

Parish Council Meetings

At the June meeting Open Forum, two allotment-holders referred to the recent thefts and asked that locks be re-installed. It was suggested the locks and chains might be welded in place to prevent their removal as has happened in the past, with allotment-holders paying a deposit for a key. The Council agreed to get prices for the locks and chain. Other matters raised were the state of the surface of Green Lane, and a request from the residents that drivers take care to minimise damage to the track. The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with OCC, who promised to inspect the track, and that the allotment-holders agreement required them to be mindful of residents in using the track.

Also attending the Open Forum were three residents from Hengest Gate, who wish to alert the Council to the likelihood of parking problems just off the High Street if the barn owned by Pillar House were to become a separate dwelling – see under planning matters.

In the District Councillor's report, Reg Waite mentioned that the Government has issued a statement concerning the abolition of regional spatial strategies but VWHDC is still discussing its Local Development Framework.

Mr Stewart Lilly, in his County Council report, said WRG was intending to submit a Planning Application for a 220,000 tonne Mechanical & Biological Treatment plant at Sutton Courtenay, which would produce building materials from waste. OCC is hoping to fund more frontline nursing staff, launching a new children's mobile library, and undertaking a countywide review of aggregate extraction. Mr Lilly reported that he is a member of a working group focussing on transport and roads.

The Council's new Financial Regulations, which have been under discussion for a few months, were approved, subject to final alterations needed to tidy the draft document. The Council also approved the previous year's Financial Statement and statement of Accounts. Following a request from the Thames Valley and Chilterns Air Ambulance for donations, the Council agreed to donate £50. It was also agreed to transfer the remaining Youth Project funds to the Our Street Corner Committee.

Under Council Lands matters, it was reported that two Councillors had represented the Council and Sports Development Project at a recent Village Hall Committee meeting where one of the possibilities under discussion for redevelopment of the Hall was to create a joint facility with the Sports Development Committee.

A formal agreement with the Tennis Club lease has been worked on for some time, and at the June meeting the Council approved the document, subject to one small change.

There were several recommendations from the Lands Committee which were approved, including additional dog bins and replacing some of the litter bins.

Mrs Boughton-Waite reported on the recent footpaths walk; no major problems were found, and the Council wishes to thank all those who took part.

At the July meeting, PCSO Kirby was present; recent problems in the Parish included the theft of some puppies, and a stolen motorbike being recovered in the village. Mrs Margaret Turner mentioned that she had been repeatedly called by someone who claimed to be representing a crime prevention agency. PCSO Kirby commented that no-one should give out personal details over the telephone.

Mr Reg Waite in his District Council report, said there was now a high recycling rate in SODC under the new collections scheme. He added that parishioners may get their bins soon, but should not use them before the October starting date.

The Clerk reported that Mr Stewart Lilly had resigned from the Council; the Chairman had written thanking him for his hard work on the Council's behalf during his time as a parish councillor. Since there had been no request for an election in the statutory period, the Council will be able to co-opt someone, and it was agreed to invite applications to be considered at the September meeting.

Under Financial Matters, the Council reviewed various fees. Most discussion concerned the allotment rent. Mr Taylor proposed that the annual allotment rent be increased to £25 per plot from September 2011; this was seconded by Mrs Beswick, and carried with 1 abstention.

Under Lands matters, the question of which trees in the Cemetery were planted by the British Legion in 1930 had been raised previously. Mr Marsh reported that a visit to the Cemetery with Mr Ricketts confirmed these were the conifers bordering the south side, near the commemorative plaque. There were 17, matching the 17 names recorded on the War Memorial from the 1st World War, although there are now a couple more, and its difficult to ascertain the ages of them.

Several recommendations from the Lands Committee were approved, including football pitch fees, and the purchase of locks and keys for the allotment gates. The British Legion was given permission to use the west recreation field as parking for its Poppy Walk on 8th May next year.

A resident had asked if it would be possible for a fish & chip van to visit the village. The Village Hall Chairman had told the Clerk he could not give permission for one to use the Hall car park, so the Council agreed the Rec. car park could be used, but asked the Clerk to obtain local residents' views first.

Full minutes available on the web. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 21st September. Items for the agenda need to be with the Clerk, Mrs. S. Taylor one week before this. Contact on 01235 820006 where messages can be left, email clerk@harwellparish.co.uk, or by post to P.O. Box 223 Wantage OX12 2DH.

Office hours, in the Pavilion, are 9am to 5pm Mondays.

Planning Matters

Permissions:

HAR/15908/1 Alterations & extensions to ground floor & 1st floor at Jennings Barn, Jennings Lane, subject to conditions.

HAR/14934/3 Proposed erection of front extension at Sunny Side Cottage, Didcot Rd, subject to conditions

New Applications:

HAR/1045/8 Subdivision of property to make annexe a separate dwelling, The Old Chequers.

