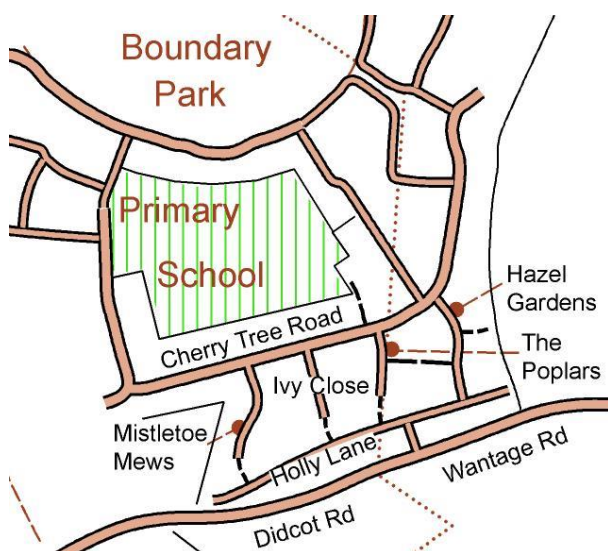


Parish Council Meetings

June Meeting

The Open Forum began with a presentation from Taylor Wimpey regarding the next phase of development within the Parish at Great Western Park. The first such phase, already approved, extends north from Wantage Road to Cherry Tree Road – see map below – and now they have put in an application covering the other roads shown, as yet unnamed, as far as Boundary Park. The Parish Boundary is shown as a dotted line.

The Council expressed concerns about parking in general, and specifically for drop-off and access to the primary school, lack of any east-west cycle routes leading to the school or traversing the development, bus stops, and other matters. The Council also raised continuing concern over the removal of bollards from the plans for Hazel Gardens, opening up a possible ‘rat run’ avoiding the main spine road. Because this was instigated by the County Council, Stewart Lilly agreed to investigate.



Layout of GWP north of Didcot & Wantage Roads

Mr Lilly, then reported on County Council matters, saying there may be ‘Stewardship’ funding towards alleviating parking problems at the Church Lane/High Street junction. Network Rail is intending to start work on local bridges as part of its electrification programme in July; improvements being considered in the Science Vale area may mean that £800,000 will be available for upgrading the A417; and plans have been released concerning the building of 2,800 homes north east of Didcot.

Councillor Reg Waite reported on Vale matters; he was looking into possible improvements to the parking situation in **The Park**, and, among other matters, reported that from that day the Electoral Registration system had changed, and voters must now register individually, rather than on one form per household.

The Parish Council went on to approve its revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. It also agreed the Terms of Reference for the new Lands and

Planning Committee; this will meet between the main meetings to look at planning applications, which have a 3-week consultation period, and Lands Matters.

Under Local Planning matters, it was noted that the bus stop recently installed on the B4493 near the GWP entrance, which the Council had regarded as in a dangerous location, is to be moved. The Parish boundary sign, removed during the GWP work is to be replaced by the developer following a request from the Clerk.

In anticipation of new developments in the Parish, it was agreed to contact Parish organisations to find out whether they have funding requirements that might be assisted by Section 106 monies. Planning applications are noted separately below.

Under matters related to Council Lands, it was agreed that the Parish Council shall apply for planning permission to make alterations to the west field entrance to the Rec. to make it safe for entry and exit. Arrangements for use of the Rec. for the coming football season were agreed, as was the proposition that a maintenance plan for the Pavilion showers should be instigated, to include Legionella testing and that the Council should cover the costs up to a maximum of £500 for the first year.

July Meeting

In the Open Forum, Mr Lilly reported that OCC has requested transport studies in connection with the application for a Technical College in Great Western Park because of perceived parking issues; he noted that the College is to take 14-18 year old students but that it was unclear where 11-14 year olds will study.

On the matter of bollards in Hazel Gardens, mentioned at the June meeting, he said that emergency services had asked for their removal. The bollards originally featured in plans and were intended to stop the road becoming a through route; the Council asked that collapsible bollards be considered rather than removing them altogether; Mr Lilly promised to follow this up.

He agreed to check with Highways officers to find out what measures, if any, are likely to be taken regarding parking problems at the Church Lane/High Street junction, and promised to look into providing Stewardship Funding if necessary.

He reported that stones and other obstacles placed on the verge outside various homes in the Parish have been reported to OCC for action. Regardless of land ownership, no obstacles should be placed within 1 metre of a road edge, as this is classed as Highway verge, unless there is a pavement.

Mrs Margaret Turner reported that nominations can now be made for the Vale WHDC Chairman’s Awards – see the separate item on this. She also said that new rules meant that litter bins may no longer bear stickers prohibiting dog waste from being placed in them; she promised to find out whether this applied to all bins or just those owned by VWHDC. [It seems that you can

place dog waste in a general waste bin, provided it is bagged – to be confirmed.]

