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The Council met on 12th September. Mr Lamont (County Councillor) reported that changes are planned to parking charges in Oxford and on the opposition to the scheme for depositing ash in Radley Lakes. The OCC's view was that the scheme to deposit ash in the lakes was preferable to transporting the ash elsewhere by road. OCC is likely to seek local views on the proposed Steventon Reservoir.

Community Project for New Pavilion

Mr Fisher provided details of two groups which have been set up to drive the project forward; a Building Sub-Group and a Finance Sub-Group. These Groups will agree timescales for the project and will meet a cross-section of the community, including young people, to obtain a wide selection of ideas.

Some funding may be available in connection with the Great Western Park development.

Play Area

The annual RoSPA inspection report on the Play Area stated that the cradle swings needed to be replaced urgently because of corrosion. The swings have been removed. Estimates for replacements are being sought.

Vandalism

One of the Pavilion doors was badly damaged over the August weekend. The police have been informed and the door has been repaired.

Traffic Speeds on the Reading Road

Following concerns expressed by a Reading Road resident about traffic speeds the Council have arranged for temporary "Speed Watch" signs to be put in place. Any more permanent measures would have to be paid for by grants.

Winnaway Kennels

VOWHDC Environment Health Department are to assess recordings taken near the site of the kennels.

Planning Matters

A resident has requested that the Council write to VOWHDC to suggest that in future more information be provided to affected householders of their legal rights regarding planning applications. The Council has agreed to suggest a revision of the information currently included in Notices of Planning Applications

Planning Applications

Planning from July:

Formal notice of permission has been granted for

HAR/9501/1 - Erection of side elevation to form a bay window, erection of carport at 32 Westfield.

HAR/10567/3 - Erection of single storey front & rear extensions (re-submission) at Brookside, School Lane.

PD/18/01/31 - Cutting down of 2 Chamaecyparis Lawson trees at 3 Hengest Gate.

4 new applications have been received as follows:

HAR/12945/3 - Demolition of existing garage. Erection of pitched roof single garage, erection of single storey extensions to side & rear at Yearlings, Downs Close.

HAR/18330/1 - Erection of carport at Tarik, The Barrow.

The Committee had no objections to these applications, but asked that Neighbours' comments be taken into consideration.

Amended plans have been received as follows:

CDS/P02W0848/O

& HAR/17774/X - Land to west of Didcot (ie Planned Great Western Park development).

This application relates to alterations in the original plans for the development; extra housing (approx. 100 houses) in place of the third primary school. No Council comments are to be sent in, as the proposed amendment does not affect Harwell Parish any more than the original plans.

HAR/4402/1 - Erection of 2-storey side extension utilising loft space, & integrated front entrance porch at 18 Orchard Way.

The Council asked that neighbours' comments be borne in mind when considering this application.

Planning from August:

Formal notice of permission has been received in respect of:

HAR/3542/2 - Single storey extension & new-pitched roof over existing flat roof at 25 Orchard Way.

HAR/16094/1 - Proposed 1st floor extension & front porch at Razmak, Abingdon Road, Rowstock.

HAR/5236/5 - Replace window with French doors connecting kitchen to patio at Close Barn, Townsend.

One notice of refusal has been received as follows:

HAR/11483/4 - Erection of detached bungalow with parking at The Cottage, Townsend.

One notice of work to trees has been received:

PD/18/01/31 - Various works involving pruning of several trees & removal of one tree which is damaging the pavement at Rose Cottage, Gaveston Road.

6 new applications have been received as follows:

HAR/19692 - Proposed erection of detached dwelling & garage on land part of Greenbanks, Downs Close.

The Council has raised objections to this proposal: the proposed building is too large for the site; there are no indications that the existing 5 foot high bank is to be levelled or lowered before building starts; the pitched roof may affect visibility for traffic approaching from Rowstock.

HAR/19723/1 - Change of use from amenity to private to provide access and a drive at 28 The Park.

HAR/19723 - Demolition of garage, replacement with porch & 2 storey side extension at 28 The Park.

HAR/9980/4 - Demolition of garage, construction of new garage including excavation of existing driveway to provide level access at Elm Cottage, Reading Road.

HAR/2231/9 - Erection of 1 dwelling – changes to existing Planning Permission HAR/2231/7 & **HAR/2231/8** at Froud Builders, Reading Road.

HAR/19732 - Erection of single storey extension to front of property and side garage extension at 4 Westfield.

The Council had no objections to these applications, but asked that neighbours' comments be taken into consideration by the Planning Department.