HAR/4084/1 2-storey side extension replacing garage etc. and single-storey rear ext. at 1, Chilbrook.

HAR/10335/14, 15-LB Change of use of existing barn (in Hengest Gate) to residential use, including refurbishment & alterations at Pillar House. The Council was concerned that having the parking space within the Pillar House gated property would lead to vehicles being parked along Hengest Gate, and asked that it not be made a separate property.

HAR/21173 Demolition of existing bungalow & erection of chalet-bungalow at Crossfields, The Cleave; the previous application was withdrawn. The Council had some concern that the new garage would bring the building line much further forward than the adjacent property.

As well as the above particular comments, the Council asked the Vale WHDC to take account of neighbours comments on all these.

Parish Council Vacancy

There is a vacancy to be filled by co-option. If you are interested please contact the Clerk as above or any Councillor by Tuesday 21st Sept.

Now is an ideal time to join the Council as you will only be committing for about 6 months - the whole Council is up for election next May. This gives you a great opportunity to see how the Council operates. The Council welcomes anyone able to help it make the best decisions for Harwell Parish.

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Baby and Toddler Group News

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We have a wide range of toys for all ages and often have craft activities. There is a dedicated baby area and we usually finish the session with some singing.

The cost is £1 per family and includes a snack and a drink for the children and adults. Your first session is free. For more information please contact Christina Wood on 01235 832 169.

The **Mobile Library** will be in Harwell, at the Village Hall between 9.15 and 9.40 on Wednesdays August 4th and 18th, and September 1st, 15th and 29th.

Have your Chips?

Would residents like to have regular visits to the village by a mobile fish & chip van? It would park on the recreation ground car park once a week or so, with orders phoned in beforehand. If there are any real objections, please notify the Clerk. Otherwise, the Council will organise a trial period & monitor litter, noise etc before making a final decision.

Contact details - District Councillors:

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Reg Waite RegWWaite@aol.com 7 Hengest Gate 861779

County Councillor:

Stewart Lilly stewart.lilly@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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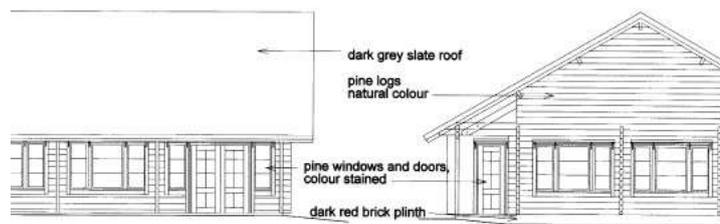
Little Pippins New Building

The work on the new building for Little Pippins is now well under way and we are scheduled to be in the new building in November. We will be holding an official opening ceremony and Open Day when everyone from the village will be very welcome to come and see what you have heard about and very generously supported over the years. We would particularly like to thank our immediate neighbours for their understanding and co-operation during the building process and St Matthews Church who have housed us in the Church Hall, and the British Legion who have allowed us to use their facilities whilst the building work goes on and have thus enabled us to keep open.

We would not have achieved what we have without the wonderful support we have received from the whole village. **SO THANK YOU TO YOU ALL**

As the new building is nearing completion, our thoughts are turning to the outside play area. Having a specialist firm to design and construct this area would cost in the region of £30,000. So, we have decided to source all the different components ourselves and construct the Outside Area using local tradesmen and also volunteer labour from willing parents and friends. This way, we are confident that we will be able to provide a lovely Outside Area for the children to use but spend less than £10,000. However, the grant received from Oxfordshire County Council and our previous fund raising will all be needed to pay for the building and there will be little or nothing left over for the Outside Area.

We will be approaching Trusts and Grant Making Bodies as well as local companies to try and raise funds for individual components / pieces of equipment. However, we would also like you all to consider if you



or your business would be able to sponsor an individual piece of equipment – ranging in price from £20 for Wind Chimes for our sensory area, through £199 for various items for the Numeracy Area, £320 for the sand pit, £1880 for a Music Arch and lots in between including fencing, gate, turf etc. Those of you who attended the Village Ball in July will like to know that £584 has gone to the Outdoor Play Area fund.

If you are able to help please complete the slip below and hand in at Bob's Butchers for Jane Moreton or deliver to her at Harrow House, Burr Street or contact her by e-mail at janemore@hotmail.co.uk

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Harwell Arts & Craft Group

This group was set up in January 2010 by a group of people who enjoy various arts and crafts and who wished to encourage others.

Many people who enjoy arts and crafts do not always have somewhere they can easily do them, or seem unable to set aside the time to do them at home or who would prefer to be in the company of others who could help them and perhaps learn new crafts. If you fit into any of these categories then this group is for you.