Under external liaison, Gareth Buxton, a School Governor, was asked to convey the Council's appreciation to the outgoing head teacher Peter Cansell for his contribution to school and village life.

There was discussion of various local developments; the state of these is summarised below. There had been concern that the Vale Council was going to allow construction traffic to Alder View to use Grove Road, but this change to the approved plans, which require use of farm tracks from Rowstock, had been dropped.

The response to 3 transport and roads consultations was delegated to the next Lands and Planning meeting; you can find link on the Parish website to the proposals for the Harwell Link Road and Featherbed Lane.

A list of names taken from the a map of landholders in the parish dated 1841 was approved for submission to VWHDC for use in Great Western Park, with the request that where a full name is suggested, the whole name is used rather than only the surname:

John Hopkins, Susanne Blissett, Sir John Chetwold, William Moreland, Richard/Thomas/John Keats, John Lay, James Prior, Francis Elderfield, Winton, Wynton, Bishop of Winchester, Magdalen College, Brasenose College.

Under Lands matters it was noted that the visit from a Sovereign representative, which is making a donation towards the Gym equipment, had yet to be arranged.

The July meeting is when the Allotment rent for the year starting 15 months hence is set. Martin Ricketts put forward a proposal to set it at 10 pence rather than the current 13 pence per square metre. This was rejected on the casting vote of the Chairman, so the current rate remains. There is discussion under a separate heading.

Other recommendations from the Lands and Planning Committee were approved, including permission for a Korfball tournament on 30th August, permission for HHYFC to arrange coaching for girls on the Rec. without charge for the present, and to widen the gap in the bank across the Rec to allow the mowers to pass.

It was agreed there may be a need for an August meeting if the Blenheim Hill planning application is registered soon.

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 possibly 12th August, definitely 9th September. 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.

District Councillors:

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

County Councillor:

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

Local Developments

The silence over the Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Plan continues, and the next version of the Plan may not be issued until October.

Harwell Link Road

Oxford County Council has been consulting on plans for the Harwell Link Road, and improvements to Hagbourne Hill, Featherbed Land and the Steventon Hill traffic lights. Money is committed, and after detailed planning, work could start as soon as 2015. The link road, and the Hagbourne Hill improvements, should mean that traffic from Great Western Park won't need to come through the village on its way to the Harwell Campus or the A34. This will be especially important once the Great Western Park spine road connects to the B4493 Harwell-Didcot Road. This was planned for about now, but has been delayed until later in the year, or even early next year. The spine road, where it passes through Harwell Parish, will be called Greenwood Way, named after Eric Greenwood who lived some of his life in Harwell and was awarded the OBE in 1946 after exceeding 600mph in level flight while testing Meteor fighter jets for a successful air speed record attempt.

Alder View, Grove Road

Work on this development has just started. Taylor Wimpey is marketing the site as Greenwood Meadows. Three properties have already been sold! Don't forget that the site includes five bungalows, which were specially requested by the Parish Council to give people an opportunity to downsize. Two bungalows are already available for sale.

Blenheim Hill

Bloor Homes has now submitted an application to develop the site for 94 houses. This has been given a reference number by Vale (P14/V1663/FUL) and is in the process of being validated. By the time you read this you should be able to view the application online on the council's website. Summary details will also be provide on the Parish Council website. There is an information sheet produced by Bloor Homes providing detail of their application, which is included in this newsletter to ensure that everyone receives a copy.

Great Western Park

The first residents of Great Western Park in Harwell Parish have now moved in – welcome. The Parish Council is working with the District and County Council to make sure the boundary sign is restored, and that street names are in place, and the bus stops have correct names, so everyone can find their way around.

Boundaries

The Vale District Council has approved the change in the northern boundary of the Parish to align with the railway line. This will take effect in May 2015. They have also approved the principle that all the land east of the A34 shall eventually form a separate parish, to be called Harwell East. This will not happen in 2015, but will wait until the population of GWP (and Valley Park) has grown to be sufficient to administer their own parish.

Planning Matters

Permissions:

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.

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.

Applications:

P14/V1002/DIS Alder View Land South of Grove Road Erection of 65 dwellings with associated highway works, landscaping and infrastructure improvements Discharge of conditions 2, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 on application ref. P13/V2445/FUL.

P14/V1324/HH 13 North Drive Ground floor single storey extension to rear of dwelling and loft conversion.

P14/V1370/HH Russets Reading Road Raising of roof to create chalet bungalow and side extension.

Land at Didcot Road Harwell Discharge condition 39 (Environmental Management Plan) of outline permission P02/V1594/OP14/V1314/RM

Parcel DN03BCD of Great Western Park development consisting of the erection of 249 dwellings, landscaping and associated infrastructure. An Environmental Statement was submitted with the outline application.

