

# The Harwell News

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## HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May officers elected were: -

Chair – Mrs J Blissett,

Vice-Chair – Mr S Lilly

The Sub-Committee members for

### **Lands and Recreation**

J Mulford, A Fisher, A Jenkins R Thomas,  
D Hayter, J Blissett.

### **Environment and Planning**

S Lilly P Staples, D Hayter, M Sedwards,  
D Boughton-Waite.

Two sites have been investigated for the "affordable housing" project. In the event, however, neither site proved to be viable. Discussions with the landowner of a possible further site are taking place.

The Council have gratefully received a grant of £1,000 from UKAEA to be used for improving the adventure playground facilities.

### **Annual Parish Meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

Some 60 residents attended the Meeting. Mrs J Blissett, in the Chair, reviewed the work of the Council over the past year together with current concerns. Her report covered affordable housing sites investigations, improvements to the adventure playground facilities, the cemetery extension, improvements to the Pavilion and the Council's website. Two representatives of VWHDC spoke about their duties as Environmental Warden (David Coates (Tel: 547641) for fly tipping, stray dogs and dog fouling) and Liz Haydon – a Community Safety Officer, a representative of the Vale's Crime & Disorder Partnership (Tel: 01235 520202 Ext.489 Crime, Drugs, Alcohol Abuse, Anti Social Behaviour).

Dr Tony Hughes and Mr N Staples described the background to the possibilities of a Harwell bypass and the possible route(s) a bypass might take (see pages 7-10). Mr S Lilly outlined his discussions with the Bus Companies, and local authorities concerning the need for restoring the bus services from Harwell to Oxford. He stressed that it was imperative that any improvement in service was justified by increased passenger numbers.

## Planning Matters

### **Applications**

Formal notice of permission

HAR/16917/1 – Two storey front extension to provide porch with en-suite over at 50 North Drive.

HAR/18989 – Erection of a single storey rear extension at 23 Orchard Way.

HAR/17167/2 – Erection of a double garage on land to rear of 17 Kings Lane.

HAR/18959 – Water vole mitigation works including the construction of ditch and culvert with associated landscaping and engineering works on site to the south of the A4130 Didcot Road for Taylor Woodrow Development and George Wimpey UK Ltd.

HAR/19030 – Conversion of roof space to bedroom with ensuite at 37 North Drive.

HAR/12326/3 – Alterations to loft room by raising roof ridge, two dormer windows and velux window at Orchard House, Blenheim Hill.

HAR/4870/18 – Demolition of single storey extension. Erection of two-storey extension with pitched roof. Conversion of garage into two reception areas at Hollyhocks, Reading Road.

HAR/8070/1 – Erection of two storey extension and single storey extensions at Dormers, Reading Road.

HAR/18997 – Extend and convert roof space with internal alterations at Cheslyn Haye, The Wimaway.

**New Applications**

HAR/19057 – Erection of a single storey extension at 24 The Croft. The Council asked that neighbours comments be borne in mind when this application is considered. Subsequently, the Council received a letter of objection, concerning the loss of light.

HAR/12464/3 & HAR/12464/4-LB – Proposed linked garage and garden room extension at Willowbrook, Church Lane.

**Other Applications**

APP/Q3115/1168356

APP/V3120/1168892 – Appeals by George Wimpey & Taylor Woodrow on site at land to the west of Didcot, between the A4130 and Park Road.

The Council wrote to the Planning Inspectorate to reserve the right to make representation. The Planning Inspectorate has requested statement of case in duplicate etc.

Planning applications are listed weekly on VWHDC's web page – <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/Developmentcontrol/>

## Harwell Feast 2005

The Committee breathed a sigh of relief when the rain at 10.30am proved short lived and the sun came out again.

We think you'll all agree the parade was an excellent start to the day. Well done to all who took part.

We hope everyone enjoyed the entertainment on the Rec this year – indeed we nearly ran out of field to put it all on!

Although our treasurer will still be counting pennies and pounds we can confidently invite applications for funding from Feast Day 2005. Applications in writing please to Janice Markey,

17 Didcot Road, Harwell. Closing Date: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August – for consideration at the September meeting.

**NB** We are holding some items of lost property: 2 coats, a pair of shoes, a hat, a toy shopping trolley and 2 boxes of plants, a pink fleecy top, a child's black and white hat and a front door key! Please contact Janice Markey

**PARADE**

The Harwell Feast Committee would like to express their thanks to the seven organisations, the Fun Club, Little Pippins Pre-school Group, Harwell Cubs and Beavers, Harwell Rainbows, Harwell Primary School, Harwell Young Singers and Harwell British Legion who all produced such superb floats again for this year's parade.