We currently have, woodwork, upholstery, mosaic, card making, scrap-booking, knitting, crochet, various embroideries, water colour and acrylic painting, model building, jewellery and more.

We actively encourage people to pop in and see what we do before making up their minds to join us and always offer tea and biscuits. The group is for men and women.

Because the group is a self-help one and is non profit making we have managed to keep our fees to a very respectable £2 per session. There is no annual membership and you just come when you want to.

We currently meet in the Freeman Hall on a Monday morning between 9.30 and 12.30.

We are changing our day and venue!!!!

From the 2nd September 2010 we will meet on a Thursday morning in the Village Hall 09.30-12.30.

If you think you would like to join us then please pop in and see us. We are planning an Exhibition and sale of work in conjunction with Didcot Woodturners for later this year so watch out for this.

Julia Hayley, June Levey, Maureen Davies, Jacky Hutchinson, Kath Luker.

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Harwell Women's Institute

On the 31 May, we entered the Harwell Feast procession with our 'Save our Bees' float and won first prize for the second year running. The prize was £50 so we have added another £50 to this and have donated it to The Village Hall for their new sound system.

June was a busy month. On Wednesday 09 June partners were invited to hear John Manlove who is a Forensic Scientist. He talked about all aspects of forensic science, his speciality being bugs and grubs in dead bodies!!! On the 16 June a dozen of us went on an afternoon walking guided tour of Oxford with Rob Purbrick. This was called the 'GossipsTour' and included some of the lesser-known aspects of the City. On Thursday 10 June new members met at The White Hart for a New Members Social Evening. Everyone found it very useful and informative.

On Wednesday 14 July at our normal monthly meeting we have Tim Hutchinson from the Larkead Veterinary Practice talking about his work. There was an extra outing in July. On Tuesday 20 July, 30 members and partners visited The Centre for Ecology & Hydrology which is next to The Hydraulics Research Unit at Crowmarsh. This is a brand new research establishment which opened in March 2010 and is working with industry, university graduates and scientists to investigate terrestrial and fresh water sciences. An undergraduate, Richard, told us all about his study into Ladybirds and how the Harlequin Ladybird has come in from Japan and is damaging our own ladybird population.

We do not have a formal meeting in August but we are doing our annual summer walk on Tuesday **24 August**, this year following the path of *Larkrise to Candleford* which is based on somewhere called Fringford just north of Bicester. All are welcome to join this walk. Further details from our secretary Penny.

September has Valerie Calderbank giving us a 'Visual Tour of The Universe'. Also in September on **21st** there is a Malaysian Cooking Demo from 10.30am - 1.30pm - further details from our Sec. Penny.

13 October has Auctioneer Simon Jones talking about valuables.

Come and join us. Visitors are always welcome. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. For more information about joining us or any of the above activities, contact our Secretary, Penny Marsh, on 01235 835430.

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The RBL Village club is now open at lunchtimes. Whilst it is a members only club visitors are extremely welcome to use our facilities and see what we offer.

We also are at present serving Tuesday lunchtime specials between 12.00 and 2.00pm for our more senior villagers and guests and provide very good quality meals cooked at our premises. There is a choice of menu and all you need to do is to contact the club on 01235 221126 and book in. The dates for these are – August 3rd, 17th, & 31st, September 14th & 28th, Oct. 12th & 26th, Nov. 9th and every other Tuesday from then on.

The club also does a Sunday Roast on alternate Sundays which is very good value for money. Again you need only to phone the club number and book in. Dates for these are August 8th, 22nd and every other Sunday from these dates. All meals served in our new Poppies Room.

The club is also available for hire for conferences and meetings during the week and offers very competitive prices for use. It has spacious accommodation and ample parking and catering can be arranged on site through the club at very reasonable rates. For any information contact the club 01235 221126 after 7.00pm or ring the club Secretary on 01235 835870.

The New Poppy Tea Room

We have opened a tea-shop in the newly refurbished Poppy Room of the RBL Club in Westfield, Harwell. We are open from 2.30 until 4.30p.m. on the following Tuesdays - August 10th, August 24th, September 7th and the 21st September and once a fortnight after that.

Please come along and support us, it's for everyone in the Village to call in and have a chat over a cuppa; we also sell delicious home-cakes etc. Just drop in . . .

If you have difficulty in walking, transport could be arranged for you, just ring John on Ab. 835870 and he will arrange a lift for you.

On the Tuesdays between, the Lounge in the Club is also open for lunches cooked by Bec. (who used to be the Chef at The Crispin). They are very reasonable within a very pleasant atmosphere. Just call the club on Ab. 221126 any evening after 7.30 (with a deadline of Sunday) to book a table for a meal on a Tuesday

Yvonne, Lyn, Jean, Margaret, Ann

Harwell Feast Committee

We have had lots of good feedback from this year's Feast day and we are pleased to announce profits of £5,762.00.

