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HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting on 9th May officers elected were: -

Chair – Mrs J Blissett; Vice-Chair – Mr S Lilly

Sub-Committee appointments for the year were as follows:

Lands & Recreation: Mr Mulford, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Blissett, Mr Thomas and Mr Hayter

Environment & Planning: Mr Lilly, Mrs Staples, Mr Hayter, Mr Sedways, Mrs Boughton-Waite, and Dr Beswick

Affordable Housing

The Council has been informed that Sovereign Housing has been granted funding for a development of 14 houses in the village. Negotiations are continuing with the owner of the selected site.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Mrs Turner, in her role as Vale District Councillor, attended a recent NAG meeting at Wantage Police Station at which the role of Community Support Officers (CSO) and NAGs was explained. CSOs will be able to issue fixed notices, e.g. for littering. Neighbourhood Groups should report the 3 most pressing worries in their areas for action.

Post Office Closure

The Council has received a letter from the Post Officer regretting the closure of the village post office, but expressing hope that an alternative site be found. Mr Vaizey's help has been sought to maintain this village service. For parishioners who have difficulty in getting to alternative Post Offices transport may be available via the Ring and Ride Service.

Other Matters

The Pavilion was broken into on 25th April. The Council is obtaining quotes for a new steel door and steel shutters.

Following several complaints regarding increased and prolonged barking from the kennels in the Winnaway the Council has requested VOWHDC to investigate the problem. The RSPCA has also been informed.

Bus passes may now be used on Newbury buses.

The Parish Council meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Minutes of Council Meetings may be seen on the website (www.harwellparish.co.uk) and by arrangement with the Parish Clerk (tel: 820006).

The Council wish to remind residents that all dogs should be kept on a lead on public roads and footpaths.

Annual Parish Meeting – 18th May 2006

Some 40 residents attended the Meeting. Mr Stuart Lilly, in the Chair in the absence of Mrs Blissett, reviewed the work of the Council over the past year together with current concerns. His report covered the affordable housing scheme, proposed new showers for the Pavilion, the new cemetery fencing, and improvements to the bus services.

Mike Gilbert, VOWHDC Planning Department, outlined the current position on the Great Western Park development. It appeared that there was a wide divergence of views between the Developers and the OCC and the two district councils on the value to be placed on "planning gain". The main area of disagreement hinged largely on land values and the reduced profit for the developers which results from affordable housing. It was expected that these differences would be discussed at meetings to take place in July. The Vale's plan includes a Harwell bypass but funding for the work lay outside the Vale's remit. A Public Inquiry has been scheduled to start on 7th November 2006 lasting 4 weeks.

Mr John Fisher reported that replacement of changing rooms for sports societies using the Rec. ground in Harwell had now been accepted. The Parish Council and interested groups had met and the plan agreed. A committee will now be formed within the next month to oversee the project with the approval of the Parish Council. This committee will be divided into two sub groups - 1. Funding and 2. Building. Anybody who would like to lend their support to this committee is asked to get in touch with John Fisher at- Park Rise, Reading Road, Harwell Didcot. OX11OLT. Or ring 01235 835870. This committee will be together for the duration of the building project and hopefully it should be an exciting and rewarding effort.

Issues raised by residents included the depth of reporting in Harwell News on Council deliberations, the lack of Sunday bus services, the loss of the Post Office and overgrown hedges.

Plans for the Great Western Park and the Sports Facility were on display.

Planning Matters

Eight new applications have been received, in respect of:

HAR/5841/13-LB- Replacement of windows and external doors, internal alterations, at The Old Brewery, High Street.

HAR/18997/1 - Pitched roof to garage approved under application number HAR/18997 at Cheslyn Haye, The Winnaway.

HAR/6563/3 - Erection of single storey front extension at 36 The Croft.

HAR/1045/7 - Renewal of application HAR/1045/6 for conversion of garage/store to granny annexe and erection of single garage at The Old Chequers, Wantage Road.

PD/18/01/31 - Work to inspect and prune trees at The Homestead, High Street.

HAR/19538 – Single storey rear kitchen extension for domestic use at Amberley, Wantage Road.

