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Thank you to every one of you who **decorated**, sponsored or **bought** one of our wonderful Christmas trees!

Thank you so much to those of you who visited, **supported** and engaged with our annual **Christmas Tree Festival** held here at Little Pippins Pre-School! We hope you all had a **fun** and **festive time** with us!

We are **delighted** to share that thanks to you all, we managed to raise a wonderful **£1,220**! We are so grateful to be able to put this towards vital funds to improve our **security** and **fencing** here.

If you wish to **know more**, or to **donate** or even to **support us** with this important project, please get in touch at

chair@littlepippins.org.uk



Kate Grafton, Chair, Little Pippins Pre-School

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Harwell Parish Council Update

Keeping everyday services running, and focusing on what matters now

Over the past two months, the Parish Council has continued its core work: keeping everyday parish services running reliably, while making careful, realistic decisions about Harwell's future.

There is no shortage of wider change and uncertainty, much of it outside parish control. One of the Council's key roles is to help filter that noise - focusing on what genuinely affects Harwell, acting where we can, and being open about limits where we cannot.

Below is a short update on the main areas of work since the last issue.

Budget and value for money

In January, the Parish Council agreed its budget and precept for 2026 – 27.

The agreed increase reflects the need to maintain reliable services and ensure sufficient capacity and resilience - particularly within the grounds maintenance team - rather than introducing new or unnecessary spending. Councillors were clear that value for money for residents remains central to every decision.

Looking after roads, paths and public spaces

Several practical issues raised by residents continue to be actively pursued, including surface conditions, drainage and pavements.



Westfield footpath resurfaced to improve year-round access

A good example of this everyday work is the recent resurfacing of the Westfield footpath, a well-used route that had become difficult to use in wet weather. The path has now been resurfaced, significantly improving conditions. Following recent rainfall, a small area of water pooling has been identified at one end of the path, and a little more material will be added shortly to improve drainage further.

The Parish Council would like to thank the maintenance team for their skill and care in carrying out this work, and residents for their patience while it was completed.

Where responsibility sits with other authorities, the Parish Council's role is often one of persistence - ensuring issues are logged, followed through, and not quietly lost.

Recreation Ground and village facilities

The Recreation Ground remains one of the Council's most important assets.

At the January meeting, councillors considered a proposal relating to the potential relocation of the tennis courts. After hearing from the Tennis Club and reviewing the practical constraints — including cost, space and existing commitments — the Council agreed there is no realistic or affordable case for relocation at present.

The discussion reinforced the importance of thinking strategically about the Recreation Ground as a whole, while being realistic about what can and cannot be delivered.

Existing agreed projects funded through Section 106 contributions remain protected and will continue to move forward.

Neighbourhood Plan: community survey now open

Following the introduction in the last issue of the Harwell News, the Parish Council is now launching a community survey to understand whether there is support to explore a Neighbourhood Plan for Harwell.

A Neighbourhood Plan is one way for local people to influence how future development fits into the village - for example around design, character, green spaces and local priorities. It cannot override national or district planning policy, and it cannot guarantee infrastructure delivery, but it can add local evidence and expectations within that framework.

This survey is not a referendum and does not commit the parish to producing a plan. It is simply about whether there is enough community support to explore the work further, and what matters most to people connected to Harwell if it does.

If there is not clear support, it is unlikely the work will continue. If there is support, any next steps

would be considered by the Parish Council in a public meeting. Full information is available in a short explainer, and the survey can be completed online from the [parish website](https://www.harwellparish.gov.uk) (search Neighbourhood Plan). Paper copies of the survey are available by contacting the Clerk.

Staying in touch

Council meetings are held in public, and residents are welcome to attend. If you have a concern and are unsure which authority is responsible, the Clerk team will always try to point you in the right direction.

Email: clerk@harwellparish.gov.uk

Phone: 07749 361957

Your Clerk team: *Bryan Urbick, Clerk and Louise Edmonds, Deputy Clerk*



Harwell village scene (artwork by local artist Linda Benton, used with permission)

Bell Ringers News

St Matthews bells were back in action ringing for **Christmas**, after having their clappers **refurbished**. Most ringers have commented on an **improvement**, mellow and smoother ringing.

We welcomed ringers and non-ringers on Boxing Day, with a few 'having a go'. Once again the old year was **rung out** and the new year **rung in** with a glass of bubbly!

In January the bells rang out for the funeral of **Roy Slatter**, who had been a long serving ringer at St Matthews until ill health stopped him.

Philip Roberts

Harwell Safari Supper - Sat 18th April 2026

Raising money for 1st Harwell Scout Group, The Almshouses and Sustainable Harwell

The next Harwell Safari Supper will take place on **Saturday 18th April 2026**. This popular village event is an opportunity to enjoy **good food** and **good company** in the houses of Harwell residents, and to **widen** your circle of friends.

Each participant is told in **advance** which private house in the Village they are to go to for their starter course, but they don't find out where to go for their main course until **after** their starter. After the main course, everyone from the whole Safari meets up in the **Village Hall** for dessert and coffee. The **maximum** price for this three-course meal, including wine with the first two courses, is **£32.50 per head**. The charge is **reduced** for those who host a course or provide a dessert.

