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BOTHY HOUSE WINS VALE DESIGN AWARD

When we bought Bothy Vineyard five years ago, our dream of living amongst our vines, in an ultra modern, environmentally-friendly and yet practical house seemed within reach. There were a huge number of challenges which, when viewed collectively were very daunting, and it would take nearly four years before we could realise this ambition. And yet, last month, our new home received a Design Award commendation in the Vale of the White Horse Design Awards. (See cover for pictures.)

The new house at Bothy Vineyard was designed by Wylie Associates (www.wylie-associates.com). A part of this brief was to incorporate the old bothy which was the only proper building on site, and the walled garden attached to it. In order to optimise solar gain during the colder months, the house has been built with a large number of highly insulated glass windows facing south, which trap the sunshine and warm the house up. In the summer, shading called *brise solei* shade out most of the sunshine, while a natural ventilation system pulls air through the house to cool it during the night.

There are many other "intelligent" and environmental features in the house, but one is continually wondering whether there are other technologies that one should be incorporating! The most important thing is that the house really works for us as a family, and it works for us as a business/shop building too.

SIAN AND RICHARD LIWICKI

www.bothyvineyard.co.uk

Could your village group make use of a small grant?

The Harding Bequest is a small charitable trust which for some years has made grants to a variety of causes in the parish. In fact, over the past year, village organisations have benefited from small grants totalling £5,600! Grants have been made to organisations such as Marcham Primary School, Marcham Pre-School Playgroup, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. These funds have been used to purchase books and Bibles, art equipment, help with travelling and catering expenses for camps as well as a contribution towards funding the Youth & Children's Minister.

Any village group may apply to the Bequest for a grant if there is an evident need. The Trustees' intention is to be specific in their giving, without needing to know the names of individuals who would benefit. Meeting the cost of hiring a coach or a meeting place, or the purchase of specific equipment needed by the group would be good examples of how the Trustees can help should there be genuine need.


If you are involved in a village organisation that may benefit from a small grant you are invited to write to Louise Butt, Secretary to The Harding Bequest, 8 Hyde Copse, Marcham OX13 6PT outlining how you think the Trustees might be able to help.

NADINE ROGERS

An old school friend is trying to get in touch with Nadine Rogers who used to live in Marcham. If anyone knows where she is now, please contact paul@elegantcuisine.com.

To get a notice or small advert included
February 2007

A PERFECT DAY




Did you miss that Autumn evening
Or like me, did you enjoy.
Just standing in your garden
Gazing at the clear blue sky.

It held a peaceful silence
That made you feel at ease.
Not one note from a single bird
And no movement among the trees.

It has been a perfect day
An evening that made you feel proud.
But there was just one small problem
It was an evil looking black cloud.

This black cloud hung motionless
Directly in front of the Sun.
Who was doing its very best
To return from where it had begun.

This cloud defied all known laws
It should have been moving away.
But it simply hung there motionless
As if it was here to stay.



The Sun stretched out its many arms
And tried to push the cloud away.
But this cloud was a wicked cloud
And taunted I am here to stay.

I knew the Sun would disappear
And that the cloud would drift away.
I can't tell you what tomorrow will bring
But this has been a perfect day.

M. Shepherd

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