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Parish Council Meeting

The September meeting began with short addresses by Mr Steve Moss from UKAEA and Vale WHDC Environmental Warden Sadie Broadbridge. Ms Broadbridge and a colleague have been visiting the Parish to assist the Parish Council in its aim of eliminating dog-fouling in our public places – see the separate item on page 2.

Mr Moss told the Council about the plans referred to in a recent press release for expanding the Harwell & Chilton site. A partnership has been set up between UKAEA and STFC (RAL) on one hand, and Goodman International on the other, to develop parts of the site.

Following the Housing Needs Survey conducted in the Parish, the ORCC has recommended a reduction in the number of units required of an Affordable Housing scheme from the currently-proposed 11 to 9, with 1 x 1 bed, 1 x 2-bed and 1 x 3-bed properties for shared ownership, and 1x 1-bed, 3 x 2-bed and 2 x 3-bed properties for rent. This has been sent to Sovereign Housing and to VWHDC, and we wait to hear whether there will be any revision of current plans.

The Council approved the siting of a shoe-recycling box in the Rec. car park. It was noted that the car park is unable to take all the cars on some occasions when football teams are playing or training. Drivers are reminded there is parking space further down the road adjacent to the Village Hall, and are requested not to park on the verge near the Rec. entrance for safety's sake.

During the report from our County Councillor there was discussion of the proposed incinerator in Sutton Courtenay, mainly with regard to the effect on lorry traffic and emissions from the chimney. There are proposals for incinerators at Sutton Courtenay and Ardley, and permission could be given for either or both. Mr. Lamont said that OCC could require that only Oxfordshire waste could be burned at the site, and there should be a 20% reduction in landfill as a result.

The Council agreed to put the old minute books, prior to about 40 years ago, in the care of the Berkshire Records Office. The Council has scans of them all on disc. The Council also agreed to put the complete newsletter on the Parish website, and to put items there as soon as possible after receipt. There is a new address to which to send items – news@harwellparish.co.uk.

As part of its Carbon Action Plan, the County Council is considering switching some streetlights off between about 00.39 GMT, 1.30 BST, and back on at about 05.00GMT. In Harwell Parish the ones being considered are on the north and south approaches to Rowstock roundabout, but not those immediately adjacent to the roundabout. The Parish Council agreed to the proposal.

The Parish Council wishes to remind parishioners of the Cemetery Policies that are in force. They are printed on

page 10. If anyone has any queries regarding these, please contact the Clerk as below.

The next meetings of the Parish Council are on Tuesdays 14th October and 11th November. Items for the agenda should be with the Clerk, Mrs. S. Taylor one week before this. Contact at clerk@harwellparish.co.uk, on 01235 820006 where messages can be left, or in writing to 1, Wantage Road, OX11 0LJ. Office hours are 9 to 11am Monday to Wednesday.

Our list of contact details for Parish organisations is being updated – see our website (address above) for the current list. If you have revised details including email, web address, or are not yet included please send the details to the Clerk.

Harwell Gardeners Club

Thank you to all who came along to Harwell Open Gardens in June. The grand total of £1,507.49 was raised. Of this £753.75 was donated to the Air Ambulance, £250 was donated to the Feast Committee, and £503.74 was put into the Gardeners Club funds.

Monday 6th October Talk on *Sissinghurst Castle* by Margaret Morris. Competition: Autumn foliage.

Monday 3rd November A demonstration of *Flowers For Christmas* by Teresa Freeman of Freeman's Flowers. Competition: A Christmas Table Arrangement.

Monday 1st December AGM and party.

All meetings 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome to join us – your first visit is free. Any enquiries to Wendy Sinclair, Chairman (221008) or Janice Markey, Secretary (832802).

A Date for Your Diary

On Sunday 16 November at 3 pm in the Village Hall there will be an exclusive showing of *Bombs at Teatime - A Snapshot of Britain in the 1940's*.



