



# The Harwell News

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**The Parish Council wishes all parishioners  
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

## HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### **Affordable Housing**

Mr Roberts from Sovereign Housing presented plans to the Council showing a 14 unit development on less than 1 acre of land. Finished plans will be supplied to the Council before a full Planning Application is made.

### **County & District Councillors' Report**

Mr. Lamont reported that OCC's response to the proposed Stevenon Reservoir had included a request for public consultation and proposals to investigate alternative options to meet the demand for more water.

OCC had been awarded £62 million to tackle road and rail congestion in Central Oxfordshire. Some of this money is to be put towards the installation of a Traffic Management System on the A34. Planned changes to local government may include giving more powers to parish councils; to be put before Parliament for approval.

Mrs. Turner (District Councillor VoWHDC) reported that a Western Villages Alliance had been set up following concerns that parish councils had not been included in the list of participants for the forthcoming EiP sessions regarding future development in the South East. The Western Villages Alliance is comprised of Keep Harwell Rural, the Harwell, Chilton, East and West Hagbourne and Sutton Courtney Parish Councils. An application for the Western Villages Alliance to be included as a participant has been supported by the Deputy Director of Planning, VoWHDC. A meeting of the Alliance has been arranged for Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Policing/Community Support Officers**

PCSO McCreagh reported that there were no serious problems to report in the village. PCSOs hope to be able to use hand-held speed cameras in the near future. There are reports that some travellers are in the area selling items door to door; anyone wishing to report this should provide a full description of the persons, and if possible a vehicle registration number.

### **Play Area**

The Council has been awarded a grant of £9575 towards the cost of updating the adventure play area (subject to final conditions). The Council recorded its thanks to the Clerk for persevering in such applications. An inspection of the play area by Councillors has revealed a number of items that need attention. A Working Party has been set up to undertake remedial work.

### **Winnaway Kennels**

A Noise Abatement Order has been served by VoWHDC on Winnaway Kennels following monitoring of kennel noise. Work to limit the noise continues.

**Bus Services**

There have been some slight changes to Stagecoach timetables. New timetables will be posted on the Noticeboards shortly. Mr. Lilly reported that some of the evening services are not being used as well as those during the day. It seems that Stagecoach and Newbury bus services overlap.

**Junk Mail**

Oxford County Council has introduced a helpline (0845 0504550 for residents concerned with junk mail, a waste Reduction Pack is available free of charge.

**Meeting dates**

The Parish Council will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

**.Planning Matters**

Formal Notice of permission has been received in respect of:

**HAR/9980/4** – Demolition of garage, construction of new garage, excavation of driveway to provide level access at Elm Tree Cottage, Reading Road.

**HAR/2231/9** – Erection of dwelling (alterations to existing Planning Permissions HAR/2231/7 & HAR/2231/8) at Froud Builders, Reading Road.

**HAR/19732** – Erection of single storey extension to front of property, side garage extension at 4 Westfield.

**HAR/18330/1** – Erection of carport (retrospective) at Tarik, The Barrow.

Two new applications were received in October as follows:

**HAR/16731/2** – Demolition of 2 houses, squash courts, tennis courts; erection of new hotel (Land south of Curie Avenue), leisure club, spa & bar (Land north of Curie Avenue) at Land to south and north of Curie Avenue, Harwell IBC, for Four Pillar Hotels & UKAEA.

**HAR/8254/1** – Erection of 15m high monopole with associated equipment cabin and compound at Telecom site, Princes Manor Farm Cow Lane, for T-Mobile(UK) Ltd.

The Council asked that neighbours' comments be borne in mind when considering these applications.

A copy of a letter to VOWHDC Tree Dept has been received, containing a request to replace cypress trees with hollies at The Homestead, High Street.

The following applications have been withdrawn:

**HAR/19723/1** – Change of use from amenity to private use to provide access and drive.

**HAR/19723** – Demolition of existing garage, replacement with port and 2 storey side extension, both at 28 The Park.

**HAR/19692** – Erection of detached dwelling and a garage at Land front of Greenbanks, Reading Road.

Three new applications were received in November, as follows:

**HAR/19723/2** – 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension over existing kitchen to form new bedroom & single storey side extension at 28 The Park.

