



The winning Float, Harwell School's The Harvesting Heritage of Harwell



May Queen Megan Ireson with her attendants Lucy Mae Daly and Mackenzie Underwood



2nd was the Beavers' Space Camp



Harwell Young Singers' Maypole



3rd was Little Pippins' Each Peach Pear Plum



Civil War demonstration by The Marquess of Winchester's Regiment
Photos here and back page by Lesley Gilder, David Marsh & Martin Ricketts
Below: Floats on the Rec with left the W.I.'s Great Harwell Bake-Off



FEAST 2014

What a great Feast this year. It started with a big bang, with the English Civil War Society Marquess of Winchesters Regiment drumming up support with a rousing march down the high street to the parade waiting at Townsend. The parade entered the recreation ground to the sound of the Abbey Brass Marching Band and after the judging of the floats, Michael Badcock Chairman of the ValeWH DC announced the winner and the May Queen Megan Ireson presented the cup to Harwell School. The Feast then began with Michael Badcock firing the canon to open proceedings.

The Feast was a great success with many people braving the inclement weather to enjoy the shows and stalls. The village hall was particularly well supported with Charles proving once again to be a very positive influence on visitors with his charming friendly approach to handling his animals with large numbers of people.

On the recreation ground visitors were able to visit the craft tent and the many stalls outside enjoying both the quality and diversity of the products on sale. It was noticeable that there was a large choice of food from the traditional pig roast and BBQ to smoked brisket and cheese balls, with pizza, onion bhaji and curry stalls too. There were many activities for all even though some were curtailed by the weather. The bouncy pirate ship, the Zorb ball and fairground attractions enjoyed many visitors as did the Punch and Judy show and ferret racing. The dog agility and shows were well attended – their results are on page 14 - and many budding Hamiltons were showing their prowess on the Go-Karts.

The English Civil War Society Marquess of Winchesters Regiment provided a "Living History" encampment and followed this with a magnificent display both in the parade and in the main arena with a delightful commentary to inform people appropriately. The Thame Players coped magnificently in difficult conditions and many positive comments have been made to me about the quality of their production. I am very grateful to all those who voluntarily and generously brought their classic cars to exhibit and also the bicycles, tractors and steam engines.

I am particularly grateful to all those volunteers who with their efforts enabled the Feast to run smoothly in very trying conditions. Special thanks go to David Mobbs and the farmers for their understanding and generosity, to Janice Markey for her contribution to the smooth running of the parade and to Peter Cansell our Master of Ceremonies. I also extend my gratitude to all of the Feast Committee without whom organising, setting up and clearing up would not have been possible.

There are many individuals who have helped enormously and I cannot name each and everyone but they are very much appreciated for their time and effort, in particular the Air Cadets who provided smooth running of the car parking in very trying conditions.

A big thank you to all the sponsors and local business support who have helped to finance this venture. Please let the businesses know that you have used their

advertisement in our programme, since this helps to promote the community.

The Feast Committee policy to keep the entrance fee to a minimum and children free promotes our vision of affordable entertainment for the family and enables us to prepare for next year's event.

Gareth Buxton, Chairman Harwell Feast Committee

Fancy Dress Results:

0 – 5 years:

1st Eve Hawthorne & Poppy as SuperEve and SuperPoppy
2nd Daniel Baldock – Pirate
3rd Lottie Wrigley – Pikachu

6 – 11 years:

1st Samual Hawthorne – Harwell Spaceman
2nd Isabelle Thorley – Aliensnaut
3rd Becky Brown – Viking Servant Girl

Bonny Baby:

1st	Florence Basey	6 months
2nd	Edward Baldock	6 months
3rd	Harry Brennan &	14 weeks
=	Ellie Hunt	10 weeks

Harwell Feast Committee

Chairman Gareth Buxton, Susan Lambert - secretary, Eamonn Gaspar - Treasurer, Monika Buxton, Patricia Cooke, Vanda Hayden, Ian Jackson, Sharon Palmer, Martin Ricketts, Phillip Roberts, Reg. Waite

Feast photos and 9 minute video

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Parish Council Meetings

At the April regular meeting, under planning matters, the naming of the road at the Alder View development was discussed. It was agreed that as Grove Road had in the past been known as Talbot's Lane, then the new road should be Talbot's Close or something similar. The Council has since heard that the Vale WHDC has decided it should be Talbot Close.