This series of evocative, short public information films will be shown in aid of Against Breast Cancer. With titles such as *Two Cooks and a Cabbage*, *The Five-Inch Bather* and *Christmas Under Fire*, you will see a portrait of domestic life in one of the most extraordinary decades of our time. Some people have lived through it, others only heard about it but either way this promises to be an entertaining afternoon for a good cause. Anyone bringing along an old ration book will be given an extra slice of cake!

Tickets are only £5 each. From mid-October they can be purchased at Bob's the Butchers in the High Street or Barbara Jackson 01235 835698.

Planning matters

Permissions:

HAR/9429/5 Rear 2-storey extension at Jasmine Cottage, 19 Kings Lane.
HAR/20538 ground-floor extn Thistledome, Grove Rd.

Refusal:

HAR/6404/5,6-LB Alterations, White Hart, High Street. The VWHDC grounds were: The proposed appearance of the external decking area is unsympathetic to the historic interest of the Listed Building. As such it will have a harmful impact on the setting of the Listed Building & on the character of the Conservation Area. The proposal is therefore contrary to policy HE1 & HE5 of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011 & to the guidance of PPG15. Also that the proposed internal works & work to the front wall have not been fully justified & may fail to retain those features of the building which contribute to its special architectural or historic interest. As such the proposal is contrary to policies HE5 & HE6 of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011 & to the guidance of PPG15.

New Applications:

HAR/19692/2 Erection of a detached dwelling at Greenbanks Reading Road. The Council's Planning Committee had no objection but asked that neighbours' comments are borne in mind.
HAR/20598 Erection of new dwelling on land adjacent to Holloway Thatch, The Holloway.
HAR/20659 Change of use from Class B1 to Class D1 for use as a nursery at Building 31, Fermi Avenue.

Contact details District Councillors:

Reg Waite reg@regwaite.co.uk 7 Hengest Gate

& County Councillor:

Colin Lamont colin.lamont@oxfordshire.gov.uk
2 The Old School, School Lane

Ed Vaizey MP, Shadow Minister for the Arts and MP for Wantage and Didcot can be contacted at:
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In our village it is apparent that the vast majority of dog owners behave responsibly when exercising their dogs and clean up any mess that their animals make. It is more annoying for them when a small number of people flout the Law and do not clean up after their animals. We are appealing therefore to the majority to help us eradicate this revolting practice and try and keep our Recreation areas free of dog deposits. If you see people ignoring this request and you have a spare bag with you offer them the opportunity to use it to clean up. If they refuse however, please report this by contacting the Clerk or any of the councillors. The Environment Officers will be informed and warning letters will be sent to the offenders indicating that they have been identified and the penalty they face for this offence if caught. Our fields are patrolled regularly and at random times by these officers but they need our support and help to punish those who break the Law and jeopardize the health of players using our fields. If your children are sent out to exercise the family dog it is even more important that you make sure they have a plastic bag and that they are aware of their responsibility.

The Parish Council intends to keep monitoring the situation and will be very reluctant to invoke the sanction of banning dogs from the Recreation fields. However the safety of people using the facilities for sport is of a high priority and the Council will not shirk its responsibility in this area.

This is a community health issue which affects us all and anyone seen anywhere in the village not cleaning up after their animals should be reported to the council.

John Fisher, Chairman, Lands Committee

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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.

For more information please contact Nickie Dunphy on 832963 or nickie.dunphy@gmail.com

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Our Nearly New Sale, selling nearly new baby, toddler and pre-school, clothes toys and equipment is being held on **Saturday 15th November** 10.00 – 12.00, at Harwell Village Hall. Entry by donation, come along and bag a bargain!

Dates for your diary

Harwell Fun Club Baby and Toddler Nearly New Sale, Harwell Village Hall, Saturday 15th November 10am - 12 noon. Toys, games, books, baby equipment, clothes - fantastic bargains at a time of the year when every penny counts. Don't miss your chance to bag a bargain.....or five! See you there.

