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The Hares of Har(e)well 2024



Following a very **successful** first event last year, the 'Hares of Har(e)well' **Annual Hare trail** around the village, is back! Organisers Janette Roberts and Janice Markey have been working hard, collecting the **entries** and **planning** the trail route, preparing and distributing the **voting forms** and are now compiling the **votes**.

The **creatives** of Harwell have been working equally as hard **creating** their Hares and also thinking of suitably "hare-y" names for them!

The **final day** of the trail was on **Sunday 4th August** with refreshments provided in the Church, coinciding with St. Matthew's "Open Tower" day. Voting continues until **8th August** and the winner will be announced on the community Facebook page shortly after that. We will also let you know which Hare received the most votes in our next issue. The **winners** will be awarded a **hare sculpture**, handmade by local **potter**, Terry Doughty.

If you missed it this year, look out for the posters with details of how to enter and when the trail will be happening from around April next year.

Janice and Martin Ricketts have been walking the trail and have sent in pictures of all of the entries below and continued on page 16. See p2 for details of the artists.



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(cover illustration [Scott Tilley Photography](#))

Hares of Har(e)well - the artists and their creations



1. Peek-A-Boo by The Craft Club
2. We-Scout by The Harwell Scouts
3. The Highbury Hare (house nameplate) by Lorna & Glyn Walton
- 4a. Miss Hortense Haresham by Andrea Thompson
- 4b. Harold & Harriet by Janette & Philip Roberts and Douglas.
5. Hare-lequin by Angela Barry
6. Hare-crow by Michael Barry
7. Sir Jules Hareonaut by Cluny MacPherson
8. Head Gardener by Harwell Gardeners' Club
9. Hare-bell by St. Matthew's Bellringers.
10. Harrikane Hare by Pat Cooke
11. Harey Poppins by Lynn & Graham Gossage
12. Horatio by Stephanie Haywood
13. Harewell-on-sea by Gill Washington
14. Many Hares Make Like Work by The Lees
15. Sienna by Heather Coates
16. Little Free Library Hare by Janice Markey
17. Bacchus by Susan Lambert.
18. Olym P Hare by Amanda Winfield.
19. Guiding Hares by 1st Upton & Blewbury Rangers, Girl Guiding - 2 paintings and 1 model
20. Hester by Tilly Cummings
21. The Meadow Of Magic - Emerald the hare, her baby Crystal and their pet dragonfly, Diamond by Lili Jambor.
22. Happiness by the pupils of Harwell School.
23. Lady Penelope Pink by Harwell W.I.
24. Hot Hare Balloon by Kate Evans.
25. Hare Jordan by Ethan Constable
26. Hare Grylls by Ffion Constable.
27. Vanished Into Thin Hare by Naomi Constable.
28. Harris by Jenny King.
29. Hare-o-Plane by Martin Ricketts.
30. Haven by Zöe, Toby & Harry Brennan.



Harwell Bowls Club – August update

We are a small and **friendly** club and the 2024 season is now well under way. We **welcome** new players of **any** age, with or without experience. All you need is **flat shoes** to be allowed on the green, we can **provide** all the equipment for you to play.



Fun and Games

Bowls at its simplest is great **fun**. The rules are simple, **bowl** your big bowl and get **nearest** the small bowl (the "jack"). What could be simpler? Play it with **friends**, have **fun**, compare notes, and then back to the clubhouse for **refreshment**.

Alternatively, you can get **competitive**! You can start with the "**Friendlies**" these are light-hearted, purely for fun and sociability. Then you

can get serious and play in one or two **leagues**. We play in the "KLV" and the "Ashley Baker". Now things really start to get **interesting**!

Now you may be bowling, but **tactics** and **strategy** enter into it. You may not send your bowl up to be **nearest** the Jack, but to ensure that your team gain the **maximum** points. Maybe putting in a "backstop" or a "**blocker**".



Come and Join Us

We meet every **Monday** in season, and continue to the end of **September**. You are welcome to come **from 6.00pm** until dusk as many times as you like to find out if Bowls might be the game for you. All equipment is **supplied**. Any questions please feel free to ring **Rosemary** on **01235 210179**.

Sponsored by [Driving Miss Daisy](#)



Bell-ringing News

On practice night recently the 4th bell seemed '**heavier**' than normal when we started to ring. On investigation the stay was found to have a **split**. The 4th was rung down to a **safe** position, we tried to continue the practice but the bells didn't sound right with the 4th missing, so an **early** finish. We had a **spare** stay for the 4th and it was **replaced** to enable Sunday service ringing.



The stay is a piece of **ash** attached to the **headstock** of the bell to allow the bell to set with the mouth **open**. The stay is the **weakest** point and will **break** rather than cause damage to the bell.

Advance notice:

Friday 16th August visiting ringers 10:30-12:30

Wednesday 4th September branch ringing practice 19:30-21:00

Philip Roberts



The cracked stay

Left: the bells set resting on stays ready to ring, the centre bell showing the stay attached to the headstock.



Harwell Parish Council

At the **June** meeting several Parish matters were considered after the routine agenda items such as finance etc.

Councillors discussed a proposal to look into **extending** the **Recreation Ground**, to protect existing green space and open up more. There was the possibility of obtaining a **grant** for a **feasibility study** from the Vale's Climate Action Fund and a working group was **set up** to carry the proposal forward.

There was also a proposal to **extend** the **allotments** due to the length of the waiting list; the Clerk was also asked to **write** to plot-holders to enquire if they are happy with their **plot size**, to see if half-plots might be available to some on the waiting list.

There was a discussion as to whether the Parish Council should have an **official view** on the proposed Steventon **Reservoir**; in the vote it was decided **against** at present.

A further proposal was that the **Harwell News** be again **delivered** to every household; it was said that a lot of parishioners were not getting access to it; Councillor Pearson agreed to **pursue** the proposal with getting details of **printing costs**, etc.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 10th September at 7.30 pm**.

