

The public exhibitions will be from 3p.m. – 7p.m. and the discussion groups will be from 7p.m. to 9p.m.

The strategy document is available on the District Council's website at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk, in local libraries and in the District Council's offices in Abingdon and its local services points in Wantage and Faringdon. The traffic study is on the Vale District Council's website and also on the County Council's website at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk. The Vale of White Horse District Council is inviting comments preferably via the Council's website, or by writing to the planning policy section or email to planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk or fax to 01235 540396. The deadline for comments is 27th February, 2009.

Best Kept Garden Competition

The Council has again decided to run a best kept garden competition this year. This will be front gardens only where judges can walk along pavements without entering private property. Prizes will be garden vouchers, as in previous years. Judging is likely in May and June, so please bear the competition in mind when considering your garden planting this year.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 11 Feb 2009 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin,
90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833

www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dear Editor

**THE ANSON TRUST'S
"OPTION" ANNOUNCEMENT.**

In last month's edition I was surprised, even annoyed, to read of the Trust's gloating over their signing of an option to purchase land so that they can proceed with their ambitious and unnecessary plans to replace the Institute. You will note that this involves the sale and therefore probable demolition of the current Institute building. Twice in the last six months I have challenged them, via the MADNews, to obtain a mandate from the residents (the beneficiaries of the Trust) before going ahead and spending ever more of their fast dwindling assets, and I would remind them yet again that they have not been elected by the residents, so what gives them the right to propose these fundamental changes to our village and way of life. Surely six months is sufficient time to organise a survey among local residents and I would consider it only good manners to have done so. Are they deaf, blind or just totally
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oblivious to the feelings and thoughts of the rest of this village? After-all they are aware of the opposition to their proposals. They state that they have received "significant feedback from existing and potential users of the proposed facilities as well as many others who are interested in what we are doing". Well, I for one have not heard of one positive comment from the many people I have spoken to, so can they enlighten us as to who these people are?

Before it is too late, I call upon all residents to make their feelings and thoughts known to the trustees either in person or via the MADNews.

COLIN P. TRINDER.

Dear Editor

POST OFFICE AND SHOP

I recently heard a rumour that the Post Office was about to close down... unfortunately this is not a rumour and the Post Office AND the shop will be closing at the end of April.

We have already lost two shops and a pub from this village and we can't afford to lose this last village amenity. Surely we owe it to Julia and David not to let their livelihood disappear.

FRANK BUCKINGHAM

**UPDATE ON THE
INCINERATOR PROPOSAL**

The Vale District Council has raised 12 substantive objections to the proposal to build a massive incinerator near Didcot and amongst many others the Environment Agency has raised serious issues of concern.

The Waste Recycling Group (WRG) failed to include the crucial Human Health Risk Assessment appendices with their application to build the incinerator. Sutton Courtenay Against the Incinerator (SCAI) raised this with the County Council and the result is that there is to be a renewed 3 week public consultation period. We all therefore still have the opportunity to object!

On 13th January Cllr Jean Fooks placed a motion before the County Council recommending that it commissioned an independent assessment of the health risks before deciding to proceed with the procurement of an incinerator.

SCAI held a demonstration outside County Hall in support of the motion. Dr Angela Jones a local GP then made a statement to the Council based on a report from a group of local health professionals strongly objecting to the incinerator on public health grounds. (A copy is on www.scai.co.uk). Speaking on behalf of 14 other parish councils, a representative from Bucknell

then urged the Council to pay more attention to the widespread health debate around incineration and approve the motion. A lot more evidence of the risks had recently emerged and a number of respected international organisations including the World Wildlife Fund and the International Society of Doctors for the Environment with 33,000 members, have voiced their concerns. The 14 Parish Councils therefore recommended that the County Council should not just trust to the Health Protection Agency alone to assess the risk.

Ignoring all this, and the fact that the "public perception of the risk" is an important planning consideration, the ruling group forced through an amendment, which in effect negated the practical purpose of the motion to commission an independent assessment.

We do owe it to our children to be much better informed about the potential impact of incinerators on the local community over the next 25 years! We urge you therefore to look at our web site and read the mass of other information on the internet. If you agree then please sign the on-line petition, (follow the links on www.scai.co.uk) and get your friends to do so as well!

Please also write a letter of objection quoting WRG SUT/APF/616 60CM to the Planning Officer mary.thompson@oxfordshire.gov.uk with a hard copy to: Mary Thompson, Planning Department, Oxfordshire County Council, Speedwell House, Oxford OX1 1NE and consider copying it to the county councillors on the Planning Committee (see the web site) and your MP.

This is getting very urgent as OCC want to make a decision in April!

Remember Asbestos was also once considered safe

Many thanks.

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