Also, a Dads Saturday Session in the Freeman Hall is on the same day Saturday 15th at the same time. (drop the kids and the men off and then shop at the sale!)

For further info contact Sophie Soane on 01235 832927.

Is your surname SAWYER, ALDRIDGE, or MATTHEWS? I'm looking for said names to help with Family Tree research from the Hagbourne/Didcot area. lewisslade@ukonline.co.uk or 01278 786948. Thanks.



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Harwell eXpress

I would like to explore starting an art club in Harwell in the next year for children and young people who love art. It would run one early evening/evening a week in the village hall, (timeslot depending on availability). I couldn't do it alone so would like to hear from any interested adults who would like to come on board to form a club. I have shared my vision with Rozanna Keane if anyone wants to chat to her about it, or email me and I will write to everyone in due course and organise a coffee morning to discuss the way forward if there is enough interest. My hope is that all children who love art will be able to come to a place and do art for a couple of hours with lots of encouragement, some guidance and tuition from a group of adults. Charges would cover costs and hopefully be accessible to all aspiring artists. My email is fiona.brennanscott@googlemail.com. Names and ages of aspiring artists can also be sent at this stage.

Busy Bees Music Group

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Harwell Village Hall

The Safari Supper that we intended to organise for Saturday 11th October has unfortunately had to be cancelled for lack of support. To make it work properly it is necessary to have 64 people taking part and we did not find that many. Our thanks, however, go to those people who did volunteer and I hope that we may be able to arrange one of these enjoyable functions some other time. The trick is to find a day when there are no competing events taking place, which there very often are in our most sociable village.

The small sum of money mentioned before left in the Village Hall will be put into funds if unclaimed.

Colin Lamont, Chairman

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SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER

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REFRESHMENTS





Proceeds to support Marlin Nursery School in The Gambia

28th Harwell Produce Show

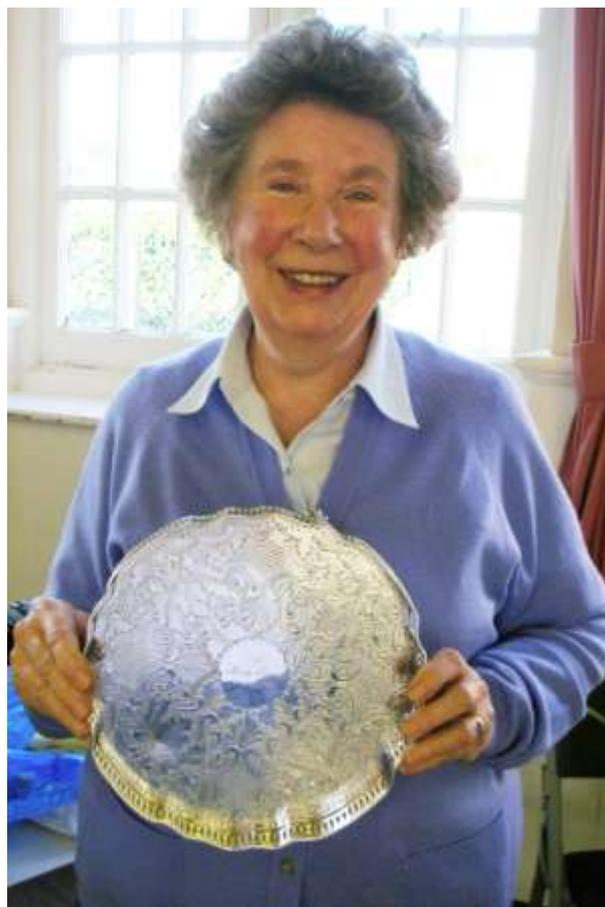
Thank you everyone for supporting the Village Produce Show which again was a well supported by everyone There were over 500 entries from 55 people plus the School and Little Pippins.

