Harwell this could mean that the railway line becomes the northern boundary rather than the line of the old stream that ran through Milton Park and the power station. It is also intended to consider if the Harwell Campus should come under one parish, instead of the three at present. Mr Marsh said he would meet representatives of Chilton & East Hendred Parish Councils and report back to the Council on this.

On the Village Hall redevelopment, the Council agreed that the possibility of moving the parish office to the village hall should be discussed and decided at the next meeting, to include such items as probable rent & running costs. It was agreed that this would give the Council a more visible presence in the village, although the Clerk would be content if the office remained in the pavilion as this is ideal for liaising with staff.

Under Matters related to Council Lands, there was a brief discussion of the Pavilion and its renovation, for which purpose an element of the Precept has been reserved for the last couple of years. This was deferred to a future meeting after Miss Barnett agreed to put forward some suggestions after having looked at the building.

An allotment-holder had asked if he could keep a hive of bees, and the Council decided it had no objection provided that the agreement of neighbouring tenants & the tenants' association is sought.

The Parish Council discussed the on-going recruitment of a new grounds staff member; a panel was agreed to shortlist and interview applicants.

On Council Policies, Ms Greenfield volunteered to review the Council's Emergency Plan, and discussion of the draft policy on noticeboards was deferred.

Harwell & Hendred Youth FC has asked whether a fifth team can play at Harwell next season, and whether a new line marker can be purchased and stored in the pavilion. The Council had no objection to another team using facilities, but asked for more details about the line marker.

Harwell Royal British Legion has informed the Council of the planned road closures for the Remembrance Sunday & Armistice Day parades, on 10th & 11th November respectively, and asked for assistance with traffic marshalling. Several councillors agreed to help.

The Post Office consultation on a proposal to move the Curie Avenue post office into McColls has been posted on the parish website.

Under other Parish Matters, Mrs Boughton-Waite reported on the recent Rights of Way walk. The completed document will be put on the Parish website in due course.

Mrs Beswick commented that a resident had been questioning the width of The Holloway, as she had concerns about encroachment. Both Mr Ricketts and Mrs Beswick had looked at the fields and concluded that there was adequate width not ploughed. cont.→

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Ms Greenfield had been looking into Health & Safety issues, following a request from the Clerk for information. She felt that it would be beneficial to have a written Health & Safety policy and she agreed to make some recommendations in due course.

Mr Fox-Davies wished the Council to consider the possibility of installing a defibrillator in the Parish; he agreed to look into the details & report further.

On the Village Enhancements project, Mrs Boughton-Waite said that she is waiting for a response from OCC about the gates for village entrances, but that planting on verges was proving a complicated undertaking. She agreed to report at a later meeting.

Mrs Beswick reported that, following the erection of signs regarding dogs at the entrances to the Rec., the Council had ordered further signs about dog control for the cemetery.

County Councillor Stewart Lilly, in his report to the Council, said that work on the railway line by Network Rail will mean a lengthy closure of the bridge in Steventon; the details have yet to be announced.

He also reported that Broadband improvements have been agreed with BT, including an upgrade for Rowstock exchange, & the X36 bus between Wantage and Wallingford will no longer stop at Rowstock.

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 Tuesdays 8th October and 12th November. 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.

Planning Matters

Permissions:

P13/V1329/FUL Little Meadows Downs Close Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling.

P13/V0616/A Lloyds TSB Bank Plc Curie Avenue Replacement of existing signage.

P13/V1641/FUL Land by the A4185 and Fermi Avenue Harwell. Erection of antenna, total height including plinth 7 metres, in a compound with associated AER Cabin, generator cabin, UPS cabin and CCTV cameras on three lattice towers.

P13/V1142/FUL Village Hall High Street. Modifications to the approved refurbishment and extension of Harwell Village Hall to incorporate a small heritage centre and cafe facility

Applications:

P13/V1735/FUL Crown Nursing Home High Street Addition of new dormer window to upper floor of east elevation. Infill of corner under existing roof to create space inside for WC. Removal of existing canopy and projecting windows into courtyard, with replacement windows and infill cladding.

P13/V1634/HH White House Cottage High Street Insertion of an air conditioning unit.

P13/V1933/LB Alms Houses High Street. Replacement windows and doors.

Applications registered since the Sept Council meeting:

P13/V1754/RM GWP Pavilion Sir Frank Williams Way. Erection of boundary park pavilion, car parking, access, landscaping and associated infrastructure.