**Harwell Fund Club – Hungry Caterpillar**

The Feast Committee is again indebted to Messrs Dennis Lay, Ted Lay, Bill Allen and David Mobbs for supplying tractors and trailers for the floats, also to their drivers and to Mr Lacy and the driver of his lorry. Thanks are also given to the owners of the vintage cars, especially to Mr Read for organising the arena display, to the owners of the vintage tractors, to Mr Owen for supplying the float for the fancy dress entrants and to the owners of the Steam and Engine and London Bus.

The Committee is extremely grateful to Mr John Fisher, Mr Ray Hinchcliffe and their helpers who put up the bunting, as it adds so much to the atmosphere of the Feast, especially the Parade.

## Results

### Parade

- 1<sup>st</sup> Harwell Rainbows – Bathtime  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Harwell Fund Club – The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Little Pippins – Follow the Yellow Brick Road.

### Highly Commended

Harwell Young Singers; Harwell School; Harwell Cubs and Beavers; The Royal British Legion.

**Thanks are given to Mr & Mrs Spear for kindly judging the floats.**

### Children's Fancy Dress

#### 0-5 years

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maryse Girgis and Hannah Hawthorne –  
 The So Silly Clowns  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Katy Hollister – Robin Hood  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Lily and Jack Thomas – Clowns

#### 6-11 years

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jessica Sturdy – A Pirate  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Katie & Sarah McIlroy Speed – Tap Dancers  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Jocelyn & Yasmin Girgis – Ugly Sisters

### Bonny Baby Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Butler – 7 mths  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aiden Penney – 4mths  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Freya and Alice Coate – 5 mths  
 Special – Samuel Hawthorne – 4mths  
 Special – Lily May – 12 weeks.

### Dog Show

#### Class 1 Best Rescue Dog

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pete Fimback with Sophie  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Michael with Danny  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Pheasant with Nimue  
 Special – Adele Harris with Pepe

#### Class 2 – Best Veteran 8 +

- 1<sup>st</sup> Helen Walker with Pippa 14½ yrs  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Kew with Cracker 10½ yrs  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr Walker with Holly 12½ yrs

#### Class 3 Best Six Legs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Julie Russell and Dino  
 2<sup>nd</sup> José Rostagni and Poppy  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Jocelyn Girgis and Oliver  
 Special – Leon Lovelock and Barney

#### Class 4 – Best Movement – Handler & Dog

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Gilgley with Willow  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa Warwick with Fudge  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Gill Heaney with Milly

#### Class 5 – Best Trick

- 1<sup>st</sup> José Rostagni with Honey  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Holly Thomas with Lucky  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Kew with Cracker

#### Class 6 – The Dog That Will Not Eat A Sausage!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Julie Russell with Dino  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Hobin with Toffee  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Adele Harris with Pepe

## HARWELL FEAST COMMITTEE

Chairman – Janice Markey

Vice-Chairman – Jayne Newman

Secretary – Colin Lamont

Treasurer – Reg Waite

Patricia Cooke, Trevor Packer, Jake Castle, José Rostagni, Sid Gale & Steve Webb.

## SPONSORS 2005

UKAEA

Lankelly Chase Foundation

Diamond Light Source Ltd

RWE Nukem Ltd

## Further Thanks to our many volunteers: -

Sam Reynolds, Helen Reynolds, Peter Hunt, Adam Hunt, Mick Pryor, Dick Pateman, Aidey Sessions, Cherry Packer, Alan Spence, John Bainbridge, Stuart Lilley, Don Pike, Joe Blissett, Lynn Moores, Barry Dearlove, Mick Dearlove, Donna Bevan, Graham Moores, Bill Davies, Steve Boddy, Peter Cansell, Kath Pearce, Harwell School Country Dancing Team, St. Matthew's Bellringers, St. Matthew's Catering Team, Sara Lee, Bomber Harris, Tony Taylor, Peter Weatherall, Josie Huckell, Kate Lee, Lin Abbott, Debra Catherall, Jenny Lovegrove, Adele Harris, Nadine Plunkett, Maureen Davies, Zoe Zimmerman, Dee Boughton Waite, Andy Laing, George Laing, Trevor Peagram, Tony Botta, Pete Sanderson and members of Wallingford Dog Agility Club, Elna Wilkinson, Mary Hanley, Gwyneth Lee, Liz Roberts, Amy Smith, Helen Day, Margaret Turner, Penny Marsh, Di Baker, Sally Begley, Nicky Mercer, Jackie Eveleigh, Julie Beasley, Betty Pyke, Wendy Moore, Jean Wernham.