I would like to thank Little Pippins & Harwell School for their continued support and especially Di & Tony Baker who displayed all their entries and filled up the Freeman Hall and then returned to take them all away. Thank you to the Gardeners Club for all their help on and off the day.

Some people have requested more items in the Schedule or changes so could you get in touch with me with your suggestions - Adele Harris tel. 811790, 26 Rymans Court Didcot.

Winners of the Trophies

The David Dewey Memorial Shield <i>Member of Gardeners Club with most points all Classes</i>	Susan Quinton
Harwell Produce Show Shield <i>Anyone Most point in all Classes</i>	Alwyn Evans
The Harwell Rose Bowl <i>Most points in Horticultural Classes</i>	Alwyn Evans
The Chairman's Trophy <i>Most points in Flower Classes</i>	Joy Gee
The Rowstock Orchard Trophy <i>Anyone most points in Fruit Classes</i>	Caroline Tyler
The Floral Art trophy <i>Anyone most points in Floral Art</i>	Debbie Davies
The Novices Trophy <i>Newcomer with most points in all classes</i>	Catrin Lee
The Vegetable Trophy <i>Anyone most points in Vegetable Classes</i>	Alwyn Evans
The Domestic Cup <i>Most points in Domestic Classes</i>	Martin Ricketts
Young Persons Challenge Cup <i>Under 15 most points</i>	Sarah Hobin
The Handicraft Trophy <i>Anyone most points in Handicraft</i>	Joan Impey
The Laurie Chumbley Photographic Trophy <i>Most points in Photographic Classes</i>	Pam Hancock
The Mary Turner Salver <i>WI member with most points in all Classes</i>	Betty McNiven
The Norman Ponting Cup <i>Person with most entries</i>	Susan Quinton



Betty McNiven winner of the Mary Turner Salver for the WI member with most points in all Classes

Children's Results

Model made from Kit <i>1st Adam Tankard</i> <i>2nd Sarah Hobin</i>	Model from Junk <i>1st Adam Tankard</i> <i>2nd Sarah Hobin</i>
Room in A Box <i>1st Sarah Hobin</i> <i>2nd Anna Hobin</i> <i>3rd Katie Speed</i>	Computer picture <i>1st Helen Hobin</i> <i>2nd Sarah Hobin</i> <i>3rd Adam Tankard</i>
Textile Item <i>1st Anna Hobin</i> <i>2nd Jemma Tankard</i> <i>3rd Katie Speed</i>	Favourite Photo <i>1st Jemma Tankard</i> <i>2nd Sarah Hobin</i> <i>3rd Anna Hobin</i>

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Produce Show – School Results

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| Age 10 Drawing
1st Henry Roberts
2nd Joshua Buttery | Age 10 Handwriting
1st Gemma Tankard
2nd Merry Davies
3rd Sarah McKilroy-Speed |
| Age 10 Painting
1st Anna Hobin
2nd Alexandra Miller
3rd Rosemary Fishburn | Age 7 Handwriting
1st Charlotte ?
2nd Alysia Pearman
3rd Samantha Day |
| Age 9 Painting
1st Georgia Brennan-Scott
2nd Oliver Hartley
3rd Oliver Moore | Age 4 Face on a Plate
1st Jamie Cockburn
2nd Guy Soane
3rd Sydney Dunphy |
| Draw & Colour a Painting
1st Vincent Tang
2nd Callum Cockburn
3rd Daniel Akers | Age 5 Potato Print
1st Megan Ireson
2nd Chessie Stanchus
3rd Alister Pickles |
| Age 8 Any Painting
1st Zoe Surman
2nd Chloe Pembroke
3rd Ethan Muldoon | Age 6 Handwriting
1st Satia Khimji
2nd Oliver Pickles
3rd Abigail Cairns |
| Age 9 Computer Art
1st Lewis Marrable
2nd Harry Talbot
3rd Jack Bartlett | Age 9 Handwriting
1st Georgia Brennan-Scott
2nd Ollie Hartley
3rd Callum Cockburn |
| Age 7 Computer Art
1st Alysia Pearman
2nd Samantha Day
3rd Ben Ireson | |