Have Your Say Meeting with local Police

The next Have Your Say meetings in Harwell are on Saturday 2nd August and Sunday 28th September, both from 12 noon until 1pm at the Village Hall. If there is anything you wish to discuss with Tim please do come along.

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Harwell Feast Committee

In anticipation of large numbers of visitors the Committee increased expenditure for this year's Feast. Unfortunately, as you will recall, the weather was not entirely in our favour, and as a consequence there is not a large surplus. The Committee expects to have a more modest sum to distribute to Parish organisations than in previous years; applications for funding should be made to info@harwellfeast.com by Monday September 1st.

The **Mobile Library** will be in the Village Hall car park between 9.15 and 9.40am on the following Wednesdays: Aug 13, 27, Sept 10, 24



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Commemorating the centenary of the start of World War One

The 'LIGHTS OUT' Event 10pm to 11pm, 4th August

As you are no doubt aware, there are a number of events being held across Oxfordshire to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. At Oxfordshire County Council we are keen to encourage events, particularly those that offer a chance for reflection and remember the role of the county's residents in the conflict.

We are publicising events and activities on our website, here: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/first-world-war-centenary-proiects.

If you have any events or projects planned we would be very happy to add them to the website. Please send the details through to sarah.ielley@oxfordshire.gov.uk

LIGHTS OUT is a project that is inviting everyone in the UK to turn off their lights from 10pm until 11pm on the 4th of August, leaving on a single light or candle for a shared moment of reflection.

Oxfordshire County Council will be taking part, and if you would like to participate you can find out more information on the official LIGHTS OUT website www.1418now.org.uk/whats-on/lights-out

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Scarecrow Competition at Little Pippins

This was held in conjunction with the Open Gardens day. The top 4 as judged were:

1st Snow White - The Addison family:



2nd Whatever Next - Little Pippins:



3rd Aliens like underpants - The McWhirter Coy family



4th Bearcrow - The Knibbs family:



Thanks to Kate Hanneman for the photos.

Results of the Flower Festival are as follows:-

1st W.I. 2nd Little Pippins 3rd The Bellringers

Also thanks to everyone who came to the Harwell Open Gardens. - Janice Markey

Is your hedge blocking the pavement?

If you have one, probably not, but is it reducing the path width enough to prevent pedestrians, including wheel-chairs and electric scooters pass safely? Please take a moment to consider if it needs attention.

Busy Bees Music Group

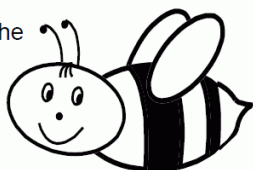
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District Council News

Chairman's Annual Community Awards Lunch:

On 11 October 2014 Cllr Michael Badcock, Chairman of the Vale will be hosting the Annual Community Awards Lunch at The Beacon, Wantage. The theme for this year's awards is once again 'Volunteering for the Vale' and we would be very grateful if you let us know of anyone that you feel should be recognised for their achievements in the local community.

Nominations can be for anyone who lives within the Vale of any age that you feel is worthy of recognition for volunteering within the local area. We can nominate as many people as we wish. It would be great to have as wide a variety of award winners as possible and the age groups are under 18; 18-35; 35-60; and over 60.

Completed Nomination Forms are to be submitted by 22 August 2014. It would be helpful if application forms could be submitted through Margaret and Reg please. We can then endorse recommendations and add comment if appropriate as we are keen for all nominations from our ward to be successful.

Air quality in the Vale of White Horse - have your say!

Residents in the Vale of White Horse are invited to have their say on an air quality action plan for the area.

Vale of White Horse District Council will be consulting on the plan from 26 June when the Air Quality Action Plan will be published on www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/airquality, and the council is encouraging residents to give their views.

The plan includes district-wide measures that will help to improve the air quality of the Vale as a whole. District councils have few direct powers to address air quality issues but we will be working with others to find actions that will make a difference.

The consultation closes on 15 August 2014.

Leisure management contract: We've recently selected GLL as the new joint leisure contractor for both Vale and South Councils. The ten year contract will commence in September and will cover all of the district council leisure centres and facilities in the two districts.

The new joint contract will replace the current arrangement of working with a number of different contractors. We look forward to working with GLL to increase participation, improve facilities and offer more leisure opportunities for all our residents.

Reg Waite reg.waite@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Earth Trust Events

Moth Night at Wallingford Castle Meadows

Sunday 3rd August 2014 8pm - 11pm

Spend an evening seeing just how beautiful British moths can be. Marc Botham will teach you the basics of identification and more about these fascinating night time creatures. Option to stay on later into the night with the Moth Man if weather allows.

Location: Wallingford Castle Meadows, Cemetery Lane, OX10 8DL.