We now invite organisations to apply for donations for their projects. Please apply in writing or by email, to Janice Markey, 17, Didcot Road, Harwell, OX11 0DP or jymarkey@googlemail.com by 31st August for consideration at our September meeting.

Our AGM will be held on Weds 20th October. 8.00 p.m. at the R.B.L. All Welcome.

Village Quiz

This will be held on Friday 26th Nov. at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall. Details in next Harwell News.

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Allan Macarthur (tel: 821736) and Tony Hughes (tel: 835301), Churchwardens Harwell.

Harwell Scout Group

Can you help?

The Group needs someone to act as quartermaster for their camping equipment and tents. Enquiries to Brian Zimmerman please on 221146.

Does anyone have a job which needs doing that could be a project for the Explorers, 14-18 year olds, doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award? The requirement is to spend an hour or so per week, over a 6-month or 1 year period. Please contact Claire Storey 221049.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fireworks Night is Friday 5th November at Harwell School, entry by donation. Barbecue and Bar.

Before that, Sat. 2nd Oct, in the Village Hall, a 70's & 80's Disco. Doors open 7.30, disco from 8 pm. £5, Bar.



Electric 'Goblins' from Harwell in national race

Engineers from the ISIS Neutron Source at the STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire teamed up with students and teachers at the local Harwell Primary School to enable them to enter the Greenpower Gathering of Goblins at Goodwood race against other schools from across the country in mid-July 2010.

The Year 6 pupils from Harwell Primary School and their teacher raced two electric cars after ISIS engineers Dennis Cowdery, Ben Eltham, Richard Blight and Stephen Cox spent time each week guiding the children through the construction process and advising them on how to get the best out of their two cars.

Callum, aged 11 said before the race; "The ISIS engineers helped build us a whole new racing car, and the body of the car. We would be lucky to even have one car to race but thanks to ISIS there were two teams from Harwell School".

"Working with the children has been fantastic and a real change for us as engineers," said Dennis Cowdery from ISIS. "The children have learnt a lot working with us and we're excited to see if they win their race at Goodwood."

As part of the project, the 26 Harwell Primary School Students were also able to visit the world-leading ISIS Neutron Source on the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus and find out how scientists use this 'super-microscope' to design new materials to go inside cars for the future powered by hydrogen instead of petrol. They were able to explore the huge research centre with ISIS scientists and take part in a hands-on chemistry workshop.

Class teacher, Steve Sutherland said, "The group really enjoyed visiting ISIS. Being able to be next to such important equipment and ask 'well, what does that do? And how does that work?' and get answers from science professionals – those things are really important.

"The whole project has gone really well and having the ISIS engineers involved has meant that the children have had a lot of access to people with real skills, and that has given a lot in terms of building their confidence as engineers and scientists of the future."

Photo left: The Year 6 class from Harwell School with their Goblin cars emblazoned with the *Harwell Heroes* logo.

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The top 3 in the scarecrow competition at The Allotments, who win garden vouchers, are as follows:-
 1st Martin Ricketts with Tour de Harwell
 2nd The Wall family with Stickman and Dog
 3rd The Poyton/Morris/ Johns families with The Wizard of Oz.

Thank you to all 12 allotment holders who took part in the scarecrow competition. It was a real attraction, enjoyed by all the children and adults who visited. Thanks to Wendy Sinclair for the photos:

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Damsels and Dragons: Sat 21st to Fri 27th August

Go pond dipping and explore the reserve to find out about the fascinating creatures that live in and around our ponds. Admission: Suggested donation £2.50p per child. Suitable for children 5+

Wild Art & Den Building: Sat 28th to Mon 30th Aug

Get your whole family involved making dens and giant wild pictures. Create some smaller masterpieces to take home too. Admission: Suggested donation £2.50p per child. Suitable for children 5+

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Event in aid of Money for Madagascar

Saturday 9th October, 12noon - 4pm

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Attractions (so far) will include: plate/mug painting provided by Creative Corner (Abingdon) who will then fire your works of art; a video/slide show about MfM and live information from a family who have had links with Madagascar for several generations; quilts large and small; exclusively designed Christmas cards ... and much more, of course! We also hope to provide refreshments. For more information – and for offers of help! – please contact Caroline Jackson on 832753.

Harwell Village Produce Show

This takes place in The Village Hall on Saturday 11th September. This show is open to all and has categories ranging from the usual fruit, flower and vegetable classes through to jams, cakes, handicrafts, photographs and art.

Children have their own classes to enter but may enter any of the adult classes also.

Entry fees are only 20p per class for adults up to a maximum of £2 and children's classes just 10p each. Schedules for this, our 30th show can be picked up at Bobs.

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