There will be a Public Consultation on
Didcot Town Centre Masterplan
Wednesday 8th Oct 1pm to 8pm
Thursday 9th Oct 9.30am to 1pm
 At The Cornerstone, Orchard Centre

This is a consultation on the further development of the Town Centre, between the Orchard Centre, Broadway and Hitchcock Way. The intention is to finalise the plan in November so that a Supplementary Development Plan can be produced by next April. Have your say on the proposed pedestrian streets, town square, shops, housing, parking ...

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News from Harwell Scout Group

Harwell Scout Group is thriving with a membership of over 100 boys and girls across the four sections. Meetings usually take place in St Matthew's Church Hall, The Park. The age groups are:

Section	Age
Beavers	6-8
Cub Scouts	8-11
Scouts	11-14½
Explorers	14½-18

If your child is interested in joining contact Sharon Palmer on 07774 676793 and she will put you in touch with the appropriate section leader. Yes, it's almost that time of year again – or so the retailers would have us think! Save money on your local Christmas card deliveries and help us raise money for the Group. Collection boxes available early in December.
Fireworks Evening: Friday 7th November, Harwell School from 7pm. Come along and join in the fun.

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Harwell Senior Citizens Fund

H.E.L.P. We are desperately looking for more people to become an agent for us or to join our committee to cut the work load a bit, it would only take about half an hour of your time once a week to call at an area within the Village to deliver bingo tickets.

For those people new to the Village who haven't heard of us, we sell bingo tickets (10p each) around the village and have prize money of up to £50.00 every week. With the money we make every year, we distribute a Christmas gift to all of the over 70's in our Parish whose names are on our list to receive one.

If you are a resident of this parish who is 70 years of age or over and have lived here for more than six months, we would be very happy to come and see you at Christmas time and bring you a gift. We usually make around £4,000.00 a year selling these tickets and all the money that is gathered in is paid out to our parishioners (less printing expenses of course), we have around 200 people on our list and if you would like us to be one of your Christmas treats, we would be happy to take your names etc. We have a cut off date of November 25th as we have lots of administration work to do before the Christmas pay-out and we have to adhere to this deadline so no names will be taken after this date but would be added on to the 2009 register.

If you would either like to buy bingo tickets, become an agent or join our committee please phone our Chairperson Ursula Moore on Ab. 834238 and she will be happy to have a chat with you.

To raise extra funds, we have an Auction coming up in The Royal British Legion Club, Harwell on Saturday October 25th so keep this date free and come along and support this very worthwhile event, it's always a fun evening for everybody.

Yvonne Hinchliffe - Secretary Ab. 835397.

Harwell Feast AGM

Wednesday 22nd October 8pm
Royal British Legion
Any interested parties welcome.

Didcot Library Events

Toddlers Rhymetimes Alternate Fridays –
Oct 17th, 31st November 14th, 28th
Coffee Morning – free tea, coffee and biscuits
October 31st, November 28th 10am – 2pm

Grove Craft Fair

Saturday 8 November 2008

Old Mill Hall, Grove 10.00am - 4.00pm

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Learn to Play Bridge

On Tuesday 7th October, Wallingford Bridge Club will be restarting its courses for newcomers to Duplicate Bridge as well as courses for those who already know the fundamentals. The courses will be the official English Bridge Union '*Bridge For All*' Units which come complete with notes, hands to try at home and revision exercises. The introductory course is 10-12 on Tuesday mornings and is repeated 7.30-9.30 on Tuesday evenings. An improvers' course (for those who know the basics of playing Bridge) is 7-30-9.30 on Tuesday evenings.

