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Harwell Feast - Grant Applications now LIVE!

The cost of staging the event continues to rise and the exceptionally hot day meant that the surplus generated was **lower** than in previous years. However, we will still be able to consider **applications for funding** from **Harwell organisations, clubs and others** whose activities substantially benefit the residents of Harwell at our meeting in September.

With that in mind, the Feast Committee hereby invites applications for funding.

If you wish to be considered please complete the online form here:

<https://www.harwellfeast.com/community-grants>

Please include details of what you will use the grant for and costings. Include information regarding any other support you receive and existing resources, accounts (if applicable), to enable the Committee to make an informed decision.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 31st August**. If you are unable to complete the online form, you can also send your submission by email to theharwellfeast@gmail.com or by post to:

The Harwell Feast Committee,
8 Fiddlers Orchard, Harwell, OX11 0FR.

The annual **Feast Quiz** will be held in the **Village Hall in November**. Further details of how to enter will be in the October issue of the Harwell News.

The **2027 Feast** will be held on **Monday 31st May**.

*With thanks and best wishes from The Harwell Feast Organisers:
Kathryn Caudle, Mick and Jayne Conway, Patricia Cooke, Karen Cruddis, Tim Hart, Susan Lambert, Sharon Palmer, Martin Ricketts, Philip Roberts, Warren Taylor and Reg Waite.*



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See you there!"

Devon Tyrrell, Publicity Officer to Didcot Phoenix Drama Group

Harwell Scouts looking for a unique type of Volunteer



1st Harwell Scout Group are looking for a volunteer to **Chair its Board of Trustees**, a role which oversees operation of the group as a federated charity of the Scout Association.

No knowledge of knots, tents or managing unruly youth members is required, we have plenty of volunteers to do this stuff, we require someone with the ability to **steward a team** of ten enthusiastic volunteer Trustees involved with the **operations** of the group at **bimonthly intervals** throughout the year and run an **AGM**.

Matters arising are likely to consume a **few hours per month** and involvement can stop there or be more hands-on with fundraising and supporting activities across the Group.

Anyone taking up the role will be required to undergo a Scouting specific **background check**. If you are **interested** or can gently **nudge** someone who might be please could you **contact Chris Bee, Group Lead Volunteer** to discuss the role and process further - glv@harwellscouts.org.uk.

Chris Bee, Group Lead Volunteer

Swifts nesting at the Village Hall



Back in 2022 the Trustees at the Village Hall approached Harwell Swifts' Jerry and Susan Pride, with a view to encouraging these increasingly rare birds to settle in the village and breed.

Swifts were placed on the Red List of Birds of Conservation Concern in the UK in 2021 and unfortunately continue to decline.

According to the Breeding Bird Survey, numbers of Swifts in the UK plummeted by 70% between 1995 and 2024. The reasons for this are not fully understood but it is thought likely causes are loss of nesting sites, lack of food and poor weather.

In June 2022 Jerry installed a series of Swift boxes on the end wall of the Orchard Hall - ideal because it is a tall building with clear access flight-paths for swifts to enter and exit. Jerry also installed a speaker so that swift calls can be played from the location during the breeding season to encourage the birds to investigate the nests.

Jerry and Susan patrol Harwell every summer checking other nest boxes and recording sightings of swifts and this summer their patience has been rewarded as swifts were spotted entering one of the nest boxes! Thanks to local photographer Lucy Roberts for these stunning shots.



If you would like to know more about Harwell Swifts and how you can help these beautiful birds, check out their FaceBook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/harwellswifts>

Feel free to message Susan and Jerry and let them know if you are interested to have a swift box installed on your house.

Alison Fautley, Harwell Village Hall

Harwell Parish Council Update

July and August have been a season of **new faces**, finished **projects** and a few practical **reminders** for residents. Here's a round-up of what's been happening.

Pump Track: a fantastic success (and a small favour to ask)



The Harwell Pump Track+ has opened and it is, in every sense, a **hit**. It has been very busy since the grand opening, and it is rewarding to see so

many people using and enjoying it. When the weather permits, **wildflowers and grass** will be planted to finish off the landscaping. A **water fountain** for drinking but also a bottle filler and first aid kit with basic plasters will be attached to the staff welfare building in the coming weeks.

A quick reminder to everyone who visits: **please put rubbish in the bins provided**. There's plenty of space in the bins across the recreation ground and Pump Track, so there's no need to leave anything on the ground, and if a bin is full, **let us know** and we'll get it emptied. Taking recycling **home** with you is even better, as it means it actually gets **recycled** rather than ending up in general waste.



This is a **shared space** used by many, so keeping it clear of litter matters for everyone's **safety**. One of our signs was also recently **damaged**, which was disappointing to see. We hope this was a one-off, and thank you to everyone looking after the space.

Welcome to Ellie Fielding, Deputy Clerk

The Council has appointed Ellie Fielding as Deputy Clerk. Welcome, Ellie. At the same time, we say a warm **thank you** to **Louise Edmonds**, who has stepped down as Deputy Clerk, for

her service to the Council. She will be missed, and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

Green Road resurfaced, on budget

Green Road has been resurfaced by our own grounds team, **Richard and Alastair**, who did a **fantastic** job and delivered the work well **within** budget. Their prior experience



Richard (left) & Alastair and the finished road



with this kind of work has genuinely benefited the community, and we're grateful for it.

Vacant seats: could this be you?

Following the resignation of Cllr Simon Peacock, to whom the Council extends its **thanks** for his time of service, the Council currently has **three** vacant seats, all open for co-option. If you're interested in getting involved in local **decision-making**, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Clerk ahead of the next Council meeting on **8 September** (there is no meeting in August).

And finally

At July's meeting, it was noted that Bryan Urbick, the Council's Clerk, was awarded **Clerk of the Year** by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Clerks. It was requested that this be shared in the Harwell News, too.



Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings, which are held in public.

Email: clerk@harwellparish.gov.uk

Phone: **07749 361957**

Bryan Urbick, Clerk

Ellie Fielding, Deputy Clerk



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Thames Water, The White Horse Reservoir & your water bill - a consultation worth knowing about

THAMES WATER COST CHANGE DRAFT DECISION 2026
CONSULTATION NOW OPEN – HAVE YOUR SAY

White Horse Reservoir proposed 25–30m high bunded banks – a permanent, industrial-scale structure in our landscape.

£232.02 MILLION requested for development of the White Horse Reservoir (plus £13.57m reprofiled from elsewhere in its major projects portfolio)

This isn't the cost of building the reservoir.
It's development expenditure to take the project further towards its Development Consent Order (DCO), procurement and enabling works.

DRAFT DECISION
OFWAT IS PROPOSING TO ALLOW **£301.2 MILLION** of additional cost allowances for Thames Water overall, including the full £232.02m requested for White Horse Reservoir development costs.

This is **NOT** approval to build the reservoir. It is funding to move major projects – including White Horse Reservoir – further towards DCO, procurement and enabling works.

Ofwat has published its **draft 2026 cost-change decision** for Thames Water, and there is a significant amount in it for **our area**.

This isn't approval for the reservoir itself, it is about **additional money** Thames Water says it needs to develop major projects, including the proposed White Horse Reservoir (SESRO) and the Teddington Direct River Abstraction project.

The numbers are substantial

Thames Water has asked for an additional **£232.02 million** specifically for development of the White Horse Reservoir, plus a further £13.57m being reprofiled from elsewhere in its major projects portfolio.

This isn't the cost of actually building the reservoir, it is development expenditure associated with getting the project further **towards** its Development Consent Order (DCO), procurement and enabling works — including further design, environmental work and an updated land strategy.

What has Ofwat said?

Ofwat is proposing to **accept** £294.07m of the £300.09m Thames Water requested for the White Horse Reservoir and Teddington projects combined, which includes the **full** £232.02m requested for White Horse Reservoir development costs. Across Thames Water's wider cost-change submission, Ofwat proposes an overall additional allowance of £301.2m.

Customers will contribute through bills

Ofwat estimates that its cost-change decisions would **add**, on average, around:

- £3 to the average Thames Water bill in 2027/28
- £5 to the average bill in 2029/30

These figures are above the bills already established through the PR24 final determination, and individual customer impacts will vary.

An important contrast in Ofwat's own report

At the same time as proposing this additional funding, Ofwat says Thames Water has **not** provided "sufficient and convincing evidence" that it is on track to deliver its existing PR24 commitments by 2030.

For wastewater, Ofwat reports that Thames Water delivered **44% less** than its baseline target in 2025/26 and is currently forecasting delivery of only **47%** of its wastewater Price Control Deliverable outputs by 2030.

For water infrastructure, Ofwat also **raises concern** that Thames Water forecasts having only **20%** of capital schemes released to its supply chain by the end of 2026/27, significantly **below** the sector average.

Environmental impacts

Ofwat specifically says Thames Water should confirm which proposed schemes could affect **Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), National Parks or Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty**.

Why does this consultation matter?

For those of us living close to the proposed White Horse Reservoir, this is **another important stage** in a much bigger process. It does not mean Ofwat has approved construction of the reservoir, but it does mean Ofwat is proposing to **allow** hundreds of millions of pounds of **additional** development **expenditure** to move Thames Water's major infrastructure projects — including White Horse Reservoir — further **towards** DCO, procurement and enabling works.

Whatever your view on the reservoir, people should **understand** what is being proposed and have the opportunity to **scrutinise** it.

Consultation closes: 24th September 2026

*Please read the consultation, share it with neighbours and local groups, and **make your views known**.*

<https://consult.ofwat.gov.uk/.../cost.../consultation/intro/>

Large infrastructure projects should be subject to proper public **scrutiny, transparency and accountability** — particularly where customers are ultimately contributing through their bills.

Cllr Sally Povolotsky - Steventon & the Hanneys

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July 2026 Update from Vale of White Horse District Cllr Hayleigh Gascoigne representing Blewbury, Harwell, Chilton, Upton, Valley Park and Great Western Park



I'm back

As many of you will know, I gave birth to my **baby girl** in mid December, a little earlier than expected and have been on maternity leave since. I have recently returned to my role as a ward

councillor, representing Blewbury, Harwell, Chilton, Upton, Valley Park and Great Western Park.

Heatwave

You don't need me to tell you that recent heatwaves have been **challenging**, and at the most recent Vale council meeting, I asked a question to find out how we are supporting affected residents, whether signposting to **cool spaces**, or providing **funding** to community spaces to become more resilient. The science tells us that weather events like those we've seen in recent weeks are **here to stay**, so I'm keen that as a council, we are doing what we can to **prepare** for that and **protect** people from the effects, where we can. Head to the [Vale website](#), to the council meeting minutes to find the full question and answer.

Planning Regulations

Last week, I attended a briefing from the Vale Planning Officers about the new planning regulations. As of October this year, new government legislation will mean **significant changes** to the National Scheme of Delegation. As a council, we are still working through the details of the changes we will have to make. In broad terms, it will mean **less decisions are made by councillors and more by officers**. To be clear, the officers already make a large proportion of the decisions around planning, using both national and local policies. Today, ward councillors, such as myself, have the power to "call in" a planning application, so that councillors can **review** the evidence and make the decision. The new rules from the government, will mean these powers will be **taken away** and planning applications that can be decided by the planning committee will need to meet certain criteria – they must be "major" applications, and pass "gateway tests". More **guidance** will come out as we approach the deadline, and **training** will be offered to Town and Parish councillors.

Trouble with missed bins?