Details of selected planning applications and decisions are given below; visit the [Vale planning pages](#) for a complete list and details.

Planning Applications:

[P24/V1262/FUL](#) **Hill View, Reading Road, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 01L.**

Change of use of existing building to OFSTED registered **children's residential home**. Concerns were expressed over the path from Rowstock to the village and dangers of using that road to walk into the village, etc. The Parish Council agreed to submit to the Vale WHDC that it was **concerned** over the **location** being on a very busy road and the poorly maintained pathways along the A417. It said that it understood the **need** for this residence but the locality was a major concern for children crossing the road to access buses, etc.

Planning Decisions:

[P23/V2693/FUL](#) **Zulu Farmhouse, Didcot Road, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 6DN.**

The **demolition** of a conservatory and **construction of a single-storey extension**, construction of an access road, change of use from a 5-bedroom house to a 9-bedroom/10-person HMO and installation of 9 solar panels on the roof. (As amended by further plans and arboricultural report) **Approved** 29 July 2024.

[P23/V0247/FUL](#) **Kingswell Hotel and Restaurant, Reading Road, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 0LZ.**

Full application and listed building consent for the **change of use** of the listed former hotel and associated outbuildings for **17 residential apartments** with associated landscaping and access via Reading Road. **Approved** 12 July 2024.

[P23/V2385/RM](#) **25 Orchard Way, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 0LQ.**

Reserved Matters application for the details of appearance, landscaping, scale, and layout following Outline Approval P21/V0679/O for access for residential development of up to 5 dwellings. **Approved** 21 June 2024.

[P24/V1172/LB](#) **Willowbrook, Church Lane, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 0EZ.**

Internal reconfiguration of spaces on first and second floors to reduce the number of bedrooms and provide an additional bathroom. **Listed Building Consent** 22 July 2024.

[P24/V1067/FUL](#) & [P24/V1069/LB](#) **The Cherry Barn, High Street, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 0EY.**

Proposed installation of 4 external and internal air conditioning units, to service product display room, wet lab, dry lab and boardroom. **Refused** 4 July 2024.

Prepared by Martin Ricketts, approved by HPC Chair Ms Tracey Pearson



Orchard Film Club



Dear Harwell,

We are pleased to announce that, after running for 5 years and paying back our startup loan, we have a little more in the bank than we need, so we have decided to offer £500 to local organisations, charities and clubs for projects.

Please contact us at:

orchardfilmclub@gmail.com by **31st August 2024**

Tell us what your project is, how much you need and what you would spend it on. We are offering up to a maximum of £150 per project, so that we can help several causes.

July 2024 Monthly Parish Update from Vale of White Horse District Councillors, Cllr Hayleigh Gascoigne and Cllr Debra Dewhurst



On 4th July, a **general election** was held. We are **delighted** to say that our constituency of Didcot & Wantage elected **Olly Glover**, Liberal Democrat to be our new MP. The full results are on the **Vale website**. Whilst the council does not directly **report** to the local MP, having a **strong** local representative is important. We can work with them to **raise** issues to parliament that the council doesn't have **power** over, or lobby the government to make **changes** to the way things work to make lives for our residents **better**. The **government** sets what kind of **powers** and **funding** we get to deliver services for our residents. As we have an entirely **new** government, it will be interesting to see what **changes** occur and the **impacts** this will have on us all.

We've been continuing to **help** our residents with **queries** about **planning** applications in the area. If you're **concerned** about a planning application near you then do get in **touch** for advice.

It was great to see **Harwell Campus** open to the public with a very successful Harwell Open Day on the **29th June**. The sun was shining, and it was lovely to see so many people attending to look at all the **interesting** exhibits and to visit the different **buildings** and **experiments**. A reminder of what a **fantastic** science campus we have right on our **doorsteps**.

Climate & Environment News

We all need to rethink how we deal with our waste. That's the **strong** message from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils whose residents have consistently been among the very **best recyclers** in England for well over a **decade**. The councils are **not** currently proposing any major changes in how household waste is **collected**, other than encouraging people to **maximise** the value and **lifespan** they get from their goods. A report went to the Joint Scrutiny meeting on 15 July, where the scrutiny committee considered the draft joint **Waste Resources and Street Cleansing strategy** and made comments, before a final strategy is presented to Cabinets for decision in **September**.

Council News (for more information on these see the Vale website)

Full council meeting 17th July

Vale of White Horse District Council has at least **5** full meetings a year, held in **public** at the **Beacon**. At these meetings, councillors can propose **motions** and ask **questions** and there is a section at the start of the meeting where members of the **public** can **speak** and **ask questions** to the council. At the July meeting Cllr Debra Dewhurst submitted a question on the topic of the GP surgery intended for Great Western Park – something that is important across the area we represent.

Have your say on the new political boundary map for Vale of White Horse District Council

New boundaries are being proposed for **council wards** in Vale of White Horse. The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what **residents** and **local organisations** think about the proposals, which if approved, will take effect at the **next set of District Council elections in 2027**. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an **independent** body accountable to Parliament. It recommends **fair** electoral and boundary arrangements for local authorities in England.

The Commission has a **dedicated section** on its website where people can see the **detail** of the proposals and comment on the names of wards and their boundaries: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/vale-white-horse>. People can also give their views by email at reviews@lgbce.org.uk The **10-week consultation** on the proposals will run until **16 September 2024**.