Price £5 adult, £2 child Booking essential.

Email: admin@earthtrust.org.uk

Phone: 01865 407792



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For more events, and news visit www.earthtrust.org.uk



HARWELL WI

I guess there will soon be a hosepipe ban but long live summer and this fantastic weather. The WI has still been busy. The *Dinosaurs in Oxfordshire* talk on 11th June with Paul Sargent from The Natural History Museum in Oxford was amazing. Who knew that there were so many remains found in this area? We were spellbound by the talk and plan a visit to the Oxford Museum later in the year on a date to be arranged.

On 9th July Tara Hunter from The Abingdon Operatic Society gave an interesting and animated talk about the workings of the Operatic Society and this will be followed by a visit to their next Production of *Sweet Charity* in October. Then on 11th July a few of the more energetic members and two dogs walked from East Ilsley up to the Ridgeway.

There is no formal meeting in August but there will be a walk on Friday 8th August from Wallingford to Benson along the river; then on 19th August members are visiting Charlote Park continuing to the Guide Dog Training establishment at Leamington.

On 1st September there is the Annual Science Lecture at Didcot Civic Hall. The speaker is TV personality Susan Jebb talking about sugar in our diets. On 10th September Paul Wenham will be talking about Salters Steamers – the story of the long established boat hire firm on The Thames.

Later in the year we have 'Hands-on' Water Colour painting with our own 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 and pastries. Call in and say Hello.

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.

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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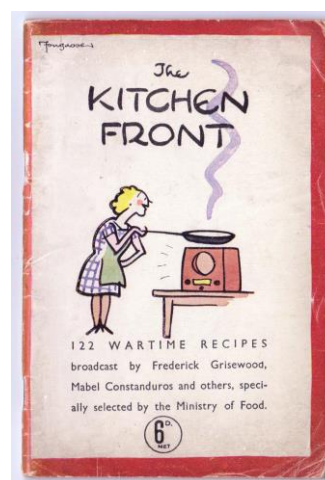
Ray Hinchliffe – Polkerris, High St. Harwell

Harwell History Group

To mark the hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, Harwell History Group is presenting a one-day exhibition, Harwell and the Wars, on Sunday, September 21st, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

The exhibition aims to show Harwellians' participation in World Wars 1 and 2, set in a broader national context. It will include exhibits about those in the armed services, those on the Home Front, and links with RAF Harwell. Anyone with photographs, memorabilia or stories to pass on is urged to contact Heather Stevens on batty@tesco.net

One member of the group is currently cooking his way through *The Kitchen Front*, published in 1942, and photographing the results. The Woolton Pie came out quite well; the biscuits made mostly with potatoes were -interesting! The jury is out on the pastry made with custard powder.



By request from those who missed the March Exhibition, some of those exhibits will be shown again.

In October and November, the group will host two speakers. On October 26th, Tania Szabo will give the talk: 'Young brave and Beautiful' The story of Violette Szabo GC, an agent of the Special Operations Executive in World War II, her life story as told by her daughter Tania."

Tania Szabo used to live with her grandparents in Harwell. Professor Anthony Fletcher, also a former Harwell resident, will explore the experience of soldiers in World War I through their letters and diaries. Details to follow. JMC



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Harwell Gardeners' Club

The next visit of the summer will be 4th August we will visit Radcot House Garden; meet there for 6.45pm. For further information contact Ruth Alexander on 835359.

Meetings resume on Monday 1st September, when Debra Davies will talk on *Flower Arranging for the Novice* to give you inspiration for the Produce Show. Competition is the *Largest Pod*, grown from the bean supplied in March.

Produce Show 13th September

The schedule is now available at Bob's – entries should be made by Tuesday 9th September. Enquiries to Adele Harris on 01235 811790 or email aharris21@sky.com.

There are lots of classes even if your veg. and flowers are wilting in the heat! Get a schedule and try the Craft, Fruit, Domestic, Photographic or Painting classes. There are Children's classes for ages 4 to 14. And even if you haven't entered, come along at 3pm and see the show – teas available.

Janice Markey Awarded BEM

Many congratulations go to Janice Markey on recently being awarded the British Empire Medal for services to Harwell Village Community.

Janice has given many years of dedicated involvement in the organisation and running of village events. Most villagers will have been to the Harwell Feast possibly little knowing that for 25 years Janice was the Chairperson.

But that is only one of many of her accomplishments which have been wide ranging. She has given so much to Gardening Club, Youth Club, directed pantomimes and talent competitions, quizzes and coordinated the Produce Show and Children's Holiday Club to mention just some things. If you have seen books hanging on trees for children to collect or decorated posts around the village then this is the work of Janice.

