

# TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY & MILTON COMMON NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year



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## From the Parish Clerk

### Flooding and drainage problems around Tiddington

As reported in the last Newsletter, members of the Parish Council met with Gordon Hunt, the Drainage Engineer for Oxfordshire Highways on the morning of Friday 12 September. We walked the village with him, showing him the problems which have affected us so badly in the last few weeks and he made notes of the various areas of concern, promising to take action.

This he duly did and a team of engineers spent a couple of days in the village with their jetting equipment. According to Mr Hunt's email to me, the jetting and camera survey showed up major problems in the system from the Village Hall to the outfall. He intends to replace this system from next year's drainage budget. Let's hope there aren't too many problems with surface water before then!

Mike Dickerson, Inspector for Oxford Highways came to have a look at the streams of water running down Sandy Lane and was himself somewhat mystified. Water appeared to be bubbling up at the edge of the road itself, possibly as the result of a blocked culvert which may pass under the roadway at that point. He left us stating that he would

#### Tiddington with Albury Parish Council Members

Chair	John Nowell-Smith	339650
	Econ.development, businesses	
Vice Chair	Elaine Horne	279520
	Planning, highways and Milton Common	
Councillor	Ken Field	339671
	Housing, planning, building & controls	
Councillor	Zena Knight	339340
	Planning; recreation, arts, grants	
Councillor	Brian Price	339977
	Health & safety	
Councillor	Janet Willis	339415
	Environment, conservation, recycling, waste	
Clerk	Ken Poyser	339216
	Rosewood, Ickford Road, Tiddington	

need to refer to some plans and speak to colleagues in order to try to get to the cause of the problem. He promised to let us know his findings. We in our turn were at some pains to stress our concerns for the state of the road, the dangers to road users and the added perils that would ensue from frosts in the winter months.

At the last Parish Council meeting it was agreed that we would hire the services of a digger operator to clear some of the waterways and ditches around the village in order to alleviate possible flooding problems.

Ken Poyser

### Green Bins for recycling

Remember these may be collected free from Tiddington Garage

### Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme

Residents of the Parish can see the records of the Council held by the Parish Clerk or learn where they may be accessed. Records include minutes, financial information and responses to planning consultations.

Application can be made to the Clerk

(Tel: 339216) and documents viewed by appointment.

Any copies required will be charged at 10p per page.

**Farmers Market**  
**Tetsworth Village Hall**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month**

## From your Chairman

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

As we go into 2009, my impression is that the village is in good heart. Vandalism, although still a problem, is not as bad as it has been in recent years and village events have been well attended.

There are, of course, still problems, mainly relating to traffic. The pelican crossing argument rumbles on. A change of MP and the Cabinet Member for Transport at OCC may bring results and the Parish Council is still pressing hard. Similarly we are in regular contact with the relevant authorities discussing ways of reducing speeds, both on the A418, A40 and the village roads.

Current news on the closure of the bridge over the M40 at Junction 7 is that this will take place in April, possibly lasting for only three months but, as they say, watch this space! We are now more optimistic on the noise reduction front.

The Station Yard development continues to be a problem. SODC ignores us and to take action against it appears to be prohibitively expensive, particularly as we are far from certain to win.

It seems that OCC is taking more notice of our complaints concerning drainage and flooding. However, matters would be vastly improved if householders did not deposit green waste in the streams and ditches.

Inconsiderate and illegal parking continues to be problem. Please, everyone, do not park on pavements or in such a manner that impedes other road users.

Finally a warm welcome to the new landlords at The Fox.

John Nowell-Smith  
339650



**THAMES VALLEY  
POLICE**

**0845 8 505 505**

**The single number for non-emergency calls**

## From your District Councillor

The news from Crowmarsh is not particularly exciting in so far as it relates to Tiddington. There will be a change in the collection of household waste and the contractor collecting it. The arrangement may not be to everybody's liking but you can't please all the people all the time.

The development at Station Yard has been a thorny problem. It is as important to SODC for their reasons as it is to the village for ours.

The biggest news is the co-operation between SODC and the Vale of the White Horse District Council, with senior management posts being shared and the SODC Chief Executive, David Buckell taking over that role at the VWH as well. What all this means to us is still unclear, as is whether it is a precursor to a merger.

The rate of Council Tax for 2009/2010 will be set in the next couple of months and I am afraid to say you have to expect an increase, although it is the Council's intention to keep this to a minimum.

