

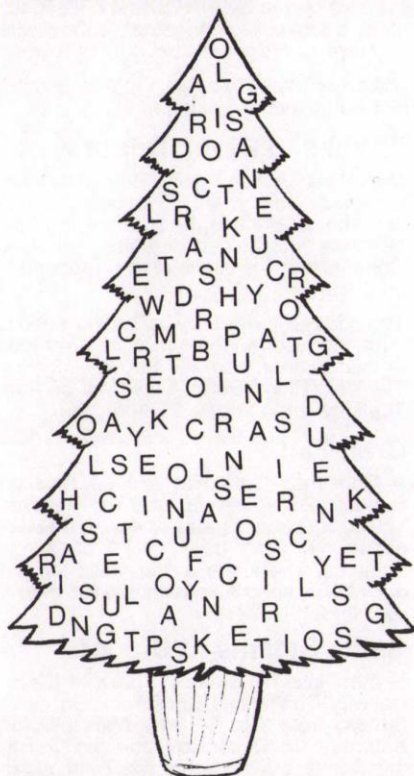
# Harlequin

## NEWS SHEET

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### Christmas Competition

The Christmas Competition is, to find 17 words associated with Christmas by using all the letters in the Christmas Tree. Every letter must be used, each letter used only once. There will be three prizes – 1st Prize: Christmas Hamper; 2nd Prize: Christmas Cake and Bottle of Wine; 3rd Prize: Box of Chocolates.



Send your entry to Harlequin Christmas Competition, Room G118, Building 329, Harwell Laboratory, to arrive by 5 December. If there are several all-correct entries the winners will be drawn from a hat. Winners will be notified immediately and results will be published in the Harlequin.

### Flea Market

Harwell Village Hall on Sunday, 19 November, 10.30 – 4 p.m. In aid of hall renovation. Many and varied stalls. 20p entrance, children free.

### Chief Importer Retires



Barrie Roberts retired recently from Harwell's Site Manager's Branch. At a farewell presentation Barrie was given a 'Microwave' by Mr. Ron Bird on behalf of his colleagues and friends.

Barrie joined the Authority in 1958 and was a Clerical Officer in the Finance Department then situated above the old Woolworths Store in Oxford. On returning to Harwell he was in Accounts, Research Reactors as a DAO, then Materials Physics as DAO, back to Finance, before joining Site Manager's Branch, where he was responsible for the installation of the new telephone exchange. He prided himself on completing the task to schedule and within the budget.

Barrie and his wife Pauline have recently purchased a cottage in Polperro, Cornwall, where he hopes to retire when he 'matures' further. But for the time being he will act as chief importer of whisky to the Cornish Peninsular.

Our photograph shows (l to r): Terry Richards, Barbara Varney, Eileen Thomas, Linda Fanning, Barrie, Liz Aldworth, Ellen Howard, Fred Spicer, Jane Brandon and Sue Devenney.

### Christmas Fayre

King Alfred's School, Wantage will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 25 November in the Central Site Hall, Portway, Wantage from 1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**Concert** in Amey Hall, Abingdon School on 18 November at 8 p.m. Abingdon and District Musical Society present: Elgar – The Music Makers and Dvorak – Symphony No. 8. Tickets £3.50 (£2.50) from Price's Stationers or at the door.



## Acknowledgements

**Barrie Roberts** thanks all friends and colleagues for their best wishes and the 'Microwave' on his early retirement. To those he was unable to see he says thank you and wishes everyone good luck for the future.

**John and Gabby Barnes** wish to thank all their friends and colleagues for their generous gift on the occasion of John's retirement.

**Lyn Jones and Daphne** thank everyone for a great send-off and for the gifts received. Sorry to those he was unable to see personally and best wishes for the future to all.

**Ellen Howard** thanks friends and colleagues for the gifts and good wishes on her retirement. Special thanks to Joyce and May in the laundry for the super bouquet. Best wishes for the future.