Anyone with an association to Harwell village can take part. If you are not able to host a course, then you can choose to provide a dessert or just come and enjoy the food. Couples are kept **together**, but apart from that, everyone is 'reshuffled' after the starter, so you meet **different** people at each course. Please be aware that you may have to walk **some distance** between courses.

Over the years the Supper has raised many **thousands** of pounds for local charities. This year, the proceeds will be split between **1st Harwell Scout Group, The Almshouses and Sustainable Harwell**.

Typically, the Supper attracts up to **150 participants**, but it couldn't happen without the generosity of the hosts who welcome villagers into their home. **Thank you** to everyone who has done this over the years!

For more information, or to be added to the mailing list, please email **Debbie Greenfield** at the Harwell Safari email address (harwellsafari@gmail.com) and add this address to your Safe Senders list.



A route to more affordable housing for Harwell?

Soha Housing is an Oxfordshire housing association actively helping communities to **develop** small pockets of land for **affordable housing**.

Community-led housing is about **local** people finding solutions to **local** housing **need**. In very simple terms, a community such as Harwell identifies the need for housing and the land to put it on. People then form a **Community Land Trust (CLT)**, a democratic organisation owned by the community. The trust purchasing the land effectively **removes** it from the market as it must always be held for the community to use. The CLT **designs** and **builds** the homes and acts as long-term **steward** of the housing, so that it always remains **affordable**. CLTs don't build in order to sell on – it's all about keeping the interest in the land in the community **forever**. Every CLT that Soha is involved with has a **different** partnership need. Soha may provide **expertise** and **guidance** to progress the project, act as the **developer** or access **grants** through Homes England or Council subsidy. In return, Soha adds to the **stock** of homes it manages for rent or shared ownership.

To take a first step in exploring if a CLT is right for Harwell and to commission a housing needs **survey**, parishes or individuals can take advice from **Community First Oxfordshire** on **01865 883488** or email info@communityfirstoxon.org



Eco-flats for affordable rent at the Hook Norton Community Land Trust development with Soha



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**. Please visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire email: contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or call **0345 450 1276**.

2025 Poppy Appeal Harwell



The collecting boxes in the **Harwell shops and businesses**, and in the **Harwell Campus organisations**, the **house-to-house** collection in Harwell, and the **Remembrance Sunday bucket** collection raised **£1,668.98** for the 2025 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Across the district we also raised **£473.50** by QR Codes.

The District total (Chilton with Harwell) was **£3,978.54**.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who donated, and to all who helped - the Chilton Poppy Appeal Organiser, the house-to-house and Remembrance service collectors, all the shops and organisations

who had a collecting box and all who distributed the boxes.

Peter Cox, Poppy Appeal Organiser Harwell Village and Campus



GARD Update on the proposed reservoir at Steventon

GARD says a big **THANKYOU** to all who responded to the SESRO Statutory Consultation. We are grateful to our elected representatives Olly Glover MP and Sally Whiteman VWHDC for getting the deadline **extended**. It was a **complex** questionnaire and Thames Water had failed to explain the **limited number** of characters permitted per question.

You will find the public responses (MP, Councils, some Parish Councils) on our website:

<https://groupagainstresevoirdevelopment.org/>

Some quotes:

Olly Glover MP: *'The business case is weak.... Safety and flood risk information is inadequate.... Construction traffic impacts are unacceptable.... The increased land grab threatens planned infrastructure..'*

The Vale District Council: *'The lack of emergency plans for drawdown, accidents and disasters appears at best oversight and at worst negligence in the face of potentially catastrophic disasters'*.

The Joint Statement from Parish Councils (eleven councils including Steventon), in their Conclusion: *'For all of the reasons outlined — spiralling costs, unproven safety, potential flood risk, environmental damage, poorly defined land requirements, inadequate visual and engineering information, severe construction impacts, and the failure to demonstrate genuine need — we object to the SESRO proposal in its current form. Until Thames Water provides independently verified evidence, realistic modelling, transparent costings, full land-use clarity, and an honest comparison with alternative solutions, this project should not proceed.'*

We hope the Parishes will continue to **act together**, ensuring that Councils, MPs and government know how much we are all **concerned**.

What's next?

GARD's immediate focus is on the **response** to the regulators (RAPID) on their **draft decisions** at their 'Gate 3' review, pressing for a full, **independent review** of the financial case, to ensure this scheme is properly **tested** for value for money against safer, cheaper **alternatives**.

Going forwards GARD is looking to **increase supporters** and make sure everyone is **well informed**. Thames Water constantly **changes** the information about SESRO — cost, size, design, method. GARD wants to keep people **up to date**. We also need to raise funds towards the **contesting** of the Development Consent Order if it gets past the Inspectors. This is another hefty legal process after 2027.