John Nowell-Smith  
339650

## From your County Councillor

### Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's).

I represent the County and District Councils on the Police local Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG), where we received the PCSO 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2008 report for their last three months activities in South Oxfordshire and our part known as the Wheatley/Chalgrove NAG. The report shows some interesting statistics as follows:

	Whole of South Oxon	Wheatley/ Chalgrove Only
Number of foot/cycle patrols undertaken	2688	315

Number of contacts with Town & Parish Councils	750	73
Number of visits to victims of crime	796	72
Number of community meetings attended	167	35
Number of crime reduction initiatives	120	13
Number of alcohol confiscations from under 18's	169	7
Number of fixed penalty notices issued	619	8

### **County Music Service.**

Our young people in the County Central Music Service Sinfonia based at Bayards Hill Primary School were selected to perform in November before an expected audience of 5000 people at the last night of the Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in London. This honour followed them being awarded with an Outstanding Performance Award at the Music for Youth National Festival in Birmingham in July. These young people bring great credit to our County.

### **Future Temporary Closure of A329 at Milton Common.**

The start date for the closure of the bridge for repairs to be carried out by UK Highways at Milton Common continues to be a moving target! The latest closure date I have is April 2009, but as I said before don't hold your breath!

Please feel free to contact me about County Council issues that concern you.

My contact details are as follows:

Address: David Turner, 50 Hardings, Chalgrove, Oxford, OX44 7TJ.

Home Telephone: 01865 891169

Email: david.turner@oxfordshire.gov.uk

David Turner (20 November 2008)

### **Christmas and New Year Refuse collections**

**There will be no changes to the refuse and recycling collections over the holiday period in Tiddington.**

**Collections will be made as usual on  
Monday 22 December  
Monday 29 December  
Monday 5 January**

### **FREE! SWAP SHOP**

**Saturday 10 January  
9.30 – 12.00**

**Merry Bells, Wheatley  
Free refreshments**

**Bring items that you no longer need  
as early as possible  
Take away anything that is useful to  
you**

**Everything is free!**

**Bringing is not compulsory – call in and  
see if there is something you want to  
take away**

**Please: no electrical items, pets or  
items too big to carry**

**Recycling: bring used tetrapaks, printer  
cartridges, old mobile phones and foil  
milk bottle tops for us to recycle**

**Wheatley Community Action Group**

*Regret no pushchairs or prams as the  
hall gets crowded*

## From the Vicar

I am writing this on a particularly bleak day in mid November. On days such as this it can seem to barely get light. Darker days, falling leaves and bad weather all herald the arrival of winter. It also heralds the arrival of Christmas. In Britain the Christian festivals seem to echo our calendar; Easter with its promise of resurrection comes in the spring when nature bursts back into life after winter, Christmas arrives when the days are at their darkest.

Light shining in the darkness is one of the most powerful biblical images at Christmas. In the first chapter of John at verse 5 we read, "And light shines in the darkness, and the darkness could not overcome it". This is the gospel reading that is often read at the end of carol services and at midnight communion. I love this image, and it is especially resonant at this dark time of the year.

The first chapter of John's gospel uses poetic words to express a truth beyond words. In verse 14 it says, "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen its glory".

This Word made flesh is God himself present on earth as a tiny baby boy. The true and wonderful meaning of Christmas is that the Lord Jesus Christ is the light that shines in the darkness. This light that shines forever will give depth and meaning to our own lives in times of joy and of sadness.

Lights are a very important symbol of Christmas; much of the Christmas story takes part at nighttime. The shepherds leave their fields not at first light but in the middle of the night, a star leads the wise men. Perhaps the light shines in the darkness so that we can focus on it more clearly; if you are a light sleeper you will know how hard it is to ignore even a tiny light shining. It is far easier to ignore during the day. In the lead up to Christmas I know how distracted I am during the daytime, it would be easy to ignore and shut out the true meaning of Christmas. At

nighttime, though, things are calmer and stiller and I can begin to focus on the light shining in the darkness.

I love Christmas, and I enjoy all the extras; the Christmas lights, the decorated houses and the tacky decorations in shops. They are an important part of our Christmas celebrations. But by themselves they will not get us to the heart of the Christmas story. The true meaning of Christmas is revealed to us through the pages of the Christmas story.

Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness; he is the light revealed in the darkness of the stable in Bethlehem. He is the light we seek to follow and the light that will prevent us from stumbling in the darkness. Candles are very visible at Christmas; they are also an important symbol of light. As you light candles this Christmas, remember at the same time that Jesus the light of the world has come into our world to banish all of our own dark corners.

I look forward to meeting you at our Christmas services and I hope and pray that Christmas will bring true peace into our lives and that we may be led further towards the light that is Christ.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

With best wishes  
Caroline

## From the Registers

23 October

Funeral at the Crematorium

Delia Flaga

## St Helen's Church, Albury Christmas Bazaar

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank everyone who supported the Bazaar in the many different ways.

The proceeds amounted to £900.00

Church Services	St Helen's Church, Albury
7 December	9.30am Morning Prayer with Albert Eastham
14 December	9.30am Holy Communion with Caroline King
21 December	9.30am Christingle
Christmas Eve	6.00pm Carols and Communion with Caroline King
28 December	11.00am Cluster Communion at Waterstock
4 January	9.30am Morning Prayer
11 January	9.30am Holy Communion
18 January	9.30am Morning Prayer
25 January	9.30am Holy Communion

### SPECIAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS

#### Sunday 14th December

Holton 4.00pm Carol Service

Waterstock 6.00pm Carol Service. *During this service we will unveil a plaque remembering Mervyn Talbot's many years service to St Leonards.*

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Albury 2.00pm Christingle making workshop

#### Sunday 21st December

Albury 9.30am Christingle

Waterperry 3.00pm Carol Service

#### Christmas Eve

Albury 6.00pm Carols and Communion

Holton 11.15 Midnight Communion

#### Christmas Day

Waterperry 8.00am Holy Communion

Waterstock 9.30am Holy Communion

Holton 11.00am Family Communion (Especially suitable for children and families).

### Carol Evening

**Tuesday, 9 December, 7.30pm**

**Tiddington Village Hall**

**Community singing with coffee and  
mince pies in the interval**

**In aid of Cancer Research UK**

**Tickets: £2.50 for adults**

**£1.00 for children**

**Available from: Anne Edwards 339794**

### Waterstock & Tiddington W.I.

John Owen's talk in October showed so clearly the dangers faced by lifeboat crew when rescuing people from the stormy seas around our coasts. The RNLI has also been involved in inland rescues of flood victims.

The November meeting with Martin Way gave us an insight into the history of coaching and the speaker brought some models of coaches which he had made. They were much admired.

The talk at the Group Meeting in Chinnor was probably not quite what was expected from the title! However, the serious subject of how

nudity was depicted in art in Victorian times was humorously delivered by David Harrison.

We look forward to our Christmas meal at the Oxford Belfry on 11 December. If you would like to exchange a Christmas present from Santa's sack, please bring a wrapped gift with you, to the value of approximately £3.00.

On 8 January, John Hunt "The Organ Grinder" will be bringing his organ to entertain us, together with his "monkey"! We hope that WI members from Wheatley, Holton and Thame will be able to join us. Bring along your favourite Christmas card for the competition, and there will also be a bring and buy stall.

World War 2 memorabilia for the competition on 12 February is appropriate for the talk of Kinder Transport, which John Fieldsend will give us.

We will be having another quiz evening in the New Year, so put the 7 February date in your new diary. It will take the usual form of tables of eight and bring your own food and drink. Tickets can be obtained from Anne Purnell (279429)

On behalf of members may I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you on the second Thursday of the month for our regular meetings at 7.30pm in Tiddington Village Hall.

Zena Knight  
Tel: 339340

## Tiddington Village Hall

### Christmas Dinner 2008

**Saturday, 13 December** is the date for the annual Tiddington Village Hall Christmas Dinner (see advert on page 4). Thanks to all of you who have booked tickets already, it promises to be another great night! If you have not booked yet and would still like to come please email me at [Stratton@gmx.com](mailto:Stratton@gmx.com) or call me in my office on 278534. We've live music, welcome drink and 3-course dinner (menu choices available) all

for just £29.00 per person. If everything goes to plan, we should be unveiling the new kitchen extension!

### Christmas Bingo

Once again we will be hosting the ever popular Christmas Bingo (see page 8), which will take place on **Tuesday, 16 December**. All donations of suitable prizes are very welcome and a committee member should call sometime during the previous week to collect. If for any reason you don't get a visit then please call me on 339430 and I will drop round.