One letter of objection has been received in respect of:

HAR/4402/1 - Erection of single storey side extension utilising loft space & integrated front entrance porch at 18 Orchard Way.

Planning from September

No objections received for

PD/18/01/31 - Work to trees at Rose Cottage, Gaveston Road.

Formal notice of permission has been received in respect of:

HAR/4402/1 - Erection of 2 storey side extension utilising loft space & integrated front entrance porch at 18 Orchard Way.

One application has now been withdrawn:

HAR/4515/4 - Conversion of garage and erection of new garage with new access at 9 Tyrells Close.

From our MP – Mr Ed Vaizey

I am coming to the end of the parliamentary recess. I spent a week visiting the Falkland Islands, as part of my role in the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme. I spent two days on board HMS Chatham, and two days at the base (which has the longest corridor in the world). Just in case you think this was a jolly, I would remind you that August is the Falklands' winter! I also spent a week working at a night shelter in Bedford, which was very illuminating. It gave me a better insight into the problems faced by the homeless. If I learned one thing, it is that homelessness is a symptom of much deeper problems with an individual, not a cause of those symptoms. So even if everyone had access to accommodation, that would not simply solve their problems. They need a great deal of hands on support.

I am now preparing for fatherhood, and also trying to lose weight for my Arctic Challenge for charity. I will be riding a husky dog sled across the arctic wastes in February, and raising money for Crimestoppers and the Oxfordshire Community Foundation, which gives money to local charities. On the off chance you wanted to sponsor me, just go to www.justgiving.com/edvaizey - or send me a cheque!

Upcoming surgeries are in Wantage Civic Hall on 13 October, Faringdon Corn Exchange on 27 October and King Alfred Drive Community Centre in Didcot on 10 November. All are from 5.30 – 7pm.

I can be contacted at any time at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, ☎ 0207 219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Up to date news can be found at www.vaizey.com.

More Development at Didcot?

There will be an **Exhibition** in the **Freeman Hall** on Friday, **3rd November** staged by the Vale of White Horse District Council. This will be concerned with the proposal contained in the South East Regional Spatial Strategy (South East Plan) to build yet another 3000 houses at Didcot, on top of the 3200 that are soon to be built between Didcot and Harwell. The Council has identified areas where these proposed houses might go. These areas will be revealed at the exhibition. Some of them are very close to Harwell.

The exhibition is part of the public consultation taking place before an Examination-in-Public which will sit in February. The EiP will consider, among other things, what constraints there are against building more houses at Didcot and, in particular, building them in the areas that the Council has identified. The exhibition is your chance to make your views on these plans known and to have those views reported to the EiP.

As your County Councillor I strongly urge everybody in Harwell to attend this exhibition and to take part in the consultation, because it is the best opportunity that you are likely to get to comment on matters that will be very important for the future of our village.

The exhibition will run from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m, when Officers from the Vale will be present. It will remain in the hall, unmanned, over the weekend and anybody wishing to view it then may request a key by calling 832866. Background information can be found at the website www.eipsoutheast.co.uk

Colin Lamont

Village Hall

We have been continuing with our redecoration programme at the Hall. The small room in the Freeman hall has been redecorated and it is now in regular use by the Buffaloes. The Committee Room has also been refurbished and is available for hire.

We have applied for a Lottery grant to buy new furniture for the main hall and we have consulted with our regular users to decide what to get in the way of replacements for the rapidly deteriorating tables and chairs that we now have. The "Awards for All" grants are due to be announced on 10th October and, if we are lucky, I hope that people will be more comfortably seated soon.

Our Treasurer, Trevor Packer, has indicated his wish to retire and I would like to thank him publicly for the good work he has done over the past nine years and also his previous involvement before that. We need to appoint a new treasurer. Please will someone who would like to do a little bit for the benefit of our village come forward and contact me? Alternatively, if you know somebody who might be persuaded, please let me know.

Colin Lamont 832866

Harwell Evergreens

Harwell Evergreens celebrated their 50th anniversary with a party in August, in the Village Hall. Excellent entertainment was provided by a group from the Steventon Singers. In addition a coach load of members enjoyed an outing to Winchester and a steam train ride on the Watercress line. Thanks are due to the Harwell Feast Committee for helping to make this possible.