Janice has done so much to enhance village life in Harwell in a dedicated, unstinting and selfless way. If you spot her cycling around Harwell she is no doubt on a mission to support or organise another thing helping to promote village life and we are eternally grateful to her for this. Well done Janice!

Joyce Doughty



Harwell Scout Group

continues to thrive with a membership of over 120 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	Meeting Day
Beavers	6-8	Tuesday
Cub Scouts	8-10½	Monday
Scouts	10½-14½	Wednesday
Explorers	14½-18	Monday

If your child is interested in joining, please contact the appropriate section leader. You can find the contact details on our web site at <http://harwellscouts.org.uk/contactus/>. Please note the Beaver and Cub Scout sections are currently full and parents should consider requesting membership long before their child reaches the appropriate joining age.

Late last year due to the huge demand we started a second Beaver Scout Colony and as these members progress through the group it has become necessary to also expand our Cub Scout provision which we intend to do later in the year. In the early days this will facilitate further direct memberships from others.

The group are now in the height of our summer activities which for older sections includes weekly Sailing at Farmoor reservoir, many other seasonal activities such as raft building (sometimes with amusing consequences) Summer games and trips out are also on offer. Our Explorer Scouts use the summer months to focus on their D of E expedition needs.

In early July we took part in a highly successful group camp at the Ferny Croft site, which is located within the New Forest. Over 50 members from Beavers to Explorers took part in the weekend event which included outdoor activities, hikes and practicing camping skills.

The Group is supported and managed by an Executive Committee comprising parents and former parents, this Group meet for about an hour each month reviewing the business affairs of the group. In addition the Committee has a lot of fun being involved in three annual events; Fireworks in November, a quiz in March and supporting the annual Harwell Feast at the end of May. We are currently looking for new members to join this team so if you are a parent or indeed villager who strongly supports scouting please contact Robin Glover (rg@ghostcat.co.uk) for further details.

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D-Day service at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone 7th June 2014

The annual D-Day Service held at the Harwell Stone took place this year recognising the 70th anniversary of the events of 5th and 6th June 1944.

It was organised for the second time by the Harwell Branch of the Royal British Legion and Duncan Rogers of Harwell Oxford Campus with Harwell and Chilton Churches.

As part of the recognition of the 70th anniversary and to bring the Harwell Stone and significant history of RAF Harwell to the attention of the residents of the new Chilton estate a village festival was also held adjacent to the Stone. This ran from lunchtime as an ideal build up to the Service and continued after with evening entertainment in the form of musical acts and bands.

Despite a wet start the day's weather continually improved which encouraged many villagers to attend the festival, and then on to the Service which saw the largest crowds in some time exceeding all expectations. It is estimated between 350 and 400 people attended.

This included representatives from organisations and business on the Harwell Oxford Campus and British Legion Branches and Veterans organisations across Oxfordshire and Berkshire. These included the Parachute Regiment Assn, the RAF 38 Group Assn, Glider Pilot's Regimental Association, and Airborne Forces Association. 17 Standards were paraded.

With such a significant anniversary year the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Tom Stevenson OBE accepted the invitation to be Guest of Honour for the Service and lead the laying of the wreaths, followed by 25 others which included, the Chairman of the VOWH District Council, the Mayor of Didcot, and Chairmen of the Chilton and Harwell Parish Councils, veterans associations as mentioned above and organisations on the Harwell Oxford Campus included, Diamond Light Source, Medical Research Council, STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Oxford Campus, Public Health England, European Space Agency, Research Sites Restoration Limited and the Civil Nuclear Constabulary

Wantage and Didcot Squadrons of the Air Training Corps formed a joint Guard of Honour for the service with the 2nd Chilton Scouts, pupils from Chilton School and Chilton Baby and Toddler Group also taking part by laying a wreaths and posies.

The Service was conducted by Rev. Pam Rolls with the Last Post sounded by Tony Hughes. A collection was made for the Poppy Appeal which totalled £166.85.

Thanks are due to the Chilton Festival Committee for raising the profile of the Service to the local community, Duncan Rogers of Harwell Oxford Campus for the site preparation and management and for printing a significant number of service sheets and also to the Civil Nuclear Constabulary granting permission and access to hold the event.

Thanks should also go to Chilton WI for the excellent refreshments they laid on for the veterans following the

service. Finally thank you to all those who attended and helped make the day go so well.

The inscription on the stone reads:

"THIS STONE MARKS THE END OF THE RUNWAY FROM WHICH AIRCRAFT OF No. 38 GROUP ROYAL AIR FORCE TOOK OFF ON THE NIGHT OF 5 JUNE 1944 WITH TROOPS OF THE 6th AIRBORNE DIVISION WHO WERE AMONG THE FIRST BRITISH SOLDIERS TO LAND IN NORMANDY ON THE MAIN ASSAULT FOR THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE"

Peter Davies

Harwell RBL Ceremonial Officer



Poppy Tea Room Royal British Legion Club Westfield, Harwell

Would you like to join us in Harwell on a Tuesday? One week we provide two course lunches (12-2 p.m.) and the next week a Tea Room during the afternoon (2-4 p.m.).