In view of the Vale's draft Housing Plans there was discussion as to whether a new Parish Plan, Community Led Plan or Neighbourhood Plan should be considered. Drayton has a Neighbourhood Plan but it was reported that parishioners were disappointed with the small difference this has made to the parish; Mr Fox-Davies agreed to find out more. Any Plan would need to follow the same consultation process as the VWHDC Local Plan and would be subservient to it. The cost might be over £50,000 but funding would probably be available. Consultation with and involvement of residents would be essential.

Under financial matters, the Clerk reported that the OCC grass cutting payment will be paid this year but that future payments will be up to 50% lower. As the budget had assumed no payment from OCC it was agreed that the money should be put into reserves to help to cover lower payments in future years.

Under matters relating to lands, it was noted that the gym equipment has been installed successfully, with special thanks recorded to Mr Still for his help. It was reported that a plaque on the war memorial has become discoloured; the Clerk to check. Also the PC recorded its thanks to the grounds staff for the recent pavilion redecoration.

There was discussion of residents' concerns regarding the Church Lane/High Street junction. Several residents had noted near-misses in the location; the police and County Council had been contacted, and residents are following the advice given out. OCC suggested that a mirror might be placed opposite the junction, possibly on a telegraph pole. In the short term, Mr Beswick had spoken to contractors working at The Crown and asked that their vehicles use the car park at the rear of the village hall rather than parking in High Street. The Council agreed that parked vehicles cause problems at the location, both for traffic and pedestrians, and sympathised with the concerns outlined by residents. Although the Council cannot itself instigate improvements, it supported the efforts by residents to have improved safety measures implemented.

A request had been received that the Council open negotiations regarding the possibility of a Housing Exception site in the village; the Council felt that housing currently proposed for the village will include several sites of affordable homes, and that an Exception site was no longer needed, but was happy to discuss this further if necessary.

There have been further complaints about dog mess in The Cleave.

There was an extraordinary meeting on 22nd April to approve expenditure on the entrance to the Rec. from the A417 in the west field, as it was thought this might be able to be done before the Feast. The expenditure was approved, but the planning paperwork has caused a delay.

The May meeting is when the Parish Council formally carries out annual reviews of a lot of procedures and appoints its Chairman, deputy and committees. This time there was a long **Open Forum** at the start. Firstly, representatives of Bloor Homes gave details of the consultation they had recently held regarding the Blenheim Hill site. There were several questions about landscaping, access, traffic, a potential new footpath at the southern end of the development, and housing mix. A full application may be submitted in around two months' time.

Then Councillor Barber, the Leader of the Vale WHDC, spoke about the Vale's Local Plan Housing Update. He reported that delivery of infrastructure is key to the Plan, and an Infrastructure Policy will be drawn up. Developer funding, from Section 106 agreements, and the Community Infrastructure Levy will be vital sources of funding for infrastructure projects.

The number of housing developments proposed for Harwell had caused several concerns, some about transport and type of housing mix; it was pointed out that smaller homes which were affordable for local people to buy were preferable to the 'affordable' social housing which is a requirement of each new development, but which is not guaranteed to be let to local people.

Councillor Barber responded to several questions, indicating that the Vale WHDC was aware of infrastructure limits and the need to address potential and current transport problems, was willing to work with local sources to organise the best developer funding. He suggested that any reconsideration of housing numbers proposed for Harwell would mean

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moving the same number of homes somewhere else. He also said that that smaller villages were not going to be exempt from development, and that developments of fewer than 200 homes would be considered next year as part of the Local Plan Part 2. He said they were taking advice on future local employment demand, which the Parish Council felt to be erroneous. The Parish Council said it was particularly opposed to the development of the proposed site to the west of the village, and a site within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

On the main business, the current Chairman, David Marsh, and deputy, Mrs Kate Beswick, were re-elected for the coming year. There was an applicant for the previously announced vacancy on the Council, and Mrs Cath Convery was co-opted. After signing the acceptance form she was welcomed to the Council.

Then followed the appointment of Committees and approval of representatives on outside bodies. Standing Orders, review of assets and insurance arrangements, and approval of various procedures were then gone through. ; Details of these can be seen in the minutes on the Parish web pages.