We need **active campaigning help** please! Do you have **ideas** for us? Can you **help** with media / social media? Fundraising? And of course, delivering **leaflets**. Please let us know at gard.secretary@gmail.com

Derek Stork

[Group Against Reservoir Development / GARD](https://groupagainstresevoirdevelopment.org/)



COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Tuesdays 11am at The White Hart

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

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February 2026 Update from Vale of White Horse District Councillor Andy Cooke



Hello from Andy

Hi all and **Happy New Year** to everyone. I'm Andy Cooke and I'm the Councillor for Drayton ward – one ward over from you. As Hayleigh is on **maternity leave**, she's asked me to **contribute** to the Harwell News on her behalf and to stand by to **help** Debra while she's away.

Local Plan

My own residents are painfully aware (from me banging on about it) that the Local Plan rewrite is underway, is crucial for control of housing and infrastructure provision, and was halted last year by the Inspectors **disagreeing** with us as to the amount of work done on the "Duty to Co-operate" with neighbouring councils. Well, with Oxford City Council only, and specifically on our **mutual disagreement** with the way housing number targets are generated (we believed that the standard method should be followed; they had their own special method that allocated many more houses to everyone else around, but not themselves).

As it stalled, we were looking at **mitigations** and **alternatives**. As our five year land supply remained **intact** (albeit closer than before), the worst case was **avoided**, and we were investigating ways to achieve what was in our Local Plan by piecemeal work whilst pushing the legal side for the Local Plan to go ahead.

Well, as it turns out, in November the Government made a ruling that due to **so many** Local Plans being stopped at inspection stage, the Duty to Co-operate "*will not be preserved*" in the next iteration of the rules, and that any issues in this area should **NOT** cause Local Plans to be halted.

This was obviously music to our ears, and we have since contacted the Inspectors for a procedural meeting as to how to get things moving again.

SESRO

The Statutory Consultation for Thames Water's Development Consent Order (DCO) process will just have finished by the time you read this article. Due to a mess-up by Thames Water, they managed to put a **character limit** on the online responses that blocked out some responders who had quite a bit to say.

Councillor Whiteman in Steventon **flagged** it up, and our MP, Olly Glover, went on the **warpath** to the Government, and Thames Water swiftly agreed to an **extension** to the 23rd of January for long-form answers.

This is, unfortunately, indicative of Thames Water's **failure** to cover the needed detail in so many areas. This is clear in the consultation – I've been involved in **three** responses (District Council, Parish Council, and my own) and seen several others, and one thing that was a **consistent** theme was that there was nowhere near enough **detail** for a meaningful response at this stage.

Their **land-grab** – what specifically will they **use** the land for? Answer: **not sure**, and they don't yet know if they'll need it all. Or if they'll need more. They'll get back to us on that.

The **flood risk modelling**, which was due at RAPID Gate 2 in July 2023, actioned to be definitely available by RAPID Gate 3 in January of last year, **delayed** until December last year, and, as it turns out, **still not available**. This is absolutely **crucial**, a subject on which Thames Water have repeatedly assured everyone that they've covered it off, and **still missing**.

Emergency drawdown details – not yet properly available, and no answer as to what they plan on doing for the one-third of the year when activating it would promptly **burst** the banks of the Thames (and given that we'd expect to need it, if ever, when things are wetter than average, that's **definitely** a problem). No **Dam Breach Analysis**, which is critical, considering that this would be literally the **largest fully bunded reservoir** ever built in the UK by a long way and probably the world-record holder for its type. They keep insisting that they only need to provide this at the **final** moment before filling it, and we keep insisting that this would be a bit **late** in the day to find out that there is no tolerable risk case for such an unparalleled potential hazard.

There was minimal information on **security**, although they acknowledge huge security fencing, CCTV, control of access, lighting, and guards would be needed, but this seems to have been unaccountably **glossed over** (and there's a real chance that the essential security – because a deliberate dam breach would have almost inconceivable effects) could **preclude** any of the much-promised recreational facilities from coming about.

There's a conspicuous **lack** of discussion on the **business need** and fact that the price has **tripled** in the last few months (and this is even before they get to the point where they could realistically be said to know what they're going to do, so it's certain to **balloon** still further).

There are a swathe of **essential surveys** not yet completed, and they failed to mention that they **never completed** their six-month Clay Compaction Trial (which began 18 months ago and is still incomplete) to find out the properties of the local clay under compression and different wetness levels.

There are **many** other issues that were covered in the various responses that I won't go into here, but suffice it to say that the entire exercise seems colossally **premature**.

Household Waste Recycling Centres

We now need to **book** a time slot to use the Recycling Centres: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/book-recycling-centre-visit>

We can book up to **2 weeks** in advance, and as close to the time as 30 minutes in advance.

Community Repair Hub

Going up **against** the modern throw-away culture, the VoWHDC Active Communities team (ably supported by Abingdon and Witney College, Active Oxfordshire, UKSPF and local bike shop Pedal Power Cycles) are now running a space to **refurbish** bikes and household items, work on projects together, and **share** skills.