P13/V2068/LB Pollards Townsend Repairing of existing garage roof.

P13/V2093/HH Willow Tree Cottage Barrow Lane Provision of dormer window and internal alterations to form bathroom.

P13/V1695/FUL Rutherford Avenue Harwell Upgrade works to security gate including changes to road and car parking layout, introduction of additional lay-by, parking bays and slow search area and a new security hut.

District Council News

from Reg Waite and Mrs Margaret Turner

In order to reduce the quantity of waste from the Vale which is sent to landfill the large bins in the Recycling Banks service throughout the Vale are being brought to an end. You will have observed that these bins in the RBL car park were removed last week. Too much non-recycling material was deposited in these leading to contamination of the normal recyclable waste deposited by the majority of our first class residents who continue to support our aims.

Furthermore as reported in our last notes, if your green bin is full then you can put additional recycling items beside it in clear sacks or boxes.

The planning application for the Tesco Dot.com Centre in Milton Hill was recently granted. Further information can be found by visiting www.abingdoncc.com.

Reg Waite reg.waite@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

& Mrs Margaret Turner, tel 01235 821248.

County Councillor

Mr. Stewart Lilly County Councillor

Stewart.Lilly@Oxfordshire.gov.uk, tel. 832867



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We have a wide variety of toys for all ages, a weekly craft activity, and there is a dedicated baby area.

The cost is £2.00 per family which includes a snack and a drink for the children and adults. Your first session is free. If you would like any further information please contact: Joanne - joanne.slade1@ntlworld.com

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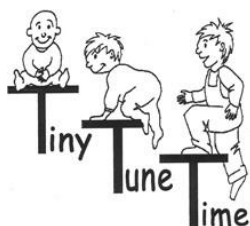
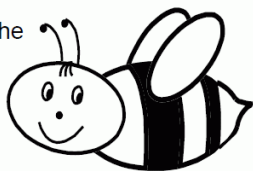
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during term time providing pre-school care and education for children between the ages of 2½ and 5 years. We also offer a Breakfast Club for 3-11 year olds with a walking bus to Harwell Primary School and a walking bus to After School Club at the end of the day.

Places are allocated on a first come first served basis, so you can register for next term or after Easter. You are welcome to come and have a look round and speak to the staff or you can download a registration form from our website where you will also find more information about what we offer.

We offer a Breakfast Club, Lunch and after-school club in association with Harwell School as well as the regular morning and afternoon sessions.

Nursery Education Funding is available from the term after your child's 3rd birthday for up to 15 hours per week and we also offer some funded places for 2½ year olds.

Our contact details for more information are:

Tel: 01235 821741, Email:
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Website: www.littlepippins.org.uk

Little Pippins Pre-School, Freeman Orchard,
Gaveston Road, Harwell, OX11 0HP

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service

The Remembrance Sunday parade and service this year will be on Sunday 10th November. The Parade will form up at Townsend at 10.30am and march to the War Memorial for the service there at 10.45am. After the service the Parade will continue to the Church. Following the Church service the RBL will march to a short ceremony at the War Graves.

Armistice Day: A short ceremony with two minutes silence will take place on Monday 11th November at 11:00am at the War Memorial



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Recreation Playground - £500

Little Pippins Preschool - £845.83

Harwell Almshouses - £1,000

St. Matthew's Church, Harwell - £775

Local Historical Society - £1500

They have also committed £1500 to improve the entrance to the Recreation Ground from the Reading Road, used for parking at the Feast.

Village Video Noticeboard

In addition the Feast Committee has purchased a video notice board which is in the window of Bob's the Butchers. Please contact Ian Jackson isjac@yahoo.com if you would like to have your notice displayed.

Harwell Feast Village Quiz

Friday 22nd November

7.30 pm in Harwell Village Hall

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Harwell Village Hall Redevelopment Project



Latest news:

The trustees of Harwell Village Hall (HVH) are delighted to announce that Taylor Wimpey will make a substantial contribution to our Village Hall development. The details will be announced as soon as they are available and we thank Taylor Wimpey for their generous help.

Harwell will have a 'Hub' in the form of modern halls that will incorporate a Heritage Centre and a cafe.

We still need to raise funds to renovate the existing hall and will apply for grants once we have a start date for the work – most grant applications need this. Section 106 money will be decided around the end of October.