I've received a few emails about missed bin collections these past few weeks, so I'll use this as a reminder to everyone that if your bin is missed, you should **report it missed by 6pm the following day**. You can do this by filling in this form https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/formcall.jsp?F=MISSSED_BINS or by emailing admin.vale@biffa.co.uk or by calling 01235 422123. Then, Biffa should return within a couple of days to collect it. If they do not, then Vale Council can follow that up with Biffa – as they are not completing their obligation. But note that, unless it is reported as missed, we can't chase Biffa for it. Additionally, please remember to put them out **by 6am** on Bin Day!

Local Government Reorganisation

What is it? Here in Oxfordshire, we have a two tier system –

District councils and councillors deal with certain matters (like planning and bins) whilst the **County** deals with others (like social care and roads). The government would like to get rid of this, and have everyone under a Unitary system, just one council. Whilst this would be easier from the residents' perspective, only needing to contact one council – the question is how to set up the new councils? What should the geography be? Virtually hot off the press as I write this is the Secretary of State's **decision** on Local Government Reorganisation. Announced on the last day of Parliament, Steve Reed has said that our area will have **three unitary councils**. These will be Greater Oxford, Ridgeway and Northern Oxfordshire. The decision is surprising to me, as across Oxfordshire this was the proposal with the **least support** – it was proposed by just one of our 6 councils, Oxford City Council. You can read more on their website 3councils.org

The new councils are expected to come into force on **1st April 2028**, a day known as vesting day. Before then, the existing councils will operate as normal, performing the usual duties. There are expected to be **elections** for this council in May 2027, and the councillors elected at that point will be the ones making **decisions** about how the new council will operate. I will continue to share updates on this matter, but as always let me know any **questions** you have.

I recognise that there have been issues with the Council's **Land Charge system**, but the new system should be up and running now, though it will take time to clear the backlog.

I write these updates to keep you updated on what I am up to, what is happening at the District Council and other relevant local matters.

You can follow me and the Vale of White Horse District Council on FaceBook:

www.facebook.com/CllrHayleigh & www.facebook.com/whitehorsedc

The best way to get a **direct response** is to **email** me and my ward colleague, Cllr Debra Dewhurst.

hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
debra.dewhurst@whitehorsedc.gov.uk





Cholsey Repair Café - Saturday 19th September

The next Cholsey Repair Café will take place on **Saturday 19th September** at the **Cholsey Pavilion**. Doors open at **10.00** and close at **12.45**.

Talented fixers offer **help and advice** free of charge, to get a wide variety of broken household items back into working order, although **donations** to cover operating costs are always appreciated. Excellent **refreshments** are available next door, in the **Cholsey Community Café**.

Further details can be found at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com or you can email repaircafe@cholsey.com.

A Message from Olly Glover, MP for Didcot and Wantage

Whilst more change is afoot in Westminster, representing the constituency and working with local groups to **improve** our communities has been my focus.

Just before recess began, I spoke to LBC Radio about Andy Burnham's first week as Prime Minister. Since then, he has made several **policy announcements**, so there will be lots to **debate** when parliament returns. I look forward to hearing the **issues** on people's minds during my summer surgeries and at visits over August so that I can continue to **raise** the concerns local people have at Westminster.

While Parliament was sitting in July, I met with Jane Hanna OBE of Wantage based **SUDEP Action** following my Adjournment Debate on Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP). Together, we secured a **commitment** from the Minister to hold a ministerial **roundtable** when Parliament returns after the summer recess.

In the Chamber I highlighted the importance of embedding **climate resilience** across all areas of government decision-making, helping to deliver long-term solutions that better **protect** communities. This was a key issue raised during visits to

Uffington Primary School and Aureus Secondary School, where students spoke about the effect increasingly **hot school buildings** are having on their education.

I met with Ofwat to discuss residents' concerns about the proposed **SESRO reservoir and Thames Water's consultation**. I also challenged the government over proposed **cuts** to the **Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)**, which are likely to affect **Harwell Campus**, home to the UK's largest concentration of space and science organisations. In addition, I raised the reduction in **Post Office services** in Didcot with the Business and Trade Minister and joined the new All-Party Parliamentary Group for **Chalk Streams**, as it is vital we cherish our very own **Letcombe Brook**.

With Parliament now in summer recess, I have been spending as much time as possible with people and organisations across the constituency. I recently met with the **Horticultural Trade Association** and Tony, the store manager of Chilton Garden Centre, to discuss **support** for local garden centres and the importance of maintaining **green spaces**. During a visit to the **Mill Brook Restoration Group** in Wallingford, I learned more about the causes of local **water pollution** and the dedicated work volunteers are doing to **restore** this precious chalk stream. While significant challenges remain in securing upgrades to the **Wantage Sewage Treatment Works** to reduce sewage spills, it was encouraging to meet local students at the first **Sustainable Wantage Schools Climate Conference** and hear their passion for protecting the environment.

Community **celebrations** have also been a highlight of the summer. It was wonderful to attend both the first-ever **Didcot Pride** event and the **Didcot Festival of Cultures**, which showcased the **diversity** and **strength** of our local community.

As always, if there is anything you feel I can help 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.



Harwell Gardeners' Club

We meet on the **1st Monday** of the month (except Bank Holidays) in **St Matthew's Church** at **7.30pm**. The

Autumn programme is as follows:

- **Mon 7th September** - The Vase Lady' a talk by Pip Bensley, a florist who hunts for old Victorian vases in charity shops to display her flowers.
Competition : An Animal Made from Fruit And Veg.
Results of Potato Experiment.
- **Mon 5th October** - Plants & Gardens Of New Zealand' A Zoom presentation from Martin Fysh.
Competition : Hedgerow Harvest.
- **Mon 2nd November** - 'Member's Night' 4 short talks by our talented members.
Competition: Autumn Colours.