### Live Music

As well as the Summer Ball in 2009, we also have news of another LIVE MUSIC event in the Village Hall. On **Saturday, 17 January** we have the Steve Steinhaus Swing Band playing (see page 10). Tickets are £10.00 each and it promises to be a great night of music and entertainment. To book your tickets, please use the same details mentioned earlier, or speak to any Village Hall committee member.

And finally, may I take this opportunity on behalf of the Village Hall Committee to thank you for your support in 2008 and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Alan Stratton, Chairman  
01844 339430/278534

## Yoga Sessions

### Tiddington Village Hall Thursday mornings, 10.30am

Yoga sessions at your local village hall have been taking place for a good many years now. It's really great using the halls/community facilities in our local areas, because it brings regular revenue to halls which may not otherwise be used. Unfortunately for whatever reason your very own Yoga session on Thursday mornings may have to close due to lack of numbers attending. I like to keep fees low to enable anyone interested to attend. So it's up



to you all if you would like this wonderful form of exercise to continue. Remember Yoga has been around for many hundreds of years and all exercise has been based on the Yoga teaching. The classes will finish on Thursday, 18 December and will recommence on Thursday, 22 January 2009. All classes are reasonably priced and suitable for everyone. These classes are based on drop-in sessions.

Yvonne Cartwright  
01844 279205



You might be thinking that this time of year we slow down. Nothing could be further from the truth! Indeed we are perhaps the only cricket club in the county that continues to serve its members and community by opening its doors 6 days a week.

Following our annual awards dinner on Saturday, 25 October we have carried on our rhythm of:-

Monday	8-11	Crib
Tuesday	No Bar	Referees Training Course (till Xmas)
Wednesday	8-11	Ladies Darts
Thursday	8-11	Quiz league (alternate weeks)
Friday	8-11	Men's Darts
Saturday	8-11	Special events as advertised
Sunday	12-4	Sky Sports available

Naturally in light of other circumstances in the village we will be reviewing our opening hours constantly over the next few weeks and months.

We also continue to support the Village Hall whenever required so we will be busy over the next few weeks.

Our AGM is presently being prepared for early February and all members will be informed of the exact date soon but in the meantime we

will always welcome new members and continue to provide the village with a community facility that serves the village.



## XMAS SPECIALS

We are having a special XMAS Quiz on Saturday, 6 December at £3 per person.

The Christmas holidays will see us open on Xmas eve (8-11), Xmas Lunchtime, and possibly a family games evening on Boxing night (see clubhouse for updates).

Seasons Greetings from all at TCC

Gareth D. Munson (Chairman)

## A Local Success Story News from Northants Cricket



Northants have agreed a one-year deal with 24-year-old seamer Jack Brooks.

Oxfordshire based Brooks has been on trial at both Northants and Surrey during the 2008 season and has been particularly impressive playing for Northamptonshire's 2nd XI, with best figures of 6/90 at the County Ground against Warwickshire's Second XI.

Brooks said: "I am extremely pleased that we have agreed a one year contract. Having played for Oxfordshire in the minor counties, I was hoping to take the next step and move into the professional game, and I am thankful for that opportunity.

"I am now looking forward to working with the coaches in the winter to improve my game with the intention of staking a claim for first team opportunities in 2009"

David Ripley, Academy Director said: "Jack is a player we have kept our eye on over the summer and he has certainly turned our heads.

"He has been plying his trade for Oxford CC in the Home Counties League and been very successful, and together with this has shown he has what it takes to be successful at 2nd XI county level and with his talent, we will look for him to push for a first team place next season."

**Milton Common NHW  
(West Side) and Sandy Lane**



In the last couple of months the ringmaster messages have been more about vehicle thefts and power tools left in vehicles over night.

With the darker evenings now upon us ensure you have good lighting on the approach to and around your house. Use a security chain on your door in the event of any unexpected visitors.

Try not to leave any tools or equipment out or around the garden, especially ladders, which could be used to force and gain entry.

Ensure all sheds and outbuildings are properly secured.

Property mark valuable items: televisions, DVD players, computers including laptops with an ultra violet marker pen (postcode and house number). I still have some stock of marker pens.

I know every year I say the same thing but remember when putting the Christmas Tree up, try not to place in front of patio windows as this can be too tempting for our would be burglar, with presents laid underneath the tree.

