

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Vale of White Horse District Council - Garden Waste and Cardboard Scheme

The District Council has started a new opt-in pilot scheme for the collection and composting of garden waste and cardboard. The District Council currently provides green boxes for recycling, and is trying to do more to divert waste from landfill. Members of the scheme will be provided with a brown 240 litre wheeled bin to put their garden waste and cardboard in. The bins will be emptied fortnightly all year round for an annual rental charge of £29. The waste goes to a local site for composting, and then will be used on local fields as a soil supplement.

The following can be placed in the brown bins: Cardboard, grass mowings, green prunings, leaves, hedge and tree clippings, twigs, flowers, plants weeds (including couch grass, ground elder etc.) Anyone wishing to join the Scheme can contact the Waste Management Team at the Vale of White Horse District Council on 01235 520202 for more information. The Parish Council would kindly ask anyone who has a brown wheelie bin to site it carefully on collection day and not to obstruct the footways.

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council Village Shop of the Year Competition 2005

O.R.C.C. is seeking nominations to find the Oxfordshire Village Shop of the Year. A good village store is an asset to any community and this is an ideal opportunity for you to sing the praises of your local shop, what you value about it, the extra services that it provides and the contribution it makes to your community. Nomination slips can be downloaded from the website www.oxoncc.org.uk and should be available in local shops.

Solarsavers - Discounted Solar Water Heating Scheme

Solarsavers in an innovative discount scheme for solar water heating systems which is backed by 15 local authorities in the Thames Valley. For further information contact Mark Saunders, Principal Energy Officer at the Vale of White Horse District Council tel: 01235 520202 or Solarsavers on 08001070044 or visit the website www.solarsavers.co.uk

Allotment Rent Collection

The Clerk will be in attendance in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place on Wednesday 12th October between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm for the purposes of collecting allotment rents. Would all allotment holders please remember to bring their allotment cards.

Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council will be considering grant applications at its November meeting. The Council can award small grants where there is benefit to the community. Should any worthy and needy local organisation wish to be considered for a grant, then please write to the Clerk by the end of the month stating the purpose of the grant and the amount required, providing a copy of your accounts wherever possible.

Date of Next Meeting: Wed 12th Oct in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place at 7.30 p.m. Clerk: Mrs L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833.

Dear Editor

For the last two months, I have technically been on holiday, because Parliament is in recess. In fact, I have used the time to sort out how my office works, and to meet as many of the key players in the constituency that I can. That includes health professionals, businesses, scientists, teachers and many more.

The main local issue has been the new Licensing Act. A lot of pubs, even in rural villages, have applied to open late, and I have been supporting the objections of local residents. I can't see why a village pub should want to stay open until 2am every week end. I have also met the Licensing Minister to discuss the impact of the new law on village halls. It seems to me that there is too much bureaucracy involved, and that unnecessary extra costs are being imposed. I didn't get very far, but he has promised to review the law in a year's time.

If you need to get in touch with me, write to me at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, e-mail me on vaizeye@parliament.uk or telephone 0202 7219 6350

Forthcoming surgery dates are:

Fri 7th Oct, 5.30 – 7pm, Shrivenham Village Hall

Sat 15th Oct, 9.30 – 11am, Wantage Civic Hall, Waylands Road

Fri 28th Oct, 5.30 – 7pm, Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre

Sat 5th Nov, 9.30 – 11am, Wallingford Town Hall

Fri 25th Nov, Grove Old Mill Hall, Old School Lane

Sat 10th Dec, 9.30 – 11am, Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre

Fri 23rd Dec, 5.30 – 7pm, Faringdon Corn Exchange

ED VAIZEY MP for Wantage (Con)

Dear Editor

I Don't Believe It

Over a glass of wine I was bemoaning the fact that I get more like Victor Meldrew every day, and through the mellow haze my thoughts drifted to the road works at the end of Howard Cornish Road.

So we're going to have an extra bus service for the village, Great, I thought, that's got to be an improvement. So why are we having EXTRA bus Stops? What's wrong with the existing ones? More problems, ...deciding which one to catch..... I suppose they know what they're doing!

Now we need a pedestrian crossing with lights so that we can use the bus stop! More delays for the motorist....What about the cost? Well it's only Tax Payer's money!

I know, I'll go on a course in "Planners Logic"! Right time of year, I'm a pensioner, got the time. I THINK I'VE GOT IT!!!!.... It's a sort of Da Vinci Code Thing telling us:- WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET A BYPASS.

BERNIE COLE

PS I don't think I'll bother with the course, there'll be something else to moan about tomorrow

Dear Editor

I would like to thank the gentleman from Gozzard's Ford who very kind me a lift back to Marcham from Tesco's and who then returned later with the shopping bag that I had left in his car.

It is very re-assuring to find such a kind and helpful person in our neighbourhood.

PEGGY BOLTON

FOR SALE

Washing machine

Indesit W103, unused, never been plumbed, £95 ono.

Filing cabinet

4-drawer, metal, lockable, £10 ono. Telephone 01865 391693

WANTED

Housekeeper for 2 hours per week in Garford. Rates negotiable, please contact Denise on 01865 391284.



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