**Mike Wilkins (NP&ID)** thanks all friends and colleagues for the warm send-off and the farewell presents especially the unusual picture and the charming flower basket for Barbara. After nearly 32 years he will miss you all, but will not be far away if you care to call in at any time.

## The Nerd

The Old Gaol Theatre Company is presenting a comedy, *The Nerd* by Larry Shue at the Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon from Tuesday to Saturday, 21-25 November at 8 p.m. Tickets available from Price's Stationers, Abingdon or Tel. 0235 847181 or at the door if available. Prices: Tues. £2, Wed.-Thurs. £2.50, Fri.-Sat. £3. 50p reduction for Students and OAP's.

## Christmas Bazaar

There will be a Christmas Bazaar at the Charlton Centre, Charlton Village Road, Wantage on Saturday, 25 November at 2.00 p.m. There will be Xmas Cards, Dried Flowers, Candles, Xmas Decorations, Xmas Bulbs etc. for sale (made and prepared by trainees at the Centre). Santa Clause will be in his Grotto and there will also be a Raffle, Tombola and Cake Stall. Visitors are very welcome and it is well worth getting to know this valuable local resource Centre and to see the quality products they produce.

## School Reunion

Segsbury Class of '79 School Reunion on Saturday, 16 December in Wantage Football Club from 7.30 p.m. to 12 midnight. There will be a buffet and disco. Tickets £2.50. All '79 leavers and staff welcome. For further details, contact Linda, Ext. 5422 or Theresa, Ext. 4156.

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**Mr. John Barnes** of Harwell's Chemistry Support Section retired recently after 31 years in the pressurised suit team. A cheque subscribed to by friends and colleagues was presented to John (left) by Steve Bottrell at a farewell get-together. John's wife Gabriel, who came to this country as an Austrian au-pair, was given a bouquet of flowers.

John will continue to live in his home in North Drive and hopes to be able to devote more time to his hobbies which include gardening, music and model making.

## Carillon Singers

The Marriage of Figaro by Mozart (a semi-staged concert version) presented by the Carillon Singers. Friday & Saturday, 17-18 November in Wantage Parish Church at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £2.50 (£2 OAP's & children) available from Mrs. J. Garrard, Ext. 4121 (mornings), Wessex Press, Wantage, or at the door.

## Pudsey Bear Lunch

The girls in Materials Physics and Metallurgy Division are holding a 'Pudsey Bear Lunch' on Friday, 17 November at 12.15 in Research Reactors Division Conference Room, Building 521. You will be able to buy savouries, cakes, tea and coffee. There will also be a Christmas Gift Stall and a Raffle (to be drawn at 1.30 p.m.). Please go along and give your support.

## Cake Stall

Wantage Ladies Circle are holding a cake stall on 17 November in Wantage Market Place to raise money for the Children in Need Appeal. They would like as many cakes as possible. Last year they raised over £1,000, please help to make it more this year. If you would like to help, then make a cake and contact Debbie, JET Ext. 4858.

## Wine and Cheese Party

The City of Oxford Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution are holding a Wine and Cheese Party on Friday, 17 November at Rhodes House, South Parks Road, Oxford at 7.45 p.m. There will be a Raffle, Competition and Christmas Goods for sale. Tickets £2.50. So go along and support them. For further details, contact Sister Howse on Ext. 4283.

## Thanks to Blood Donors

Miss Vivian Austin, Acting Regional Donor Organiser for the National Blood Transfusion Service, has written to thank all those who helped organise the Blood Donor Clinic and all those who reported to be bled.

The end result was very rewarding when in total 460 reported to be bled, and included in this number were 62 first time donors. The next Blood Donor Clinic will be from Tuesday, 24 to Friday, 27 April 1990.

## Craft Fair

A Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, 26 November at West Hendred Village Hall from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. An ideal opportunity to buy your Christmas presents. There are a few stalls left, £5 each. Telephone Abingdon 833495 after 6 p.m. for further details.

