

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

As well as concentrating on local issues it is important for MPs to have a national and international perspective. Some of the issues I intend to concentrate on in this Parliament include the environment and climate change. I am therefore delighted to have been appointed to the Environmental Audit Select Committee. We will be conducting hearings over the next few months on reducing carbon emissions in transport. I would be interested to hear the views of any constituents on this issue. Given our enormous science and nuclear heritage I suspect I am one of the few MPs who can expect to receive many learned contributions.

I also expect to look closely at the Middle East and India. I am particularly pleased to have been appointed to the Conservative's Globalisation and Global Poverty Group. It is chaired by Peter Lilley MP and Bob Geldof will be consulting the group.

My friend (but not necessarily political supporter!) Sjoerd Vogt has set up a discussion group on global poverty at <http://groups.google.co.uk/groups/mphwantage> to let people air their views.

Partly with this in mind I recently visited India, if you would like to hear more about the trip or have concerns about local issues like the reservoir, housing or community hospitals then please get in touch at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or vaizeye@parliament.uk. My website can be found at

www.vaizey.com

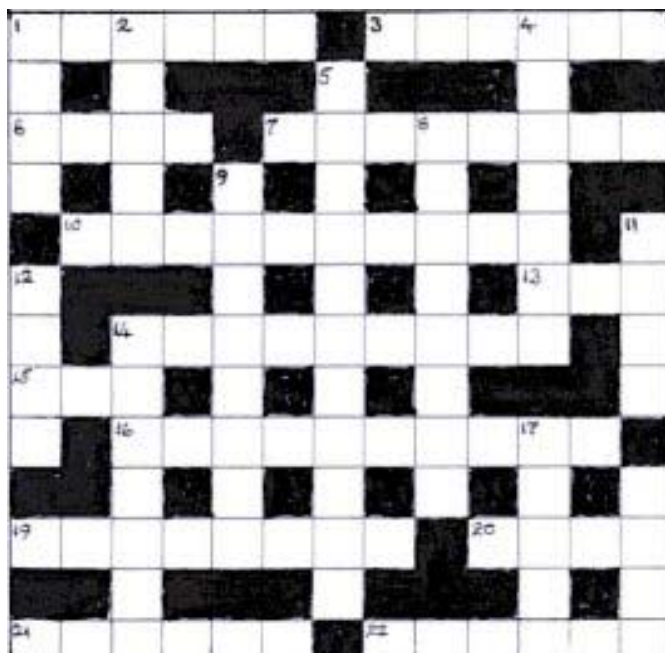
February Crossword by Alisa

Across

- 1 Employment agency (6)
- 3 Poet, or Oxfordshire town (6)
- 6 Reptile (4)
- 7 Coastal town (8)
- 10 Animated (10)
- 13 Piece of wood (3)
- 14 February saint (9)
- 15 Slide over snow (3)
- 16 Breakfast food (10)
- 19 Garment (8)
- 20 Bird (4)
- 21 Further on (6)
- 22 County (6)

Down

- 1 Abingdon U3A (4)
- 2 Breakfast food (5)
- 4 Roll noisily (7)
- 5 Oxfordshire town (11)
- 8 Involving measurement (8)
- 9 Begg (8)
- 11 Breakfast food (4)
- 12 Change (4)
- 14 Famous flagship (7)
- 17 Road in Marcham (5)
- 18 Ship's unit of speed (4)



SUNSHINE CLUB

January 06 We returned to club on 9th with Christmas Trees and decorations all packed away for another year. It was nice to see everybody back to the club, I hope we will have a good year ahead. Over the last two weeks we've had a nice small table top sale which help to add to the funds. Alice also had a table with some of her nice cards for sale, she kindly gave to club a donation from the sale, our thanks. On Monday 16th we held our AGM which was brought forward from March 06. All went well. Would like to thank members for prompt payment of subscriptions.

We have one member with a birthday this month, hope she enjoyed her special day. Afraid not too much to write about, now socials have finished. So next thing to look forward to will be spring with bulbs coming into flower – but have to get through the winter bit!

JOY CROOK

MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Firstly a Very Happy New Year to everyone.

The time you are reading this Christmas will be *over*, we hope you all had a lovely time. Also our Christmas Party (26th Jan) will have passed, hope all who attended enjoyed it.

Now we have some dark and dreary mornings and evenings to contend with, it's a good job we can have a moan, it's like getting up in the middle of the night!!! Perhaps we shouldn't wish our time away but a grumble makes us feel better, that's our excuse anyway! We hope everyone managed to keep well over the holiday period, now we are waiting for some *sun*.

Next meeting AGM 23rd Feb, 2.30pm

EDNA CADLE & BETTY REED

Marcham Ex-Servicemen's Club

Quiz Night
 Sunday 19th February 2006
 Starts 8.30pm

Bring along a team and test those brains!

Reservoir Plans

Do you want to know more about Thames Water's plans to build a reservoir and the planning processes involved? Vale Reservoir Group (Fluvius) has set up a web site www.fluvius.org.uk; this has drawn together most of the information available at present. You can download information from the county council, district council and central government. Your parish council will also be encouraged to post information on the website about their views if they wish.

You can give your own views via the forum page, and these can be passed on to your parish council (if you wish). You can register as a member and receive updates on what is happening. Thames Water will be making public presentations starting in March 2006 when the public consultation process begins. The planning process has started.

View the web site for more information and make your views known either to your parish councillors or to us via the web site. The reservoir is a massive project so you should make your voice heard.

www.fluvius.org.uk