Finally .....many thanks to Bobs the Butchers, White Horse News, The Old Farm Shop and The Royal British Legion for selling the programmes.

## Hot Tips on Home Composting

It's that time of year again, when the days are getting longer, the sun is shining (sometimes!) and we are beginning to venture out into our gardens once again after the cold winter, now that the daffodils and tulips are in flower.

So, what does this mean to us gardeners, beginners or experts? Well, of course, we should first and foremost be taking advantage of Oxfordshire local authorities latest compost bin offer! Two different sizes of compost bin are available once again, for the fifth year running at the same price - £10 for a smaller bin, suitable for singles and couples, or £15.00 for a larger bin perfect for families. The bin can even be delivered straight to your home\*. Alternatively you can collect one from one of the participating garden centres – four across the County, so there's bound to be one near you or where you work. Why not take advantage of the scheme this year, and arrange for your group to have a talk on effective composting by Oxfordshire County Council's Waste Reduction Officer. Oxfordshire's local authorities estimate that approximately 45% of residents in the County are already home composting, but every year we have new recruits and are now more than seventy schools across the County have also begun composting!

Composting is a fantastic way of getting rid of your organic rubbish, in fact, 60% of the average kitchen bin can actually be recycled into a useful resource. Why is this important? Well, first of all reducing rubbish means less unsightly, smelly rubbish bags outside your house; but more importantly reducing rubbish is good for the environment. By composting our kitchen and garden waste, we are diverting waste from landfill, which takes up valuable space and also makes decomposition a very slow process. Rubbish decaying in landfill also gives off harmful chemicals, which are now recognised to contribute to global warming and on a larger scale, climate change.

Most people know much of their garden waste can go into the compost bin, but did you know cardboard, paper, tissues, cotton, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters can also go in. So can egg cartons, washing machine lint, pasta, rice and bread. Once you start adding materials into your compost bin, it is important to get a good mix of different ingredients. You must start to think like a worm, as worms are the heroes of our compost bins. They wriggle and eat their way through the delicious offerings we throw into our bins, and turn them into lovely, nutrient rich soil improver, a veritable treat for our gardens. All this wriggly action will also dramatically speed up the composting process, providing you with a high quality product for use on your garden in less time.

So now all you need to do is call 08708443006 to arrange delivery of your compost bin. If you need any more help with your compost bin speak to Katie Zabel, Oxfordshire Country Council's Waste Reduction Officer with any queries about home or school composting or to arrange a talk: 01865 815908/07776455803.

Oxfordshire's local authorities have also produced a comprehensive waste reduction pack, full of handy hints and practical solutions on how to deal with household rubbish, from junk mail to plastic shopping bags. If you would like to receive a copy of this pack, or require any further information, please call our hotline on 01865 816043.

\* £5 Delivery fee

## Harwell Gardeners Club

At our **April** meeting Mr John Sutton gave an extremely informative talk on 'Salvias'. He has written a book on this subject and has also contributed many articles for magazines and other gardening books. Members were surprised to hear that there are between 700-900 different species of salvias mostly perennial plants, which can be used as shrubs as well as summer bedding. His slides of salvias were taken from all over the world and the evening was rounded off with the usual raffle, coffee and the competition entitled 'Spring flowers'

The subject of our **May** meeting was 'Grasses' given by Roger Turner, a garden designer who has designed at Chelsea and has written four books. He illustrated his talk with lots of slides showing various different coloured grasses some from New Zealand, Japan and also from Beth Chatto's garden. As well as our usual members we welcomed two new visitors and the competition 'a branch from a spring shrub' was, as usual, well supported.

## Boredom Buster Roadshows

A mobile Sports Scheme that provides activities for children aged between 5-12 years at different venues across the district.

The activities which include athletics, basketball, kwik cricket, tennis, unihoc, tag rugby, relay games and much more, are all offered in a safe and fun environment.