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Vale of White Horse District Councillor (contd. from page 5)

It's called **Shed Space** and is based at Ride Revolution Headquarters, Ferry Walk, Abingdon, OX14 5HR. It will initially run on a **fortnightly** basis (day to be confirmed soon), moving to **weekly**, offering a programme of events, workshops, and other activities. Details on Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthAndValeActiveCommunities>, or by emailing the Active Communities team here:

active.communities@southandvale.gov.uk

Warm Spaces

We've recently had a snap of colder weather and more may well be coming soon. Remember that we provide Warm Spaces in local **libraries**, **leisure centres** and other organisations – details

available on the Warm Welcome website here:

<https://www.warmwelcome.uk/#find-a-space>.

Community Hub

Keep **taking care** in the colder months and if you need help, do not hesitate to **contact the Community Hub for support** if you need it: Tel: **01235 422600**

Email: communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Website: whitehorsedc.gov.uk/costofliving

Office hours are 8.30am-5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-4.30pm on Fridays

*All the best, and Happy New Year once more,
Cllr Andy Cooke*



A Message from Olly Glover, MP for Didcot and Wantage

This past month has been particularly **busy**, both in Parliament and **meeting** with local businesses in the constituency.

As discussions about the government's **Great British Railways Bill** continue, I have used my role as Liberal Democrat Transport Spokesperson to ensure the passengers are at the **centre** of these discussions. It is essential they **improve** the ongoing issues, such as train **delays** and **expensive tickets**, which I and many in our constituency experience regularly.

In parliament, a debate regarding **Thames Water** ensured I was able to raise the **concerns** raised by residents about the escalating **costs** and the **lack of trust** in Thames Water to safely build a the largest banded reservoir in the county.

I have also engaged with local media and the about problems with **postal delivery services**, including Evri, and the delayed parcels in Grove and other areas of the constituency. In an interview with the BBC, I spoke about the **GP surgery delays** specifically affecting Great Western Park.

I have been spending time with some of our wonderful **small businesses** to better understand the impact of last year's

budget and the support they need to keep trading and providing us with products and food. It is always a highlight of my week visiting local businesses and community groups to learn about the work they do for our communities and making sure I am **well informed** when raising their needs in when in parliament. I have also had the pleasure of meeting many residents in Stanford in the Vale and Didcot on their doorsteps recently and in Wantage at one of my regular **surgeries**. My team and I have now closed over **10,000** constituent cases, supporting individuals, families and businesses to **resolve** a huge variety of problems.

As always, if there is **anything** you feel I can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact me and my team at olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk, or by leaving a voice message on **0207 219 7657**.

Olly.



Local Government Reorganisation: Consultation now open

A consultation period run by the **government** about local **government reorganisation** in Oxfordshire has now **begun**.

Running until **Thursday 26 March**, it's your chance to have **your say** on the **three** proposals for the county.

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-oxfordshire/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-oxfordshire> to find out about the proposals and submit your views.

The three proposals developed for Oxfordshire are:

1. **A single unitary council** - proposed by **Oxford County Council**, where all council services would come together into a single council. Read about their proposal here: <https://oneoxfordshire.org.uk/one-oxfordshire>
2. **Two unitary councils**:
 - Oxford and Shires Council created from the existing district councils of Cherwell, Oxford City and West Oxfordshire.

- Ridgeway Council created from the existing district councils of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse and the unitary council of West Berkshire.

This option is supported by **five** of the existing district councils, **including VWHDC** - read more about this option here: www.twocouncils.org/home

3. Three unitary councils:

- Greater Oxford Council – covering Oxford and its green belt
- Northern Oxfordshire Council – covering most of the existing Cherwell and West Oxfordshire districts.
- Ridgeway Council

This option is proposed by **Oxfordshire City Council** and you can read more about this option here: <https://3councils.org/>

Get involved to ensure your voice is heard

53 more neighbourhood police officers despite Home Office underfunding



Back in **December**, the Government announced the funding settlement for Thames Valley Police - allocating nearly **£9m less** than they had previously indicated! The funding from central government will barely cover the costs of inflation and pay increases for police officers. In addition the Home Secretary, Shabana Mahmood, confirmed at the end of January that the Government would only fund **40%** of the cost of new police neighbourhood officers, putting more pressure on your local **council tax** bill and squeezing other parts of policing.

Despite these financial pressures, I am confident that we will be able to deliver **53 more neighbourhood officers** this coming

year, that's on top of the 218 extra officers delivered in the last three years.

This comes at the same time the Government has published a White Paper on **Police Reform**. It sets out radical changes including the regionalisation of policing into **mega-forces** that could see the **abolition** of Thames Valley Police. As well as plans for force **mergers** the document proposes the creation of a new **National Police Force** and suggests changing the law to introduce more direct control by ministers for the first time, risking the end of operational independence.

Despite some **good intent** around better sharing of information between police forces to tackle serious and complex crime, overall I am deeply **concerned** by these plans which will do nothing to deliver better policing locally and are likely to see **less money** available for the police in our area. I will continue to **challenge** the Home Office on these plans and stand up for policing **locally**.

Greater efforts on **crime prevention**, alongside more police officers, are making a difference, with crime **falling** across Oxfordshire. Locally the **priority** will always remain cutting crime and catching criminals **despite** the pressures imposed by the Government.