HAR/19529 – Demolition of single storey extension and removal of existing roof. Erection of single storey rear extension with 2 bedrooms in roof space at 1 Orchard Way.

HAR/10567/2 – raising the roof pitch, erecting single storey extension, conversion of first floor extension for accommodation at Brookside, School Lane.

The Council has requested that neighbours' comments be borne in mind regarding the above applications.

One letter of objection has been received in respect to HAR/10567/2 (details above).

The Council's concerns about traffic and infrastructure with respect to the Great Western Park development were recently sent to OCC. The reply states that OCC is awaiting completion of the traffic model for the area.

Concerns regarding safety at the Thatched Cottage site on Reading Road were recently sent to VOWHDC. It appears that VOWHDC Planning Department is unable to do much beyond monitoring the situation. VOWHDC has also been asked to report any progress on this site be passed back to the Parish Council so that residents may be kept fully informed.

Eight permissions have been received, as follows;

HAR/15870/3 - Renewal of planning application HAR/15870 for demolition of modern farm buildings.

Change of use of redundant farm buildings to residential (2 dwellings). Erect single storey dwelling with integral garage. Erect car port for 4 cars at Bishops Manor Farm, Townsend.

HAR/15870/4-LB - Renewal of planning application HAR/15870/1-LB at Bishops Manor Farm, Townsend. Details as in above application.

HAR/816/1 - Erection of a single storey extension to enlarge kitchen and dining room at 6 The Cleave.

HAR/19427 -Change of use from newsagents to professional and financial services at Dillons Newsagents, Curie Avenue.

HAR/19437 -Erection of single storey extension to provide a breakfast room and granny annexe at Kilnwood, Blenheim Hill.

HAR/19430 -Erection of rear conservatory at 49 Loder Road.

HAR/19415-LB- Relocation of milestone to north of present position at Wantage Road, Harwell.

PD/18/01/31 – Work to trees at The Homestead, High Street.

Keep Harwell Rural

The South East Plan is a planning document covering the years 2016 to 2026, to be submitted by the South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) to Government. Before that it will be scrutinised by a panel of independent inspectors at an Examination in Public. Comments on the Plan must be made by **Friday June 23rd 2006**.

The Central Oxfordshire part of the plan (*Section E7*) proposes that new housing growth includes a further expansion of Didcot, by 3,000 houses, along with further housing growth at Bicester and Grove. The growth at Didcot would be on top of the growth planned at Didcot West and elsewhere by 2016. Didcot West will be equivalent to three Harwells and there is plenty of concern about how the area will cope with this, let alone another three Harwells after 2016, expanding Didcot to a town double its present size.

KHR, the Parish Council, Didcot Town Council and many other organisations have already objected to this in previous consultations. Nevertheless the County Council has continued to advise SEERA that Didcot, Bicester and Grove should be expanded, believing that this is what is needed to match extra jobs in these locations. The County Council recognises that there are problems with infrastructure (like roads and public transport) that would have to be solved, but has not been persuaded that the alternative of allowing Oxford to expand, where the infrastructure is vastly better, should be preferred. This is actually what Oxford City Council itself proposed in the consultation of October 2005.

If you want to comment on the South East Plan use the *Comments Form* that can be obtained by ringing 01483 555208 or downloaded as a pdf or Word file from www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/southeastplan. There is also an online response form available on the website. The relevant policy on housing in Central Oxfordshire is Policy CO2. Sections of the whole Plan are also on the website.

KHR will be issuing Briefing Notes shortly. For more information contact Tony Hughes tel: 835301, Jane Woolley tel: 221030, or Carol Quarini tel: 835419.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Abingdon Touring Theatre Company

Presents

Canterbury Tales
Saturday 17th September

From our MP – Mr Ed Vaizey

It is now roughly a year since you elected me as your MP in May 2005. Now might be a good time to look back at the year and try and make some kind of assessment – objective, of course!

First, here are some numbers. I have spoken in 25 Parliamentary debates, asked 35 questions to Ministers, received around 2,500 e-mails and around 3,000 letters from constituents, sat through 97 hours of Select Committee meetings, made about 150 speeches to groups ranging from local charities to the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and visited India, Sweden and America on Parliamentary business.