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Blewbury Primary School

10am – 3pm – All Day  
(Please bring a packed lunch (no nuts))  
10am – 12.15 – Morning Session  
12.45pm – 3pm Afternoon Session

Costs £12 per day or £6.50 for morning or afternoon session. Ring and Reserve call 01235 547646 to reserve a place on any of the courses. Once a place has been reserved you will have three working days to send in your booking form and payment.

### Wednesday 31 August – Tennis Course – Blewbury Tennis Club – 10am – 12 noon



## FUN CLUB NEWS

We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings in term time between 9.30 and 11.30. All parents and carers of babies and toddlers, as well as mums-to-be, are welcome. Just to make it clear, we do also welcome men – some dads do come and one is even on the committee!

Each week we provide a variety of toys and puzzles, a craft table, juice and biscuits for the children and tea and coffee for the adults – all for only £1 per family (first visit free).

Thanks to all those who helped at the **Nearly New Sale** on 7 May, which was a great success. The **next sale** is on **Saturday 12 November**. All the sellers' tables have already been allocated for November, and I have people on a reserve list too. But we can sell for you on commission still.

We have our **annual summer trip** on **Tues 21 June** to the children's farm Farmer Gow's, which is near Millets Farm in the Abingdon direction. If there is enough interest we will put on a free coach, leaving at 9.15 and returning at 2.30pm. Tickets for the farm are around £5.50 for adults and around £4.00 for children aged 3+ (under 3s are free). Must be booked in advance.

The next **health visitor** session at Fun Club will be **Tuesday 12 July**. Just drop in for a consultation. No need to pay the £1 entrance fee if you just want to see the health visitor.

And our annual **"seaside" theme picnic** event is at the recreation ground 10-12 on **Tuesday 19 July**. There will be various attractions, including a bouncy castle.

We always welcome more volunteers for the committee, or anyone who would just like to come along to see how Fun Club is managed.

Contact: Jane Woolley Tel 22 10 30.

## Mobile Library

**The Mobile Library will be outside the Harwell Village Hall between 2.45 – 3.20pm on the following Wednesdays:  
15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July**

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION –

Harwell Branch Westfields, Harwell  
01235 221126

**New members always welcome – including ex-service people.  
Call in during opening hours.**

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

4<sup>th</sup> June – Guinea Pig Day

Music by Velvet Solitaire in the evening

11<sup>th</sup> June – Games Evening

18<sup>th</sup> June – Weymouth Trip – 19 places still available as at 21<sup>st</sup> May – See Shaun Harmer or Julie Hinchcliffe if interested.

24<sup>th</sup> June – Jake's Bash – Dancing to Graham Morris

25<sup>th</sup> June – The 'Bob' Show

2<sup>nd</sup> July – Pat's Disco – TBA

9<sup>th</sup> July – TBA

16<sup>th</sup> July – The Quarterly Quiz with Brian Mulford

23<sup>rd</sup> July – TBA

30<sup>th</sup> July – Monthly Dance – music TBA

13<sup>th</sup> August – Concert Party to celebrate end of War

Tickets £5 each to include buffet supper 40's dress optional

**Saturday night events start at 8.30pm**

#### ROOMS FOR HIRE

**Weddings, Christenings, Funerals, Parties etc. For further information please contact Sybil Frost, 30 The Park, Harwell.**

Further RBL information, visit our website – [www.rblharwell.freemove.co.uk](http://www.rblharwell.freemove.co.uk)

### **KIDNEY RESEARCH COLLECTION**

**Kings Lane raised £43**

**Many thanks - Bob Barnard**

## **Science in the City**

**A programme of science events for the GENERAL PUBLIC and Families in Oxfordshire. Many events suitable for children. For more info contact Anne Lechelle, The Oxford Trust, Oxford Centre for Innovation, Oxford, OX2 0JX or [www.oxtrust.org.uk/general](http://www.oxtrust.org.uk/general)**

## **Age Concern**

Age Concern Oxfordshire is looking for new volunteers for its *Personnel Home Visiting* service for frail, isolated, housebound and lonely older people. All it takes is an hour or two a week to pop in and have a chat, play board games or just have a cup of tea. Just a little of your time can make a real difference to older people's lives.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with our *Hospital Aftercare Support* scheme operating in the Vale of the White Horse and South Oxfordshire. The service involves both practical and emotional support for an older person who has just been discharged from hospital. Our volunteers provide help with shopping, collecting prescriptions and banking, among other things, for a period of five days.