If you already play but do not belong to a Club, Wallingford Bridge Club offers playing opportunities for all. Monday 7.30 – 10.30 is a relaxed evening for those who would like to play Duplicate Bridge without being overwhelmed by more competitive players. Thursday 2.00 offers a choice of playing Duplicate Bridge socially or of attending a Supervised Play session where you can discuss your bidding and play with each other and with an experienced tutor. In addition hand commentaries are provided for 12 of the boards that you may have played. The boards are often prepared to a specific theme.

The more competitive players have opportunities to match wits with other like minded players on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

For further details please ring Francis Glassborow on 01865 717797 or email francis.glassborow@btinternet.com. Or visit the Club's website: www.bridgeclub.fsnet.co.uk

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Fun Dog Show



Anna Hobin with Toffee who came 4th in the Dog Most Like It's Owner class and 4th in The Dog Who Won't Eat A Sausage class.



Reserve Best In Show went to Sophie shown by Margaret McNiven and owned by James McNiven.



Pam Hancock the judge pictured with Hannah Hawthorne with Oliver who won The Handsomest Dog class and The Overall Best In Show.

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Recipe Appeal



Dear Villagers,

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We ask that anyone who provides a recipe, supplies us with their name, so they can (and will be) honoured in print, and under what category their recipe should be listed, ie. Soup, starter, cake etc. Recipes should be emailed to littlepippins@art-sally.net, or can be dropped off at Little Pippins.

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Why not bring along a picnic lunch?

Terrific Trees We are open in half term!!

27th - 31st October 10am - 3pm

Come along to Sutton Courtenay to enjoy a day out exploring the site with our tree trail and joining in with the help yourself art activities:

We are also running scheduled activities at a cost of £5 per child, lasting 1½ hours:

Charcoal Making Wednesday 29th 1 pm onwards

Jewellery Making Thursday 30th 1 pm onwards

For further information on these please contact:

Tel: 01235 862024 email: sceec@bbowt.org.uk



Things that go bump
in the night

Friday October 31st 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Come and meet the owls, bats and moths that come out to play whilst you're asleep The evening will end with a hot drink around a camp fire.

Pumpkin lantern competition.

Wrap up warmly as we will be outside!

Booking Essential Admission £5 per family.

Suitable for children 7yrs and above.

All children to be accompanied.

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Harwell Feast

Village Quiz

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Harwell Youngsters are kitted out



Harwell Parish Council was delighted to purchase sports equipment for village football teams following receipt of a generous grant of £703 from npower. The grant, awarded via the Didcot A & B Power Stations *Power into your Project* scheme, has enabled the Council to buy goals, training bibs, footballs and first aid kits for use by 5 teams from Harwell Village FC and Harwell & Hendred Boys FC. Pictured is Mr David Marsh, Chairman of Harwell Parish Council, presenting equipment to team representatives.



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Northmoor Trust Events

Unless otherwise stated, **booking is required** for all events and meeting place is at Hill Farm, Little Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QZ. Tel: 01865 407792 or email: admin@northmoortrust.co.uk Website: www.northmoortrust.co.uk

Sunday 5th & 19th October: 10:30am – 1pm Fungus Foray

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Tues 28th to Fri 31st October: 10am – 3:30pm
Half Term Crafty Halloween Preparations
Get crafty and make spooky spiders and scary masks for your Halloween costume.
Children's activities from £1

Friday 31st October: 5pm – 7pm Halloween Pumpkin Party

Ghoulish treasure hunt, followed by pumpkin carving and games. Free insect cake if you come in Halloween fancy dress. Soup on sale.
Children £7, Project Timescape Passport holders & Friends £6, Adults Free
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Auction of Christmas Hampers

HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY POLICIES

Qualification

Burial spaces are only available for:

- Those who are resident in Harwell
- Those with close village connections
- Non-residents in extraordinary circumstances with the prior consent of the Council
- Burial grants giving right of burial in Harwell may be pre-purchased from the Council at the current price of a plot fee. Refunds may be authorized at the discretion of the Council, depending on the circumstances in each case.

