

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

As some of you may have heard, I have been made the Minister for Culture, Communications and the Creative Industries. This is a long title, possibly one of the longest in Government. It also includes in effect two jobs. One is to cover the arts, libraries, broadcasting and the creative industries over at the Department for Culture Media and Sport (known as DCMS). The other is to cover broadband roll-out, telecoms, and illegal filesharing over at the Department of Business (known as BIS). Phew.



As a local MP, it is interesting to consider how these responsibilities affect people in the constituency. The first and most obvious is broadband rollout. About ten per cent of all homes do not have broadband at all, and about one in 3 have very poor broadband, mainly in rural areas. There are some parts of the constituency that remain affected. Our aim is to get everyone to have a basic broadband service by the end of 2012, and to roll out high speed broadband over the next few years. If you have any issues with broadband do let me know.

I also cover what is known as illegal filesharing. This is a hugely controversial new law which would allow internet companies to temporarily disconnect people if it could be proved that they have been copying music or films without proper authorisation. This is something we have to act on, as every piece of music that is copied illegally takes money away from artists and creators, who provide a lot of money for the economy. We're looking to introduce the new measures next year, but no one will be cut off (and then only temporarily) without plenty of warning and a chance to change their behaviour.

Another issue that is likely to be prominent is libraries, which I also cover. Libraries are very important to local communities, but as money becomes tighter, they may suffer. I will use my position to try and ensure that we can make responsible savings so that libraries continue to provide important services for local people - not just book borrowing, but also education and access to broadband and other local and national services.

One local issue has already cropped up which affects my ministerial responsibilities directly. The local television transmitter burnt down, and cannot be replaced until September (they have to build a new one from scratch). Many people have had their TV coverage affected and are understandably looking for a speedy solution and I am looking into this.

I continue to focus on other local issues as normal. I met with those campaigning against the reservoir, ahead of the public enquiry. I am continuing to campaign for a new station at Grove. And I was delighted that the new Government threw out the housing targets which have led to plans for huge housing developments across the constituency. It may not affect those where planning permission has already been granted but it could lead to a rethink where no decision has yet been made.

Recent constituency engagements include a spot of metal detecting (I also cover archaeology!) and as a judge for Didcot's Got Talent, a great night for pupils aged 6-11 to show off their talents. I tried not to be too Simon Cowell-ish!

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MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

9 July	Grove: Old Mill Hall, Old School Lane
23 July	Didcot, King Alfred Drive, Community Centre
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Marcham/Frilford Dig News 2010

This is a reminder that this year as before the public are welcome to visit this fantastic and large Oxford University Training Dig. Archaeologists are at work every day except Saturdays for the 4 weeks from Sunday 4 July and the site is open to visitors.

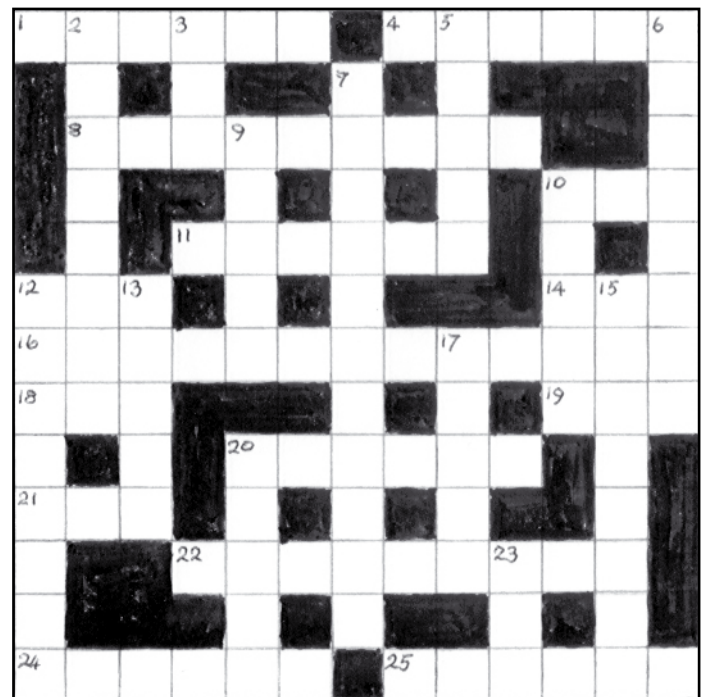


The best day to come will be **NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY - SUNDAY 25 JULY 10-4** when there will be guided tours and other attractions.

Watch out for posters! You can look at http://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/research/research_projects/marcham to find out more about the dig.

It is not too late to apply to dig in the 'People's Trench' for a day or two - intended to give an ENJOYABLE hands-on archaeological training and experience to local people. The dig runs six days a week (Saturday is a rest day) from Sunday 4 July to Friday 30 July. Those who do not want to dig all day or at all can sit down for a few hours or a day and 'pot wash' (wash finds) - pot washing is on offer on the following dates in July from 10-4: Thursday 6, Tuesday 13, Thursday 15, Sunday 18, Tuesday 20, Thursday 22, Tuesday 27.

For further information please contact Janey Cumber on 01865-391327/391840 or email janey.cumber@tiscali.co.uk.



ACROSS

- 1 Lead writer (6)
- 4 Yearly (6)
- 8 Uncontrolled mirth (9)
- 10 Young animal (3)
- 11 Bowman (6)
- 12 Stitch (3)
- 14 Drink (3)
- 16 Dig site (8.5)
- 18 Managed (3)
- 19 Cunning (3)
- 20 & 22 Have your say at Duffield Place (6.9)
- 21 No (3)
- 22 See 20
- 24 See 23
- 25 Cricket line (6)

DOWN

- 2 Mayfly (8)
- 3 Lettuce (3)
- 5 More agreeable (5)
- 6 Letter of rooms (8)
- 7 Study going on at 16 (11)
- 9 Weary (5)
- 10 Red birds (5)
- 12 Power (8)
- 13 Peter's friend (5)
- 15 Regular ovals (8)
- 17 Difficulty (5)
- 20 Interval (5)
- 23 & 24 Olympic game (3.6)

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