**HAR/5721/1** – Erection of new dwelling & garage at The Orchard, Wantage Road.

**HAR/393/3** – Dismantle existing single storey outbuilding, replace with new pre-fabricated building at Englefield, The Broadway.

The Council asked that neighbours' comments be borne in mind when these applications are considered.

Intentions of Work to trees has been received as follows;

**KR/CE PD/18/01/31** – Replace cypress trees at The Homestead, High Street.

**KR/RL PD/18/01/31** – Cut down 1 Leylandii at The Cherry Barn, High Street.

VOWHDC has no objection to these Intentions.

**GF/CE PD/18/01/31** – routine pruning at The Studio, High Street.

GF/CE PD/18/01/31 Routine pruning at The Studio, High Street, for C Shadbolt.

### **From our MP – Mr Ed Vaizey**

By the time you read this, the Queen will have opened Parliament (November 15th), delivered what is known as the Queen's Speech and a new session of Parliament will have begun.

The parliamentary year runs from November until the following October, and it is during this period (with the odd exception) that the Government must pass its legislation.

The Queen's Speech sets out the pieces of legislation the Government hopes to pass. Because of publishing deadlines, I am writing this a couple of days before the Queen's speech, so this is informed speculation about what the speech will contain, with a few lines giving you my views, and an invitation to all of you to write to me with any concerns you have about it. After all, the main bit of an MP's job description is to scrutinise and vote on legislation on your behalf, so I do need to hear from you!

It looks like there will be three or four main Bills. Firstly, a Pensions Bill will establish a National Saving Scheme to support the state pension. It will also make it automatic for individuals and companies to put money into a pension, unless they specifically opt in. I like this idea, as I think it will increase saving, though I am aware of the burden it could place on business. Secondly, a Mental Health Bill has been trailed. This is an interest of mine and an area where action is badly needed. As I found when campaigning to save the Park Hospital in Oxford, for which Young Minds have nominated me for a Charity Champion Award, adolescents are too often forgotten, and I will be campaigning to ensure they are included in this Bill. Thirdly, I do, of course, welcome a Climate Change Bill but will be looking closely to make sure it is not used as an excuse to raise tax on people in rural areas who rely on their cars. Finally, there may be some more terrorism legislation and the government may well try and increase the time people can be held without charge. As most of you will know I voted against the 90 day limit last session. Many of you expressed anger at my decision, and many of you supported it - it was certainly the most controversial issue this year. I will vote against 90 days again as I believe this would be a huge and unjustifiable incursion into our civil liberties.

Let me know what you think of the Queen's speech by using the address below.

On a personal note, many thanks to everyone who wrote to us about the birth of our first child, Joseph, he is wonderful. Also, I have been nominated for a parliamentary award for my work with Children and Young People, by a mental health charity called Young Minds. Finally, I am trekking across the Arctic to raise money for small local groups. If you want to sponsor me visit [www.justgiving.com/edvaizey](http://www.justgiving.com/edvaizey) or send a cheque to the House of Commons.

My last surgeries of the year are in Grove on 8th December and the Faringdon Corn Exchange on the 15<sup>th</sup> December ; the first of next year is at Wallingford Town Hall on 12 January.

I can be contacted at any time at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, 0207 219 6350 or [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk). Up to date news can be found at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com) from which you can also go to my blog.

Merry Christmas and a Happy new year!

## Flu Jabs

Don't forget your flu jab if you are in one of the "at risks" categories: 65 or over, suffer from a respiratory disease, diabetes, serious heart condition, chest, kidney or liver conditions. Primary carers of elderly persons or disabled persons may also have a free flu jab at their GP's discretion. Contact your Health Centre for an appointment

## Trevor Packer

Trevor stood down at the October AGM after 20 years commitment to the Feast and in particular to the parade. Trevor has done a fantastic job keeping this traditional part of the Harwell Feast going and the Feast Committee thank Trevor most sincerely for all that he has contributed.

Trevor now deserves to stand at his front gate and watch the parade go by so don't forget to start thinking about your float for next year.

