PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Important changes to local health services

Changes are being made to out-of-hours G.P. services. If you need urgent medical care between Monday – Friday 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 a.m., weekends and bank holidays when your GP surgery is closed you should now telephone a central number: 0845 345 8995. Information and details will be taken and passed to a G.P. Your call will be returned and telephone advice given and/or home visit arranged. You may get general health advice 24 hours a day by calling NHS Direct on 0845 46 47. For further information about changes to out of hours services contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 01235 205565 or 0800 0523225. The new service commences from 1st September 2004.

Open Day at the County Council's Museums Resource Centre, Standlake

The Resource Centre will be open on 7th October for tours behind the scenes to see the museum's reserve collections including archaeology, fine art, crafts, textiles, social history, agricultural and industrial material – all from Oxfordshire and relating to the lives of people and organisations from the county. Tours can be booked in advance by telephoning 01865 300972.

Oxfordshire Fire Control Staff - Fire Control Regionalisation

The Council has been advised of proposals to transfer the local command and control system for dealing with emergency calls to a regional centre. The Council has resolved to support the retention of the fire command centre locally believing that a regional centre would not possess local knowledge which is vital at times of emergencies.

National Union of Journalists Public Meeting November 2004 Oxford Town Hall

The Parish Council has been informed about a public meeting to be held at Oxford Town Hall in November to discuss protecting local news services. No date has yet been given. For further information contact Anna Wagstaff. 60 Cricket Road. Oxford OX4 3DQ tel: 01865 723450.

Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 8th Sept 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge Duffield Place.

Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833

GREEN BOX AND WASTE COLLECTIONS

Normal Day	Will be…
Monday 30 Aug	Tuesday 31 Aug
Tuesday 31 Aug	Wednesday 1 Sept
Wednesday 1 Sept	Thursday 2 Sept
Thursday 2 Sept	Friday 3 Sept
Friday 3 Sept	Saturday 4 Sept

VALE OF WHITE HORSE

Litter

Take Charge of Waste

Ever felt annoyed when you see litter on the ground and wanted to do something about it? Well now the Vale of White Horse District Council are providing information and equipment to enable community spirited people to collect litter.

Although the Council provides a street cleansing service, their resources are limited. Therefore the Council are looking for local people and community groups to extend this service further, in the interest of protecting and improving the environment. Can you help? You may be part of an environmental group who wants to make a difference to a local scenic area, or maybe you belong to a group who is looking for an opportunity to raise money for charity, or you maybe an individual who just wants to make a difference.

The Guidance on Voluntary Litter Picking booklet gives guidance on the hazards and precautions of picking litter, other useful information, details of how to get the equipment and how to get the sacks of litter collected by the Councils contractors Cleanaway. The equipment consists of litter pickers, a high visibility vest, gloves and some sacks.

So if you want to *Take Charge* and make a difference call Carole Chapman on 01235 520202 or write to, Waste Team, Vale of White Horse District Council, Abbey House, Abingdon, 0X14 3JN, or email waste.team@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

Yellow Pages

The new edition of The Yellow Pages has been delivered but it can't be recycled through the normal green box scheme. Therefore the Council has made arrangements to enable you to take them to the following local sites during September:

Tesco, Abingdon
Peachcroft shopping area, Abingdon
Drayton Waste Recycling Centre
Redbridge Waste Recycling Centre

HELP!
Reliable, local window cleaner wanted.
Please call 01865 391053

FOR SALE

Camping/builders trailer

7cwt trailer including tow bar fixing, waterproof cover and compliant lighting unit. Has one cracked wheel arch hence £50 only. Phone 01865 391730 evenings.

MIELE Single Integrated Oven

H212 Model Fan and Conventional, with Grill (for cabinet installation only). In excellent clean condition. Baking trays and other accessories included. £100 for quick sale. Can deliver. Tony or Jo B. 391519.

FREE

Cat

Caring person required for brown tabby cat, age unknown but good mannered, spayed and no bother – just feed it!

Phone 391552 for more info.

Grape Expectations

We are hoping to have a really good crop of black grapes on our vine this autumn. So if any home wine maker would like to pick some when they are ready, please contact me on 01865 391730 or rosthorneuk@aol.com.

ROS THORNE

BROADBAND4MARCHAM
IT'S HERE!

BT have now enabled our exchange so that you may now access the internet at 10x faster than dial up. If you have difficulty choosing and need help then please feel free to go to http://www.adslguide.org where there is extensive section on ISPs and a lively message board with members only too glad to help you with any questions you may have. The lucky winners of the years' free broadband access from NetBenefit are: **The Wright Family** Congratulations to them – hope they enjoy it!

RAINBOWS

Marcham's first Rainbow group needs girls aged 5 - 7 yrs old, to join us for fun and learning. To be held every Saturday morning from 10.30 - 12.00 at All Saints Church in Marcham. Parent helpers welcome.

Come and see the fun on our open morning on the 25th Sept at All Saints Church, from 10.30 onwards.

Any queries then please call one of the volunteers who would be delighted to hear from you: Julia Davies 391912
Claire Wright 391803
Clare Eveson-Roberts 391731

We look forward to seeing you

To get your letter included please write to the editor by 20th month latest