By itself none of this means anything, of course. For me, the most satisfying and effective part of the job is simply being able to help people with their problems, ranging from tax credits, housing, schooling or any of the other plethora of problems that an MP can help with.

As well as helping constituents' individual problems, I have been campaigning on a number of issues. Let's begin with the successes. The Park Child Psychiatry Hospital in Oxford has won a stay of execution after the Minister saw sense during an Adjournment debate I held earlier this

year. First great Western has pulled back from some of the cuts it was trying to make to commuter services from Didcot, after meetings with Ministers and Parliamentary pressure. The scientific publishing industry that employs so many in our area is now more secure after a campaign to sustain investment in new technology.

However, there is still a lot to do. The NHS in Oxfordshire has a £25 million deficit; Grove and Didcot face the prospect of huge housing growth, which I oppose, and Thames Water are pushing ahead with plans for the reservoir.

I have spent a lot of time with some of our most successful businesses of late. I dropped in to see Taylor & Francis, a 200 year old publishing business, which is responsible for numerous learned journals.

This is all part of my extensive education in publishing, as I have participated in a debate on the subject in the House of Commons; launched Blackwell's carbon neutral HQ, and I am now doing "work Experience" with Reed Elsevier. This last link is under the auspices of the Industry and Parliament Trust, who quite rightly take the view that MPs know nothing about business; so ensure that they are embedded with a company for some three weeks over the course of a year.

I have also met Wallingford campaigners who are calling for more Police – I get about 2 letters a week complaining about the lack of Police from all over the country; and been involved in helping to set up Didcot First, a campaign group for Didcot. All the towns in my constituency have something similar, but I certainly think Didcot needs a strong voice, as it grows bigger.

Parliament has been quiet – at least in terms of legislation, if not in terms of politics! The most contentious piece of legislation, on which I have received correspondence, has been Lord Joffe's assisted dying bill. I oppose the Bill, but as you may have seen the Lords has voted it down so it won't come to the Commons.

Thank you to everyone who has said kind words following the news breaking that my wife is expecting our first child.

As usual, I can be contacted at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350, vaizeye@parliament.uk

Up-coming surgeries, 5.30pm, Fridays:

23rd June – Town Hall, Wallingford

21 July – King Alfred Drive Community Centre, Didcot

Harwell School Summer Playscheme judged "outstanding"

An OfStEd inspection of 2005's Summer Playscheme adjudged the fun-packed fortnight at Harwell School to be "outstanding", the highest possible award.

An Inspector looked at the range of activities and the health and safety provision and asked the participants – children at Harwell School – what they thought. Firm favourites were cooking sessions, a hike or a coach trip to see a film, tennis or cycling proficiency.

These activities will be on the programme for the 2006 scheme and will be joined by school-based sports and craft, quizzes and story-times as well as less structured sessions based on, for example, sand or water play or construction equipment for those children who just want to "chill out" after a heavy school year.

The scheme, which is run entirely by volunteer mums and dads under the management of Janice Markey, will run on weekday mornings from 7 - 18 August this year. Enquiries to 83 28 02 or 83 42 95.

HARWELL SCHOOL**Summer Fair**

Saturday 8th July
2-4pm

and

Fun Run

c5miles un-marshalled

£2 entry

Age 16+ only (kids' mini runs at 3.30pm)

Registration on day from 1.00pm

or in advance via Cath Convery

(01235 817825 or harwellfunrun@aol.com)

Start 1.45pm

Trophies for 1st man & 1st woman**The Annual Village Footpath Walks
Sunday 9th April**

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who took part in the Footpaths Walk in April.

GARDENING CLUB

Our April meeting was very well attended and Mr D. Everitt gave an enthusiastic talk on 'Plants that should be grown more Frequently'. He is a very experienced plantsman and a horticulturist with over 50years experience. He showed some beautiful slides of large herbaceous borders and gave lots of suggestions of good perennials to grow in our smaller gardens. There were lots of bulbs and plants for sale and there was a very good array of daffodils for the monthly competition.