If your organisation has never entered or not done so for a while then 2007 could be the year you walk off with the silver trophy. Next year Harwell Feast will be part of the events that take place all over the county to celebrate a thousand years of Oxfordshire. (Yes, I know we used to be Berkshire but let's celebrate anyway!)

New committee members who would like to help with the organisation of Feast Day 2007 are always welcome. Telephone Janice Markey, 832802, Patricia Cooke 832702 or join us at our next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm at The Royal British Legion.

*Janice Markey, Chairman*

## Harwell Feast

At the September meeting the Feast Committee considered applications for funding and made the following grants.

	£
Little Pippins	700
Harwell School	680
Harwell Senior Citizens	500
The Almshouses	500
Harwell Village Hall	500
Playscheme	350
Gardeners Club	300
Harwell Parish Council	200
Woodturners Club	100
Wantage Air Cadets	250

Two grants have been made to young people undertaking international projects

Rachel Nickerson	100
Charlotte Wallace	100

### Village Hall Fundraising Theatre Visits

#### Oxfordshire Touring Theatre Co

Presents

#### The Firebird

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 4.pm

Tickets £7/£5 concessions  
Available from Bobs/Di Baker/Janice Markey  
Advance ticket purchase advised

If you want to do some last minute shopping and leave the children with us Janice Markey and Liz Roberts (CRB checked) will supervise children aged six and over.

#### Abingdon Touring Theatre Co

Present

#### Aesop's Fables

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 3pm

Tickets £7/£5 concessions  
Available from Bobs in the New Year

### Harwell School Summer Playscheme

The committee would like to let all parents and children of Harwell School know that Playscheme will take a one year break next summer.

But, we will be back as good as ever in the summer of 2008 when we will invite all the year 6's who would miss their last Playscheme back for more fund and games.

*Janice Markey, Chairman*

## Village Hall

I am very pleased to report that Harwell Village Hall has been awarded £4260 by the National Lottery "Awards for All" Scheme towards the purchase of new furniture. We would not have been given that grant without previous generous donations from the Out & About Club and the WI, for which grateful thanks. Money for the furniture also comes from the funds we raised from the pantomime that Janice Markey so nobly produced last year and from our successful Safari Supper on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Our thanks also go to everybody who supported those events.

The new tables have already arrived and the chairs should be here by the time you read this. The tables are lightweight ones and are mounted in trolleys, so they should be much easier to set out and put away than the old ones were. The chairs will be folding ones and will also be mounted in trolleys. The really good news is that they will be upholstered and much more comfortable to sit on than the present ones are.

We are also very grateful to have received grants of £600 from Didcot Rotarians, which will be used to redecorate the kitchen, and £500 from the Feast Committee towards a new refrigerator. I hope that these improvements will help everybody's Christmas functions to go well.

One function that we are laying on ourselves is a performance of "The Firebird" by the Oxford Touring Theatre Company on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. This promises to be a very enjoyable family entertainment, so please come to see it and try sitting on our nice new chairs.

Colin Lamont 832866

## GARDENING CLUB

At our October meeting we were entertained by two of our own members giving totally different talks.

Firstly Tony Twigger showed members some beautiful slides taken on a recent holiday to Corsica in May. He managed to climb up some very steep slopes to take photos of a wide variety of lovely alpine plants and flowers amongst the rugged snow-capped mountains of Corsica.

This was then followed by a very amusing and entertaining talk given by Fred Gee on growing vegetables for showing. He gave members lots of hints and tips on how to achieve perfect and very large vegetables for eating as well as for entering into horticultural shows and brought lots of large vegetables including a pumpkin weighing 101 lb and a marrow weighing 70 lb to illustrate his talk. There were four new visitors at the meeting and with over 70 members the club is going from strength to strength. Everyone welcome.

In November members enjoyed slides illustrating a talk called 'Return to the Picos' given by Malcolm Brownsward from Hagbourne. The photos taken of the mountains and peaks in northern Spain were very varied and showed butterflies, birds, dragonflies and lots of beautiful flowers and plants growing in this region. There even some slides of cave paintings.

Next month is the club's Christmas party on the first Monday in December.