Headstones/ Memorials

Must be:

- Approved by the Council, with the ground settling for at least 6 months
- Upright to a maximum height of 2'6", and not more than 2 feet wide and 18 inches deep at the base
- Restricted to 1 per grave; 2 graves can be combined with 1 headstone subject to width of 4 ft
- Approved before an additional inscription can be added to existing stone. If there is insufficient room on the front of a headstone, the Council will allow such inscription on the reverse.
- For those interred in the cemetery; however a simple inscription will be allowed if the remains are interred elsewhere (just a name, no more).
- Erected by (or to the same standard as) a stonemason, maintained in a safe condition, and repaired promptly if necessary.
- The Council has an annual memorials testing policy. If any memorial is found to be in a dangerous condition, the Council has the right to lay flat, repair, or otherwise make safe the memorial at the expense of the owner, having first made efforts to contact the owner.
- Kerbstones or other borders are strictly not permitted.

Soil & Damage

Any surplus soil from the levelling of graves must be removed to the designated area.

Should damage to the cemetery be incurred, the Council will charge those responsible for any damage, howsoever caused, to any area of the cemetery; this charge will be the actual cost, including labour, of making good such damage, plus any legal or other costs incurred by the Council in pursuing the perpetrator of the damage.

Untended graves

If a grave is left untended for 12 months, the Council reserves the right to remove any obstacle which could restrict maintenance in the cemetery or damage machinery, having first made efforts to contact relatives responsible for the grave.

Ashes

- No ashes in burial plots unless interment is to take place in a used grave space or in a space reserved for a resident of Harwell
- A tablet of no more than 12 inches by 12 inches is permitted to record interment of ashes; tablet to be flat with no recess.

Plaques

- Not permitted for any person/s other than residents or those with close connections to the village
- A plaque will be permitted even if ashes are not interred in the cemetery, as long as the person has close connections with the village
- It is permitted to reserve a space on the Wall of Remembrance by erection of a blank plaque
- Guidelines for plaques are available from the Clerk. All plaques must be approved by the Council.

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Vale of White Horse District Council News From your District Councillors

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have appointed David Buckle as the chief executive to run both councils, following a recommendation made by a panel of South and Vale councillors.

David Buckle said: "I'm obviously delighted with the panel's recommendation. I'm looking forward to getting started with the job and meeting the staff and councillors I've not yet had the pleasure of working with.

"Both Terry and myself have worked hard to get to this point so Terry will naturally be disappointed with the news, but we both knew that one of us would end up in this position. I know Terry will relish the opportunity to think about his next challenge and I wish him luck in whatever he decides to do"

Terry Stock said: "Clearly I'm disappointed with this outcome but I'm in no doubt that a joint management team is the right way forward. Having worked with David closely over the years I know he will lead both councils successfully into the future and I wish him the best of luck for the future."

Cllr Ann Ducker, Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, says: "The panel put both chief executives through a gruelling and exhausting selection process. We involved stakeholders and external recruitment consultants to help us select the right person to lead both councils through the challenging and exciting times that lie ahead of them.

"Our decision was by no means an easy one, but we knew from the outset it wouldn't be, as both chief executives have done a great job leading their respective councils to success. However after much deliberation the panel felt that David was the best candidate for the job."

Cllr Tony de Vere, Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council, added: "David and Terry made the panel's job very difficult as they both demonstrated how enthusiastic and committed they were to delivering further successes for both councils and showed real vision for how they would achieve this. But we had to make a decision and on the day David proved he was the right person to do this."

"We're obviously sad to say goodbye to a good member of staff but joining management teams is the right decision for both councils and taxpayers as we can focus on delivering frontline services with minimum managerial support."

The appointment will be the first step in creating a single shared management team for both councils, which could save around £750,000 a year by seeing the current 21 senior jobs across both councils reduced to 12.