There is plenty of parking and easy access, just call in one Tuesday and see what we offer. Our prices are very competitive, the lunches - £8.00 for two courses inc. tea/coffee. The Tea-Room - Only £2.00 for Cake/Scone plus unlimited tea/coffee.

Website www.harwellrbl.co.uk for more information

Forthcoming dates:

Tea room - 5, 19 Aug, 2, 16, 30 Sept.

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Harwell Village Hall Redevelopment Project



Latest news:

As a consequence of this project and after taking legal advice, the Trustees have changed the status of the Village Hall and formed a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), whereby we enjoy similar status as a company, but do not need to report to Companies House. We will continue to report to the Charities Commission, and our new charity number is: **1157858**

Current fundraising total from events, donations, gift aid, etc.: **£220,000**

Our team of architects at Richard Potter Associates, including Harwell-based Quantity Surveyor, Andrew Snowden, are preparing the detailed plans and will put them out to tender so that we can submit detailed costs for our grant applications.

We have already spoken to the WREN, Biffa and Heritage Lottery grants teams and are well-placed to submit applications as soon as costs are available.

Alder View section 106 money should be available by the end of 2014 and the old Freeman Hall should be demolished by the start of 2015 – final clearance of this hall is well under way.

Phasing of the works will be as follows:

- Phase 1: Demolish Freeman Hall and its toilet block;
- Phase 2: Build New Hall and Entrance Foyer then migrate users to the New Hall;
- Phase 3: Renovate Existing Hall.

While it is frustrating that dates keep slipping back, it is essential that we have sufficient funds in place before we start the build. The Trustees have worked incredibly hard to meet all the Hall Users requirements and to create a fabulous central hub for the village, providing facilities for all villagers well into the future.

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Diary Dates 2014...

Friday 12 th Sept	Film Event: The Grand Budapest Hotel. 7pm – 10pm, £5 per person, £12 including Fish & Chips	Harwell Village Hall. Tickets available from Bob's Butchers or Barbara Jackson on 835968.
NB new date!		
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 Rd.
Sunday 26 th Oct	"Young, Brave and Beautiful – the life of Violette Szabó GC" by Tania Szabó. £3 per person, 7.30pm – 9.30pm.	Harwell Village Hall. Tickets available from Bob's Butchers or Kath Luker (details above).

Please check the Village Hall website -
harwellvillagehall.co.uk and the Fundraising and
Community facebook pages for more information on these
and future events and on how you can support our project.

Contact:

- Keith Beswick for letters of support, business contacts,
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- Clare Wagner for donations, SO mandate, etc. on
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Ed Vaizey MP Parish News July 2014

As ever in the summer just as the weather really warms up (at least I hope so) I have been contacted by energy suppliers about their schemes to help those who may struggle with energy costs during the winter. Anyone who's worried about rising costs can – and should – contact their energy provider or a relevant charity to discuss the help available. Consumers who receive Pension Credit Guarantee or Pension Credit Guarantee and Savings, should automatically qualify for this year's rebate of £140. The Department of Work and Pensions will send a letter to all those who qualify around September time, confirming their supplier will make the payment.

If you do think you need help and own your own home, you can contact the Health Through Warmth Scheme at www.npower.com/health_through_warmth or on 0845 070 2809. They offer assistance with funding and installation of heating and installation. British Gas customers can also consider their Warm Home Discount Scheme. Applications can be made by calling the British Gas Home Energy Care team (for credit meter customers) on 0800 072 8625 or our Here to Help team (for Pay as you Go customers) on 0800 294 8604. Alternatively, customers can apply online at www.britishgaswarmhomediscount.co.uk

As readers will probably have heard from news reports, there have been problems with passport applications recently. Over the past month I have been contacted by a number of constituents worried about passport applications for themselves and loved ones. I have been informed that over 99% of straightforward passport applications are being processed within four weeks, and the Passport Office is operating seven days a week and couriers are delivering passports within 24 hours of being produced. I would encourage anybody concerned about the status of their application to contact me well in advance of their date of travel, and I will do all I can to assist.

I have heard from a number of constituents who are concerned over reports that HMRC could sell anonymised taxpayers' data. A public consultation last year put forward a proposal to remove the legal restrictions limiting HMRC's ability to share anonymised individual level data for the purpose of research and analysis. The Government has been clear that HMRC would only share data where this would generate clear public benefits, and where there are robust safeguards in place. I have also received a number of emails and letters from constituents who are worried about organised crime targeting endangered wildlife. I'm pleased we have continued to back the elephant ivory trade ban, as well as making poaching and wildlife trafficking "serious crimes" under the relevant UN Convention and strengthening cross-border co-ordination. I'll continue to support this very important work.