Firearms Amnesty February 2 - 27, 2026

Thames Valley Police is holding a **four-week** firearms amnesty for five **Bruni** manufactured **top/side venting blank firing pistols** (TVBFs), which are now **illegal** to possess following national testing by the National Crime Agency (NCA) and policing.

The amnesty will take place between **Monday 2 February to Friday 27 February 2026**, giving people the opportunity to hand in these items **safely** and **without fear of prosecution** for possession at the point of surrender. After this date, anyone found in possession of one of the five Bruni models could be subject to prosecution and up to **10 years'** imprisonment.

Detective Chief Superintendent Craig Kirby, Head of Crime and Intelligence, said: *"Whilst gun crime in the Thames Valley remains very rare, we are not complacent, which is why we are supporting this nationally led Bruni manufactured top venting blank firing pistol amnesty, after tests have shown they can be readily converted into viable firearms, therefore making them lethal weapons and illegal to possess."*

Side or top-venting blank firers can be handed in at **any police station**, but members of the public are advised to **check** their local **opening times** before travelling. Anyone unsure about how to transport the item safely should **call 101** for advice.

If you know of people **involved** in illegal firearms activity should call the **Police on 101** or **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**.

Every call to Crimestoppers is **anonymous** and potentially vital to preventing or solving serious crimes; removing an illegally held firearm may just save someone's life.



Thames Valley Police **front counters** taking part in the surrender:

- Abingdon - Colwell Drive, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 1AU
- Newbury - Mill Lane, RG14 5QU
- Banbury - Warwick Road, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX16 2AE
- Oxford - St Aldates, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX1 1SZ
- Reading - Atlantic House, Imperial Way, Reading RG2 0TD

For more information visit <https://orlo.uk/nEZI3>



Cholsey Repair Café - Saturday 21st March

Cholsey Repair Café opens its doors again, at **The Cholsey Pavilion**, from **10.00 to 12.45** on **Saturday 21st March**.

Talented fixers have a good track record of helping to repair **domestic** items of all sorts and this includes tool- and knife sharpening, bicycles, small electrical appliances. The idea is to **reduce landfill**, conserve raw materials and **pass on** repair skills. As ever, repair help and advice are given **free** but a small contribution to operating costs is **welcome**.

You can find helpful information at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com



HARWELL VILLAGE HALL Job Vacancy ~ Bookings Administrator ~



The Trustees are pleased to welcome applications for the above role to work for our wonderful village halls. Starting immediately, this is a flexible role perfectly suited to someone local.

- Approximately 10 hours per week
- £13-15/hr (dependent on experience)
- Mostly working from home (visits to hall required)

Duties:

- Communicate with users
- Maintain bookings and invoicing
- Manage hall administration
- Provide an interface between the Trustees and the users
- Deal with venue logistics

Role Requirements:

- Excellent communication skills
- Experience in customer facing role ideal
- Ability to work from home key (must have own computer)
- Proficiency with Office and other back-office systems essential
- Pro-active individual with attention to detail
- Technical aptitude ideal (various elements within the hall require training users for example AV systems, retractable seating and theatre/gig set-ups)
- Local hire preferred as the role will require regular checks at the halls (High Street, Harwell Village)

To apply or for more information please contact: office@harwellvillagehall.co.uk

Deadline for applications: 1st March 2026



CHARITY NUMBER 1157858

BENSON GARDEN CLUB



Thursday 5th March 2026

7.45pm Benson Parish Hall, Sunnyside, Benson

Gardening for Wellness & Wildlife

by

Rachel De Thame



Members £10, Visitors £16 available from Derrys Den, High Street, Benson or email: bensongardeningclub@gmail.com

<https://bensongardeningclub.weebly.com/>

Find us on Facebook  Benson Garden Club

<https://www.facebook.com/bensongardenclub>

New 20mph Speed Limits come into force in Harwell

The stated objectives of these works are to slow traffic, improve safety, and make the village centre more pedestrian and cycle-friendly.

Main Traffic Calming Works

- Village-wide speed limit (in previously designated areas) reduced to **20mph** via a Traffic Regulation Order, with painted 20mph roundels and cycle symbols on the roads.
- Three new **raised tables** (flat-topped speed humps with pedestrian crossings):
 - Outside Hill Orchard House, Burr Street (6m long, with uncontrolled pedestrian crossing).
 - High Street, outside Beech House (6m long, with uncontrolled pedestrian crossing).
 - Junction of Wantage Road and Tyrrells Close (20m on Wantage Rd, 8m into Tyrrells Close, with crossing and short new footway).
- Removal of painted **centre line** on Wantage Road, High Street, Burr Street and Blenheim Hill (except near Drewitts Corner pub).
- Short advisory **cycle lane** (~115m, 1.5m wide) on Wantage Road near Reading Road junction.
- Pole on Grove Road for **Speed Indicator Device** (SID).

- Two solar-powered **Vehicle Activated Signs** near the War Memorial.

- Four new **bollards** opposite the War Memorial.

- General signage **improvements** on Reading Road.

Supporting/Ancillary Works

These include drainage, kerbs, islands, lighting, verges, safety barriers, and visibility improvements at junctions and bends.