Jean Twigger

Gardening Club

The August evening visit went to Woolstone Mill House, the garden of Mr and Mrs Anthony Spink set in the pretty hidden village of Woolstone. The half-acre garden had a stream running through the centre amidst large herbaceous borders, yew hedges and medlar trees. There was also a large vegetable garden, which despite the drought was flourishing. A lovely family garden complete with swimming pool and wonderful views of the White Horse at Uffington. Members enjoyed a glass of wine with homemade cheese biscuits and a chat with Mr and Mrs Spink in the beautifully converted garage.

Our September meeting back in the Village Hall was a bit low on numbers but those that came really enjoyed a talk on 'Roses' given by Rose Gandy, the daughter of the founder of Gandy's Roses. Before the talk members were given a questionnaire on roses with a rose bush as the prize, which was won by Fred Gee. We then watched a video from a Gardeners World programme with Chris Beardshaw interviewing Mr Gandy before he died and members were also given tips on pruning, shaping, and feeding roses. Joy Gee won the competition of a single rose and there were rose bushes on sale to members too.

ALLOTMENTS

There are 5 allotments available to rent – one of which is a half-size plot.

Harwell Village 26th Annual Produce Show

Results

The Mary Turner Salver

(awarded to the WI member with most points)

Di Baker

The Laurie Chumbley Photographic Trophy

Wendy Sinclair

The Handicraft Trophy

Lynn Nickerson

Young People Challenge Trophy

Adam Tankard

The Domestic Cup

Audrey Cumberland

The Vegetable Trophy

Fred Gee

The Novices Trophy

Adam Tankard

The Floral Art Trophy

Debra Davies

The Rowstock Orchard Trophy

Caroline Tyler

The Chairman's Trophy

(for the highest points in the flower classes)

Joy Gee

The Harwell Rose Bowl

(for the highest points in the horticultural classes)

Fred Gee

The Harwell Produce Show Shield

(for the highest points in all classes)

Fred Gee

The David Dewey Memorial Shield

(for the Gardeners' Club Member gaining the highest points)

Fred Gee

The competitor making the highest number of entries in the show was Mike Kerswell

The show secretary, Ernie Bird would like to thank all who contributed in any way to help make the show a success.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

The Parish Council Office is open from 9 – 11am on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays – Tel: 820006

Harwell W.I. News

Summer is fading fast but we can look back to the enjoyable events of the Summer. These included 2 evening trips, the first a private visit to the Pendon Model Railway Museum at Long Wittenham. Tucked away down a quiet lane is this fascinating gem showing the unique and highly skilled handiwork of a small group of enthusiasts. Well worth a visit if you haven't been there.

The second was a rather wet visit to Filberts Garden in North Moreton. Again this is a little local treasure usually only open for National Garden Visits. Members were inspired by this private garden and we all came away clutching plants to transform our own.

Our monthly meeting speakers were a personal account of '35 years on a Milk Round by Sylvia Brown (not our Jackie – many long term Harwellians will remember her chinking the bottles in the early hours).

Next we learned all about The Shakers from John Ericson who gave a fascinating talk about this community.

Our latest speaker was Malcolm Brownsword who took us on a trip round the Gardens of Japan through his slide show.

Our Autumn Meetings are planned to be varied and different. They are a light hearted talk called 'My Max Bygraves' in October and then Peter Austen from the Hamper Company in Hendred will talk about his business in November.

That brings us round full circle to Christmas celebrations which will take the form of a dinner at Home Farm Trust (always a real treat) and our own seasonal get together when we will be entertained by John Hunt.

You will be most welcome if you come along to our monthly meeting held every second Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and don't worry – you won't have to sing Jerusalem!!

Joyce Doughty, Press Secretary

Aunt Sally

A long lost relative? - no - a very old traditional pub game.

Congratulations go to our newly formed Harwell British Legion team who for the second year running won their Section in the Abingdon League

The game goes back at least to the 17th century but is only now played in the Oxford area

8 players in the team each with 6 sticks (rather like rolling pins) these are thrown underarm at a stubby wooden skittle known as a

doll (or dolly) perched on top of an iron stake (the iron) and try to knock it off. In a match there are 3 legs like this,

followed by a beer round (to decide who buys the drinks!)

The origin of the game is unclear, it may have come from a fairground pursuit where a doll dressed as an old maid was the target.



Thankfully the game has moved on and is now just a fun way to spend a summer's evening.

HARWELL SCHOOL PLAYScheme

Seventy-two children enjoyed fun and games at this year's Playscheme. I asked them to tell people who have not been before all about it. Here is what they said:-

"I really liked the cooking. You really learnt how to do it and then you can do it at home. Come along and have some fun. I'm sure you'll enjoy it".

Jemma Convery, aged 10.