Greenwood Way: On regular business, under planning there was another road for which the Vale had asked for possible names, the road that will be on the left at the new junction coming just east of Zulu Farm. It was agreed that two names should be put forward, Greenwood and Diamond. The former was to recognise Eric Stanley Greenwood, who was brought up in the village, living at Harwell Brewery as it was then. The Vale has since decided it should be Greenwood Way. [See the Harwell book in the chapter on the Second World War, after the Guinea Pig Club or online under Village for a 1000 years / WWII].

Under financial matters, fees were agreed for the football tournament and Mason's funfair, the latter coming in the second week of June [now postponed]. Also a donation was agreed for a wreath at the D-day Memorial Service on 7th June.

Under **Lands** matters, it was agreed to introduce a set of rules for the use of the Recreation Ground; a provisional set had been drawn up and these were approved on the basis that the Land Committee would review them at its next meeting. It was noted that the required documentation for the A417 entrance was still awaited.

Use of the Rec. by several groups was agreed. Harwell & Hendred Youth FC have their tournament on the weekend of 7th & 8th June, Mason's Funfair will be there for the period of 11th to 17th June – this includes setting up and dismantling days. Also the Various Feast activities, including use by the English Civil War Society were approved.

For the forthcoming footpath walk, Mrs Debbie Turner volunteered to co-ordinate. If you want to join in, meet at 2.30pm at the Village Hall on Sunday 8th June.

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 10th June and 8th 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.

New Houses in the Village

Alder View

The road within the development has been named formally as Talbot Close. The developers, Taylor Wimpey, say that they hope to start work before the end of June and to have a show home ready for October 2014, with the first occupations being just before Christmas. The whole site should be completed by the end of 2016. Construction traffic will come from Rowstock across the farm land, and should not be using Grove Road.

Blenheim Hill

If you missed the developer's exhibition, you can see the proposals on their website www.blenheimhill.co.uk. They have said that they will be publishing the result of their consultation on this website. They have also told the Parish Council that they plan to submit a Full Planning Application in the next two months or so.

Annual Parish Footpath Walk

Meet Sunday 8th June at Village Hall 2.30 pm

District Councillors:

Reg Waite reg.waite@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
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Planning Matters

Permissions:

P14/V0278/FUL Elmslea Didcot Road Erection of replacement dwelling.

P14/V0236/EZ RAL Space Technology Centre Fermi Avenue Construction of a new Space Technology Research building
P14/V0125/FUL Little Meadows Downs Close Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement.

P14/V0031/LB & V0030/HH Homestead High Street Re-build existing front boundary wall, replace section of fence with wall and erection of new wooden gates.

P13/V0129/O Outline application for demolition of 13 dwellings, erection of up to 120 dwellings at South Drive.

P13/V2445/FUL Erection of 65 dwellings with associated highway works, land South of Grove Road.

P14/V0515/FUL Gibbs Yard Didcot Road Change of use of strip of former agricultural land to B8 storage use in connection with adjacent Builders Yard.

P14/V0416/HH Lyncombe Gables Didcot Erection of a single storey rear extension.

P14/V0323/FUL Mulberry House Townsend Erection of a three bed, two storey home with detached garage.

P13/V2676/FUL Land Adjacent to Silverdown Reading Road Erection of 2 detached dwellings.

P14/V0304/HH Kirk Fell Barrow Lane Erection of a two storey rear extension, construction of brick built garage

Refusal:

P14/V0253/FUL Erection of one detached dwelling with access. (Appealed).

Applications:

P14/V0643/HH 3 Jennings Lane Demolition of existing boundary wall and erection of new boundary wall along the amended boundary and reprofiling of flank pathway.

P14/V0514/HH Russets Reading Road Raising of roof to create chalet bungalow and side extension.
Council asked that neighbours' comments are borne in mind by planners when this application is considered.

P14/V0647/FUL Land adjacent to Wantage Road / Didcot Road Harwell University technical college with a gross external area of 5800 sq. metres. The development includes proposed parking facilities at the college as well as associated hard and soft landscaping, area for a football pitch and a MUGA.

P14/V0776/HH Bloomfield Reading Road single storey side extension, front bay window and new front porch.

P14/V0836/LDP West field entrance to Harwell Recreation ground Certificate of lawfulness to widen and reinforce the existing access from A417 Reading Road.