Fun all summer long

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are hosting **activities** and **events** at locations across the area from **19 July to 31 August**. Girls' football, fun activity days, skateboarding and pickleball are just some of the **free** and **low-cost** activities available for children and their families to enjoy during the summer holidays. The annual **Didcot Garden Party** will see lots of events for the whole family taking place from **27 July to 31 August**, including musical workshops and performances during **Fusion Fest**, Communities Come Together Day and **Junior Bootcamp** sessions. The popular **Litterbug Detective Trails** returns to six locations across the Vale and South Oxfordshire from **19 July to 11 August**. Follow the trails and answer the questions about **waste** and **recycling** – you could be in with the chance of winning a great **prize**! The activities are expected to be very popular so, where required, **book now** to avoid disappointment.

For a full run down of what's on and details on how to book, visit southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities

As always, if you have any **questions** or **suggestions** for us as councillors, please do email us. As a reminder, council meetings are held in **public** and if you wish to address council or committee, you can contact Democratic Services on democratic.services@southandvale.gov.uk ahead of time. If you need more guidance on this, please let us know!

We use these monthly updates to keep you updated on our activities and general council news. We also post on our councillor Facebook Pages: www.facebook.com/CllrHayleigh & www.facebook.com/Debra4BlewburyAndHarwell Please get in touch with any issues or concerns, either via email: hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk and debra.dewhurst@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

MP Olly Glover's message for Harwell News - July update

People who know told me that my **first few days** as an MP would be like **nothing** I had ever experienced in my life. Despite a career which has involved **many** high-pressured jobs with **responsibility** for safety-critical railway operations, they were **absolutely** right.

Day 1 went by in a whirl of **briefings**. The layout of Parliament; IT setup; how safety and security of MPs is protected.

I have also heard it said that it is like your first few days at **school**. But at least at school they have some **idea** of which rooms you should be in and **where** you can sit. To start off, with there is **no** dedicated office space available for individual MPs, for the very **understandable** reasons that many are occupied by those who recently lost their seats in the General Election.

Getting **used** to Westminster is just **half** the challenge. I now have the **privilege** of representing nearly **75,000** constituents, and need to quickly create an **effective** team of support staff to help me do this well.

This team is coming **together**, and I am grateful for the **support** of my predecessor **David Johnston** and his office, for handing over constituent case files with their **consent**.

My new parliamentary email address is olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk. Please **contact** me if I can help, or if you would like me to attend a **local event**, or meet with a **local organisation**.

I look forward to **meeting** as many as of you as possible over the years to come.

Best wishes, Olly.



Cholsey Village Show, Saturday 10th August, 12 - 5pm at the Recreation Ground

We have a fun-filled afternoon of **family entertainment** planned at this year's village show including **The Black Eagles Acrobats**, The Charmborough Ring Mobile Belfry, **Cholsey Silver Band**, Fun Dog show, Children's Entertainer, **Car Boot Sale**, Food and Drink including **Real Ale Bar** and lots of stalls. **Free entry and Car Parking**.

The **Marquee** will be hosting a wide variety of **classes** again this year including **exhibits** of Vegetables, Flowers, Domestic Produce, Handicrafts Photography and Children's Classes. Full details and show schedules at www.cholseyhortsoc.co.uk

Kate Thornton, Cholsey HortSoc



Cholsey

Introducing MyBus: Countywide bus travel, simplified

From Sunday 14 July, a new Oxfordshire bus ticket offering unlimited travel on **nearly all** local services came into operation.

The **MyBus Oxfordshire ticket** offers passengers **daily** or **weekly** travel around the **county**, covering **most** routes and operators, for a **fixed price**.

It means that **one ticket**, costing **£6.50 a day** and **£25 a week** for **adults**, or **£3.50 a day** or **£14.50 a week** for **under-19s**, gives you **unlimited** access to more than **150 bus services** run by **14 operators** in **Oxfordshire**.

The offer has been developed by the **Oxfordshire Bus Enhanced Partnership (OBEP)** to promote the use of bus services through Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) funding provided by the government.

Councillor Andrew Gant, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for **Transport Management**, said: "*Whether you want to explore the county, or make your journey to work easier, the MyBus ticket presents a simple, joined-up and good value bus travel solution for Oxfordshire's residents and visitors.*"

This is the **first time** that such a ticket has been offered for the whole of the county, and across multiple operators. Both the county's main bus providers, **Oxford Bus Company** and **Stagecoach**, offer day tickets for unlimited travel on their own services across Oxfordshire. There are also day tickets available within the **SmartZone**, which covers the area in and around Oxford city, that are valid on **both** operators' services.

All tickets can be purchased on participating bus operator **websites** and **mobile apps**. Day tickets are also available to purchase when **boarding** the bus. **Full details** of the scheme can be found on the MyBus

Oxfordshire section of the [OBEP website here](http://www.obep.org.uk), including which routes and operators are included.



Didcot Phoenix Drama Group presents "Murder at Phoenix Court"



This is an **original comic murder mystery**, written by Geraldine Rouse of the Didcot Phoenix Drama Group, to be presented on **14th September 7:30pm at Harwell Village Hall** - the cast includes some of Phoenix's Harwellian members! Her play reflects elements of the **classic detective story** with a **comedy** twist. Shades of Cluedo – a **dagger**, rope, gun and **candlesticks** all figure in the mystery of who killed Mr. Jeffery Hoo, unpopular owner of Phoenix Court - a block of flats... The audience get a chance to offer **their** solutions to the crime before the final scene – the Great Reveal!