If you are going to be away over Christmas for long periods please let me know. Once again during the Festive Season Dog Watch is going to be in operation.

If pets need to be looked after during holidays and your direct neighbours are away - please give me a call.

The NHW oil group has proved successful in keeping the price of oil down.

I would like to say a very big thanks to my Deputy Angela Tremayne, who has now moved from Milton Common - all the NHW wish you happiness in your New Home Angela. Next issue I will announce my new deputy who at the moment is going through a CRB check.

Welcome to all our new neighbours in Milton Common, some newer than others. If you would like to be part of the NHW scheme please give me a call.

Last but not least enjoy the festive season. Keep Safe and a Happy New Year to you all.

Elaine Horne

NHW Co-ordinator M/C and Sandy Lane  
01844 279520

## **Wheatley & Chalgrove Neighbourhood Policing update**

### **Wheatley issues**

During early October I and other local officers carried out a mobile phone and seatbelt

operation at various locations throughout the neighbourhood to deal with any drivers seen using their mobile phones whilst driving or not wearing a seatbelt.

Unfortunately this operation had to be curtailed early due to an operational emergency. However, further operations will be taking place around the area and I will take this opportunity to remind people that the law states that you must wear a seatbelt whilst driving (with some exceptions). If you are caught not wearing a seatbelt then you can be given a £30 fine. However, it is more important to remember that failure to wear a seatbelt may cause you serious injury even in a low speed accident.

As for using a mobile phone whilst driving, the law was recently changed so that drivers caught using a mobile phone whilst driving could be reported for driving without due care and attention if the officers have reason to believe that the person driving was negatively affected by their use of a mobile phone. This can apply even if the driver has a "hands free kit" if the officers believe the drivers attention was more focused on the conversation than the driving. This is a serious offence. Even without this drivers can receive a £60 fine and 3 points on their driving licence if caught using their mobile phone whilst driving. A recent study showed that drivers using their mobile phone whilst driving are about as likely to be involved in an accident as someone driving under the influence of alcohol. Also, during September and October local officers carried out high profile operations at the Thame fair, Thame Charter fair and Abingdon fairs. These operations seemed to be successful as this year those fairs went off without any major problems, whereas in recent years some of these occasions had suffered problems.

### **Police surgeries**

There will be a surgery at the Merry Bells Police Office on 20 December from 10.00am-12.00noon. No appointment is necessary.

If anyone would like any crime reduction advice then please call us on 0845 8 505 505 and ask to speak to your local crime reduction adviser. This is also the number for contacting your local neighbourhood team.

Ken Cooney  
0845 8 505 505

## **M40 Chilterns Environmental Group December 2008 Report**

### **Junction 7 Bridgeworks.**

The latest date given by Darren Rhoden of the Highways Agency (HA) to commence repairing the Motorway Bridge over Junction 7 of the M40 is currently April 2009.

However, a complete reworking of the bridge reconstruction project is now being undertaken. They discovered at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour that a high pressure water main that was thought to exist was actually capped off many years ago. Supporting this non-existent pipe during the repairs had previously bedeviled their planning to reconstruct the bridge, hence the project will now be quicker, cheaper and a great deal easier to undertake. When we have more information regarding the new reduced working time schedule to complete the repairs you will be notified in the Newsletter.

### **Milton Common Noise Barriers.**

The M40 CEG had a successful meeting with Tom Harris, Minister of Transport in March this year. Following our presentation and discussion he instructed the HA to explain the difference in our far cheaper pricing to erect noise barriers against their own, the difference being in the region of 2 million pounds. The HA have been working since March this year on a solution to cost out the noise barriers required at Milton Common. It is now anticipated that their noise model will be completed at the end of December 2008, some 9 months in the making at a cost estimated to be over £50k.

The M40 CEG had Sound Barrier Solutions Ltd produce a Scoping Report at a cost of over £2,000.00 that was supported and funded by the SODC and County Councils. We are most grateful for their welcome support.

Darren Rhoden is in charge of this project at HA and it is their No 1 project because it is a Ministerial request. Darren Rhoden is adamant that the scheme is not recommended, should not go ahead and will only be undertaken if the new minister, Lord Andrew Adonis instructs them to do so.

That being said, we continue to remain positive as to the outcome being in our favour to obtain new noise barriers. The large cost savings to repair the bridge would go a long way towards the costs to provide effective noise barriers and we continue to press hard.