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Consultation on strategic development proposals at Valley Park, east of the A34

Tuesday 10th June, from 2 to 8pm

Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road

The prospective developers of Valley Park, Hallam Land Management, Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon Homes, will be holding an exhibition of initial masterplan proposals for a mixed-use urban extension together with associated local services, leisure, open space, community facilities, transport, drainage and utility infrastructure. Valley Park is identified as a strategic allocation within the Vale of White Horse District Council's draft emerging Local Plan. Representatives of the developer and their advisers will be present at all times to answer any questions, and there will be an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposals.

Have Your Say Meeting

The next Have Your Say meeting in Harwell is on Sunday 15 June from 2pm until 3pm at the Village Hall. If there is anything you wish to discuss with either Tim or Gary please do come along.

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Harwell Village Hall Redevelopment Project



Latest news:

The trustees of Harwell Village Hall are delighted to announce that the Section 106 money from the Alder View development has now been signed off by Taylor Wimpey and £275k will be made available for the Village Hall Project when the first home is occupied.

This is a major milestone to have reached and these funds will complement the results of our next big push – to apply for grants from various bodies, including the Heritage Council and local Waste Management organisations. We hope to raise up to £200k this way.

If you have contacts with any local businesses, large or small, who you think would like to help our project by donating funds, materials or items for furnishing our hall, please let us know by contacting Keith Beswick on 01235 835338 or keith@kbeswick.co.uk.

We also need more letters / emails of support for our project to help our grant applications. Write your own or use our template (download from our website or request from Keith) and send it to Keith on the email address above or post it to him at Lime Tree House, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX.

Please continue to support our events, keeping the momentum going to raise the remaining sum required:



Our current fundraising total from events, merchandise sales, raffles, the 100 club, donations, pledges, a small grant and gift aid is has risen to:

£200,000!

Thank you all so much for your ongoing support.

If you would like to hold your own fundraising event, small or large, it all helps – see the HVH website for useful advice and let us know if you need more help.

Or you can give a donation* – simply send a cheque to Keith at the above address, payable to Harwell Village Hall and marked “Development Fund”.

For a regular donation, we have a Standing Order Mandate - please contact Clare Wagner on 835425 or clare.wagner@jabrin.co.uk for details.

*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.

And the very latest: We are looking to make final adjustments to the internal plans for the refurbished halls by the time of our **AGM at 7.30pm on June 24th**. We plan to brief our design team to apply for building regulations approval prior to obtaining quotations and applying for grants.

Also the Hall's application for status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been made to the Charity Commissioners.

Diary Dates 2014...

Saturday 14 th June	Murder Mystery Evening – Titanic 2. 7pm – 11pm. Tickets £25pp including BBQ (veggie options available)	Harwell Village Hall. Tickets on sale NOW at Bob's Butchers and from Barbara on 01235 835698.
Sunday 15 th June	Harwell Village Newsagent's Summer Wine Tasting Event, 6.30pm – 8.30pm.	Harwell Village Hall. For information and invitation go to Harwell Village Newsagent, 2 High Street, Harwell.
Sunday 29 th June	Harwell Open Gardens, 2-5pm. Tickets with map £5pp (U16 free). Teas and a plant sale.	Tickets available from Bob's Butchers. Enjoy a Flower Festival and Scarecrow competition too!
Saturday 13 th Sept	Film Event. 7pm – 10pm, £5 per person	Harwell Village Hall. Save the date, more details to follow.
Sunday 21 st Sept	History Exhibition: Harwell and the Wars. 11am – 4pm, free entry	Harwell Village Hall. Come and learn more about the history of your village!
Saturday 27 th Sept	Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir. 7.30pm – 10.30pm. £8 per person	Harwell Village Hall, Tickets available from Bob's Butchers or Kath Luker on 861057, kath.luker@tesco.net , Kamarlu, Barrow Road.

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

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Harwell W.I.

The new WI year started in April with Sylvia Vetta talking about how she cast away fifty famous people – Fifty remarkably people interviewed for Oxfordshire's Desert Island. We also had a social evening at The Hart to welcome New Members and tell them a bit more about the WI movement.

There was also very good attendance at a meal at The Hart at the end of April. This was a very sociable evening with members changing places at the dessert course in order to talk to other people in the group. Everyone agreed this should be repeated in the autumn.