Detective stories, originating from the 1840s in the USA (Edgar Allen Poe) and France (Emile Gaboriau), were taken up in Britain by Wilkie Collins (The Moonstone) and, famously, by Arthur Conan Doyle. Sherlock Holmes **condemns** Poe's and Gaboriau's detectives as "inferior" and "a bungler" (1887: A Study in Scarlet)! Detective stories absolutely **boomed** between the two World Wars, nicknamed "The Golden Age of Detective Fiction", with authors such as **Agatha Christie**, Dorothy L. Sayers, John Dickson Carr, "Nicholas Blake" (C. Day-Lewis, later Poet Laureate) and many more - professional writers, academics, M.P.s, teachers, broadcasters. Canon Victor Whitchurch, **Vicar of Blewbury**, wrote **railway** mysteries. Such stories are sometimes looked down on as unrealistic, dated and trivial (Who cares 'Who Killed Roger Ackroyd'?), but they retain **wide audiences**, especially when times are hard and escapism is needed, for example, during **The Blitz**. Cluedo was invented during World War II by **British** designer Anthony E. Pratt. The older stories **reflect** ideas current at their time and so today appear sexist, racist or xenophobic, class-ridden; modern stories can focus more openly on **grittier** settings, social issues, sex, undisguised violence and corruption.

The "classic" detective story often involved **exotic** murder **weapons** – an Indonesian **dagger**, a poisoned omelette, a knife made of frozen **carbon dioxide**. Poisons "unknown to science" were dropped when clichéd but Agatha Christie, trained in pharmacology, was an **expert** on real poisons - cyanide was a favourite. In "Locked Room" mysteries, apparently no-one but the corpse could have entered or left the crime scene. An isolated setting - hotel, **country house**, railway train, island – helpfully **limits** the number of suspects. The criminal – sometimes a thief, fraudster or blackmailer - is often the "least likely person" with a seemingly **unbreakable** (?) alibi. Some **Golden Age** authors provided **clues** requiring rivetingly **obscure** knowledge on, for example, types of pondweed and slugs, potentially toxic liqueurs, dental fillings, or the ability to **translate** snippets from Lewis Carroll (author of "Alice in Wonderland") from Latin!! Detectives, amateur and professional, include **eccentric** geniuses, aristocrats, "the man in the street", a female **martial arts expert** and lip-reader, observant elderly ladies, forensic **archaeologists**, shrewd local "Bobbies", and C.I.D. officers.

Audiences for "Murder at Phoenix Court" can, however, just **sit back** and enjoy the comic puzzle- thinking, if they wish, about Means, Motive and Opportunity, or simply guessing!

IN ASSOCIATION WITH DIDCOT
GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME
DIDCOT PHOENIX DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

A LIGHTEARTED MURDER MYSTERY

MURDER AT PHOENIX COURT

BY GERALDINE ROUSE

12th September - 7:45pm - Hagbourne Village Hall
13th September - 7:30pm - Northbourne Community Centre
14th September - 7:30pm - Harwell Village Hall

Tickets £12 or £10 Concession available on the door or from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/didcot-phoenix-drama-group
For more info visit didcotphoenixdrama.co.uk

Tickets are £12.00, and £10.00 concessions are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/didcot-phoenix-drama-group> or on the door. Follow us on [Facebook](#) or see our website

Harwell Hanging Basket
Competition
in memory of
John Mackerness

Entered baskets should be visible in your
front garden from 1st - 13th September
when judging will take place by
members of Harwell Gardeners' Club

A trophy will be presented
to the winner at The Produce Show
on Saturday 14th September

Register your entry by 29th August
with Janice Markey tel: 07549625836
email: jvmarkey@googlemail.com

Harwell WI



As you can see from the photo, WI members enjoyed a lovely sunny **Garden Party** as an extra get together, with good company, **bubbles** and cake!

We **do not** have a monthly meeting in August as this tends to be the holiday season, but we start back again on the **second Wednesday** in **September** at **7.30pm** when we can look forward to hearing from interesting speakers:

- **11th September** - Oxford Blue Plaques (Learn about some famous people behind the Blue Plaques)
- **9th October** - Memories - making the most of possessions. (creative ideas to preserve those precious memories)

Harwell WI welcomes, **supports** and inspires all women. We meet on the **second Wednesday** of **each month** in Cherry Hall at Harwell Village Hall, where we are entertained by **interesting** and **informative** Speakers. That's then followed by a cup of tea/coffee and cake/biscuits, and a good **chat**. All visitors are made very **welcome**, so come along and see for yourselves what we are all about. You won't be disappointed. In addition to the monthly meetings Harwell WI also organize **days out**, walks, **crafts**, Knit & Natter group.

If you would like to know **more** or have any **queries** please email: harwellwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

As well as our normal monthly meetings and organised events, you also have the opportunity to attend various events held by **Oxfordshire Federation WI**. These include crafts, day trips and holidays. These events are advertised in the monthly WI magazine **Oxfordshire Inspires**.

Lesley Muddiman

Harwell Gardeners' Club

We meet on the **first Monday** of every month (except when this falls on a Bank Holiday) to hear speakers on a variety of gardening subjects and to **visit** open gardens. We hold our meetings in **St. Matthew's Church** at **7.30p.m.** Visitors are always **welcome** and your first visit is free.

- On **September 2nd** our speaker is Russell Attwood with the talk



'A Passion For Pumpkins'. The competition is 'An Unusual Pumpkin' (with this year's slug epidemic it may be unusual for anyone to have a pumpkin at all!!).



- On **October 7th** our speaker is Harriet Rycroft with the talk **'Making Doors & Front Gardens More Interesting'**. The competition is 'An Autumn Wreath'.



The Produce Show will be held on Saturday 14th September in the school. Schedules are available from Bob's Butchers. Classes include domestic, handicrafts, photography, flowers, fruit, vegetables, flower arranging and art. Classes for both adults and children are open to everyone.

Janice Markey, Chairman, [Harwell Gardeners' Club](http://www.harwellgardenersclub.co.uk)

**COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS**

1st Thursday of the month 10.30am at
St Matthew's Church

Fridays 11.00am at The Harwellian

All welcome - just turn up!



Saturday 14th September
at Harwell School

Entry open to all

Produce Show Schedules
available from Bob's Butchers

Public admission 3 pm
Adults £1
Competitors and children free

Raffle and refreshments
End of show sale

Sustainable Harwell - next meeting, Wednesday 2nd October

Sustainable Harwell is a **Community Action Group** founded to help **tackle climate change, reduce waste and pollution and improve our environment** in the **village**.