Finally, I was delighted that The Snooty Mehman Restaurant which sits on the A420 near Faringdon, was selected as the short-listed finalist in the Tiffin Cup – the annual Parliamentary competition to find the best South Asian restaurant in the UK. At the finals held in

Parliament in July, The Snooty Mehman was only just pipped to the winner's trophy, coming a very close second.

As ever please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com.

Concert in Blewbury Saturday 6th September

The King's Men, choral scholars from King College, Cambridge will be giving a wonderful concert on Saturday 6th September in St Michael's Church, Blewbury at 7.30pm. The King's Men is the close harmony group formed from the Choir of King's College, Cambridge – yes the choir we hear on the radio each Christmas! This summer they have performed in all the major cities of Australia including a concert at the Sydney Opera House. The seven singers and an organ scholar will bring favourite choral classics and their sparkling new repertoire to Blewbury – from madrigal to modern. This will be a concert to remember. See www.kingsmencambridge.co.uk. Tickets £15 include a glass of wine. On sale at Blewbury Post Office or ring Pat Mattimore to reserve 01235 851088 or email bernardmat@btinternet.com. Booking advised.

Didcot & District U3A meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Membership is £25 per year. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining. Planned future events include a visit to the Supreme Court in London on 26th September and a visit to Batsford Arboretum on 15th October. Further details can be obtained at our meetings or via email didcotdistrictu3a@virginmedia.com

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Royal British Legion Club

We have had a busy couple of months at the village club culminating with the Summer Ball on Saturday 12th July. The weather was good and with our Flower Baskets in full bloom the club looked really great outside. Our volunteer ladies did a splendid job in catering for the guests and decorating the club and a great night was had by all. Both our Aunt Sally teams are competing really well in their respective leagues and our darts teams (both men and women) are also continuing to hold their own in their Leagues. We are looking forward to the return of the winter season when our Snooker teams will be back in action and also Football and Rugby teams will be back using the club as the seasons kick off. During August we are going to take a slight break in our normal programme of events and will be undertaking some major works in the club house building. We will be closed every Tuesday in August and our club opening times are printed at the end of this report.

The Management Committee have made some decisions about the running of the Club and have appointed Mr Patrick Muldoon as Club House Manager with responsibility for running and organising the Club Bar Operation. This will include responsibility for staff and the ordering and keeping of Bar Stock. They have also appointed Mr John Vaughan as Club Building Manager with overall responsibility for overseeing the upkeep and safe use of the club house and its fixtures and fittings during club operating times. Patrick and John will work closely together to make sure that the Village Club is kept clean, tidy and safe to use. There are also some new bar staff who will share serving times under Patrick's organisation. It is hoped that this will put the club back on a more professional basis and ready to run as a profitable organisation. All staff will be answerable to the Committee and the ultimate responsibility for the running of the club will remain with the Management Committee.

We have several private parties booked in August but there will be no organised events such as the usual dance on the last Saturday of the month.

Our first event will be a Special General Meeting for all club members on Friday 5th September at 8:00pm in the club house. This will give members a chance to see the work that has been done through August and to have an up to date report on the club's financial state. It will also allow for discussion on plans which may form the Agenda for the AGM in January 2015 when some major decisions may have to be taken concerning the future.

On Saturday 6th September our popular Monthly Quiz with food will return. These evenings proved to be tremendously well supported and we hope they will continue to be so.

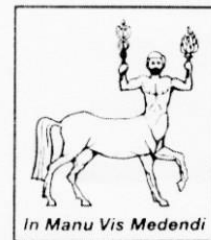
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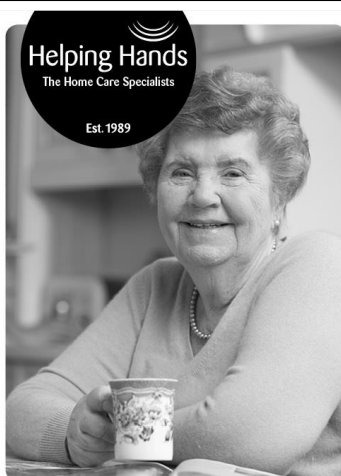
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On Saturday 27th September we will have a live music night. The entertainers for these events are all top artists from the South coast and have proved to be first class acts. We intend to organise two before Christmas and will monitor how successful and popular they turn out to be before we book anymore.

On Sunday 28th September there will be the return of our popular and well supported Sunday Roasts. For booking tables look on the website or ring the club on 01235 797070.