The first job for the new CE after meeting his new staff and councillors will be to propose a management structure for the next two tiers of senior officers. Like

the CE appointment these will be ring fenced to the existing staff.

Both councils will remain independent of each other and retain their separate identities. This is particularly relevant because South Oxfordshire is Conservative controlled and the Liberal Democrats run the Vale of White Horse.

The two councils have a good track record of joint working as a shared finance service has been in place for some time. We hope to extend this further with the introduction of a joint waste collection and street cleansing service from next year.

Vale reviews conservation areas

The Vale of White Horse District Council is carrying out a review of the 52 conservation areas in the District.

A conservation area is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which is desirable to preserve or enhance.

The appraisals, which started with three pilot studies in Northcourt (Abingdon), Wytham and East Hendred, will help to define what is special about an area and what qualities warrant it being designated as a conservation area. The review should also help give people in the Vale a better understanding of what gives conservation areas their special character.

The appraisals will also be looking into whether existing conservation areas should be extended, or amended to remove areas that are no longer viewed as being of special interest.

For each conservation area a consultation draft will be produced and given to the relevant parish council as well as other interested consultees to consider. Consultation events will be held to gauge further public reaction to the appraisals. It's not yet known when it will be Harwell's turn.



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October 15th - It all started with Saint Nicholas

This talk starts our season of events and is by our friend Herman Cole from Sint-Niklaas. It will take place at the Preston Rd Community Centre 8pm and should be an interesting evening as Herman has a lot of knowledge of the twin towns. If you don't know him he can speak a few different languages fluently.

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News from Newington Nurseries –

Effective Boundaries

The humble hedge is a garden feature that makes living in high-density urban situations much more comfortable because they give us privacy and security. What is increasingly recognized is that they also protect us against harmful pollutants in the air – they can actually improve air quality in our home spaces.

Scientific studies have shown that year-round, conifers are effective at removing harmful particulates from the air, making them a great choice for a boundary if you live near a busy road. Being evergreen, you also get the benefits of privacy, shade and shelter for twelve months of the year. Hedges also provide background texture and complementary colour for other plants in addition to being wildlife havens for small mammals, birds and insects. Hedges are a great investment because they live for years and, although they do need trimming to keep them in shape, they'll never need painting and are highly unlikely to blow down. They definitely win against fences!

There is a range of options for you to choose from in terms of hedging conifers. *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*, or Lawson's Cypress, is a good starting point. Lawson's Cypress will quickly develop into a bushy hedge that is easy to maintain. Leyland Cypress (*Cupressocyparis leylandii*) is fast growing which makes it great for establishing quickly but you will need to keep on top of trimming. Both produce sprays of beautiful blue-green foliage. *Thuja plicata* 'Atrovirens', as well as *Thuja occidentalis* 'Smaragd' and 'Brabant', are very well suited to hedging. The foliage of the *Thuja* is dark green and lustrous. Yew (*Taxus baccata*), although not strictly a conifer, is an evergreen and makes a great hedge. Unlike many conifers, it is shade tolerant, responds well to hard pruning and is also slow growing.

Most garden soils with reasonable drainage will be suitable for establishing conifers hedges. The actual procedure for planting is straightforward. Mark out the run of your hedge with a string line, allowing at least 50cm in width for the hedge to grow. Dig a trench approximately 50cm wide. Cultivate the soil along the line and work in compost/soil improver. Put plants in the ground approximately 1 metre apart and firm down with your boot. Water well until they are established, especially if conditions are dry. It is good manners to explain to neighbours what your plans are with hedging and that you will be keeping the hedge to an acceptable height (around 1.8m is reasonable in most situations).

Maintenance is a key element in establishing a successful hedge. Prune when the risk of frost is past, ideally at least twice through the growing season. Check for nesting birds though before you start pruning. Trimming the hedge regularly will minimize the effort in cleaning up the cuttings (though catching them in an old sheet spread on the ground works a treat). Put hedge clippings in your green waste bin.