Money will also be needed for new seating, tables and all the extras to make our hall complex special. Look out for these events and help us reach our target:



Building work is expected to start next spring. Ideally, the new hall will be built first so users can move into it before the existing hall is renovated.

Thanks to your continuing support, fund raising events over the summer have proved popular and included a Murder Mystery Evening and another Wine Tasting. We have a packed autumn schedule and great plans for 2014 with more Film Evenings/Matinees, Baking Workshops, Wine Tastings, a Safari Supper and another Murder Mystery Evening!

Since starting in Oct 2012, our current fundraising total from 17 events, merchandise sales, raffles, the 100 club, donations, pledges, a small grant and gift aid is:

£158,000!

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 – see the HVH website for help.

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

Give a donation* –use Just Giving by visiting the website, Text HVHR14 £10 to 70070 to donate or simply send a cheque to Keith at the above address, payable to Harwell Village Hall and marked "Development Fund".

*NB if you're a UK taxpayer please complete a Gift Aid declaration form so we can reclaim the tax as well! Harwell Village Hall is registered Charity number 300161.

Diary Dates 2013...

Friday 18 th October	Film Evening – The Great Gatsby (1974) starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow Film showing at 7.30pm, food served from 6.30pm.	Harwell Village Hall, 6pm – 11.30pm Pre-order your fish & chips! Tickets £5 or £12 including food, available from Bob's Butchers.
Saturday 16 th November	Singing with a Swing Concert featuring the Kennington Am. Dram. Society and the Harold Elmey Big Band	Harwell Village Hall, 7pm – 11.30pm Tickets £12 available from Bob's Butchers or Kath Luker on 861057, kath.luker@tesco.net , Kamarlu, Barrow Road.
Sunday 17 th November	Craft Fair Christmas is coming - lots of new creations to buy!	Harwell Village Hall 11am – 4pm Free admission Refreshments Come and support us.
Saturday 23 rd November	Auction of Promises Come and bid for your favourite lot! Huge variety of items and services on offer!	Harwell Village Hall 6.30pm – 11.30pm Entry £5per person by programme, available from mid-October from Bob's Butchers or Julia Dionian on 07771 780078 or julia@firstclasstraining.co.uk
Friday 29 th November	Wine Tasting Evening with Christmas Raffle	Harwell Village Hall, 7.45pm – 10pm More details to follow...
25 th January 2014	Burns Night Supper	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/>

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Harwell Produce Show 2013

Harwell Gardeners' Club hosted the 33rd Annual Village Produce Show on Sat 6th September in Harwell School.

A wide selection of fruit, veg, flowers, cooking and crafts were on display and competition was fierce. After viewing the results the crowd gathered to see who had won the trophies this year. Well Done to the following.

The Harwell Produce Show Shield for the competitor with the highest aggregate of points in all classes.

- 1st Alwyn Evans
- 2nd Martin Ricketts
- 3rd Caroline Tyler

The David Dewey Memorial Shield for the member of Gardeners' Club with the highest aggregate of points in all classes:

- 1st Martin Ricketts
- 2nd Maureen Davies
- 3rd Joy Gee

The Harwell Rose Bowl for the competitor gaining the highest aggregate of points in the horticultural classes:

- 1st Alwyn Evans
- 2nd Caroline Tyler
- 3rd Martin Ricketts

The Chairman's Trophy (in memory of Mr. Ken Plumb) for the competitor gaining the highest aggregate of points in the flower classes.

- 1st Alwyn Evans
- 2nd Adrian Sessions
- 3rd Joy Gee

The Rowstock Orchard Trophy, presented by Messrs Caudwell and Woodall, for the competitor gaining the highest aggregate of points in the fruit classes:

- 1st Caroline Tyler
- 2nd = Ted Ireson & Martin Ricketts

The Floral Art Trophy for the competitor gaining the highest aggregate of points in the floral art classes.