Developer Responsibilities

- Taylor Wimpey must **fund** and complete the works entirely at their own expense.
- They must also pay c.**£50,000** (index linked) to Oxfordshire County Council for future maintenance.

In the agreement it indicates that works must be completed within 8 weeks of starting, and no later than 19th December 2025 (though the deadline has been moved to 'spring 2026').

In summary: The intent is that Harwell will benefit from a 20mph zone, raised pedestrian crossings, road layout changes, new signage, and measures to protect pedestrians and cyclists. These improvements are **legally secured** and must be delivered by the developer.



Harwell Gardeners' Club



All meetings are held in **St Matthew's Church** at **7.30pm** on the **1st Monday of the month**.

- **Monday 2nd March - 'Foraging For Wild Food'** a talk by Charlotte Popescu.
Competition : Daffodils/ Narcissi
Seed Swap
- **Monday 13th April - Gardening With Children'** - a variety of contributors.
Competition: Easter Parade

Visitors are always **welcome** to our talks. Your first visit is **free**. Annual subscriptions are **£15** or **£3 a meeting**.



This club, run by members of Gardeners' Club on the **allotment** site along The Green Rd for children aged **4 - 14 yrs**, will restart on **Sunday March 8th at 3.00 p.m.**

Parents of younger children (8 and under) should **stay** for the session (approx 1 hour).

Donation of **£1** per child goes towards buying compost & seeds, etc.

Further details from Janice Markey - email jymarkey@googlemail.com.

Janice Markey, Chairman [Harwell Gardeners' Club](#)



Harwell WI

It will be February by the time you read this. January is already behind us. Christmas is just a distant memory. But the **bulbs** are pushing their green shoots through the hard ground, bringing with them the promise of **Spring**.

Harwell WI is a **growing** group of local women of all ages who meet on **2nd Wednesday** in each month at **7.30pm** in **Cherry Hall** in **Harwell Village Hall**. We have the opportunity to **chat** over a cuppa, **meet** new friends and old. We also listen to or take part in **interesting topics** in a **friendly** atmosphere.

Upcoming talks are:

- **Feb 11th:** Medicinal Poisonous Plants - find out more about the eccentric characters involved
- **Mar 11th:** Annual Meeting - Members only
- **April 8th:** Mary Darly – Pioneering mother of British Caricature. Another incredible woman from History
- **May 13th:** History of the British Toastmaster. A first hand interesting and amusing account.

All visitors are made very welcome, and you will not be on your own, 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



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As well as our normal monthly meetings and organized 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*.



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Big Ginger Tom Music Update



We've had a fantastic start to 2026, with Eliza Marshall's **Eternal Birth** album listening party at Real World Studios on 14th Jan. 100 people packed into the room including Peter Gabriel



(pictured right with Eliza)!

That was followed by the **Folk Alliance**

International in New Orleans, discovering loads of exciting new music while also cheering on old friends. With up to 40 artists playing at any one time it was exhilarating, slightly overwhelming, and totally unforgettable.

We're now getting excited about our first **Harwell** gig of the year.

On **20th February**, we're absolutely delighted to welcome the wonderful **Forty Elephant Gang** back to Harwell.

We first discovered them way back in 2017 when they were a three-piece playing at The Sound Lounge. Their glorious three-part **harmonies** and **dazzling** finger work on guitars and mandolin completely blew us away. The trio last played Harwell in 2022, but this time they're returning as a full five-piece, with bass and drums added to the mix. Opening the evening will be Lauren South. Ticket sales have already surpassed their last visit, and we'd absolutely love to give them a **packed house** for this one!

Here are our upcoming gigs this spring at Harwell Village Hall:

- **Friday 20th February - Forty Elephant Gang** with support from Lauren South
- **Friday 27th March - Mishra & Deepa Shakthi** with support from Wednesday's Wolves
- **Saturday 16th May - Urban Folk Quartet** with support from Anna Renae

Tickets to all our gigs are available from wegottickets.com or by contacting Duncan at biggingertommusic@gmail.com.

For more information about BGTM events see the village hall website at www.harwellvillagehall.co.uk/events or go to the **BGTM website** at www.biggingertommusic.co.uk/events

Duncan Chappell, Big Ginger Tom Music



A Journey through Cholsey's Past

Remarkably, it's almost 3 months since A Journey Through Cholsey's Past played to a **packed** house last October. The formula was too good not to be repeated, so a **second selection** of local stories and appropriate music will hit **The Cholsey Pavilion** on **Friday 13th February**, starting at **7.30 pm**. As before, admission will be just **£5** at the door and includes **refreshments**.

This time we will have something **aeronautical**, something from **WW2** and, by request, something about **Fair Mile Hospital**. Versatile folk musicians **Three Pressed Men** have racked their brains for songs and tunes that tie in with the subject matter – and have come out slightly **ahead** of the challenge.

Please tell us if you intend to come, so that we can plan an enjoyable evening for all. We are not offering seat reservations, but we will do our best to help anyone with particular needs.