## Santa Steams to Didcot

Santa Clause is steaming back to Didcot Railway Centre this Christmas. On every Sunday from 3 to 24 December, also on Saturday, 16 December, children visiting the Centre are invited to meet him in his grotto aboard the Great Western steam train to receive a present. Didcot Railway Centre is open on each of these days from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The entrance is at Didcot Parkway British Rail Section.

## Harwell and Culham Suggestions Scheme

From 1 September the Industrial and Non-Industrial Suggestions Schemes have been combined. Employees wishing to submit suggestions should complete form H2842 (obtainable from DAO's) and send it to Mrs. E. Downey, Personnel, B.77.





## Roger Achieves Speedy Success

Roger Thetford, a theoretical physicist at the Harwell Laboratory, has achieved all five of the athletic goals set in conjunction with Running Magazine earlier this year. Roger was selected as one of six amateur runners (out of over 1,000 applicants) to join 'Target '89'.

The Editor of Running Magazine interviewed Roger in February for a feature outlining his athletics background and running goals along with a tough training programme. The feature stated: 'To reach his half-marathon target, Roger Thetford is depending on the same meticulous attention to detail and mental stamina that have served him so well as a scientist'.

Two of the targets were achieved in May: in the British Orienteering Championships, held at Star Posts, near Crowthorne, Roger improved on last year's 74th place to finish 50th; at Leighton Buzzard Roger broke the all-important barrier of 10 miles within one hour, achieving a time of 59 mins 7 secs.

June was also a successful month, with two more barriers smashed during the summer heatwave: Roger's 4 mins 45 secs target for running a mile was achieved at Oxford's Iffley Road track (actual time 4 mins 43 secs); at a 10 km run at Tring, a big effort in the last mile saw Roger home in 34 mins 56 secs, the last of those qualifying inside the 35 mins target time.

The final target of a half marathon in less than 80 mins was achieved in September at Oxford: the time was a magnificent 77 mins 28 secs, when Roger competed as part of a team of four orienteers from the Nag's Head public house in Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford.

Roger, pictured with Miss Phillipa Edwards using the Cray-2 supercomputer, said "Cliff Temple's training plan forced me to go out and run fast sessions. Before I would have run further but at a more steady pace. I had to sharpen up my speed considerably, and the results show that the effort was worthwhile".

## Poppy Appeal 1989

The Royal British Legion helped over 75,000 people with welfare and relief. Please help this important work by giving generously to the Poppy Appeal, 6-10 November.

## Doctor's Surgery

Dr. Langridge began to see his patients at the new Branch Surgery in Bld. 166A (the entrance is in the cul-de-sac opposite Lloyds Bank) in May. He attends on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 1.30 p.m. Appointments, for any of his patients, should be made in the usual way through his Receptionist at Didcot (0235 813150). If you use a car, please park in the Shopping Centre car park, not in the cul-de-sac.

## Book Sale

Friday, 10 November – Sale of cut-price books by Good-Buy Books of Bath, 12 noon – 2 p.m. in the Harwell Social Club Main Hall. Wide range of books for sale. All members welcome.

## Telephone Number Changes

As from 1 November the main Harwell telephone number changed to Abingdon (0235) 821111.

Energy Technology and Marine Technology have also got new numbers. Energy Technology (0235) 821000 and Marine Technology (0235) 821144.

Please ensure you amend all paperwork going outside Harwell accordingly.

## Film Society

The next film will be **BIRD**, Clint Eastwood's remarkable film about American jazz saxophonist, Charlie Parker. To be shown on Tuesday, 21 November at 7.45 p.m. in the Cockcroft Hall. Running time 108 mins. Guest tickets (£1.70) from Keith Mansell, Bld. 329, Ext. 2410 or at the door.

## PHOENIX

If you are on your own and would like a better social life then why not join us? We have a full programme of Social Activities (Theatre Trips, Walks etc), which may help to expand your horizons and get you out of that rut.

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