- 1st Debbie Davies
- 2nd Ruth Stringer
- 3rd Rose Wadley



Debbie Davies with the Floral Art trophy

The Novices Trophy, presented by Mr & Mrs A.F Thompson, for the novice gaining the highest aggregate of points in all classes:

- 1st Rose Wadley
- 2nd Kathryn Nesbitt
- 3rd Heather Coats



Some of the flowers and veg. on display

The Vegetable Trophy, presented by Rhoda & John Putnam, for the competitor gaining the highest aggregate of points in the vegetable classes:

- 1st Alwyn Evans
- 2nd Harwell School
- 3rd Caroline Tyler

The Domestic Cup, presented by Michael & Pauline Lay, for the competitor gaining the highest aggregate of points in the domestic classes:

- 1st Martin Ricketts
- 2nd Joan Impey
- 3rd Pollymirren Cockburn

The Young Person's Challenge Cup (donated by Mrs Sheila Davidson) is awarded to the young person (15 or under) gaining the highest points in all classes:

- 1st Alister Pickles
- 2nd Pollymirren Cockburn
- 3rd Jamie Cockburn

The Handicraft Trophy for the competitor gaining the highest aggregate of points in the handicraft classes:

- 1st Rose Wadley
- 2nd Lynn Nickerson
- 3rd Brenda Poulter



One of Rose Wadley's winning entries

The Laurie Chumbley Photographic Trophy for the competitor gaining the highest aggregate of points in the photographic classes:

- 1st Mark Pickles
- 2nd Martin Ricketts
- 3rd Kathryn Nesbitt



Mark Pickles receiving the Trophy

The Mary Turner Salver for the W.I member gaining the highest aggregate of points in all classes.

- 1st Priscilla Sadler
- 2nd Wendy Metcalfe
- 3rd Maureen Davies

The Trophy for the competitor making the highest number of entries in the show, presented by Mr & Mrs Ponting, was won by Alwyn Evans.

A big thank you to all who entered the show and to Harwell School for having us again this year.

We were very impressed by the number of entries and the quality of the fruit and vegetables grown by Harwell School. Plenty of future members for Gardeners' Club!



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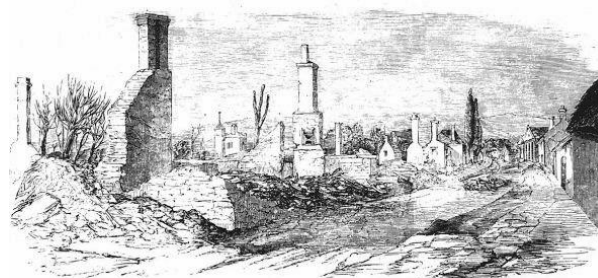
Harwell History Group

We are currently working towards mounting a heritage display on Harwell's history in the Village Hall in early 2014. After this, we plan to set up a group with a programme of speakers, and hope to produce in the summer of 2014 an exhibition on Harwell in the 1914-1918 war.

We have been working on a variety of projects, including Harwell pubs, listed buildings and lost buildings, the Great Fire of Harwell (1852), and Robert Loder (1589-1640), whose farm accounts made Harwell famous among economic historians. We would like to thank all those who have helped us with information, resources and advice - especially those who have lent the deeds of their houses for photographing. Owing to the introduction of new rules on the sale of houses, such documents - which are of great use to historians - are being destroyed.

If you have artefacts, documents, pictures etc. that we could photograph or scan, or if you would like to know more about the group, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at history@harwellvillagehall.co.uk or via Heather Stevens on (01235) 835392.

Meanwhile, we would like to hear your opinions on the picture below. It shows Harwell one week after the fire of 1852 and was published in The Illustrated London News (May 1st, 1853, p.332), and is taken from an original copy of the magazine (found on Ebay!). But is it a true representation of the scene or has it been "adjusted" to produce an image suited to the taste of the time? Which area of Harwell is shown? (We know that neither the almshouses nor the Crown Inn were burnt down.)



This picture is printed with the kind permission of the Wellcome Library.

Kath Luker and Jane Card

The **Mobile Library** will be in the Village Hall car park between 9.15 and 9.40am on the following Wednesdays: Oct 9, 23, Nov 9 & 20.



Dates for your diaries:

Fireworks @ Harwell School - Friday 8th November

Remembrance Parade – Sunday 10th November

Scouts Christmas Post – Look out for post boxes from mid-December

While readers will frequently note Harwell Scouting's advertising for fundraising events you may wonder what we get up to!

Scouting is an international youth organisation and our underpinning goals are to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, helping build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

Thanks to a very proactive team of adult leaders and an equally supportive executive committee here in Harwell our current membership is over 110 boys & girls.