Come and **join us** at our next meeting at **Harwell Village Hall** and **online** on **Weds 2nd Oct** starting at **7:30 pm**. The speaker is yet **to be confirmed** but at recent meetings experts have covered subjects as diverse as “taking a village to **zero carbon**” to “**fruit trees** grown in hedges and fields” to “**car sharing**”. The meeting will also be our **AGM** and volunteers to join the **committee** are welcome.

If you're interested in hearing **more** about the projects we're working on we'd really **welcome** your involvement. You can **find out** more about activities, become a member and sign up for a regular newsletter on the website at: <https://sustainable-harwell.uk>. We also have an active **WhatsApp group**. Hope to see you soon.

Giles Barwell, Chair.



Flood Risk Survey



Oxfordshire County Council would like to hear what **you think** about their draft **Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**, and what they propose to do over the next **5 years**. They would like to hear from **local residents**, businesses, and our **partners** and other **stakeholders**. Your feedback is important and will help identify if **changes** are needed on the draft objectives and action plan.

Visit the [Local Flood Risk Management Strategy consultation page](https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/) of the “Let’s talk Oxfordshire” website (<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>) and **take the survey**.

The strategy provides an **overview** of flood risk management across the county and the **roles** and **responsibilities** of Risk Management Authorities and other key **stakeholders**. The strategy also provides **information** for residents, businesses, and developers to help **understand** and **manage flood risk**. Underpinning the strategy are a series of **objectives** and **measures** that will be followed to manage and where possible **reduce** flood risk within Oxfordshire. A summary of the LFRMS actions and measures can be seen under the document tab.



Age UK Oxfordshire is a local independent **charity** supporting **older people** in Oxfordshire. We have a variety of **services** available to help you to live **independently** and live life to the **full**. Our services range from **support at home** to helping **link** you into your **community**, from **foot care** clinics to **exercise** classes. We offer a **free information** and **advice** helpline, as well as one-to-one support if you have been a victim of a **scam**.

To find out more about how we can support you, please visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire

email: contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or call 0345 450 1276.

BIG GINGER TOM MUSIC

PRESENTS EVENINGS OF
FOLK, AMERICANA,
ROOTS AND COUNTRY

FRI 06 SEP	THE DUNWELLS SPECIAL GUEST: LUCY MAY WALKER	ORCHARD HALL HARWELL
SUN 08 SEP	CRAIG JOINER & ALEX HART DOUBLE BILL	THE FOLK HOUSE BRISTOL
SAT 21 SEP	HANNAH SCOTT SUPPORT: BARTON HARTSHORN	CORN EXCHANGE FARINGDON
FRI 18 OCT	MAN THE LIFEBOATS SUPPORT: ANNA RENAE	ORCHARD HALL HARWELL
FRI 15 NOV	EDWINA HAYES SPECIAL GUEST: EMILY SLADE	CORN EXCHANGE FARINGDON
FRI 06 DEC	MERRY HELL SUPPORT: ELSI	ORCHARD HALL HARWELL

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy gardening, art, crafts or woodwork?

Are you interested in mental health and helping others?

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Frances Geering Almshouses Renovation & Appeal for Help

Those of you who own or live in **Listed Buildings** will know that most have **character** and are often **steeped** in history. Those in Harwell are no different - Limetree House and Bishops Manor are associated with the Bishop of Winchester, Princes Manor is associated with the Black Prince, etc. The Frances Geering Almshouse is a **Grade II* Listed Building** and was provided by a woman who was prepared to **fight** for the **rights of women** and who was a **forerunner** to the **Suffragette** movement. The **history** of the Almshouse, as we understand it from researching the records held and incidents included in those records, is given in our Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/LUrR2DwthUjaHF4X/>

Following a **Quinquennial Review** in 2023 the Trustees realised that over the years some repairs had been carried out using inappropriate materials, causing further damage to the building. This meant some repairs were having to be **undone** and **redone** after additional repairs. As trustees, we are **responsible** for looking after the best interest of the building and it was felt that funds were at times being used **unwisely**. As a result the **brave** decision was made to carry out a **major renovation** of the Almshouse, mainly on Almshouse 2, but also including new, latest technology **double glazed** windows and some **rendering** of Almshouse 1 and new cast **aluminium** guttering to **replace** the existing cast iron and UPVC guttering on the **whole** building. The cast iron guttering would **not** be discarded but instead utilised on the **washhouse** and **privy** now used as a **shed** and situated at the end of the garden. A list of the repairs that were detailed in the QQR was **compiled** and grouped into **stages**. CCTV of the foul and storm drains, as suggested by the QQR, was carried out., revealing that the storm drains were almost **unidentifiable** and the foul drains were constructed of **pitch fibre** and were **collapsing** and holding water. This was an additional expense, but it was decided that the best way forward would be to **replace** the existing foul drains, **rerouting** them so that they no longer went under the building, and to create a completely **new** storm drain costing in the region of **£27K**. The patios and footpaths would also have to be disturbed and then repaired to accommodate these works. It was also decided that this was an **ideal** opportunity to make the areas around the building more suitable for it to **breathe**, helping to **alleviate** some of the **dampness** within the building. The photos below show the extent of the work involved and how the damaged areas were **reinstated**.



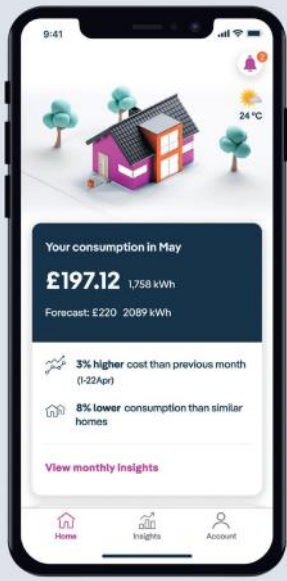
Renovations for Listed Buildings are subject to **stringent planning rules** and are **complicated** and tend to result in **very high costs** because of the **specialised materials** required.