Email archive@cholsey.com or phone 01491 652295, so that we'll be ready to welcome you.

Ian Wheeler, The Cholsey Archive

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With support from **Lauren South**

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Chat with the artist, be inspired, entertained and surprised, and choose a treasure to take home with you!

Each week of the festival is different:

- **South Oxfordshire 2 - 10 May**
- **North & West Oxfordshire 9 - 17 May**
- **Oxford City 16 - 25 May**

Visit <https://www.artweeks.org/> for more information.

We are lucky to have **two** fabulous exhibitors in Harwell. For details of where & when you can visit them visit:

<https://www.artweeks.org/v/ruth-harris/>
<https://www.artweeks.org/v/tanya-hill-ocg/>

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LIVE BAND: FONDUE (80s)*

8pm, Saturday 11th April

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 8pm, Saturday 25th April

LIVE BAND: INTER 60s*

8pm, Saturday 9th May

80s DISCO & COCKTAIL NIGHT

8pm, Saturday 30th May. Free entrance.

MEMBERS BINGO RETURNS

Sundays 25th Jan, 22nd Feb, 29th Mar, 25 Apr, 31st May

***Pre-booking advised or required. Priority given to Members.**
Purchase tickets from the bar.

The Orchard Film Club

February 2026 Update

Thank you to everyone who came to our film in January and voted for the next four films we will be showing. **February's**



film, shown on **Friday 6th**, was "**A Complete Unknown**" which told of the meteoric rise to fame of a young **Bob Dylan** in the early 1960s - many thanks to all who braved the weather and came!

We follow that with the third and final instalment of the Downton Abbey trilogy, "**The Grand Finale**" on **6th March**.

When Lady Mary finds herself in a **public scandal** and the family faces **financial trouble**, the household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace **change**, with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.



Our **April** film is "**Save the Cinema**"



and is showing on **Friday 3rd - Good Friday**. In a small town in South West Wales, at the beginning of the 1990s, the local mayor has agreed to **knock down** a local youth theatre – but it won't be as easy an undertaking as he imagined. This is thanks to local resident Liz Evans, who isn't ready to go down without a fight, even seeking to bring Hollywood director Steven Spielberg into the mix.

Our final voters choice will show on **Friday 1st May** and is "**The Ballad of Wallis Island**". Check out the Village Hall website [here](#) for more details.

Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 6th March** - Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale (PG)
- **Friday 3rd April** - Save the Cinema (12)
- **Friday 1st May** - The Ballad of Wallis Island (12A)

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** (adults) & **£3** (children) and available in advance from **Bob's Butchers** in the High Street, and on the **door**.

See you soon! Alison, Martin and Janice.

HARWELL ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP

COME AND JOIN US

The Harwellian on Thursday mornings 9.30am to 12 noon
Walk in any time, come when you like

£2 per session, the first week is free

Tea and coffee is provided, open all year round (except Christmas)
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heather.stevens@btinternet.com

Repairing more potholes OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Additional teams and resources are being made available to **repair potholes** on Oxfordshire's roads following a **rise in reports** of defects due to recent wet and freezing conditions.

Oxfordshire County Council and its principal highways contractor M Group are more than **doubling** the number of repair crews from seven to at least **16** to reduce a backlog of potholes caused by the weather.

The council aims to repair potholes within two hours, 24 hours or 28 days, depending on how big a **risk** they pose. About 875 of the 28 day jobs – around 35% of the total – **missed** their **deadlines** by a few days because of the **rise** in reports at the beginning of January and other **priority issues**.

Crews have also faced many **larger potholes**, requiring substantial repair methods which, to produce high quality results, are more labour intensive and **time consuming** and reduce the number of defects that can be fixed in a day.

M Group are also employing more sub-contractors and crews are also empowered to repair **additional issues**, which they spot while carrying out their instructions.

Members of the public are encouraged to report potholes using www.fixmystreet.com, preferably with photographs if it is safe to take one. Fix My Street reports are generally investigated within 10 days of being raised. People can also log on to Oxfordshire County Council's website oxfordshire.gov.uk to report potholes.

Harwell Feast Monday 25th May

Bookings are open for **stallholders** and **food vendors**. Please head over to our **NEW website** at www.harwellfeast.com to find out more and book your place.

Could you help with organisation and on Feast Day? Volunteering with us not only increases your **involvement** in the community, it enables you to make **friends**. Forging connections with local organisations and grass root groups, **enriching** your community. Add it to your **CV** or your **university application**.

Visit our **volunteering page** <https://www.harwellfeast.com/volunteer-with-us> and click the link to help!

Questions? Email theharwellfeast@gmail.com

Harwell Parish History Group - February 2026

The Spring Programme of Talks

These have a strong local flavour.

- **March 18th** Joseph Rogers on *History of Tithe Barns*, with local examples;
- **April 15th** Jane Card on *The White Hart, emblem of Richard II*;
- **May 20th** Catherine Sampson on *Berkshire and South Oxon churches: hidden gems & stories*.

Talks are always in the Cherry Hall of the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m.