Our Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning was a huge success with large amounts of summer bedding, shrubs and veggies at reasonable prices.

At our May meeting we discussed this year's Resolution, *Increasing Organ Donations*, and this was agreed unanimously. This was followed by speaker Jan Banji taking us through her paces with Tai Chi.

The WI entered the Feast's float parade depicting 'The Great Harwell Bake-off'. There were no Michelin Stars for their performance but all enjoyed it despite the miserable weather.

On 11th June it's *Dinosaurs in Oxfordshire* with Paul Sargent from The Natural History Museum in Oxford. This will be followed by a visit in July to the Oxford Museum on a date to be arranged.

Then on 9th July Tara Hunter and other performers from The Abingdon Operatic Society will be giving a 'Behind the scenes insight' into the workings of the Operatic Society; this will also followed by a visit to their October Production of *Sweet Charity*.

Later in the year there will be 'Salters Steamers – the story of the long established boat hire firm on The Thames'; Hands-on Water Colour painting with local artist and WI Member, Agatha Gerard; Hands-on Craft from No Two Things Craft Shop in Didcot; the story of the notorious Mitford Sisters with Gillian Cane, and a very essential talk about Wills & Powers of Attorney from Slade Legal.

Members are still meeting regularly at The Hart of Harwell on a Wednesday morning for coffee.

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 or email: wi@harwellwi.org

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Coach trip to Coton Manor Garden

Northamptonshire on 25th July

The cost is £23 for club members, £25 for others. Bordered by ancient yew and holly hedges, this peaceful 10-acre garden boasts extensive herbaceous borders richly planted with many unusual plants. Located on a hillside and landscaped on different levels, Coton Manor is divided into distinctive areas that include terraces, a wild flower meadow and an orchard as well as rose, water, woodland and kitchen gardens.

Light lunches, teas and snacks are available in the Stableyard Café. There is a garden shop and the adjacent specialist nursery offers over 1000 plant varieties propagated from the garden.

Our coach has access and places for 5 wheelchairs and the majority of the garden is wheelchair-friendly. Contact Janice Markey on 832802.

Harwell Open Gardens

Sunday 29 June 2-5pm

The Gardeners' Club invite you to the Harwell Open Gardens. In addition to the Open Gardens there will be a flower festival and refreshments in St Matthew's Church and the Bell Tower will be open. There will also be teas and plant sales, and a scarecrow competition at Little Pippins along with their wildlife garden.

The Scarecrow Competition theme is **Children's Stories** and is a family competition which can be entered on the day by bringing your scarecrow down to Little Pippins Car Park by 12 noon. Your scarecrow should have a stand incorporated and should have a label attached with the name and telephone number of the entrant. FREE ENTRY with prizes.

Proceeds from the open gardens to the Gardeners' Club and the Village Hall redevelopment project. Tickets from Bob's family butchers - £5, children under 16 free.

Produce Show 13th September

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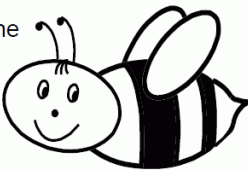
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Lunches – 17 June, 1, 15, 29 July

Contact Carolyne on 07962 249 467

Overhanging hedges & trees causing obstruction

Plea from a Parishioner

I refer in particular to part of Burr Street where cars travelling towards Didcot are not able to see oncoming traffic coming down the hill. Whilst I appreciate that the several cars parked outside those properties have nowhere else to go, traffic has to pull out wide to try to get a sight line & then cannot pull in or reverse back as traffic has built up behind them. Thank-you.

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SAMANTHA WADHAM: INTERIOR GROWTH

10 July – 16 August

Multidisciplinary Didcot artist Samantha Wadham, interprets textiles through different materials and media, including paper, painting, film and 3D metalwork. Interior Growth recreates floral imagery to explore how society views the working class not as blossoming beauties, but as disregarded weeds that cause damage to the garden, or world. Giving a contemporary twist to the humble wallpaper pattern, this is an exhibition that will inspire and intrigue.

Harwell History Group

The recent Harwell History exhibition (29th and 30th March) was extremely well attended on both days – even though on Sunday the clocks had gone forward and it was Mothering Sunday! Many visitors returned a second time bringing relatives, documents and photographs; some were delighted to spot ancestors in nineteenth century photographs. More have come forward to be interviewed about their recollections of, for example, the founding of AERE, and local schools. Grateful thanks are owed to the indefatigable helpers who manned the kitchen.