The income for the Almshouse is **limited** to **rent received** for the two homes and a **tiny income** from renting out **Baggs Tree Field**. Building up **reserves** to fund such a major project has been **slow** and the trustees felt, after much **consideration**, that it was necessary to obtain a **£50k loan** from the **Almshouse Association**. Even this **still** does not provide funding for **everything** that needs to be done, as the **final costs** are likely to be in the region of **£150k** and work is having to be carried out in **phases**.

Grants are being applied for but so far, apart from one for £1k, have been **refused**, because they would not benefit the **whole** of the community. A **Go Fund Me** page, Craft and Gift Fair and **Steventon Choral Society Concert** have been **arranged** but we still need to do **more**. If you have an **idea** of how **you** could do **something** to **help us** raise this important funding whether it be by being sponsored to abseil, **skydive**, wing walk, run a marathon, **organising** an event, your help would be **most** appreciated by the Trustees.

You can donate by going to <https://gofund.me/065f9ca3> or into the bank account Harwell Parochial Charities Account No 67193581, Sort Code 08 92 99, or giving cheque or cash to the **clerk**. Don't forget **gift aid** if you can do this. *For further information contact :* clare.wagner@jabrin.co.uk or tel: 01235 835425

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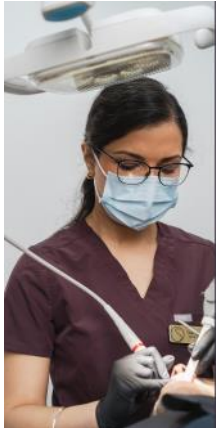


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Or, if you would like to **discuss** these volunteering roles, please email: recruitment@citizensadviceosav.org.uk and one of our team will **contact you**.

Beat the heat this summer!

We've got some top tips for you to plan ahead and beat the heat this summer.

- Stay hydrated – water and diluted squash or lower fat milks are good choices.
- Store your medication safely – most medicines should be stored below 25 degrees.
- If you or someone you care for is hot, sponge or spray cool water or use cold packs to cool things down.
- Eat later in the evening – consider eating cold food like ice lollies during the day to keep you hydrated.
- Open doors and windows in the early mornings and overnight when it's cooler.
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The Orchard Film Club

August 2024 Update

We hope those who came to see "One Life" on 2nd August enjoyed it! Our next film is on **Friday 13th September** and is "**The Miracle Club**" starring Maggie Smith, Laura Linney and Kathy Bates.

Synopsis - there's just one dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. With a little benevolent interference from their local priest, a group of close friends get their ticket of a lifetime.



Orchard Film Club

Friday
13th September 2024
in The Orchard Hall,
Harwell Village Hall

Film showing at 7.30pm Doors and Bar open from 7pm

Tickets £6 per person, available from Bob's Butchers and on the door

Upcoming film dates for 2024

- **Friday 4th October – The Holdovers**
- **Friday 8th November - Young Woman of the Sea**
(NB we are awaiting the release date for this film on dvd/blu ray at the moment and will confirm nearer the time.)

December film - we would like to show a family-friendly film for our December 13th date and welcome suggestions! Please email your ideas to us using the address below.

Details of films & trailers can be found on the [Harwell Village Hall Events](#) pages or look out for the posters on display around the village and in **Bob's Butchers window**.

Visit our webpage [here](#) and/or [sign-up](#) to our regular newsletter. Please send your suggestions for films to:

orchardfilmclub@gmail.com

Films are shown in the **Orchard Hall at Harwell Village Hall**, doors/bar open at **7pm** & the film starts at **7.30pm**. Tickets are **£6** and available in advance from **Bob's Butchers** in the High Street, and on the door.

See you soon! Alison, Martin and Janice.

Grants available! See our separate poster (p3) for a chance to be awarded a grant of up to **£150** for your local project!

Harwell Parish History Group - August 2024

Programme of Talks for Autumn 2024

- **September 18th Trench Humour in the First World War** by Stephen Barker, a Heritage Adviser who works with museums and universities. He describes his talk thus: *"a light-hearted look at trench humour in slang and through tunes, cartoons, satirical journals, concert parties and in many other ways....fully illustrated, includes film clips and the odd musical recording."*



St. Sepulchre
without Newgate²

- **October 16th English style bells & bell ringing (historical development)** by John Harrison.

This context will be of interest to Harwellians, since Harwell has a rich and ancient tradition of bell-ringing. Harwell's original six bell ring is the oldest existing ring of 6 in the world. Only two earlier such rings apparently once existed, one being "the bells of Old Bailey" i.e. St. Sepulchre-without-Newgate. Harwell gained two additional bells in 1932.

- **November 20th The Gunpowder Plot** by Jane Card. Why try to blow up the House of Lords in 1605? Were the plotters led on by a government agent provocateur? What is the connection with Shakespeare's Macbeth? And what is the (tiny) connection with the manor of Didcot? A closer look at the origin of "Bonfire Night".

Coming down the line for Spring 2025 are talks on the **History of the GWR Abingdon branch** (Ivan Cadge), the **History of MG Cars** (Richard Martin, who we hope will bring some 'examples' to the car park!) and on **St Matthews – a church in the landscape** (Adrian Rance McGregor).



World War I poster
by Thomas Bert¹



Robert Wintour³

The Almshouses in the 1920s

As most readers will know, the Trustees of the Geering Almshouses are **fund-raising** to finance essential **repairs** to this handsome building, erected between 1734 -1743.