Medieval alehouses, taverns, inns and pubs

In December's Harwell News Matthew Barber noted the **pressures** faced by village pubs. Around **378 pubs closed** in the UK in 2025. Harwell retains The White Hart but has lost The Chequers, The Crown, The Crispin, The Kicking Donkey and by the late 1800s, The Boot, owned in 1841 by William Hall, which stood on the corner of the High Street and Church Lane. But if pubs are disappearing now, how and when did they **originate**?

The term "*public house*" appears in the late seventeenth century. Previously, different terms were used. An "*alehouse*" was for the poorer classes, serving ale, simple food and basic accommodation. "*Taverns*" in large towns, did **not** provide accommodation but served up-market **food** and imported **wines** - the ancestors of modern restaurants. "*Inns*" on roads and in towns provided food and accommodation for **richer** travellers.



The host of an unrealistically grand inn or tavern, the Golden Cross, offers ale in a mazer. From a Flemish and French manuscript of 1344.

Ale brewing was originally carried out at **home** for domestic consumption, mostly by women - hence the term "*ale-wife*." Ale was made simply from malted barley and water, possibly with a **herbal** flavouring. Laws of King Aethelraed (978 - 1016) laid down **finer** for disturbances and **killing** in an alehouse, but actual alehouses were **rare** and no different from domestic houses. The Domesday Book lists **no** alehouses, although it does mention a few brewers. By the mid-twelfth century "*brewers*" are listed in some large towns but do not seem to have provided a place for drinking - only for a "*carry-out*."

In 1196 - 7 the **Assize of Measures** laid down national **standardized** measures for grains and liquids and tried to link the price of **ale** to the price of **grain**. The Assize of Ale (1266 - 7 under Henry III) set up procedures for testing the **quality** of ale and the standardization of measures. Brewers could be fined for poor quality ale or giving short measure. In a wall-painting in Bacton, Suffolk, a dishonest ale-wife is shown being taken to

Hell! Local manor courts had *ale-tasters* to check on the quality of ale and brewers had to hang out a leafy branch or broomstick to show that they had a **fresh brew** for sale. BUT actual ale-houses remained rare.

Making **beer** requires the addition of **hops**, which provide a slightly bitter taste and better lasting qualities, but beer is more **complicated** to make, needing more equipment. Imports into southern England from Flanders appear in the late 1200s and were common by the 1400s. The import of hops followed. By 1500 beer brewing was firmly established in London, from which it spread over the country, but both ale *and* beer were brewed well into the last century.

The number of alehouses **increased** in the late 1300s. After the **Black Death** had killed about half the population (1349 onward), labour was short so wages rose. Fewer women needed to supplement the family income, while there might be spare money for an evening out in a place which provided somewhere to drink as well as the drink itself. Sadly, as men moved into commercial brewing, ale-wives became associated with **witches** - possibly because they used herbs (for flavouring), might put out a broomstick to signal a new brew and sold their wares in public view, which was deemed "**immodest**."



An ale-wife outside her house, with a broom to show a fresh brew. Smithfield Decretals, 1300

Medieval alehouses began to identify themselves to an **illiterate** population by hanging objects outside - providing names such as The Boot. In 1393, in Richard II's reign, a **new law** made it compulsory for ale-houses to have names *and* signs - partly to enable ale-tasters to identify them. Richard II's badge was the **White Hart**, which thus became a popular name for alehouses. Given that Prince's Manor, Harwell, was owned by **Richard's father**, Edward the Black Prince, it is perhaps unsurprising that Harwell has a pub so-named. Unfortunately, its history can't be traced back beyond Elizabethan times.

JMC - For a wider pub history see "*Licensed to Sell: The history and heritage of the public house*" (English Heritage) by Geoff Brandwood, Andrew Davison & Michael Slaughter (2011).



A modern drawing of the White Hart badge of Richard II

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



What's coming up during February and March 2026

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 12th February and 12th March held in All Saints' Chilton. 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).



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.

For more information visit the [Fledgelings Group FaceBook page](#)

Both mornings run within term time only.

Special Services during February 2026

18th February 7.45pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion,
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The Consultation Report will be submitted, alongside all other relevant documentation required to support our **Development Consent Order** (DCO) application, in late 2026, seeking permission to construct and maintain the new reservoir. This application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), which will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

If the DCO is granted, construction is forecast to begin in **2029** with the reservoir planned to begin operating in **2040**. The planning process will allow people to **have their say** on the proposed new reservoir before a **final decision** is made by the Secretary of State.

We've now also published a **tender notice** to appoint a **main works contractor** to help design and build the reservoir.

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You can come along for one **free taster** meeting before you join. Annual subscription is £25. Contact membership@didcotu3a.org for more information.

Meetings for the coming months will include:

- **February 17th** - Women and the Victorian Army - Dan Allen, a member of the Victorian Military Society
- **March 17th** - 'On top but never in control' - Timothy Walker, horticulturist

For further information concerning matters u3a go to the NEW WEBSITE: didcot.u3asite.uk

In addition, u3a **Thames Valley Network** offer a range of talks, study days, quizzes which are available for our members. See the website for a full list of the current programme, information and booking details: www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk



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