"I liked all the arts and crafts. You can do lots of stuff and meet new people. The staff are really kind and they show you where to go if you've stuck".

Jess Brady, aged 9

"It's great fun. I liked the cooking and the bingo. It's really addictive – you want to win. You'll really regret not going".

Martin Thetford, aged 11.

(I'll give you the Gamblers Anonymous phone number Martin!)

"You're allowed to do what ever you want any time. My favourite things were the swimming and the talent show".

Poppy Brant, aged 11

"It's fun because you get to hang out with your mates and you don't have to do school work. Go – it's fun; I had a fantabulous time".

Troy, aged 11.

"I liked doing cooking classes and I like to do the arts and crafts. There are lots of things to do. Do you want to come round with me and I'll show you what you can do?"

Victoria Birch, aged 8.

"My favourite day was aeroplane day/ Janice buys loads of planes and you get to fly them".

Taylor Payton, aged 9.

I would like to thank The Playscheme Committee, the volunteer parents and teenagers and all the 72 kids. Another great Playscheme.

Playscheme sponsors 2006 were Harwell School Association, Harwell Parish Council, Harwell Feast Committee, Lankelly Chase Foundation and UKAEA. Thank you very much from us all.

Janice Markey

Local Art Exhibition

**Sun 26th November, 11am – 4pm,
Harwell Village Hall**

Looking for something new to hang in that empty space on the wall? Want to replace your print for real art? Come to an exhibition of artwork by local artists on Sun 26th November, 11am – 4pm, Harwell Village Hall, High Street. Exhibitors include Adrian Smart - Wildlife Artist, Marian Whitting - Landscape Artist and Sally Poyton - Artist. Also exhibiting is Kacy Berry, Silversmith and Jewellery designer (though not for your walls!). Good fun day out for the family.

Harwell Church Tower

.....is not exactly falling down, but is in need of some vital repairs to the stonework and particularly replacement of the lead roof. These repairs became much more urgent this last spring when the old lead began to leak rainwater into the bell chamber. These leaks have been temporarily plugged, but the roof is living on borrowed time.

A detailed survey will be done shortly to specify the work needed in detail and provide a more accurate estimate of costs. However, the cost is unlikely to be below £50,000, so the Parochial Church Council has already embarked on a number of ways of raising funds.

The church tower is **the** local landmark and a key part of the heritage of our village. Harwell was officially 1000 years old in 1985, and the church, started in 1190, is a Grade 1 listed building of some antiquity. It is a centrepiece of the whole community as well as being a place of worship, and the tower in particular is literally a beacon when it is lit up with its adorning tree at Christmas.

The first fundraising event is a Christmas Bazaar, to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th November at 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Attractions include:

Christmas Gifts and Crafts; Bell Tower Merchandise; Stationery; Christmas Decorations and Pottery; Cakes and Provisions; Tombola; Face Painting; Lucky Dip; Chocolate Fountain Refreshments will be served throughout.

Come along and get ready for Christmas as well as supporting your local landmark.

The next event will be sponsored bell-ringing for Advent Sunday on 3rd December.

For more information about the Bazaar contact Roz Shipp tel: 863342. For more information about the Tower Appeal in general contact either Tim Roberts tel: 834295 or Tony Hughes tel: 835301.

***Tony Hughes
Chairman: St. Matthew's PCC Buildings Committee***

Harwell Feast Village Quiz

Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm

**Teams of up to 6 people
Licensed bar and snacks
No need to book – just come along
Enquiries to: Janice Markey 832802**

ABC PRESENTS



**SHOWING ON
FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER
7.30 pm
HARWELL VILLAGE SCHOOL
£5**

Licensed Bar - Raffle
All proceeds in aid of Against Breast Cancer
For tickets call 835568 or 835698

Little Pippins Pre-school

Welcome to all our new children who have joined us at the beginning of this school year. This term is going to be fun for them all!

- We had great success in the Produce Show. **Chessy Stanschus** came first, **Toby Baker** came second and **Lucie-Mae** came third with their gummed pictures. **Alistair Pickles** came first with his painting of a flower on a paper plate, **Carys Morris** came second and **Ryan Gadd** came third. **William Porter**, **Juliet Hartley** and **Simeon Buttery** all came second with their wonderful pizzas. **Charlie Bullock** came third with his fantastic painting of a house. A big WELL DONE to everyone.
- We were invited by Harwell School to join them at St Matthews church to celebrate Harvest Festival on Friday 29th September.
- We go swimming on a Tuesday afternoon up at the Harwell School pool, which is great fun.