*Shirley Walker*

## **The Speedwell and WellBeing Trust**

An appropriate way to start the new year: How To Boost Your Energy is the title of the next talk organised by local charity, The Speedwell & WellBeing Trust (further info at [www.speedwellbeing.org.uk](http://www.speedwellbeing.org.uk)). What you eat plays a vital role in your health, including the promotion of greater energy, and Professor Basant K Puri will tell us why on Wednesday 10th January at 7.30pm at Green College, Oxford. Admission is £2 in advance - telephone the Helpline on 01865 554089 - or £4 at the door.

## **Cycling Proficiency News**

Lesley Saunders and Fiona Tankard would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the Harwell drivers who slowed down for our cycling proficiency classes on Grove Road and the High Street in October. We are pleased to announce that the following children all passed their test: Joe Barwell, Edwin Beith, Jessica Brady, Luke Brennan-Scott, Jack Constant, Jemma Convery, Scott Harper-Ashton, Samuel Kill, Katie Laing, Victoria Muir, Shannon O'Loughlin, Connor Parsley, Joe Passau, Laura Passau, Lauren Paton, Ellen Simcox, Eleanor Turner, Adam Wheat and Chloe Winterbourne.

We would also like to ask that if you see a child waiting to cycle across the road in front of you and it is your right of way, please do not flash or wave them across as although it seems helpful, it's against the Highway Code and they will fail their test if they cross in front of you! (It's in case the driver of a vehicle behind you doesn't realise what's happening and either over or undertakes you and hits the cyclist.)

Please look out for us again in Spring!

## **STEVENTON CHORAL SOCIETY**

presents

### ***'A Sleigh Ride To Christmas'***

Christmas Songs & Carols Old & New

16th December at 7.30pm

All proceeds to Home Farm Trust-Milton Heights

Further performance 21st December 7.30pm

Performances at Steventon Village Hall

## Are you looking after someone?

Many of you will know that there are people in your Parish who are sick, disabled, elderly or frail. Often their greatest wish is to continue to live in their own homes with as much independence and dignity as their conditions allow. NHS and social and community services are struggling to provide the required level of support needed.

For most people in this position it is a relative, neighbour or friend that provides the help they need. These unpaid carers spend many hours every week looking after others, shopping, transporting, cleaning, cooking, washing, and dispensing medication and personal care.

Caring for others can be rewarding but it can also be tiring and stressful. It is important that carers remain strong, fit and healthy if they are to continue helping the person they care for.

The South & Vale Carers center is a local charity that provides support for unpaid carers in your area. We visit people in their homes and ensure that they have access to the advice, benefits, respite and other services they need to do a difficult job. All of our services are confidential and free.

If you are a Carer or you know a Carer who may benefit from these services please contact us on 01235 510212 or write to 5 Lydalls Road, Didcot, OX11 7HX or [carer@svcarers.org.uk](mailto:carer@svcarers.org.uk)

### Harwell Rights of Way

The Winnaway, or Winnoway, is officially a footpath, although it is used a lot by horse-riders and cyclists. With the support of the Parish Council, I wish to see if there is enough evidence of its use as a bridleway to convince the County Council that it should be registered as such. The process of getting the change made requires evidence that the route has been used as a bridleway without restriction over as many years as possible, preferably once before the definitive map was drawn up in the seventies. If you have used the Winnaway either on bike or horse for a number of years could you please let me know? I also wish to see if the track from the Reading Road towards Princes Manor Farm turning left to Church Lane also deserves to be a bridleway. For any application for a change signed statements are required, but in the first instance I would just like to hear from you - please either email me at [martinricketts@waitrose.com](mailto:martinricketts@waitrose.com) or drop me a line at 16, The Park, Harwell,

*Martin Ricketts*

### Harwell Feast Village Quiz - Results

13 teams took part in the Feast's Quiz on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The winning team was "Oxymorons" consisting of Fiona Tankard, Hilary Hartley, Liz Roberts, Tim Roberts and Liz Beith.



## Something to think about this Christmas

Have you got a bit of free time over Christmas this year? If so, there might be something you all need to think about.

You might want to think about how to avoid causing huge problems for your children and other loved ones after you have passed away or how to make sure you don't land them with an enormous inheritance tax bill. You may also wish to consider whether you could prevent your home being sold to pay for long term care costs in your later years. Who will manage your financial affairs if you become mentally incapable of doing so one day? Again, this is something that will need to be discussed sooner or later.