The speaker at the May meeting was Dr John Page, who gave a very knowledgeable talk on all types of alpine gardens illustrated with slides. He showed various uses of different containers and also raised beds to show off alpine plants at their best and some of them also contained artificial rock called Tufa as well as genuine stone. The monthly competition was a miniature alpine garden.

DIDCOT HEALTH WALKS

Many people and organisations have voiced the benefit of walking to improve ones health. With the initiative from various Agencies, the Didcot Health Walks, together in other regions, were set up by South Oxfordshire District Council with the aim to improve the well being of people in the community. All the walk leaders are trained and carry out this task on a voluntary basis.

There are two walks a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing at 10.00 am. The Tuesday walk starts at the Willowbrooke Leisure Centre on the Ladygrove Estate and it's a pleasurable 2-mile walk around the footpaths that crisscross the area. The Thursday walk starts in Green Close (next to Berkshire Court) and is a 2.5-mile walk through the countryside via East Hagbourne.

For first time walkers, the walks can be adapted to suit the individual needs and can be reduced to 1 to 1.5 miles.

Why not come and join the happy band of walkers and feel the benefit it brings. Contact Robin McStay on 01235 835358 or Beryl Hartley on 01235 813669.



talking science

RAINFOREST ROADSHOW

FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2006 – at 7pm

AT CCLRC RUTHERFORD APPLETON LABORATORY

Come along and find out about the fascinating ecosystem of the tropical rainforest and the interesting lives of the tribal people who make their home there.

This entertaining lecture will help you to understand more about this globally important and fast disappearing environment.

The presenter, Dave Shaw will share experiences of his travels to Central and South America, Malaysia, Borneo and New Guinea, where he has encountered a very different way of life.

To book places please contact Lisa Faircloth on 01235445789 or by email l.h.m.faircloth@cclrc.ac.uk

Harwell Feast 2006

Considering that the day started with a hailstorm and finished with a rainstorm we had a splendid day in between.

The Harwell Feast Committee would like to express their thanks to the four Organisations, the Fun Club, Little Pippins Pre-school Group, Harwell Rainbows and the Village Hall Pantomime Cast who all produced such superb floats again for this year's parade.

The Winners were Harwell Rainbows with their "Bedtime" display.

Thanks are given to Mr & Mrs Thomas for kindly judging the floats and to Annette Edgar for judging the decorated vintage cars. The Feast Committee are again indebted to Mr Dennis Lay, Mr Ted Lay and Mr David Mobbs for supplying tractors and trailers for the floats and also to the drivers.

Thanks are also given to the owners of the vintage cars, especially to Mr Read and Mr Langford for organising the arena display, to the owners of the vintage tractors, to Mr Owen for again supplying the float for the fancy dress entrants and to the owners of the model steam engine and the model organ grinder. Special thanks go to Mr Williams who kindly transported the May Queen and her attendants from Townsend to the Feast in his great vintage car.

The Committee are extremely grateful to Mr Michael Talbot and his helpers who put up the bunting, as it adds so much to the atmosphere of the Feast, especially the Parade.

Children's Fancy Dress

0 – 5 years

The Darling Buds of May – 1st

Samuel Hawthorne, Hannah Hawthorne, Maryse Girgis

A Monkey – 2nd Alice Thorley

A Fairy – 3rd Lucy Freeman

6 – 11 years

Sporting Heroes – 1st Yasmine Girgis, Jocelyne Girgis

A Squirrel – 2nd Alice MacArthur

A Ladybird – 3rd Jessica Sturdy

Bonny Baby Competition

1st Amelia Wall – 8 mths

2nd Harley Brown – 4 mths

3rd Caitlin Juniper – 9 mths

Special – Youngest baby – Owen Barette – 3 mths

Special – Big Smiles – Connor Johnstone – 7 mths

Fun Dog Show

Thank you to all owners and dogs who took part in the Fun Dog Show and who admirably carried on regardless of the rain. The Best In Show was Murphy the Dog. This event raised £56.50 for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