During this summer members attended several camps including attendance at the Oxfordshire County "One World" camp at Thame. Our Scouts have also been to Brownsea for their 5 day summer camp while the Explorers travelled Western Europe for 16 days including a spell working in a Hungarian Orphanage; an experience many claimed moved them emotionally and left them wishing to do more for children in such circumstances.

Perhaps the groups most public presence in Harwell is our support of the British Legion services of remembrance, which this year will be on Sunday 10th November, we are of course delighted to support the legion in this way. We apologise our marching is not quite to the level of the service members!

The Friday before that, **November 8th** we will be staging the Group sponsored **Fireworks Event** at Harwell School. Gates will open at 6.30 in the evening and the fireworks display will start at 7.15. This is open to ALL to come and enjoy and support our evening. Although there is no charge for entry we request a donation to help us cover costs. Of course the usual opportunities for Barbecue food, licenced bar and Glow sticks will be available. However PLEASE NOTE that for safety's sake NO Sparklers are to be brought.

The popularity of the Beavers has this month led us to start a second Colony with numbers now 38 and seemingly rising weekly. Given there are group size limits readers should note it is never too early to put would be Beavers on our waiting list. It is important we do our best to have space available for members from the parish and to achieve this we need one or two years warning of potential new members. Please contact – bsl@harwellscouts.org.uk

While the Village Hall has provided us with a temporary equipment store in the Freeman Hall, their redevelopment means we need to find a new store to house a considerable volume of equipment. We are looking for a spot with access either suitable to sit a couple of shipping containers or perhaps an unused barn type accommodation of around 75 m². If anyone can help please contact Brian: gsl@harwellscouts.org.uk

Enquiries for membership should be sent to the Sectional Leader listed below @harwellscouts.org.uk

Beavers 6 to 8	Tues	bsl
Cub Scouts 8 to 10½	Mon	csl
Scouts 10½ - 14½	Wed	sl
Explorers 14½ - 18	Mon	esl

So for beavers it's bsl@harwellscouts.org.uk

Harvest Lunch

Harwell Village Hall

Monday 7th October 2013

Come and celebrate this year's harvest with a delicious lunch! Browse around the stalls selling wonderful Harvest produce and much more.

Lunch is served between 12 noon and 2pm, with main courses £4, jacket potatoes & salad £3, a glass of wine or dessert £2.

All proceeds go to Tearfund –

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Book Sale at North Moreton

Village Hall on 19th October, from 10am to 3pm.

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HARWELL WI

It's now all downhill to Christmas as all the shops are getting in their Seasonal stuff!!

There was no formal meeting in August but members were not lounging about sitting on their hands. We did a river walk from Clifton Hampden to Dorchester. This was slightly further than had been envisaged but luckily a bus came along which took the intrepid adventurers back to Clifton Hampden via the road and avoiding any more blisters!

A small group of members went to the Blewbury Players outdoor drama *Tom's Midnight Garden* and thoroughly enjoyed it. And members enjoyed dinner and a gossip at The Hart in Harwell.

Our September meeting saw a hands-on craft evening arranged by the Didcot Craft Shop, 'No Two Things'. The owner, Di Chesterman, demonstrated decopatch, which is the art of sticking small pieces of pretty paper onto all sorts of articles. Di brought everything with her and over 40 members picked up their pots of glue and brushes and decorated everything from a cardboard box to clocks, flower pots, coat hangers, bowls, bottles and lots more.

At the next meeting on October 9th Mike Payne will be talking about *The History of Pinewood Studios*. Partners are invited to this meeting. A new venture this October is for Members to meet at Cornerstone in Didcot at 10.30am Saturday 12 October which is the day of The Farmers' Market, so a social morning with shopping, coffee and a chat! If successful this may be repeated each month.

On 13th November Linda Warren will be giving a talk called *A Dickens of a Christmas* just to get us all in the mood! The rest of the year has some exciting new topics including: The Air Ambulance, Midwives, a Cheese & Wine Evening, Matthew Bourne's 'Swan Lake', and in December, a Christmas Party.

There are Theatre trips, as and when available, which are notified to a mailing list of 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.



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Competition – Asters

At the November meeting on 4th Chris Day will talk on

The A-Z of Fool Proof Gardening

Competition – Winter Berries

Meetings are on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. in Harwell Village Hall. Visitors always welcome, as is anyone wishing to join the Harwell Gardeners' Club.