Exhibits lent by Harwell families included cherry picking equipment used in Harwell's once famous orchards. There were photographic presentations of Harwell's many listed buildings, and of scenes "then" and "now". A display on Harwell's pubs – originally there were six and there may have been a seventh – attracted much attention, as did the village bier, the history of the Gardening Club, and the nineteenth entry smock and wedding dress. Oxfordshire and Berkshire Family History Societies were on hand with advice for researchers. The posters on for example, Robert Loder (1589-1640), the Great Fire (1852), and three Harwell living rooms of the sixteenth-twenty first centuries remain permanently on display in the Village Hall.

Professor Anthony Fletcher, who in 1967 published *Elizabethan Village*, based on Harwell probate inventories, visited the exhibition and has since donated his transcripts of the inventories to the History Group; they will form the basis for further research. Work is also planned on village schools, and on the Pinks (dianthus), Feasts once held in the White Hart and Crown pubs. If anyone knows anything about the Harwell seedsman Thomas Hughes who in the 1800s was advertising a pink called "Hughes' Defiance", please contact us!

A smaller, one day exhibition on Harwell in Two World Wars is planned for Sunday, September 21 st. Please contact the History Group if you have knowledge of survivors of those wars, photographs, memorabilia or memories which could be recorded.

The informal History Group hopes to encourage Harwellians in preserving village and family history, and to work for the establishment of a Heritage Centre in the refurbished Village Hall.

We are desperately in need of more researchers and helpers. Please contact us if you think you might be interested: batty@tesco.net.

Harwell History Group : Kath Luker, Heather Stevens, Patricia Cooke, Dee Holes, Helen Drummond, David Drummond, James Roberts, Malcolm Thick, Jane Card, Hilary Fox and Bill Woollen.



Bringing the old bier to the exhibition



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THE Little Pippins Management Committee is very pleased to have been awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Team 2014 by the Pre-school Learning Alliance, West division, in recognition of the work that has been done over the last few years to get our new building built, to equip it to a high standard, and to make Little Pippins the fantastic facility for the village pre-school age children that it is. Thank you to all the current and former committee members who have helped us to achieve this over the years.

We are open 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.

This summer, the older children are making regular visits to Harwell School's Foundation Class, which helps to prepare them for the move to the school in September. We are also very grateful to Harwell School for letting us use their swimming pool again. Other events to look forward to later this term are our summer outing to Beale Park, a teddy bears picnic on the Recreation Ground and Sports Day at the end of term.

If you would like your child to join us in September, we do have a few spaces left so please come and have a look round and register. There is more information about what we offer on our website and you can also download a registration form from there. Our sessions and charges are:

Breakfast Club – 8am to 9:15am - £5.00
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Harwell Village Club RBL

The village club has been making preparations over the last couple of months for what we hope will be a busy summer with some warm weather. The club rooms are now used with classes during the day and our usual Poppy Tea rooms on Tuesdays. Thursday mornings we have very popular Zumba Classes and also host meetings for the RSPB, Whist Drives, Bowls, Tennis and have two Aunt Sally teams playing every Wednesday night. We recently hosted the 10th Anniversary Awards for the Harwell and Hendred Boys Football Club and a very successful night was enjoyed by all. This weekend they will be holding their Annual Tournament on the Recreation ground and we look forward to being part of two days of enjoyable football.

The weather was a disappointment for the Feast but the organisation was excellent and there was a great deal for the spectators to enjoy. We were open from early in the day and sheltered people from the rain and cleaned and comforted some who had fallen over on the slippery surface in the car park. Our toilets were in constant use but so was the Bar and with the Morris Dancers escaping the inclement weather and enjoying our selection of Real Ales and our ladies producing their now highly acclaimed Ploughman's lunches, we managed to have a reasonable day despite the miserable conditions.

We have put up some hanging baskets and flower bowls in an attempt to break the unfortunate heavy brick facade that is the club building. This has been funded by a grant from the Parish Council and we hope that as the summer moves on, so our planting will enhance the entrance to the Recreation ground for a change and not present such a dour image!