Roughly **one hundred** years ago, maintenance was also an **issue**. The Almshouses were supported to some extent by village **charities** but mostly by **rents** from their farmland. If farmers could not get good prices for their **crops**, rents would be **delayed** or unpaid. This was increasingly the situation from the 1870s; during World War I prices **rose** and farmers did well, but in the 1920s prices **collapsed**. The Trustees therefore **sold** most of the land, invested the money in sound **stocks** and embarked on repairs and improvements.

A **wash house** and two water closets actually **connected** to the parish drainage system were installed in 1920; ashes from the old closets were **cleared** at the cost of 7/6d. Neighbours were asked to **remove** climbing plants and trees, and accumulated earth - all of which had caused a **damp** problem. In 1927, it was suggested that fire extinguishers could be situated **outside** the Almshouses but since, apparently, these were for "public use", the idea **dropped**. The danger of fire was **not** neglected; the Trustees paid Fire Insurance in 1928 of **£1,000 p.a.** – a steep rise from the £600 paid previously, and roughly **£70,000** in modern value.



The Geering Almshouses of Harwell Village. Illustration by
Gerald J Cuzens, AFAS, 1975.

To make the Almswomen more **comfortable**, the Trustees suggested installing **cupboards** inside and "coal boxes" outside. The Almswomen requested storage spaces outside and a **sink** for their pump. The minutes say no more about these, BUT the **coal boxes** were installed in 1926 - the Trustees obviously thought them **vital**. They paid out £64 - very roughly £4,000 in modern value. A further meeting resulted in the summoning of the **chimney sweep** from North Moreton. Most exciting was the installation in 1929 of **electric light** (cost as yet unknown).

The Trustees also valued the work of the **village nurse**. They had tried to persuade the Charity Commissioners to allow her to have **accommodation** in the Almshouses, but this was **refused**. Instead, they **contributed** to the cost of a house for the nurse and made **donations** of £5 and £10 at regular intervals to the Harwell and Chilton Nursing Association.

The Trustees were **thrifty**: efforts were made to sell two fallen **walnut trees** in the Almshouse Orchard (1919), and left over- bricks from building for repairs to damp walls were sold for 30/-, about £100 or more in today's values.

Looking at the sums spent in the 1920s, it is clear that, then as now, **regular outlay** was needed to cover expensive ongoing repairs and improvements to this **socially valuable**, and **historically important**, village **asset**.

First three illustrations above:

1. ...published by the Weekly Despatch T © Solo Syndication / Associated Newspapers Ltd Tobacco Fund.
2. ...whose 6 bell ring are "the bells of Old Bailey". photo by Johann Bakker CC BY-SA 3.0
3. ...unwilling plotter?



Greetings from St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton!



An update about Children, young people and families work in our Churches

Our term time **Fledgelings Baby and Toddler groups** at St Matthew's Church, Harwell and Chilton Field Community Room are **growing** and we are looking for **volunteers** to keep these popular, free community groups running.

Fledgelings is an opportunity for parents and carers to enjoy **quality time** with their children and enjoy **conversation** with other local parents and carers whilst their children have **fun** engaging in free **play** and **craft**. Parenting is incredibly **rewarding** but can feel **exhausting** and **lonely** at times, we hope that parents and carers leave our groups feeling **valued**, uplifted and **refreshed**.

Now that many children's centres have closed, community baby and toddler groups are **filling** a much needed **void** in the local area but we need help to keep these **vital** groups running. We have voluntary roles of **varying** time commitment, from **baking** cakes/biscuits, **helping** with toy set up, **welcoming** and serving refreshments to **leading** our 'story and song' time during the two hour morning sessions.

Please visit www.hcchurches.org/cfw or contact Lucy at families@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk or **01235 270017** for more information.



Didcot and District U3A

'**Learn, Laugh, Live!**' This is the aim of the National organisation now known as **u3a**, a self-help organisation for **retired** or **semi-retired** individuals, and the Didcot and District u3a is now enjoying its **eleventh** year since formation!

The u3a is aimed at any individuals **no longer** in full time employment and seeking to keep both **body** and **mind active**, make new **friends** and continue their **educational** or **active** pastimes. The Didcot and District u3a has no fewer than **30 Interest Groups** ranging from learning a **language** (currently includes, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese), Bridge, **photography**, walking (long/short walks), **ukulele** for beginners, wine appreciation, and many **more**, all of which can be found on u3asites.org.uk/Didcot/events.

Individuals can actively find further information by attending the friendly and informal **monthly meetings** which are held on the **Third Tuesday** of every Month in the **Didcot Civic Hall**, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN starting at **2:30 pm**. All visitors will be **warmly welcomed** by 'meeters and greeters', after which follows the monthly u3a **activity updates** by the Chair, which in turn is followed by a **Guest Speaker**, with up coming presentations from September to include:

- **17 September** - Andrew Carnegie - From Rags to Riches - Giving it all away The World's Richest Men - Jeremy Holmes
- **15 October** - Morris Minors in the Media - Ann and John Ford
- **19 November** - The Ridgeway; The Oldest Road - Russell Cherry

After the Guest Speaker, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a **chat** with fellow members over tea and biscuits and see what Interest Groups might be **suitable** for you.

If this is something you have been looking for in retirement, then for further information please go to u3asites.org.uk/didcot/home

We shall look forward to seeing you there, remember... '**Learn, Laugh, Live!**'

Brian & Lynn Burscough - PR for Didcot & District u3a

What's coming up during June and July 2024

1st Thursday of the month - 10.30am to midday - Community Café at St Matthew's Harwell - please come along, bring **friends** and family for good free **coffee** and home-made **cake**.

Thursday midweek Communion (BCP) 11am

8th August All Saints' Chilton and **22nd August** St Matthew's Harwell. **12th September** All Saints' Chilton and **26th September** St Matthew's Harwell. Everyone is welcome.