PRODUCE SHOW - SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER
HARWELL SCHOOL

Schedules available now from Bobs Butchers. All classes are open to anyone. Classes include Fruit, Veg, Herbs, Flowers, Floral Art, Photography, Domestic (Cooking & Baking), Arts & Crafts. There are also classes for children.

- Entrants Set up 9.00 - 11.00 a.m.
- Judging 11.15- 2.00 p.m.
- Open to the public 3.00 p.m.
- Presentations of Prizes 4.15 p.m.
- Sale of Produce 4.30 p.m.

Come along and see who has won - it could be you!

Further details from Janice Markey email

jvmarkey@googlemail.com

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



Harwell Community Orchard Group update

It's been 4 years since the orchard was planted and despite the drought this year there are some plums, pears and a few apples on the trees in the Community



Orchard on the Rec. HarCOG are hanging signs on the trees with 'not ready yet' or 'ready' and invite locals to take a few but to please be gentle with the trees when harvesting them.

Martin Ricketts & Penny Kinloch

Why early prison release matters beyond the headlines



Last month we heard the news that under the new **Sentencing Act** the killers of PC Andrew Harper would be eligible for early release **next year**. Andrew was killed in the line of duty just seven years ago. Along with many others I was hopeful when the story prompted the new Prime Minister to **review** the policy, but the news this month is that his killers will still be released as planned early in 2027.

There are some welcome changes to the Sentencing Act that will see rapists and child sex offenders remain in prison for **longer**. This is good news considering just a few months ago the Government rejected moves to do exactly that.

I am the first to accept there is a real problem with prison **capacity**, frankly more prisons need to be built, along with other changes to our courts, sentencing and more. Nevertheless the solution cannot be to let **dangerous** people back out on the streets.

The problem with the Sentencing Act goes far beyond the case of PC Andrew Harper, because it fails to look at the risk **individual** prisoners might pose and instead is a **blanket** approach based on the type of offence. Where previous early release schemes have been risk based, this new law means that whether someone has a violent past or is a persistent domestic abuser, they will **still** be released. Rehabilitation matters, but it takes **time** and punishment and public protection remain important reasons for **keeping** people in prison.

The current plan will put huge **strain** on the Probation Service and the police, who will be dealing with more criminals out in the community. The National Police Chief's Council has forecast an overall **increase in crime** of 6% as a result of the changes.

These aren't just statistics, that means more **victims** of crime.

Andrew Harper's killers have shown no remorse for their awful crime. The potential early release of these two individuals has **highlighted** the failings in the Sentencing Act. It is important that some of the worst problems created by the Government's plans are fixed as a result of this case, but it would be a huge disservice to Andrew and his family if despite a change in the law two of his killers were released early. This cannot be allowed to happen. I am working with colleagues in Parliament and with civil servants behind the scenes to try to get this position **changed** for when Parliament returns in September. The Thames Valley Police Federation have launched a petition at [Change.org/PCHarper](https://change.org/PCHarper).

Matthew Barber, Police & Crime Commissioner

Harwell WI

For the attention of all ladies who live in and around **Harwell Village**. Harwell WI is a thriving organisation for any woman who wishes to join us, meet different people and forge **friendships**. We have some very interesting topics and activities for all members.

We take part in the village events including the Hare Trail and the Christmas Tree Festival and members are always busy preparing for these local events.

Below are what you can look forward to hearing and joining in with for the next few months:

- AUGUST: NO MEETING (Garden Party for members only on 5th)
- Sept 9th: Members' Tips and Old Wives Tales
- Oct 14th: Bodleian Library (Interesting Anecdotes and Fascinating Details)
- Nov 11th: Wartime Children / Girl Guides (WW2 from a Child's Perspective)
- Dec 9th: Christmas Party for Members

Harwell WI welcomes, supports and inspires **all** women. We meet on the **second Wednesday** of each month **except August** at **7.30pm** in **Cherry Hall** at Harwell Village Hall, where we are entertained by interesting and informative Speakers, followed by a cup of tea/coffee and cake/biscuits and a good chat. 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

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*.



Lesley Muddiman



Farmer Clusters: What Happens When Farmers Team Up to Create a Healthier Landscape?

Wild Oxfordshire

Wild Oxfordshire is a charity seeking to create a more natural, resilient, and biodiverse Oxfordshire for the benefit of all.

Farmer clusters

Many of us probably don't think about our local farmers on a regular basis (except when we're stuck behind a tractor on a country road!), but they are the **heart** of our rural landscape, growing food, managing road hedgerows, as well as playing a **vital** role in supporting **wildlife** across the countryside. Agricultural land accounts for **71%** of land nationally and **74%** in Oxfordshire and inevitably, the way farmland is managed will have a **huge impact** on the **biodiversity** that land can support, for better or worse. Today, farmers and land managers are key to maintaining, restoring and creating important habitats. Farmers are now joining forces in the form of **farmer clusters** (also known as farmer-led groups) to **care** for the landscape,



Farmer Cluster, Sophie Cunningham

creating space for wildlife and healthier soils, wetlands, and habitats. These groups aim to facilitate **collaborations** between farmers and landowners to deliver landscape-scale **conservation**

projects. They also act as support systems and social networks by giving **guidance** and **advice** and enabling the sharing of experiences and knowledge. Vitally, farmer clusters are designed to be **farmer-led**, meaning that members play a key role in the decision-making and **direction** of the cluster as well as giving them a sense of ownership.