We have many people to acknowledge for their time and help given on the day. Thanks go to: - The Wantage Air Cadets, Dan Sheridan, Sam Reynolds, Helen Reynolds, Aidey Sessions, Dick Paterman, Barry Dearlove, Joe Blissett, St. Matthew's Bellringers, Peter Cansell, Kath Pearce, Harwell School Country Dancing Team, Wallingford Dog Training Club, St. Matthew's Catering Team, Kate Lee, Sara Lee, Bomber Harris, Peter Weatherall, Blossom Smith, Graham Ripley, Ray Pitts, The North Berks Radio Model Society, Bill Davies, Maureen Davies, Steve Boddy, Jenny Lovegrove, Kath Luker, Adele Harris, Dee Boughton Waite, Cherry Packer, Alan Spence, Andy Laing, George Laing, Ann Lamont, Mary Hanley, Liz Roberts, Josie Huckell, Kate Beswick, Margaret Turner, Penny Marsh, Di Baker, Gwyneth Lee, Nicky Mercer, Jackie Eveleigh, Julia Beasley, Betty Pyke, Harwell WI. All the staff at Bobs Butchers and White Horse News and anyone else I've forgotten!

Our Sponsors this year:

UKAEA;
RWE Nukem;
Canberra, Harwell Ltd;
Reviss Services (UK) Ltd;
Diamond Light Source Ltd

If you enjoyed the Feast this year and you see any of the committee members in the street let them know – they have all worked hard on producing this year's Feast Day – Jayne Newman, Colin Lamont, Reg Waite, Patricia Cooke, Trevor Packer, Jake Castle, José Rostagni, Sid Gale and Susan Lambert.

Janice Markey, Chairman

All About Playscheme

Playscheme offers the opportunity for play for 5-11 yr olds in a safe and friendly environment. We run for 2 weeks Monday 7th – 11th August and Monday 14th – 18th August; 10.00 am – 12.30pm. Activities include arts and crafts, sports, cooking, free choice play and day trips. Playscheme is available to all pupils of Harwell School. The scheme is staffed by volunteer parents and teenage ex-pupils.

Playscheme is registered with ofsted and is inspected regularly. Last year upon inspection we were rated "outstanding" in all areas of inspection – The Effectiveness of the Provision, Protecting Children from Harm or Neglect and Helping them Stay Safe, Helping Children Achieve well and enjoy what they do, Helping Children make a Positive Contribution and Organisation. Inspector's comments included "Partnership with parents and carers is outstanding" Children's behaviour is exemplary Staff spend time playing with the children and listening to them the children are secure and supremely confident in the setting". We were proud to achieve the grade of outstanding.

Registration this year takes place at the school on Tuesday 27th June after school and Wednesday 28th June before school. You can also register at the school fete on Saturday 8th July at 2pm.

We would like every child to be able to attend Playscheme and we have a small number of free and assisted places.

This year all children in 7 C and in Class 1, along with any older children new to the school will receive a voucher entitling them to a free morning at Playscheme.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE KIDS

Janice Markey, Playleader
Tel 01235 832802

W.I. News

We have just wished ourselves Happy Birthday as it is 85 years since Harwell W.I. was formed. Marvellous to think it has kept going and is still thriving after so long. I expect there was an interest in flower arranging even back then but nothing could have been more updated now than the demonstration of 'Fabulous Flowers' we had for our April meeting. Matthew, from his shop of that name in Abingdon, inspired us with such original creations. Do pop into his shop on Bridge Street and feast your eyes on some of his wonderful blooms and arrangements - they are exquisite.

Some of our members recently went to a private evening showing at the Pendon Museum in Long Wittenham. It's years since I last visited and it was great to see how it has developed. The models are made with such skill and attention to detail and the whole set up is fascinating if you are interested in model landscapes and trains.

Our next event is a Coffee Morning to be held on Saturday 10th June from 10am to midday at the home and garden (we hope) of our President Di Baker - 1 The Croft. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale and a raffle.

The attraction at our June monthly meeting is a talk entitled '35 Years on a Milk Round' which I believe is full of amusing anecdotes. On 5th July we have a special outing to the beautiful garden at Filberts in North Moreton and then a talk about The Shakers for our usual monthly meeting. We don't meet in August so that sees us through the summer more or less.