We urgently need volunteers for this crucial service. Would you like to help give older people the confidence to make it on their own?

Age Concern Oxfordshire needs your help. A little bit of effort can go a very long way. To find out what you can do to help with one or both of the services please contact Alex Ivey on 01235 849400 or [alexivey@ageconcernoxon.org.uk](mailto:alexivey@ageconcernoxon.org.uk)



### **talking science – Einstein Year summer lectures**

The CCLRC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory carries out world leading research ranging from the vastness of space to the invisibly small world of nanotechnology.

To celebrate Einstein Year we have put together a short series of summer lectures and invite you to come along and be inspired by science and scientists. All the lectures are free and many are suitable for families – age guidelines are shown for each lecture.

**Friday 17 June      7pm      Age: 16+**

**Albert Einstein: scientist and superstar - Professor Norman McCubbin, CCLRC Particle Physicist**

A photograph of Einstein and the equation  $E=mc^2$  are surely two of the most widely recognised symbols of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. 2005 is the centenary of the publication of that equation. Einstein's work on relativity made him science's first international superstar. His work on quantum theory was hugely influential and his views on its meaning still resonate. This lecture will look at the man, his physics and the times in which he lived.

**Friday 15 July 7pm Age: 13+**

**The Big Bang theory and the story behind the origin of the Universe - Dr Simon Singh**

The Big Bang theory tries to explain the origin of the Universe. Simon Singh describes the Big Bang theory, tells the story of the scientists who invented it and explains why we believe it to be true. The Big Bang model of the Universe is one of the greatest achievements of human civilisation and this lecture will be a crash course covering a century of cosmology.

**Friday 9 September ...7pm Age: 10+**

**From Marconi to MARS: a selected history of radio research in the UK - Dr Chris Davis and John Bradford, CCLRC Space Science and Technology**

Pioneering radio research carried out at the Radio Research Station (RRS) at Ditton Park near Slough at the beginning of the last century led to the development of RADAR and continues to have a profound impact on our understanding of the world around us. This talk will follow the development of radio technology using photos and early experiments and look at scientific progress from the very earliest experiments in radio at the RRS through to current radio and space-based research, which continues at the CCLRC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. There will also be the chance to try out some of the early experiments for yourself.

**How to book**

Admission is free but booking is essential as places are limited. *Reservations must be made in advance from four weeks before the date of each lecture.*

To book your ticket:

Email: [talkingscience@rl.ac.uk](mailto:talkingscience@rl.ac.uk) or

Phone: 01235 445959 (24hr answerphone)

Please include the following information

- the title of the lecture
- your name, full postal address and contact telephone number
- the number of places you require

**HUMBLE PIE**

Only five or six police forces in the UK offer a Speed Awareness Course as an alternative to three points on the licence, so I was fortunate to have that option after being "done" for 36mph in a 30mph area. In fact everyone at the course I attended (in Bicester – the only other possible venue is Crowthorne) was guilty of the same 20% excess speed – apparently the 22 live cameras of 330 in the Thames Valley Constabulary area only record speeds in excess of 35mph, and 37+ is regarded as one mile too grave to be given the opportunity for some sobering ticking-off at the hands of the training company Drivetech.

The letter I got from Thames Valley Police suggested that I was in for a humiliating experience, but the Drivetech people were genuinely welcoming. They are positively glad to have the chance to educate the public, because they feel that, of the 3 "E"s in motoring – Engineering, Enforcement, and Education, it is the latter that has been left behind. It's striking to note that drivers who have undergone the new driving test (in force since 1997, the previous one having remained unchanged since 1934) have a much more structured theory test to pass and, when they have, only 50% of the leeway that we more mature drivers have in accumulating speeding tickets: if they get six points on their licence within 2 years of passing, it's not "just" a disqualifying period which they face, but retaking their test all over again.

The Speed Awareness course takes a morning with frequent comfort breaks and coffee always on tap. The first bit is an interactive PC-screen questionnaire formulated by the University of Reading to give personal feedback on participants' driving habits, gleaned from their answers to multiple choice questions and response to video clips of hazardous conditions. This is genuinely useful and encouraging when you're feeling a complete heel for having been sent on the course in the first place – for example, it gave me hints and tips on the area which I most needed to practice, and told me how to get further training.