Our Breakfast club provides 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. The cost of each session is £4.

We have a few spaces left for this term in our regular sessions. 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.

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** e-mail littlepippins2004@yahoo.co.uk or visit our website <http://home.btconnect.com/harwell>

*Nicky Mercer
Pre-school Supervisor*

Village Hall Fundraiser

Children's Theatre Performance

Friday 27th October (1/2 term) 3 pm

StrangeFace Theatre Co.

Present

Hell and High Water

A swashbuckling tale of pirates for kids of all ages

Tickets from Bobs and on the door

Why not come dressed for action in pirate costume



The CCLRC is one of Europe's largest multidisciplinary research organisations supporting scientists and engineers world-wide. It operates world class large-scale research facilities and provides strategic advice to the government on their development. 'Talking science' is one strand of its Science and Society programme that aims to inform and enthuse young people and the public about current and future science and engineering.

Lectures for schools and the general public

**Friday 13 October - 7pm
recommended age for children 8+**

**Life in Antarctic extremes
Lloyd Peck British Antarctic Survey**

How do humans deal with the coldest, driest, windiest and most isolated continent on Earth? How do animals adapt so they can survive these conditions both on land and in the sea? Why do some species of sea spiders grow to over 30 cm across? Come along and find out the answers to these and other cool questions.

Friday 10 November - 7pm
recommended age for children 11+

Rosetta on the road
Sim Barber Open University

Did life on earth start with micro-organisms brought by a comet? This is one of the questions which Rosetta may help answer. Rosetta is the first mission ever to land on a comet. After its lander reaches the comet, the main spacecraft will follow the comet for many months as it heads towards the Sun. Rosetta's task is to study comets, which are considered the primitive building blocks of the solar system.

Rutherford Appleton Laboratory and the Open University collaborated to produce the Ptolemy instrument that will fly on the Rosetta lander. It will analyse samples from the surface of the comet to establish what the cometary nucleus is made from thus providing valuable information about these most primitive objects in the Solar System.

Friday 8 December – 7pm
recommended age for children 8+

Cartoon Science
Helen Lloyd

The laws of cartoon science state that nothing falls faster than an anvil! Is this true? How does gravity really affect things with different weights?

Join your favourite cartoon characters on a journey to discover the difference between cartoon science and real science. What are forces and how do they work? Can objects change shape and then return to their original shape? Find out what happens to things when they combust or explode! The show features animated clips, audience interaction and lots of demonstrations of 'real-world' science.

Booking information

Admission is free but booking is essential as places are limited. Booking opens four weeks prior to the lecture. To reserve places please either email talkingscience@rl.ac.uk or ☎ 01235 445959 (24hr answerphone) and leave a message. Please include the following information:

The title of the lecture, the time you want to come, the number of places you require, your name, full postal address and a contact telephone number. Thank you.

For the comfort and enjoyment of the audience, a recommended age is given for each lecture. Children under-16 must be accompanied by, and sit with, a responsible adult.

Eyes down

Family Bingo Night
Harwell School

Friday 13th October 7pm
Fish 'n' chip supper

£5 Adults, £2.50 children

There will be a U certificate
film for any children not
wishing to play bingo



Learn to Ring a Carol by Christmas

Wallingford Handbell Ringers are offering everyone the chance to do a spot of festive ringing. This is a short course of five Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm starting on Thursday 16th November at the Bullcroft Recreation Rooms in Wallingford High Street. All are welcome, young and old. No previous experience of music making is required to enjoy ringing carols on handbells.

The first session is free and the cost for the whole course is £20. For more details contact Alan Cooper, ☎ 01491 822406, ajc@hrwallingford.co.uk.

REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

The Parish Council is very concerned that dog fouling is still a problem in our village, especially on the two recreation grounds near the British Legion Club.

Despite providing 4 dog waste bins on these grounds, and free “poop scoops” and bags, some dog walkers are still not clearing up after their dogs. Not only is this anti-social and selfish, it gives all dog owners a bad name, especially when fouling occurs on the sports pitches and where children play. Aside from the obvious inconvenience, there is also a public health concern in that canine excrement can transmit the Toxocara virus, which can cause illness.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 makes provision for the prosecution of owners who do not clean up after their dogs, and fines not exceeding £1000 can be issued at a Magistrates Court. The Vale of White Horse District Council Environmental Warden is keen to follow up all complaints made, with a view to prosecution. Please, therefore, help to identify the offenders so that they can be warned of the consequences of their thoughtless behaviour.