Our Summer Ball is on Saturday July 12th and as it was such a success last year we hope for a repeat performance. Our club organises a monthly Dance on the last Saturday of each month and we have had some superb performers over the last few months. Yvonne Hinchliffe, our Vice Chair, has been using an Agent from the South Coast and the quality of the acts has been quite brilliant. Look at our Website to see details of our forthcoming events and think about coming along to enjoy.

The club has now installed WiFi and this has been welcomed massively by members and visitors alike. Funded by the SOC Fund money it is the first part of our re-development to allow for more flexible use of our building to run courses and hold meetings in the future. A large screen and projector are next on the list and when installed should allow for far more use of our large hall for all sorts of functions.

Over the summer months look out for our club on the weekends and if you are using the recreation ground and want an ice-cream or soft drink for the children and something for Mum and Dad to enjoy then please call in.



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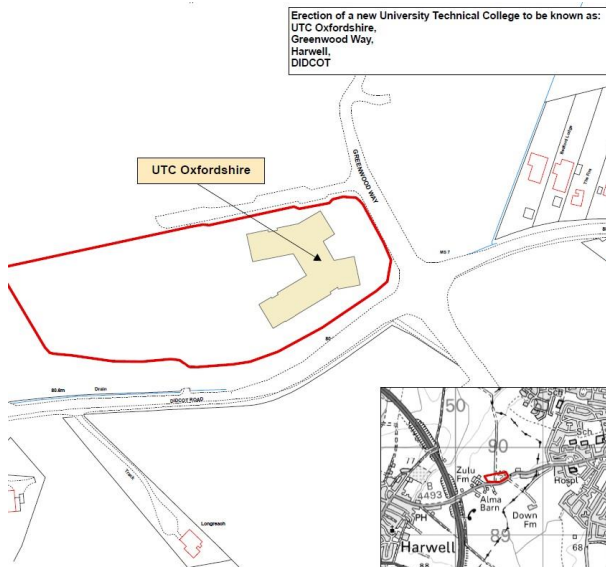
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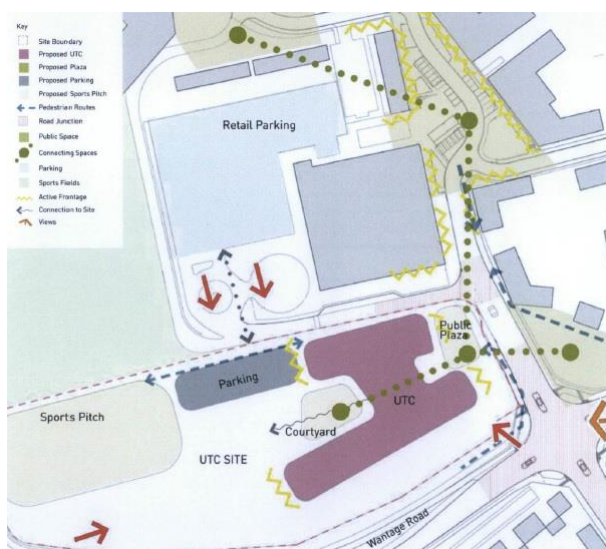
Plans have been submitted to the Vale WHDC for the site on the Harwell side of the spine road through GWP on the north side of the Didcot Road. As mentioned in the report of the May PC meeting, this road has been named Greenwood Way. The area to be taken by the UTC is shown here:



The proposed elevation can be seen in this artist's impression:



And a further plan of what's to come, from the Design and Access Statement. Documents are available on the Vale WHDC's planning portal, reference P14/V0647.



Ed Vaizey MP to open rehabilitation gym at MS Therapy Centre – Milton Park 37E

The Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year and we are delighted to announce that Mr Ed Vaizey MP will be officially opening our new rehabilitation gym on Friday 13th June at 4pm. He will be joined by Mr James Dipple, Managing Director of Milton Park.

The Centre is also hosting an Open Week between Monday 23rd to Friday 27th June, which is open to all. Events taking place throughout the week include; daily coffee mornings, therapy taster day, health advice and carers advice day and visits by Physiotherapists, MS Nurses, Citizen's Advice, Oxfordshire Carers and MS Society. The open week is the perfect opportunity to look around the centre's new gym, which contains MOTomed equipment for leg and arm/upper body training, a balance trainer enabling those with very limited balance to stand safely and Thera-Trainer Tigo 510 a multi-purpose exerciser for legs and upper body.