Club Opening Times for August:

Monday, Wed, Thurs: 19:00 – 23:00 hrs

Tuesday: CLOSED Friday: 19:30 – 24:00 hrs

Saturday: 19:00 – 24:00hrs Sunday: 12:00 – 18:00 hrs

We look forward to welcoming new faces into our club over the summer months and are serving ice creams to family groups visiting the Jubilee Park on warm weekends.

Editorial Notes: Other than where stated and in reports of Parish Council matters any opinions expressed are not those of the Parish Council. Items for the October issue should be sent by September 20th.

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RITA BOSHER 1929-2014

Rita Boshier who died on 24th June was born in Wales although her parents soon moved to Harwell after her birth. She went to school in Didcot and later became a secretary there before starting at the AERE where she became secretary to the Security Officer, later secretary to the Labour Manager.

She was soon to revise her career plans however realising she would like to teach and shortly thereafter studied at East Hampstead Park College in Berkshire, subsequently teaching in a small village school in Dorset for a number of years. But she decided she would focus upon the teaching of deaf children and additionally trained in London before taking up a position as First School leader at Ovingdean Hall School for deaf children in Brighton where she would teach for the remainder of her career, taking early retirement at 55 at a time when it was deemed that deaf children should no longer be sent away to be taught.

It was a rich and rewarding time, she lead pupils from 5+ onwards for many years with distinction, she was often known as “mother hen”, so attached was she to her role and so caring. Additionally armed with exemplary organisational skills, these kept her in good stead throughout her career; she helped at Cub Scouts then trained as a leader. In the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme Rita was to take over as great enthusiasm and was very proud to go to Buckingham Palace with Linda King, the first pupil she supported in achieving the Gold Award. Linda was to remember the occasion with pride but also for the outfit Rita wore on that special day!

She was also often to be seen in “willies” often catering, making tea and coffee to keep staff happy often on blustery campsites! It was at this time also that she became very fond of Chichester where she regularly attended the Festival Theatre during her time whilst living in Brighton and later in retirement.

In returning permanently to live in Harwell she was soon to focus her energies elsewhere becoming Clerk to the Parish Council, her sterling work in this area will be remembered by many people. It was also during this time that she established a local Ramblers Walking Group organising and leading a variety of local walks. She would continue to travel, taking sightseeing holidays abroad and later with her sister Sylvia, often by coach revisiting Wales and Scotland.

Rita was a woman of carefully considered but often well founded views, clear and erudite. In a quiet and unassuming way she was able to touch the lives of many both young and old. She will be remembered with great affection.

John Rodgers. July 2014



Oxfordshire Remembers 1914-18 (Part One)

August 5th 2014 – August 31st 2015

This exhibition is the first of two displays commemorating the 100th anniversary of the First World War for Oxfordshire. It features people's stories, war on the home front and where the county's soldiers fought - from Britain's declaration of war on 4 August 1914 to the end of the Battle of the Somme in November 1916.

The exhibition explores the lives of people at war through their photographs and personal possessions. Many of these stories are being told, and the items being seen publicly, for the first time, while the panels tell something of how Oxfordshire was affected by, and responded to war.

Emphasis is placed on The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, the Oxfordshire Yeomanry and a few of the significant events in which they were involved. Men from outside the county fought with these regiments, while many Oxfordshire men served in other units of the British Forces; their stories are included also.

It is hoped that the exhibition enables understanding of the sense of duty, service and sacrifice shown by those who lived and fought in the First World War.

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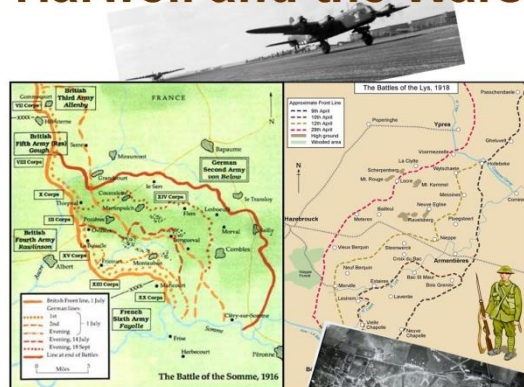
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RON FREEBORN: PEOPLE AND PLACES

4 – 28 September Blewbury-based artist Ron Freeborn has inspired many local people through his teaching at Didcot Girls School and his ongoing workshops. He is an eminent artist and has work in private collections across the world, including the UK Government Collection. His design work for theatrical productions has also been an important element of his artistic practice. The influence of his teaching, his experience and knowledge of historic art practice can be seen in the style and skill of the work shown in this retrospective exhibition. You can see Ron at work on Wednesdays during the exhibition from 10am-1pm.



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We were looking across what is due to become Valley Park, so three of the towers have gone, but a lot of concrete is due to be poured a lot nearer within a few years! Then after the dust had settled it was homeward bound:



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