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# **Farewell to Ridgeway House**









The history of Ridgeway House goes back, as with so many other original buildings on-site, to the days when Harwell was an RAF base during the 1930's and the 2nd World War. In those days Ridgeway House or Staff Club 'A' as it was generally known, was the premier residential establishment for Officers and had been constructed and furnished to RAF standards of comfort and excellence.

When the Atomic Energy Research Establishment came into existence in 1946, 'A' Club became the chief residential Harwell Hostel and provided comfortable accommodation for staff who required either temporary or permanent accommodation. In those days continuing RAF tradition waitress service was provided for all meals in the dining room, including lunch, which was available for residents and non-residents. In addition residents could enjoy such amenities as their own bar and use of two billiard tables.

Through the passing of time many changes were made but Staff Club 'A' remained the sole serving residential hostel on the Harwell site. Now it is to close at the end of January and on Thursday 14 December Staff and Residents enjoyed a Dinner at Ridgeway House. Many of whom are photographed above.

# News and Views

Acknowledgements

Wyn Haigh thanks all friends and colleagues for their good wishes and the beautiful watch presented to her on her retirement. To those she was unable to see she says thank you and wishes everyone all the very best for the future.

**Bill Mitchel** says cheerio to all the many friends he may have missed before retiring in December also thanks once again for the wonderful gifts from you all in B 394 and on bus route No. 3.

Marjorie Owen thanks all her friends and colleagues for their wonderful gifts and good wishes on her retirement. She was sorry that she was unable to see all the secretarial staff before her departure. She will miss them all and think of them often. She sends them her best wishes for a bright future.

May MacFadyen thanks everyone for their generosity in supporting the Children in Need Appeal including the Social Services, and the Physically/Mentally Handicapped.

Duncan and Sybil Hughes thank all friends and colleagues for their generous gifts and for making his retirement party such a pleasant occasion. He appreciates all the help and friendship received during his past 40 years enjoyable service in the UKAEA (34 years at Harwell), and wishes every success to the new style Harwell of the '90s. Happy New Year to everyone.

Edna and Ernie Povey thank everyone for their help, good wishes, gifts and plant basket on Ernies retirement. They wish you all good luck for the future.

John Ralph thanks friends and colleagues for their generous retirement gifts and good wishes and bids a fond farewell to all colleagues at Harwell.

Les Nayler thanks all his friends and colleagues for their kind wishes and farewell gifts on his retirement from the Authority. Sorry he could not get round to see everyone personally before he left, he sends his best wishes to all for the future.

### **CHQ Fax Number**

The CHQ fax number listed in the phone directory via the tie-line, 725-274 only operates during working hours! There is now a 24 hour number (via GPO lines) 01-930-8403. Please make a note of this.

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**Klaxon Testing** 

The Harwell Site Emergency Klaxons will be sounded for a Recognition Test at 1000 hours on Tuesday 23 January. The sequence of the test is described in HSN-8. Any faulty klaxons should be reported on the appropriate form (H.1458 - rev 4/87), which can be obtained from all DAOs or from the Safety Secretariat, Building 33.

## Harwell/Culham Suggestions Awards

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**Didcot Railway Centre** 

In 1840 Great Western Railway trains started running through Didcot, though it was another four years before there was to be a station with the opening of the branch to Oxford.

Great Western can still be seen at Didcot Railway Centre which will be open every weekend in 1990 and on Tuesdays to Sundays (and Bank Holidays) from April to September. There are Steamdays on the first and last Sunday each month from March. Bank Holidays, all Sundays June to August and all Wednesdays in August

Didcot Railway Centre is open from 11 am. to 5 pm., the entrance is at Didcot Parkway rail station. There is a refreshment room serving lunches and snacks and a souvenir shop selling a wide range of books, videos etc.

# Harwell Village Gardeners'

The next meeting titled The Winter Garden will be held in the Village Hall, Harwell Village on Monday 5 February at 7.30pm. The competition will be a Winter Colour Arrangement. Everyone Welcome.

**New!! RAL Juggling Club** 

If you can juggle or if you would like to learn come and join the fun in the RAL Rec. Assoc. Games Room, Fridays 12.00 - 2.00. For further Information contact Anne RAL. Ext. 5160

**Sponsored Slim** from 22 January to 2 March, all proceeds go to British Heart Foundation, diet and sponsor sheets provided. For details contact Margarette Stewart on Ext 3117.

### **Aerobics Club**

New session now started on Wednesdays 12 to 1 pm. in the Air Hall. Beginners (men and women) welcome. Contact Sue Ext 2666

#### Flea Market/ Car Boot Sale

The 8th Abingdon (Steventon) Scout Group will be holding a Flea Market/Car Boot Sale on Saturday 10 February at Steventon Village Hall from 9 am. to 1 pm. Stalls £5. For further information contact Mrs T Fletcher, Abingdon 831283 or Mr M Rutherford, Abingdon 831426.

Harwell Cruising Club

George Huxtable will talk on "Astro-nav. by pocket calculator" The Wheatsheaf, East Hendred, Thursday 18 January at 12.15.

### Perceptions

The Vale And Downland Museum Centre, Church Street, Wantage are holding an exhibition of experimental paintings and drawings called Perceptions from now until Saturday 4 February. Admission free. Normal opening times Tuesday - Saturday 10.30 am. - 4.30 pm. Sunday 2.30 pm. - 5.00 pm.

The exhibition is of work by a group of eight artists of diverse backgrounds. The group meet weekly under the tuition of Sue Helm and explores different ways of perceiving subject matter. Particular attention is paid to colour harmonies and compositional structure. The exhibition shows the wide variety of approaches and subjects explored by the group. Local landscapes and buildings, still life and flower composition.

### Memorial Service Dr Tom Marsham

A Memorial Service will be held for Dr Tom Marsham on Friday 26 January in the choir of the Anglican Cathedral, St. James's Mount, Liverpool, commencing at 12.30 pm. Mrs Marsham and her family will be pleased to welcome those attending to join them afterwards for light refreshments in the Western Rooms in the crypt of the Cathedral.

So that the AEA can give Mrs Marsham some idea of the numbers attending, would anyone from Harwell who wishes to do so please notify Mr I C Jones, Head of Personnel & Training, Tel. Ext. 3284, by Friday 19 January.