If you would like details regarding free bags and scoops, please contact the Parish Clerk on ☎01235 820006 during office hours.

Mobile Library

**The Mobile Library will be outside the Harwell Village Hall between 9.15 – 9.45am on alternative Wednesdays 4th, 18th October and 1st, 15th, 29th November.
Harwell Business Park Kids Unlimited 9.55- 10.10am**

Harwell Mothers' Support Network

Are you pregnant? Expecting a baby? Or new to the village and would like to meet other Mums? Harwell Mothers Support Network is a very informal group of women who offer friendship and support to other mothers. We currently have several **New Mums Groups** meeting regularly in the evenings or daytime (depending on what's convenient for people). If you would like to join one of these groups and meet other women with children the same age as yours, please contact Sarah on 835 652 for full details.

Breastfeeding is very rewarding, but it's common for people have hiccups of one kind or another with it at some point. The good news is that almost invariably these can be sorted with the right kind of help. Do you think you would like some support breast-feeding your baby? If so, please contact the Harwell Breastfeeding Friends group through Fiona on 861 593.

A new baby can throw domestic routines out of the window. Would you appreciate some **meals** being cooked for you and your family in the early days of your baby's life? There is an army of willing volunteers in the village who know how hard it is sometimes to juggle babies and normal existence and who will pop round with a casserole, lasagne, etc eg every day for a week or two (or whatever frequency or length of time suits you). Nancy is waiting to hear from you on 835 752.

We are all fairly recent mothers and our aim is to stop new mothers feeling isolated and help them join our lively, friendly village community. Please don't worry that you will be overwhelmed, told what to do, pressurised, visited unexpectedly or force-fed home-cooked meals. We try to pitch the level of support and contact to suit you, so please do get in touch even if you only want five minutes' chat on the phone and then to be left in peace. If the thought of phoning is too much, please ask your Health Visitor to contact us for you.



FUN CLUB NEWS

Fun Club is the village baby and toddler group. We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings in term time 9.30-11.30am. All parents and carers of babies and toddlers (ie 0-5s), as well as mums-to-be, are most welcome. Just to make it clear, we do also welcome men – some dads do actually come regularly. The cost per session is just £1 per family, including refreshments, regardless of the number of children. Your first visit is free.

Our next **Nearly New 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. This year we will also be holding a **Really New Sale** at the same time in the Freeman Hall. This will be for local commercial stallholders of child-related new products e.g. books, clothes, toys, etc. At the time of writing, there is one stall left, so if you can think of any suitable trader who might be interested in having a stall, please contact Jane on 22 10 30 or at woolleydavid02@hotmail.com.

Our Nearly New 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! (NB the 12 May one is almost fully booked)

A **health visitor** will be coming to our sessions on **Tues 17 Oct and Tues 28 Nov**. She is from Didcot Health Centre but you can still speak to her even if you're not registered there.

Our children's **Christmas Party** with entertainer, Father Christmas and children's lunch will be on **Tues 12 Dec**. You'll need a ticket for this. Contact Sally on 831 456. This will be our last session of the year. We start back again on 9 Jan.

Our **AGM** will be on the Tuesday of half term (**24 Oct**) in the village hall 9.30-11.30. This is your chance to discuss the running of Fun Club and any ideas you have. In particular, this meeting will cover ideas for the Christmas Party. Please come along (any Fun Club aged children ie 0-5s also welcome), as there's not a lot else to do in half term, is there?

NOTE TO ADVERTISERS

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.

ABINGDON ANGLO-GERMAN CLUB**Programme 2006-09-19**

Thurs 5th Oct – Berlin – Today and Tomorrow Axel Hahn, Member of the Praesidium of the Abgeordnetenhaus, Berlin

Mon 16 Oct – Annual General Meeting at The White House, Burcot, 7.30pm

Thurs 2nd November – The Chladni Sound-Figures Dr Malin Starrett. A further evening with experiments following the success of his ‘Goethe’s Theory of Colour’.

Sun 3 Dec – Advent Party with Puppet Theatre. At 2.30 pm. This year at All Saints Church Hall, Appleford Drive, Abingdon.

Sat 30 Dec – Christmas Party at 5 Badgers Copse, Radley 2.30pm.

All meetings are at 7.30 and by very kind permission of, The Abbey Chapel, Checker Walk, Abingdon. Visitors most welcome, Enquiries to the Secretary (☎01235 533887)

Harwell School Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 28th November
6-8pm**

Stalls, tombolas, refreshments etc

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