The second part of the morning is an audio-visual training session with lots of discussion based on (sanitised!) photography of actual RTAs. We were reminded that most triangular warning signs are reactive (that is, except for those for a school, a low bridge or a roundabout) and that, therefore, if you see a warning sign which isn't one of those, you can be absolutely sure that some accident or incident has happened at that spot to require it being erected. (And if the triangular sign is on a yellow square mount, it was a very serious incident indeed.) Indeed, all the speed cameras, too, are reactive in that sense – they are put in only in locations where there have been 4 KSIs (killing or serious injuries and by “serious injury” the police mean non-recoverable, such as loss of a limb, or vision) during the past three years. Mobile speed camera units, by the way, are sited where there have been 2 KSIs in previous years. So speed enforcement measures are, in themselves, clues to the hazards that await you on the road.

The morning wasn't all sweetness and light by any means, with a fair proportion of harrowing statistics and images and, very disappointingly, some fellow participants who with quarter of an hour to go before the end were STILL maintaining that they were right and the system was wrong and generally giving the impression that this had been a waste of time. (These were the same trainees who weren't convinced, either, when we were told that the money taken by local authorities in speeding fines goes direct to central government and into the Health Service budget, something I hadn't known before.) But when you hear that 69% of motorists exceed the speed limit in a 30mph area, accounting for 74% of crashes and resulting in 46% of the KSIs on the roads, you realise the benefit of reeducation. The Speed Awareness Course will stay with me far longer than the memory of three points would and will inform my driving long into the future.

If you get the chance to go on one, do – we will all benefit as more and more drivers are reminded of their bad habits and, most importantly, given the opportunity to break them.

[www.drivetechnics.com](http://www.drivetechnics.com) gives information about other courses run by Drivetechnics, such as defensive driving for company car drivers

[www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) will tell you, amongst other things, where the “live” cameras and mobile scanners are located that week.

## Little Pippins Pre-school

A very busy and exciting term 5 finished in a flurry with hectic preparations for the Harwell Feast. My first term as Supervisor went very smoothly, I would like to thank the rest of the team, Jackie, Sally, Helen, Gemma and Laura for their continuing support, and hard work.

- Many thanks to all the staff and parents who worked so hard on this year's float for the Harwell Feast. One of the highlights of our year for the children who take part in the bright and colourful parade. A big thank you to the Feast Committee who organise such an entertaining day.
- The annual Teddy Bears picnic will take place in the recreation ground, on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> so get those teddy bears at the ready!
- Little Pippins Pre-school will be holding an **Open Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June**, 10am-2pm. This is a marvelous opportunity for parents and new families to come along and meet members of staff, and to see the setting. We offer an excellent variety of activities for pre-school aged children, so feel free to pop in for a chat! Find out more about funding, transitioning to school, before school care and wraparound facilities.
- This year our annual summer outing will be at Cuttslowe Park on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The bus leaves Bob's at 9.30am. For more information see the notice board at Pippins. Don't forget the Pre-school is closed this day as we are all on the trip.
- Our annual Sports Day will be held in the Orchard on the last day of term, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. This is when we say goodbye to all the children leaving to start school, or moving on to other settings. We wish them all well in their next venture.

The Breakfast club is providing before school care for those families who need an early start Monday through to Friday. Places are available to book and also at short notice if needed. Members of staff will escort school-aged children to Harwell Primary if necessary.

We have a few spaces left for this term in our regular sessions. Term six begins on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. If you like your child to come to our setting please ring the Pre-school on **01235 821741** or just call in any day from

8.15am until 3.00pm and have a look around to see what we have to offer the children.

Children can start with us from the age of 2.5 years initially with their parent/carer and by the time they are 3 years old, they should be ready and able to stay unaccompanied. The term after their third birthday, your child will be entitled to 5 free sessions with us and this carries on until children start school. You can choose from any of the 10 sessions available and increase the total number of sessions your child attends depending on need.

**Nicky Mercer**  
**Pre-school leader**

Many thanks to all who supported our Grand Raffle Draw and stall at the feast. Many parents work very hard to maintain the pre-school and support the staff in offering as much variety and activity as possible. Thanks also go to Bob and Danyelle and the team at Bob's as another successful cake stall was held raising much-needed funds for the on-going new building project.

If you would like to know more about Little Pippins Pre-school or are interested in supporting the pre-school please call the above number. Alternatively contact **Lorraine Moore on 832713** or e-mail [littlepippins2004@yahoo.com](mailto:littlepippins2004@yahoo.com) or visit our website <http://home.btconnect.com/harwell>

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