Unfortunately, these things can and do happen for many people who do not have a will or do not have an appropriate will for their specific circumstances. In fact, 70,000 homes were sold last year to pay for long term care and billions of pounds was paid out in inheritance tax. Due to people dying intestate (without a will), families had to wait many months before access to their relative's assets could be granted.

This could all be avoided by taking the time this Christmas to think about some of these issues and make writing a will a priority for the New Year. Why don't you contact National Legal Services on 01235 206705 for more information and help.

## Little Pippins Pre-school

We are well into term 2, with bonfire night over we are heading towards Christmas.

- At the end of term 1, we had a harvest lunch, home made soup and a roll. This event was supported by just a few people, so thanks goes to those who came along.
- We had a successful cake stall outside Bob the Butchers on November 18<sup>th</sup> - thank you to everyone in the village who bought cakes.
- We will be drawing our annual Christmas raffle at the end of term party - if you would like to support us, and haven't been approached by a committee member or parent to buy a ticket please call in at Pippins and we will be happy to sell one to you
- We are practicing our Nativity Play that will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the Village hall at 2 p.m. All are very welcome to come and watch.
- Then the following week we will have our end of term children's Christmas party!!
- We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Little Pippins.
- We return after the Christmas break for the start of term 3 on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2007**, we look forward to seeing you all then.

The 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](mailto:littlepippins2004@yahoo.co.uk) or visit our website <http://home.btconnect.com/harwell>



**Friday 12 January 2007 - 7pm recommended age for children 8+**

**The science of Harry Potter  
Roger Highfield**

Who is the real Dumbledore? Can owls really deliver the post? Roger Highfield, Science Editor of the Daily Telegraph, has interviewed the world's best Muggle scientists to identify the explanations behind everything from broomstick flight to the Invisibility Cloak. Join him for a fascinating account of the mysteries of the world of Harry Potter.

**Friday 9 February - 7pm  
recommended age for children 14+**

**Gravity, gas and stardust  
Pete Edwards Durham University**

How and when did our universe begin? What made it look like this? How will it end?

'Gravity, gas and stardust' will take the audience on a journey through the cosmos, exploring some of the latest research projects of astronomy and what they reveal regarding the birth, life and death of our universe. The show will include demonstrations, hands-on activities and 3D movie clips.

**Wednesday 7 March (please note change from the usual day) - 7pm recommended age for children 11+**

**Enigma Project  
Presenters from the Enigma Schools Project**

An interactive presentation introduces students to cryptography – the science and mathematics of codes and code breaking. Pupils meet various ciphers that have been used throughout history from Ancient Greece to WW2. Presentations involve audience participation and all students see a genuine WW2 Enigma machine in action, find out how it worked and discover why it is one of the most famous cipher machines of all time

**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](mailto: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.**

**Letter to the Editor****Re: Speed/Traffic Flow on Abingdon Road, Rowstock**

After reading from another resident about their concerns regarding speed along the Reading Road; I am writing to draw all residents along Abingdon Road to unite and take action.

The amount of traffic and the speed, in which it travels along Abingdon Road, is becoming a big concern to many and there is also great concern about the HGV's that fly along in the early hours of the morning. We need to take action now to reduce the impact that the proposed new housing development on the outskirts of Didcot/Harwell adds to this. There will be increased traffic due to lorries delivering building materials and taking waste away from the site and then increased commuter traffic once the houses have been sold. The shortest route will be through Harwell village along Grove Road and along Abingdon Road. If we do not raise this as an issue now, we only have ourselves to blame if the traffic becomes greatly increased.

Other points to consider:-

It is not safe to walk along the pavement at present because of the speed of traffic and the risk of getting "sucked out" in to the road.

Most drivers adhere to the 30mph signs and uses the road coming up to the roundabout as a chance to put their foot down and accelerate to a stop.

The SID man has been out and registered speeds in excess of 60mph

The sale value of our houses has been affected by the busy road, why should we be penalised for something we cannot control.