Visitors are always most welcome to our meetings which are held every 2nd Wednesday in the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Joyce Doughty Press Secretary

Harwell Evergreens

It is fifty years since Harwell Evergreens was started. It began when the then Rector, Mr Clifford Mason, saw the need for an organisation for older people. He persuaded Mrs Bint to run it and she agreed so long as her friend, Mrs Robey, helped her.

Since then the Evergreens have flourished and still have membership of over seventy. This year we have had a varied programme – talks on the Chiltern Air Support Unit, Life as a Landgirl, Canoeing and white water rafting on the Zambesi, a musical afternoon, as well as a pub lunch. Further outings, a garden party and talks are planned and in August we are having a party to celebrate our fiftieth anniversary. A generous donation from the Harwell Feast Committee will enable us to do it in style!

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any information or photographs relating to the early days of the Evergreens, and new members are always welcome. Ring 835623 for more details.

Jean Twigger

DIAMOND LIGHT SOURCE

Your chance to learn about Oxfordshire's new science gem - Diamond Light Source general public and business talks on Monday 26th June 2006, Said Business School, Oxford

(1) 2pm - General Public:

The first talk is open to the general public and will be held at 2pm. Dr Victoria Wright, a Detector Scientist at Diamond, will speak about powerful machine that lies within the doughnut shaped building and give an overview of the scientific questions that Diamond will be able to help researchers to answer in the years to come.

(2) 6pm - Business Community:

Representatives from the county's business community are invited to the second talk, which will be held at 6pm. Nigel Moulding, Diamond's Finance Director, will give an insight into his role as Finance Director for this £380 million facility.

Please note that entrance is by ticket only, and to book a place for either talk, please call Sarah Repacholi (Tel: 01235 778548). More detailed information can be found on the Diamond Light Source website at: http://www.diamond.ac.uk/News/LatestEvents/Said_26June06.htm

Local charity The Speedwell & WellBeing Trust

have organised a health talk on Wednesday 19th July at Green College, Oxford entitled HYPOGLYCAEMIA – THE GRAND DECEIVER! by Roderick Lane starting at 7.30pm. Hypoglycaemia is part of the symptom pattern of many life-debilitating disorders including migraine, depression, chronic fatigue, diabetes, PMT, hyperactivity and attention disorders, yet it is routinely dismissed. This talk will provide insight into how to identify and manage the condition, as well as focusing on the dietary and nutritional needs of sufferers. Admission is £4 at the door or £2 in advance - contact the Trust's Helpline on 01865 554089 or visit www.speedwellbeing.org.uk for further information.

Mobile Library

**The Mobile Library will be outside the Harwell Village Hall between 9.15 – 9.45am on alternative Wednesdays 14th, 28th June and 12th and 26th July.
Harwell Business Park Kids Unlimited 9.55- 10.10am**

Home Start Antique Roadshow!

After a very successful day last year, you can once again dig out your treasures and bring them along for valuation by the experts on Saturday 10th June at Wallingford Town Hall, Wallingford between 10.00am and 1.00 pm. Bonhams, who have been auctioneers and valuers since 1793 will be using their expert skills to value your household wonders, all in aid of Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire, a local charity helping local families with small children. The cost of valuing 2 items is £5.00 and £1.00 per subsequent item. Refreshments are also available.

So come along and bring your treasures, ceramics, books, toys, silver, pictures etc. You never know what might be in your attic!

For more information, please contact Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire on 01235 511152
In aid of Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire, supporting local families. Registered Charity Number 1006230.

After-school Club Play Leader & Breakfast Club Assistant

Two great opportunities exist in Harwell Village for either; NVQ qualified individuals, parents or those wishing to become qualified or experienced in childcare.

Key to both positions is the ability to provide a safe and stimulating, environment for young children and to take either full responsibility of the After-school Club, or to work as part of the Pre-school Breakfast Club team.

Breakfast Club Assistant

Formal training is not essential, however the desire to work within the local community and to provide the best possible care is.

