

Dear Readers

There is a definite 'great outdoors' theme this month with a report from Hedley Thorne about the intrepid 321 challenge, the Teddy Toddle, and David Fraser revisiting the Cairngorms 50 years on – I can't begin to think what I will be doing in 50 years time but climbing mountains will probably not feature!

Three very interesting public meetings to look forward to: A415, Anson Trust and NAG. I hope you will be able to find time to come along to one, two or even all three of them, but if you can't I am sure there will be a report in MADNews.

Until next time....



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Vale of White Horse District Council – Register of Electors

The District Council is currently compiling the new register of electors for the area. District and Parish elections will be held in May 2007. Please complete the white form which you should have recently received via Royal Mail and ensure that the District Council is aware of who occupies your property. Otherwise you will lose your chance to vote.

Thames Water Reservoir

Thames Water predicts that we will need more water in the future. They have been looking at a number of possible ways to meet customers' needs. Their studies are nearing completion and they are holding exhibitions, inviting the public to attend, to find out more. The dates for October are as follows:

Abingdon Guildhall

Fri 13th Oct 9.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Sat. 14th Oct. 9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

East Hanney War Memorial Hall

Wed. 4th Oct, Thurs 5th Oct., Fri 6th Oct, all 8.30 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Trick or Treat - 31st October

It is approaching that time of year when children can be tempted into going out trick or treating. Normally it is a harmless pastime for children, but it can also be both frightening and intimidating. Much distress is caused by unexpected knocks on the door or loud noises. Also, in the past several car owners have been seen having to wash off flour and sweep down their drives. Some residents may welcome treat or treating, others do not. If your children do have to go out, please encourage them to call only on those whom they know and to respect the wishes of anyone who does not wish to participate.

If you do get an unexpected caller, make sure the chain or door bar is on before you open the door. Do not let anyone in your house unless you are happy with their identity. If you need to talk to the police call 0845 8 505 505 or dial 999 in an emergency.

Fireworks

The Firework Regulations 2004: It is now an offence for a person under the age of 18 to possess an adult firework in a public place. An adult firework is defined as something other than a cracker snap, party popper, sparkler, cap etc. In addition no person can use an adult firework between the hours of 11.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m. unless on certain specified occasions e.g. 5th November, Chinese new year etc.

It seems that each year the period when fireworks are let off last for several weeks. The Council would ask that residents be considerate for their neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village, and notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are

aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

Refuse Collection

It has been reported that items are being left out with the refuse which are harmful to either to the individual or the environment and which require separate handling and arrangements for safe disposal. Please note that the weekly collection from your dustbin is only for usual household items. Items such as asbestos, clinical waste, oils, paints, medicines, gas canisters and fire extinguishers etc. need different arrangements. Please contact the Vale of White Horse District Council (01235 520202) for advice on how to dispose of these or check their website at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

Car Parking

Although this matter was raised at the June meeting of the Council and an article placed in July's news, parking at inconsiderate locations, particularly at junctions and on bends where vision is restricted, continues to be a problem in the village. Blind spots do cause dangers for motorists. Could motorists please be careful where they park.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 11th Oct in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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

ALLOTMENT RENT COLLECTION

The Clerk will be in attendance between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. in Duffield Place on Wed 11th Oct for the purpose of collecting the allotment rents. Please would all allotment holders remember to bring their rent card.

FOR SALE

Larder Fridge white onyx in very good condition - W 21½", H 33½", D 24" £65
 Moulinex Table Grill 3 months old W 18", H 11", D11" £35
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27	Faringdon, Corn Exchange
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10	Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre
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