On a personal level

Our fence has been "sucked out" and broken due to the traffic speed and we have now had to double brace it.

It is not safe for our children to walk up to the garage because of the speed of traffic.

It is extremely difficult to get out of our driveway on to the road in the morning due to the high speed of commuter traffic to Harwell.

The more people that write to express concerns the greater chance we will have of getting the council to do something to help reduce the traffic flow/speed.

I have contacted Ed Vaisey MP, who has written to the council expressing concerns too.

If any residents want to voice their concerns please do so by writing to: Mr Lee Turner, Principal Traffic Technician, Southern Area Office, Oxfordshire County Council, Milton Road, Drayton, OX14 4EZ.

I will keep you updated of any progress, but we need to act now.

S Harper-Ashton

**Mobile Library**

**The Mobile Library will be outside the Harwell Village Hall between 9.15 – 9.40am on alternative Wednesdays 13 December, 10, 24 January 2007; 7, 24, February. Harwell Business Park Kids Unlimited 9.50- 10.10am**

## Award Winning Project Delivers New Book “A View from the Hill”

A beautifully illustrated and highly readable new book by local authors about Blewburton Hill and the surrounding countryside.

Readers near the centre of this area will find a huge amount of interest in the book. One example is a detailed account of the Battle of Ashdown in 871AD where Alfred The Great and his brother Ethelred prevailed over a large Viking force on Lowbury Hill. Also it is possibly not well known that Harwell was a village in the Blewbury Hundred in 1066 at the time of Domesday.

### The Book

The hill, Blewburton Hill, lies near Blewbury between the River Thames and the Ancient Ridgeway. Our “View from the Hill” extends from the pure, smooth chalk of the Berkshire Downs across the ancient flood plain to the river itself. We see a beautiful landscape with dramatic evidence of civilisation, modern industry, farming, and conservation; but in the mind’s eye our view extends back over ten thousand years from the desolation of the last ice age through an extraordinary panoply of events, historic and prehistoric, natural and man-made, to the present day. The work includes reconstructions of scenes and events since the ice retreated and the hunter-gatherers first arrived in the area.

### The Background

The Blewbury Village Society Environment Group together with a very wide range of amateurs and professionals, have produced this book to emphasise the value of the countryside and at the same time raise funds to preserve and improve it. “A View from the Hill” manages to give a deep insight into the downland environment and events of the distant past in an authoritative and yet highly readable style. This award-winning project was funded by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant scheme designed to help local groups to investigate, explain and care for their local landscape, landmarks, traditions and culture.

### Details

Size 210 x 270mm, 152 pages in full-colour with over 230 photographs, illustrations and paintings.

Price **£12.99** plus £1.50 p&p (total **£14.49**) cheques please to “Blewbury Village Society”

**All profits will be used to benefit the local environment.**

### The book can be purchased

Online at [www.blewburtonhill.org.uk](http://www.blewburtonhill.org.uk)

Direct from Blewbury Post Office or other local outlets.

By post from “A View from the Hill”, 2 Whites Orchard, Blewbury, Oxon. OX11 9NQ

Please supply cheque, name, address and phone number.

## ABINGDON ANGLO-GERMAN CLUB

### Programme 2007

Thurs 4 Jan – Albrecht Durer: Germany's Artistic Glory 1472 – 1528. Nina Levick, Art Historian.

Thurs 1 Feb – Albert Schweitzer. His Life and Thought. Percy and Vreni Mark, Chairman/Secretary: Friends of Albert Schweitzer (UK).

Thurs 1 March – Frederick The Great 1740 – 1786: How Great Was He?. Thomas Braun, Patron Abingdon Anglo-German Club.

Thurs 29 March – The Life and Times of the Piano. Jeremy Siepman, author and presenter.

Thurs 26 Apr – Festivals at 17<sup>th</sup> Century German Courts: Art and Power. Professor Helen Watanabe-O'Kelly, Exeter College, Oxford.

Thurs 24 May – The Danube. Transport – Torrent – Salvation. Peter Gieler, General Secretary, Anglo-Austrian Society.

Thurs 21 June – Rudolf Steiner and the Twenty-First Century – Peter Grunewald, M.D. on a neglected modern thinker.

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)

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