The Clumps and Ridgeway Farmer Clusters

At Wild Oxfordshire, we are proud to facilitate **two** Farmer Clusters: **The Clumps Farmer Cluster**, a group of 14 farms located around the Wittenham Clumps, covering just over 5,000 hectares, and the **Ridgeway Farmer Cluster** with a membership of 15 farms. Wild Oxfordshire is supporting these clusters to deliver **workshops** and **events** that meet the specific needs of local farmers. These workshops have covered a broad range of topics from **soil health**, biodiversity net gain, and **hedgerow management**, to understanding changes in government **grants** and farm **diversification**. The



Sophie Cunningham

clusters are also delivering on-the-ground projects, including the **Ridgeway Dew Pond Project**, restoring dew ponds on the Chalk Downland, and a public engagement project where members of the Clumps Farmer Cluster have installed signs to help walkers understand what they can do to look after the countryside.



Both clusters are **collaborating**

with neighbouring clusters to further their impact, whether through shared training events or the Chalkland Revival Project, in which the Ridgeway Farmer Cluster is one of five clusters working together to support farmland **birds** and manage **deer** populations across the North Wessex Downs. In addition, we are pleased to share that we have been awarded funding from the **Rothschild Foundation**, which will support long-term development and project delivery as well as empowering our members to continue to do their bit for nature in Oxfordshire.

How you can help

A farmer yourself? For more information on Farmer Clusters and how you could get involved, visit farmerclusters.com for advice and funding information.

But you don't have to be a farmer to support wildlife in farmland. Here are a few ways **you** can **support** the countryside **and** your local farmers:

- **Follow the countryside code** - leave gates and property as you find them, follow local signs, and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.
- **Protect the environment** - take your litter home, always bag up dog poo, do not light fires, and only have BBQs where signs allow them. Always keep dogs in sight and on leads around livestock and during the bird breeding season.
- **Enjoy the outdoors** - visit your local farm shop, learn more about farming and share your knowledge with others, and submit any wildlife sightings to Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre.
- **Support your local farmers**: buy local food where possible at farm shops and local markets.

Jess Bouwer, Eleanor Meehan.

Making Room for Nature: Micro-Habitats in Urban Areas

You may think nature only thrives in big reserves. But it also squeezes into the cracks and corners of our **urban** environments.

So, whether that's a garden, a balcony, a windowsill, or just the wall of your home, there's always room for a splash of **green** amongst the urban landscapes.

Mini habitats - what's in the name?

In ecology, a "microhabitat" is a small area with its own **unique** environment that differs from the surrounding habitat. But you may know them by a different name.

Mini ponds, bee hotels, and even bird boxes, each creating a quiet **refuge** for the creatures sharing our built landscape (just

remember that bird feeders in warmer months increase the risk



of **disease** in birds). These small sanctuaries carry real ecological weight.

Never underestimate the power of **cumulative** effect: each species, no matter how small, has a part to play in all ecosystems.

The key benefits of micro habitats include:

- Attracting insects that play a role in pollination.
- Storing moisture and regulating temperature
- Breaking down organic matter

Walls

Urban walls can host a surprising range of ecological functions. Living walls are particularly beneficial to local wildlife. These vertical green sites, formed of flowering **climbers** and wall mounted **planters**, can attract bees, hoverflies and other pollinators.

Micro planters and **crevice habitats**, which are small pockets of soil, stacked tiles, logs with holes, stone crevices or even swift bricks attached or built into walls, create nesting and overwintering sites for solitary bees and beetles.

Water

Water sources such as **ponds** or streams with natural features are ideal, but rare in highly urban areas. But artificial water sources such as **birdbaths** or rainwater pools/ponds can still **support** amphibians, insects, birds, and mammals while contributing to local **microclimate** regulation.

For example, a recent study in the Journal of Urban Ecology found that urbanised aquatic microhabitats, such as water-filled **tree holes** and other small standing waters in cities, create “unique but inconspicuous” breeding habitats for a range of insects.

Gardens

Gardens are probably the first green space that comes to mind when discussing microhabitats. And that’s because even small spaces can support many microhabitats due to the varying environments and features which can be created within them. Gardens are a **mosaic** of interconnected micro-ecosystems within one space.

But when discussing our urban environments, **rewilding** towns and cities might sound like something left to greater powers, such as your local council, but in fact, urbanisation doesn’t need

to mean a loss of biodiversity.

You don’t need a large rural garden to support nature – urban gardens are becoming ever increasingly **vital** passages in our increasingly fragmented country.

These small patches of green can become a wildlife sanctuary surprisingly easily: try growing as many **different** types of plants as you can, including native species, and provide natural food sources. And importantly, let nature do its work! Sometimes, the best thing you can do is simply **step back** and leave a corner (or two!) undisturbed. For example, fallen or stacked logs and retaining piles of leaves and wood chip can serve as **habitat** for insects, fungi, amphibians, reptiles and small mammals.

Gardening tips for August

Put up bat boxes

Create a home for bats in your garden over the summer and put up bat boxes in large trees or buildings. Place them high up (at least 3 to 4 meters), **sheltered** from the wind, and exposed to the sun for most of the day. See the guidance on the [Bat Conservation website](#).

Bat boxes can be bought from various stores and websites, or if you’re feeling crafty, you can make them yourself.

Leave food and water for hedgehogs.

Continue to leave out dishes of water and meat-based (not fish!) dog or cat food for hedgehogs, before they go into hibernation in early Autumn.

Jess Bouwer, Eleanor Meehan.



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Watch the People's Emergency trailers - [here](#)

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Extreme weather Food security Health Cost of living

The film is based on the **National Emergency Briefing** in Westminster (featured by ITV, Channel 4 and The Times) with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, and a range of voices from across the UK.

After the film there will be a short **open discussion** about what it means for our community and what we can **do** locally.

We are inviting County and District Councillors, together with many other local organisations and groups, and are optimistic that they will join with constituents for this important discussion about our future.