Sequence Dance Club in Drayton

The Sequence Dance Club has space for a few new members, they come from as far as Witney & Bicester so it must be pretty good night – Thursdays, about 7 for 7.30pm. They also have several Saturday functions through the year, and a Christmas 'do', so a pretty social bunch. All enquiries to Brian Stimpson on (01235) 531701

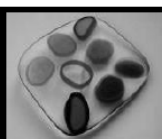
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18th October - Wantage Civic Hall
8th November - Didcot, King Alfred Drive Com. Centre
15th November - Wallingford, Town Hall – see p11.

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Harwell Arts and Craft Group

It does not seem five minutes since our last newsletter but here we are on the run up to Christmas and our members are busy working towards offering their wares for sale at our Annual craft Fair on 17th November. Each year we welcome your support at this event and invite you to come along and enjoy a lovely cup of tea or coffee and slice of delicious home-made cake and proceeds from this will join our other donations to the Village Hall Building fund.

As a group we are really looking forward to moving into the new hall where we will be able to spread ourselves, have more members and have more adventurous demonstrations.

Since our last news report we have made quilted Christmas bells and look forward to more Silk Scarf painting sessions. We have a few ideas up our sleeve for demonstrations for 2014 so watch this space members and would be members.

On the subject of members we are always pleased to welcome new faces to our happy group and also welcome their guests. Some members grandchildren look forward to their visits to the group and thoroughly enjoy the crafts they are taught.

Pop in any time for that special present as we always have something available for sale or will take orders. Remember we meet each Thursday 9.30 – 12.15 in the Village Hall.

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Contact: Ceri 01235 862024 sceec@bbowt.org.uk

<http://www.bbowt.org.uk/whats-on>

MISSING CAT 10 month old male tabby cat called Buddy - light brown/grey with distinct black markings over his whole body and tail. He has green eyes. He hasn't got a collar but he has been micro-chipped Not seen since 5pm Sunday 22nd September, in our garden - near Harwell Science Campus If you have any information please call Carmen 07931334409

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Email: didcotdistrictU3A@virginmedia.com

Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>

Police Commissioner for Thames Valley

Open Meeting Didcot Civic Hall

Monday 14th October 7pm

Ask questions and raise concerns about policing and crime

Ed Vaizey MP Parish News September 2013

When the Government introduced Police and Crime Commissioners, one clear aim was to increase public accountability. While we have a low crime rate in the Constituency compared with many other parts of the UK, I know that local residents do have concerns about many police issues, so the opportunity to make sure that those in charge of the police is very important indeed.

I am very pleased, therefore, to be able to publicise an event on **14th October**. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, Anthony Stansfield, will be holding a public meeting in Didcot. This is an open public meeting, which anyone can attend.

The event will be an opportunity for the Police and Crime Commissioner, along with the local police commander, Supt Andy Boyd, to meet residents and deliver presentations about the role of the PCC and local policing in South Oxfordshire. A representative from the Community Safety Partnership will also be in attendance to tell everyone more about the work they carry out in the area. Residents will be able to raise any concerns you may have about policing and crime.

The meeting will take place **at 7pm on Monday 14 October at Didcot Civic Hall**. Please do go along if you can both to hear about what is happening with policing locally and to put your own views to Anthony Stansfield and his colleagues.

If the subject of crime is one that gets your blood pressure up, you might like to hear about some statistics I recently came across. High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of a variety of illnesses, and it does not have any obvious symptoms but 1 in 3 people in the UK suffer from high blood pressure. It is easily picked up with a quick check, which most GP surgeries will carry out on an ad-hoc basis. Why not get your blood pressure checked next time you see your GP, or make an appointment to do so? It takes very, very little time but might save your life ...

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com. Ed Vaizey MP

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If you need a lift to and fro, give me a ring and I will arrange transport for you. Our next Tea Room is Tuesday 15th October and then fortnightly. For any more details either ring me on my mobile 07862 127950, my home number Ab. 835397 or email me YJHinchliffe@aol.com

Also in the Poppy Room, Carolyne is now providing very affordable lunches for our Village and local Community on the alternate Tuesdays from 8th October. Give her a ring on 07962 249 467 to find out more and to book a table.

Hope to see you soon – Yvonne

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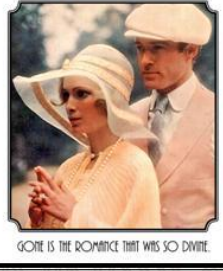
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