3rd Saturday of the month - 10am to midday Oasis Café at All Saints' Chilton - Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy free **coffee** and a **chat** (always delicious biscuits and cakes too).

Returning in September

 **Monday mornings 9.30am-11.30am**
St Matthew's Church
Wednesday mornings 9.30am-11.30am
Chilton Community Room.

A **free** playtime with **refreshments** for grown-ups and a **snack** for children. Singing songs and a short Christian focused story reminding us of God's amazing love for us and the world.

Both mornings run within term time only.

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100 years ago ...

In 1924 the Parish Council was busy setting up the **Recreation Ground**; it seems the land had been let for **grazing** and part at least was now needed.

At the Annual Parish Meeting in 1924, "held in the **schoolroom** Harwell on Friday evening March 28th: "Resolved that Mr Richard Rice be Chairman of the Meeting.

"Proposed by Mr R Day, seconded by Mr S Shellaker, that the Parish Council be requested to **remove** the **trees** in the Recreation Ground (*it was a much **smaller** area then, roughly half the main field and maybe the trees were in the way of games pitches?*).

4 voted in **favour** of the proposition and **4** **against** & the Chairman gave his **casting** vote in **support** of the proposition & declared same **carried**.

"It is proposed by Mr S Caudwell, seconded by Mr R Day, that the Parish Council be recommended to **expend** the sum of **£4** next Michaelmas in planting some young **ornamental trees** in the Recreation Ground.

At a Meeting of the Harwell Parish Council on September 30th 1924 —"The Agreement of Tenancy of the Recreation Ground signed by Mr E M Bosley is read whose tenancy expired on the 29th instant.

It is proposed by Mr Tyrrell, seconded by Mr Ellis, that the Clerk make application for **immediate payment** of the 2 years Rent due amounting to **£6** and to inform Mr Bosley that the tenancy **terminated** on Monday last and that the Council could **not allow** him to place **animals** there in future. — **Carried**.

It is proposed by Mr Ellis, seconded by Dr Rice, that the Clerk be instructed to **advertise** for tenders from Persons desirous of **grazing** the Recreation meadow with **sheep** to Michaelmas 1925 — **Carried**.

It is proposed by Mr Caudwell, seconded by Mr Pryor, that a Committee consisting of Dr Rice, Mr Ellis & Mr Tyrrell be authorised to **purchase, plant & protect trees** in the Recreation Ground and to **trim** the hedge. — **Carried**.

The Clerk is instructed to obtain **estimates** for **fencing** on the south & east sides of the Recreation Ground, either to repair the existing iron fence or for chestnut and wire fencing with posts.

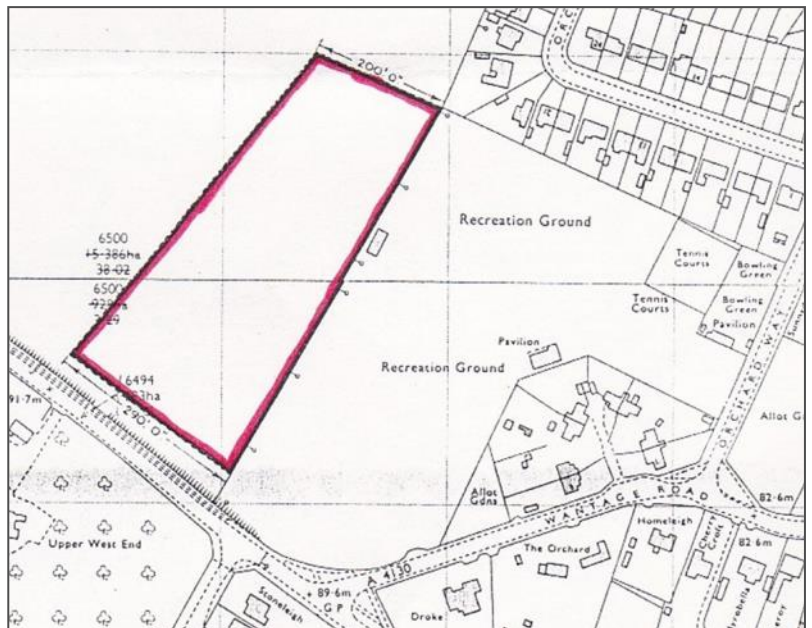
The **Swing Committee** reported that 2 swings had been erected by Mr Walter Hitchman for the sum of **£5-0-0** and it is resolved that their action be **confirmed** and the Account **paid**.

A letter is read from Mr Chipps, hon sec. Harwell **Football Club**, asking for a **reduction** of the **rent** of the Recreation Ground from Sept 1st 1924 to April 30th 1925. Resolved that as the Council had provided a **Pavilion** for the use of the local clubs they **cannot** see their way to make a reduction in the Rent of £3 now paid and the Clerk is instructed to reply to the letter **to this effect**.

It is proposed by Mr Ellis, seconded by Dr Rice, that the Cricket Club be **granted permission** to level a piece of the Recreation Ground for a **Cricket pitch**. This matter is postponed until the Club makes **official application** when a Parish Meeting will be convened.

*The plan shows the **original Recreation Ground** area and, outlined in red, the land **added in 1974**, so 50 years later and 50 years ago. **Note** that before this addition the Orchard Way gardens **only** ran to a line continued from the west side of the Rec.*

Martin Ricketts



Harwell Community Orchard

We do hope you have been keeping an eye on the Community Orchard on the **far field** at the **rec**? If you have, you will know that some of the fruit is almost **ready to pick** so do watch out for the **signs** that tell you which ones are **suitable** for harvesting. The trees are **either** early, medium or late varieties and we will try to label them **appropriately**. Thursday morning is our '**maintenance**' period and we would be delighted to **welcome volunteers** to help us with this, **pruning shears**, forks and **enthusiasm** are all you need to bring!

Sue Greatbanks



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