Over 1000 people in Oxfordshire have Multiple Sclerosis and the MS Therapy Centre was specifically founded to offer subsidised therapies to people with MS to help maintain movement and function. The Centre provides a range of complementary therapies including physiotherapy, osteopathy, massage, reflexology, auricular acupuncture, nail care, reiki, oxygen therapy, as well as information on MS and support.

MS is a nasty disease, gradually turning off nerve functions, making walking harder and harder along with pains and spasms. No mental faculties are affected. The course is often progressive, and other symptoms occur. Drugs are available to relieve symptoms and are helpful to some degree. Much work is being done to find a 'cure', but that is a long way off. The Centre is entirely self funding.

Contact: David Harsant or Sue Doran on 01235 832023

BBOWT - Sutton Courtenay

Environmental Education Centre

We haven't yet got details of any events for the Summer holidays, but you can find events under What's On on the BBOWT web pages - <http://www.bbowl.org.uk/whats-on> - enter a date range and optionally event types.

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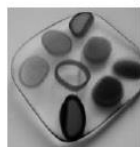
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More on Harwell Feast:*Abbey Brass Band led the parade**The Band passes Umbrellas outside the Village Hall**Morris Dancers*

Above, the front of the school's float, with Fred Gee, and to the right, what a lot of the visitors to the Rec may not have seen – one of the Helleborines growing on some of the edges. It has also recently re-appeared in central London – in the garden of Buckingham Palace!

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Fun Dog Show at Harwell Feast

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Class 1- Best Puppy, 6-12 months

Dog	Owner
1st Tucker, 6 mo.	D Springett, Didcot
2nd Merryn, 7 mo.	Poppy Martin
3rd Teddy, 11 mo.	Helen Hodges

Class 2 - Prettiest Bitch

Dog	Owner
1st Ponny	S Hawthorne, Wantage
2nd Poppy	Jaz
3rd Chutney	Nell

Class 3 - Handsomest Dog

Dog	Owner
1st Arthur	G Botto, Didcot
2nd Muffin	Michelle Wort
3rd Merlin	M & A Shorter
Sp. Meish	Dawn Graham

Class 4 - Best Veteran (8+ years)

Dog	Owner
1st Grouse, 15 yrs	Dawn Graham
2nd Poppy, 9½ yrs	Jose Rostagni
3rd Bailey, 10 yrs	Polly Mirren

Class 5 - Fancy dress dog & Handler

Dog	Owner
1st Ponny	S Hawthorne, Wantage
2nd Sky	Nicole Ediker
= Jago	Letty Martin
3rd Bonnie	Oly & Mia
Sp. Bebe	Diley

Class 6 - Best Harwell dog

Dog	Owner
1st Chutney	Nell Ahier
2 years running!	

Class 7 - Best in Show

Chosen from the winners of the previous classes

Dog	Owner
Winner Tucker,	D Springett, Didcot
Reserve Arthur	G Botto, Didcot



Harwell Scouting Group would like to thank everyone who supported our activities at the 2014 Harwell Feast.

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 contact committee member, Sharon Palmer on 07774 676793 and she will put you in touch with the appropriate section leader.

The current Scout Executive Committee, comprised of parents and former parents of the Harwell Scouting Group meet for about an hour, once a month in Harwell. In addition to approximately 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 annual Harwell Feast at the end of May.

We are actively looking for new members to join us, contact Sharon Palmer for more details.

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This event is open to anyone, from experts, families, those with an interest in invertebrates, and just about anyone else in between. No previous experience required, but an enthusiasm for our smaller friends is a must. Activities run will include exploring moth traps; netting for bugs; butterfly ID walks; pond dipping for invertebrates; exploring pit fall traps and much more.

Starting bright and early in the morning at 8am, we will be looking at the moth traps with experts. Following this, there will be the chance to explore the nature reserve, Earth Trust farm, and Paradise Wood to find as many bugs as as you can. Throughout the day, there will be guided walks by experts on butterflies, bees, hoverflies, spiders and more. A learning lab will be set up with microscopes, books and experts on hand to assist with the identification of the invertebrates that you have found.

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More of the Feast



This was Fun Club in Bloom



The parade in the High Street



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Civil War demonstration



Bonny Babies - see p. 2, rosettes were red:1st, Blue:2nd



Fancy dress - for who's who see page 2

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