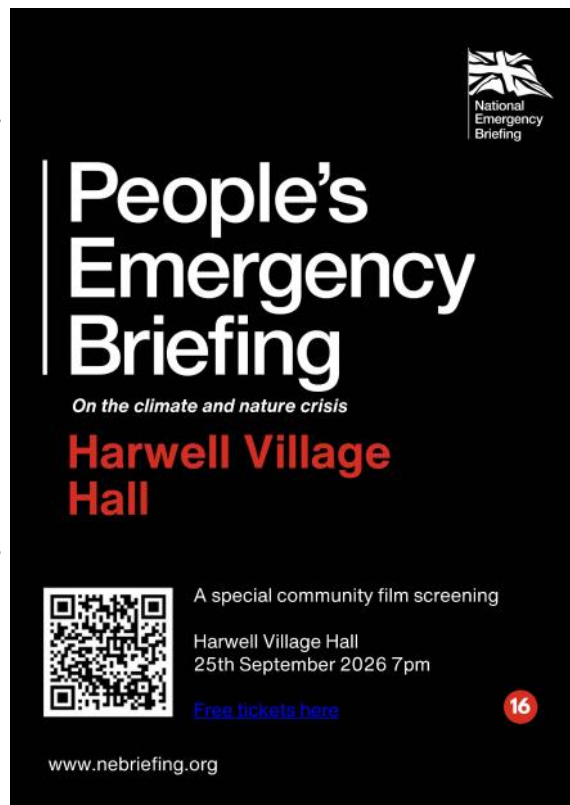
Harwell Village Hall **Friday 25th Sep 2026** **7 - 9 pm**

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Book your tickets here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sustainableharwell/2291534>

Note: the film is only being shown at in-person screenings and is not available online.

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The Harwellian Club - Autumn Events

There's **lots going on** at The Harwellian this Autumn! We are very excited to announce that **Rock on The Rec** is back on **Saturday 12th September** (see poster on p16) and is even **bigger** this year with more **bands**, afternoon **teas** and a **BBQ**.

Also, we have new **regular food** offerings, live **music**, **karaoke**, **quizzes** and more!

We are now serving **breakfasts** every **Saturday morning** from 9am to 11.30am and **gourmet burger** nights **fortnightly** on Fridays (next one Friday 28th August).

For our opening hours please see our [website](#) or visit our [Facebook](#) page

Phil Hine, Chairman




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OPEN MIC NIGHTS
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FRIDAY BURGER NIGHTS
Every other Friday, check Facebook for dates

MEMBERS BINGO
Sundays 30 Aug, 27 Sep, 25 Oct, 29 Nov. Eyes down at 3pm

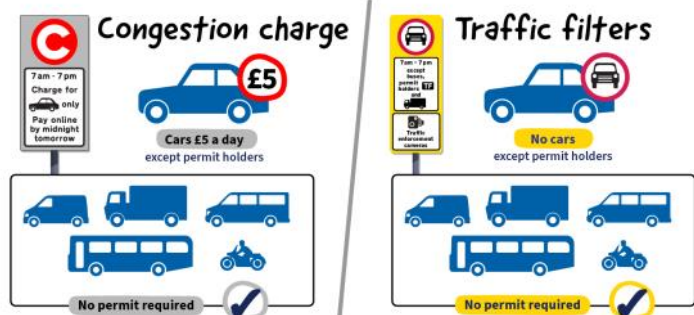
*Pre-booking advised or required. Purchase tickets from the bar. Latest updates on <https://www.facebook.com/Harwellian>

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Oxford city centre traffic filter trial to start on 28th September

Traffic filters will **replace** the congestion charge on **28th September** – the council have been waiting for the Botley road to reopen as then drivers will be able to access all parts of Oxford **without** passing through a congestion charge zone or filter. Please note you may need to **modify** your route to avoid them in order to get where you want to go.

The **difference** between the congestion charge and the filters:



The main point to note is that the Congestion Charge and now the Traffic Filters affect **CARS ONLY**. All other vehicles, including vans, mopeds, motorbikes, and emergency vehicles, can pass through these locations at **any time**.

You can only get a permit if you live in Oxford or Oxfordshire. If you pass through a traffic filter without a permit then:

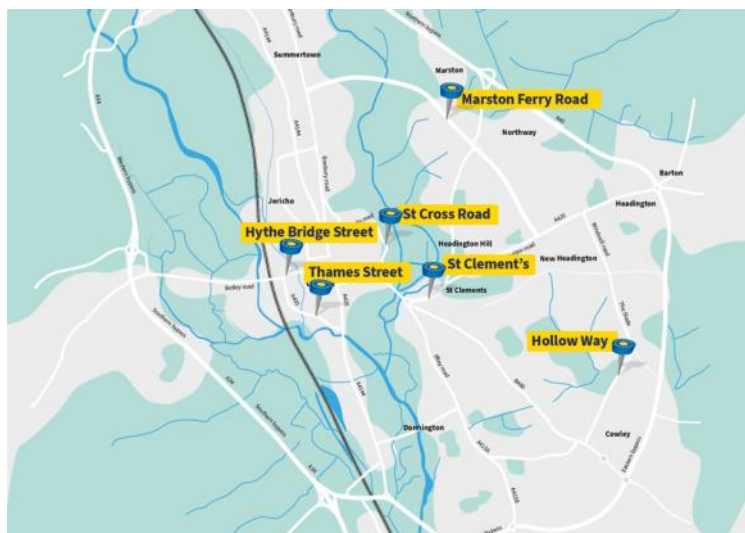
- For the first **6 months** you get a **warning letter** the first time it happens
- If it happens again: If you drive through a traffic filter during operating hours without a permit, you'll get a **£70 fine**.

This is reduced to £35 if you pay within 21 days.

- Automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) **cameras** will enforce the restrictions.
- Traffic signs will show where and when traffic filters apply to cars. Advance warning signs will give you **time** to choose another route **before** you reach the filter point.
- Each traffic filter applies to **one point** on the road, over just a few metres. You can still use the road on either side at any time without a permit. There will be **no physical barriers**.
- The locations and operating times will stay the **same** as the congestion charge scheme:
 - ⇒ **Marston Ferry Road and Hollow Way** – Monday to Saturday at peak times: 7am - 9am and 3pm - 6pm.
 - ⇒ **Hythe Bridge Street, St Cross Road, St Clement's Street and Thames Street** – Monday to Sunday between 7am - 7pm.
- If you already have a congestion charge permit it will **transfer** to a traffic filter permit (you will still need to check when it expires and renew it!).
- If you don't have a permit already and you qualify, you can **apply** for one permit for up to 3 cars.

For more information and for a link to apply for a permit visit

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The Orchard Film Club

August 2026 Update

Many thanks to everyone who came to our August film, we hope you enjoyed it! Our next film is on Friday 11th September and is "The Choral" starring Ralph Fiennes, Mark Addy & Alun Armstrong..



Set in 1916 in Ramsden, Yorkshire, the Choral Society engages a controversial conductor to breathe new life into the town through music and performing together.

Check out the Village Hall website [here](http://www.harwellvillagehall.co.uk) for more details and to watch the trailer.

More dates for your diary:

- **Friday 2nd October** - H is for Hawk (12)
- **Friday 13th November** - title to be announced
- **Friday 11th December** - title to be announced



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

Visit our webpage [here](http://www.harwellvillagehall.co.uk) and/or [sign-up](http://www.harwellvillagehall.co.uk) to our regular newsletter to be able to **vote online** for the next titles! 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.

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Harwell Parish History Group - August 2026

Forthcoming Talks: Autumn Series

- **16th September** - Robert Evans on "The History of our Footpaths."
- **21st October** - Tim Owen on "Three Mauds and a Monk" (from the Anarchy in the 1100s).
- **18th November** - Owen Sutcliffe on "Local Archaeology and Finds".



The **British Museum** has an exhibition (10th September 2026 to 11th July 2027) of the **Bayeux Tapestry**, loaned from France. A talk on the Bayeux Tapestry will therefore be in our **Spring** series. (Not a tapestry, it was made in England and may not have been intended for Bayeux Cathedral!)

Talks, *free to members*, are always in the **Cherry Hall** of the **Village Hall**, starting at **7.30 p.m.** Non-members are most welcome and pay £3.00.

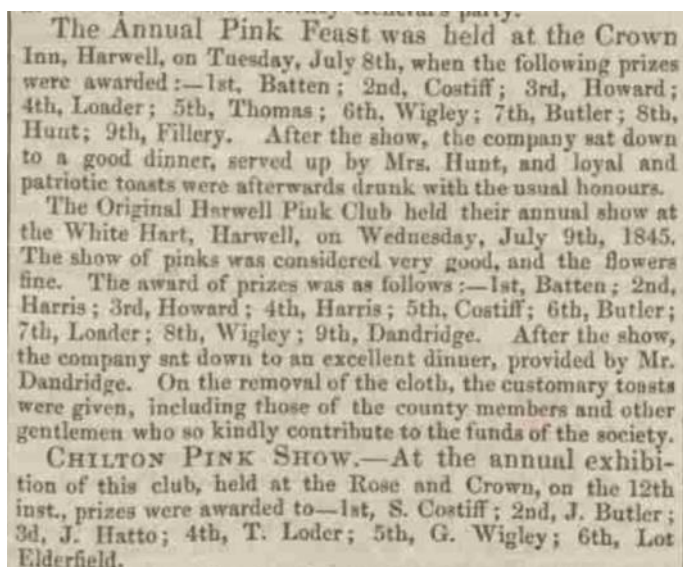
Displays in the Village Hall foyer

A new display by Pat Cooke on the **Agricultural Smock** is now on view. In the glass cabinets are posters on nineteenth century Harwell's interest in pinks (dianthus), made by Heather Stevens.

Pinks Feasts in Harwell Village

As we struggle to keep our gardens growing in the heat wave, this seemed a cheering topic !

In **July 1831**, the Berkshire Chronicle/Bucks and Windsor Herald reported that a **Pinks Feast** was held at the **White Hart** in Harwell, with a "very full attendance of members". The Reading Mercury report of July 1851 confirms that the White Hart Pinks Feast was celebrating its **twenty-seventh** anniversary - so the first must have been in 1824. References indicate that such shows were annual. In general, Pinks Feasts flourished in this area until the 1870s, then declined.



Reports on three local Pinks Feasts from The Reading Mercury, Oxford Gazette, Newbury Herald and Berks County Paper, Saturday Afternoon July 19th 1845.

Interestingly, in **1845** the Reading Mercury etc. refers to the "Original Pink Club's" annual show at the **White Hart** on July 8th, and above this to the "Annual Pink Feast" at the **Crown Inn** on July 9th. This suggests a degree of **rivalry**. The Crown's feast in 1851 was its **twentieth** anniversary - so it was founded in 1831, later than the White Hart's.

The showing of pinks and awarding of prizes was often followed by a good **dinner**, with loyal **toasts**.

Lists of prize winners show that exhibitors came from neighbouring areas, such as Chilton, East Hendred, and

Abingdon. These also held their own competitions. In the 1830s, Thomas Hughes of Harwell and the Dandridges of East Hendred and Harwell were successful at several shows. In 1831, Thomas Hughes, who may have been a florist, advertised for sale **seedling pinks** called *Hughes's Defiance*. Did he breed them himself ?

Pinks Feasts are an example of working people organising their own recreation in a social space particular to them, namely the **public house**. Publicans put on events, Friendly Societies often met there, men might have wages paid there - and of course for many working men, their home was actually their workplace, whereas pubs were purely recreational.



Two Laced Pinks from 'Old Fashioned Flowers' by Sacheverell Sitwell, illustrated by John Farleigh, 1939. (London; Country Life.)

