

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

The annual meeting of the Council was held on 12th May when Mr. Colin Bough was elected Chairman and Mr. Ian Charles Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

**Best Kept**

**Garden Competition**

Overall Winner:

**3 The Farthings**

Highly Commended:

**25-28 Sweetbriar**



**Zone Winners**

- 1 3 The Farthings
- 2 25-28 Sweetbriar
- 3 13 Parkside
- 4 26 Fettiplace Road
- 5 68 Howard Cornish Road
- 6 10 Tower Close
- 7 Beansheaf Cottage, Mill Road

**Second in Zone**

- 1 28 Kings Avenue
- 2 29 Sweetbriar
- 3 1 Parkside
- 4 7 Haines Court
- 5 67 Howard Cornish Road
- 6 20 Orchard Way
- 7 21 Mill Road

**Third in Zone**

- 1 4 Kings Avenue
- 2 19 Sweetbriar
- 3 20 Parkside
- 4 10 Duffield Place
- 5 33 Anson Close
- 6 7 Orchard Way
- 7 7 Mill Road

**Best Kept Village Competition**

A reminder that Marcham has entered the best kept village competition, and second round judging is taking place during June.

**Bus Service 31 and X15 to Witney**

The County Council has been reviewing its subsidy to the Sunday evening service of the X4 stagecoach bus. Fortunately for the village it has agreed to continue its subsidy, so there will be no reduction in this service. In fact there will be a slight improvement in that anyone wishing to travel from Oxford will be able to get straight through to Marcham and will not have to change in Abingdon as before.

The bus stop locations for the new X15 service to Witney have been decided. The bus will stop twice in the village on the A415, once by the junction with Howard Cornish Road and again near to the war memorial.

**The Thames Path National Trail**

The Ridgeway & Thames Path National Trails Management Group is seeking to

recruit new members to their volunteer scheme to help maintain the Thames Path. If anyone is interesting in volunteering then please contact Rebecca O'Dowd on 01865 810207.

**Abingdon and District Twin Towns Society**

The Twin Town Society is organising a weekend visit to St. Niklaas in Belgium between 3rd – 6th September this year to coincide with the annual balloon fest. Should you wish to participate then please contact Stella Carter on 10235 520317.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 9th June, 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge Duffield Place.  
Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833



**A DAY OUT FOR A CHANGE!**

Vale Housing Association tenants are invited to come along to "A Day Out For A Change", the Association's Resident's Open Day which is being run jointly with Soha Housing. The event is to be held at the Kassam Stadium in Oxford.

The aim of the day is to give tenants of the Association a chance to find out more about what it does as well as having a chance to influence services in the future. There is also a light-hearted side to the day with free stadium tours and the opportunity to win tickets to the cinema and bowling alley.

A range of other organisations will also be present including the Department of Work and Pensions, The Body Shop, who will be providing free makeovers, Attendo, the company that provides the Vale Carelink alarm service, the Fire Brigade and the Police, to provide information on home safety and security and the Healthy Living Initiative who will be providing information about living more healthily as well as providing free hand and head massages.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to see properties that are available for mutual exchange from Housing Associations across Oxfordshire as well as seeing a display of tenants' art work and photographs children have taken showing what they like and don't like about the areas where they live. Free coaches will be provided from towns and villages across the Vale.

To find out more or to book a place phone Emily Griffith on 01235 536001.

Dear Editor

May I, through the medium of the MADNews, draw the attention of the people who use the Post Box outside the Newsagents in Haines Court that IT IS NOT SECURE!!

On several occasions recently I have gone to post letters in that box late evening only to find that large A4 envelopes have not dropped down and have become wedged just inside the opening. Consequently, other letters and cards rest on these, AND CAN BE REMOVED. On the last occasion, there were so many letters stuck, that my letter, with a cheque enclosed, slid back into my hand. I had to force my hand through the opening to dislodge these large envelopes. I could have removed at least a dozen ordinary letters, and no-one would have been any the wiser!!

I would like to appeal to the person(s) who use this box to post their large (business?) mail to take it around to the Post Office and hand it over to David or Julia (who I'm sure, under the circumstances, will take it even if the Post Office part is closed) or ensure it drops right down into the box. You don't want to lose your mail either, do you?

I have informed the main Post Office of the problem but they can't do anything without OUR co-operation. Please help.

**TONY B**



**IT'S NOT GOODBYE...**

I would like to thank everyone for their custom over the years and reassure you that the service of home delivery of newspapers and magazines will continue just as before, even though the shop will be closed. If you would like to place any new orders please don't hesitate to call me on 01865 778596.

**LESLEY**

**GREEN BOX AND WASTE COLLECTIONS SPRING 2004**

Normal Day	Will be...
Monday 31 May	Tuesday 1 June
Tuesday 1 June	Wednesday 2
Wednesday 2	Thursday 3
Thursday 3	Friday 4
Friday 4	Saturday 5

To get your letter included please write to the editor by 20th June for July/August issue