After-school Club Play Leader

Individuals should be NVQ3 qualified or level 2 qualified with the commitment to continue with further studies/

If you are interested in learning more about these roles please contact:

Claire Storey (After-school Club) 01235 221049 or Lorraine Moore (Breakfast Club) 01235 832713

Term Time Only – Harwell Village

Little Pippins Pre-school

Another busy term is coming to an end.

- We will be having an Open Day in June, look out for more details nearer the time.
- Our annual summer trip this year is going to be on Thursday 29th June.
- Pippins play scheme is hopefully going to be running this year, week commencing 7th and the week commencing 14th August.
- We will be going swimming in term 6 at the new pool at Harwell school.
- The annual teddy bear's picnic will be held in term 6, this is where we take our teddies up to the recreation ground for a picnic, and pray the weather stays fine!
- Our annual sports day will be held on Friday 21st July, which is the last day of term. This is when we say goodbye to all the children who are leaving to start school, or moving on to other settings. We wish them well in the future.
- We return for the start of Term 6 on Monday 5th June.

We have some spaces available from September this year so please do come and see us.

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.

If you would like to know more about Little Pippins Pre-school or are interested in supporting the pre-school please call **01235 821741**. Alternatively contact **Lorraine Moore on 832713** e-mail littlepippins2004@yahoo.com or visit our website <http://home.btconnect.com/harwell>

Nicky Mercer Pre-school Supervisor



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 actually come regularly.

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 supported our **Nearly New Sale** on Sat 13 May. We raised around £300 for Fun Club funds. The next Sale of baby/toddler/pre-school clothes, books, toys & equipment will be in the village hall on **Saturday 11 Nov** 10am-12pm. All the tables for sellers at this sale have already been reserved (plus there is a waiting list) but we can still sell items on 1/3rd commission for you.

Our sales in 2007 will be on 12 May 07 and 3 November 07, so if anyone else can think that far ahead, let us know if you would like a table for then!

Our **Phoenix Cards** rep (good quality cards but much cheaper than in the shops) will be with us on **Tuesday 13 June** and our **Barefoot Books** rep (beautifully illustrated children's books) will visit us on **Tuesday 27 June**. Please feel free to pop in to see these stalls, even if you have nothing to do with Fun Club (no need to pay entry fee if you just want to look at a stall).

This half term we have been busy doing craft with the children to decorate our **float** for Harwell Feast.

The **health visitor** will be visiting us during our **27 June** session. This is a convenient way of accessing a health visitor without having to go into Didcot. Please bring your child's red book if possible. You don't need to pay the £1 entry fee if you just want to come to see the health visitor.

Our last session this term will be on **Tuesday 21 July**, and we will start again on **Tuesday 5 September**.

Contact: Jane Woolley Tel 22 10 30

Cherry Tree Court 20th Anniversary

A Coffee Morning recently marked this event, and several people have been there from the start. One of those is not a resident - Margaret Russell has kept the communal areas clean for the whole 20 years. The Scheme Manager, Frances Taylor, presented her with a bouquet to show their appreciation for the work done over these 20 years:

Two residents have been there from the opening. One is Ron Fry, who had lived in Barrow Park for a couple of years after moving here because he had family in the area. Sadly his wife Iris died earlier this year. He had been a signalman on the railway, working in the London docks area and ending as a Controller at Liverpool Street.

Bubs Hullah was also there at the start, being, with her husband Alan, the last to move in, in May 1986. They had been in the prefabs near Curie Avenue. Alan was a Policeman on the Harwell site and she worked as a Clerical Officer in bio-essay.

Bubs started her working life at Wheatley, where there was a military hospital run by the Canadians. She and Alan were in the Forces, and met in the Far East. They were later in Cyprus and Germany before coming to Harwell in 1973.

Both Ron and Bubs look as if they will be enjoying many more years at Cherry Tree Court, and no doubt the Anchor Trust and the Manager, Frances Taylor has a lot to do with that.

Martin Ricketts

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The Parish Council has decided that, due to the increase in postage charges to be imposed later this year, a copy of the Harwell News will no longer be sent automatically to advertisers. If a copy is required, advertisers should request one.

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