Fondness for growing pinks and holding Pinks Feasts started in the **early nineteenth century** among the miners of Durham and Northumberland and then among the weavers of Lancashire. Oxfordshire was another **centre** of enthusiasts and was famous for a "tartan pink" - centre a deep carmine, fading to pale purple with darker purple streaks and a lighter serrated edge. Pinks apparently cross-breed very readily; alas, records of the northern and Oxfordshire pinks were not kept.

According to the **Gardeners' Chronicle of 1878**, pinks appealed to working people because they were easily cultivated, pretty, perfumed - and did not need expensive cold frames. Sources call them "the poor man's plant par excellence", "the chief recreation of many hardworking and industrious men".

Research by Heather Stevens, Dave Drummond, Kath Luker and JMC.

Note for quizzers: The old names for pinks was gillyflowers and Sops in Wine i.e. bread dipped in wine.

Appeal for information from Basildon Park History Group

After World War II, Basildon Park was used to accommodate employees of Wimpey working in Harwell. *Does anyone know anything about this?* Please reply to:

harwellhistorygroup@outlook.com



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

As I write this in mid-July, tennis has just finished, the World Cup is approaching the semi-finals, and the schools are about 2 weeks away from the end of term. After all that and the recent heatwaves, a **well-deserved break** is pretty essential for everyone! I'm not sure I can cope with Jude Bellingham keeping us waiting for extra time for a winning goal!

So a break is going to be an important part of the next few weeks. It will be necessary for schoolkids, teachers and parents to have a **rest** from the daily routine, indeed for all of us. This is not just good "people management" but is written into our whole being. Whether from a **wellbeing** perspective or from a **religious** viewpoint, the need for rest and re-creation is an essential part of our existence.

In many parts of the Bible, the concept of a daily or weekly rest is obvious. In the story of creation from the Book of Genesis, God rested on the 7th day of creation and instituted the idea of a **weekly** day of rest for all creation.

Some societies have tried to do away with a weekly pattern of work and rest and have usually struggled with exhausted and demoralized workers. The concept of a set period of work per week, as found in the EU's Working Time Directive was to give workers a **balance** between labour and rest/family time. All of these are healthy for a **productive** life.

Whether you have your bags packed to **head off** the second the children have finished school, or will simply spent the summer break **relaxing** at home, take a well-deserved break. Don't set the alarm clock, turn the phone to silent, play family games, visit a park, eat together. But relax and be **renewed** by the change. You will feel different.

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day 7th September.

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 - 10th September

held in All Saints' Chilton. Everyone is welcome. Please note that there will be no midweek Communion in August.

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 too). Please note that there will be no café in August. Returning back on Saturday 19th September.

For full details of all our **Sunday Services** please consult our website:

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What's On at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum: August - September



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Exhibitions

Lee Miller: A Woman at War

Tue – Sat 11am – 5pm, Sun 2pm – 5pm | Ends 13 September 2026



There's still time to catch this summer's **headline exhibition** featuring 33 wartime photographs by Vogue model, surrealist photographer and photojournalist, Lee Miller. See stunning images from the 1940s, from her first snaps for **British Vogue** - taken at Oxford's Churchill

Hospital - to following **US troops** into the war in Europe.

Now open alongside the Lee Miller exhibition is a mini-exhibition by museum volunteers, **Capturing Conflict** which looks at the tools of war correspondents like Lee, from the Crimean War to the Falklands.

Admissions apply – see www.sofo.org.uk/visit-us for prices (admissions include 12 months entry).

Events

All events can be booked during your visit to the museum, or via www.sofo.org.uk/whats-on

An Evening with Ami Bouhassane – Lee Miller: A Woman at War

7pm Thursday 3 September 2026

Author and co-director of Farleys House & Gallery, Ami Bouhassane, joins us to discuss the life and legacy of her grandmother – Lee Miller. Tickets: £15.

Woodstock's 'Last Night of the Proms' at St Mary Magdalene Church

7pm, Saturday 26 September 2026

This year's concert with the Waterloo Band & Bugles of The Rifles at St Mary Magdalene Church aims to bring a taste of The Last Night of the Proms to Woodstock.

Tickets: £12

Summer Holiday Family Craft Workshops

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Starting or moving school - SEND support

Starting school or moving to a new school is a big moment. If your child needs a little **more support**, preparing early can help make the transition smoother.

Schools are required to [publish a report](#)* on their website which includes details on how they support transitions. If you haven't already, take a look to make sure you understand what to expect this autumn.

You may have already had a conversation with the new school or setting but if not, an early conversation helps everyone understand your child's needs and plan support in advance.

For more advice, the Oxfordshire Local Offer explains what support should already be in place, what to look for when choosing a school and [what questions to ask](#). For more information click [HERE](#)

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- **September 15th - a talk by popular photographer David Bailey.** His talk entitled 'Wild Homes' and is expected to be very well-received, as his previous presentations have been.
- **October 20th - "Sing with Mandy".** Amanda Shora offers a brief history of folk music with songs and audience participation.

Why not come along and sample for yourself - you are **never too young** to 'Learn, Laugh, Live!'

More information of your local U3A can be found on didcot.u3asite.uk

Brian and Lynn Burscough - PR Didcot & District U3A



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The perfect opportunity to enjoy some great music in the great outdoors.

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Thunderbird
Frogstar
Cameron Burne
The Bagg's Tree Buskers
Dutch Courge
Vocalise Community Choirs
Alan Maskell
Diana & Helena

FREE PARKING

DRINKS, SNACKS AND AFTERNOON TEA BOXES FROM THE HARWELLIAN

BBQ BY HARWELL SCOUTS

FACE PAINTING

THE HARWELLIAN CLUB

Let's make some more memories together!

Organised by The Harwellian Club for Harwell village.
Please walk to the Recreation Ground or park in the far field and leave the Rec Car Park for those less able.