In early November, following our meeting with John Howell, MP, he submitted three written questions to the Department of Transport all relating to effective noise barriers at Milton Common. They should have been replied to on 13 November 2008; however we continue to await the response that we will receive via John Howell.

The questions and the answers can be obtained from me by e-mail, if interested.

Tony Giddy,  
M40 CEG Representative, Milton Common  
E-mail: [TonyGiddy@aol.com](mailto:TonyGiddy@aol.com)

### **Wheatley Library**

<b>Monday</b>	Closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	2.00pm - 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 5.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	2.00pm - 5.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 6.00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am - 1.00pm

The Merry Bells, High Street, Wheatley

Tel: 01865 875267

Email: [wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## Newington Nurseries

### Christmas Crackers

Celebrate Christmas with plants this year! Use them as decorations inside and out; give them as gifts to friends, family and neighbours. Most of all, enjoy plants and nature this winter, and if your garden falls a little short of perfect, plan some planting now that will lift it for next winter.

Using plants as living decorations helps us to get back to some of the roots of the Christmas celebration. Our ancestors understood the symbolic and practical significance of foliage and berries in the bleak mid-winter and the deep-seated responses that we still have to plants means that wonderful displays awaken in us feelings of comfort and well-being.

Considering plants as "Christmas crackers" also includes giving them as gifts. A beautiful shrub in a stylish pot is a fabulous way of showing you care and anyone with outside space (even a balcony!) will benefit from a gift like this.

What qualities does a plant need to make it great for winter interest or as a living decoration or gift? It must be hardy and attractive, even during the most hostile weather of the year. It must exhibit exciting visual features like colourful foliage and it helps if it's a low maintenance plant because the winter garden really needs to be able to look after itself.

Evergreen *Leucothoe* species, including *Leucothoe* SCARLETTA "Zebliid", are an excellent choice. "Zebliid" has beautiful foliage – long, slim, glossy leaves that turn burgundy and bronze in autumn and winter. Although it can reach to between 1 and 2m in height, if it's kept trimmed, it will form a lovely dome-shaped mound and can work very well as a ground cover plant. It thrives in acid soil so if you want to grow it in pots and containers, make sure you use ericaceous compost. A small evergreen shrub such as *Leucothoe* SCARLETTA planted in a container is excellent for use on a patio, roof terrace or small garden. It can work well as a focal point or as part of a group of containers.

So whether it's to brighten up the dash out of the house in the morning, improve the view from the window or make those forays into the garden on fine days more enjoyable, let's all get more winter interest into our gardens this year. Whatever plants you choose to help you do this, *Leucothoe* SCARLETTA will get you off to a great start.

Newington Nurseries, Newington, Nr Stadhampton, Oxon,  
OX10 7AW Tel 01865 400533

[www.newington-nurseries.co.uk](http://www.newington-nurseries.co.uk)

## Thame and District Citizens Advice Bureau Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Friday

9.30 – 4.00 Open door

Wednesday 9.30 – 1.00 Specialist debt  
clinic (appointment)

Thursday 9.30 – 1.00 Telephone advice

Advice line: 01844 214827

Appointments line: 01844 217186

A Drop-in session is held at the offices of the  
United Reformed Church, Crown Square,  
Wheatley on Monday mornings from 10.00am  
To book an appointment ring 01844 217186

## GREAT HASELEY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

invite you to a

### CHRISTMAS PARTY AND LECTURE

by

ANNE PEARCE

### 'INSPIRED GARDENING'

Great Haseley Village Hall

Wednesday, 3 December 2008 at 7.30pm

The garden designer Anne Pearce, who lives in Little Haseley, will talk to us about her inspirations and share her gardening experiences with us. She won Garden of the Year award 2006 from New Houses Garden Awards and has featured on Gardeners World and in The English Garden and House and Gardens.

The talk will be followed by wine and mince pies

Free to members.

Non-members £5 or join the Society (membership £5 Jan–Dec 2009) and attend for free.

## Soldiers of Oxfordshire

SOFO exists to set up a military museum in Oxfordshire. Temporarily at MOD Caversfield, the project will eventually be housed at Woodstock. Volunteers look after the collections of the county's regiments, catalogue the archives and participate and help with research.

For further details or if you would like to volunteer please contact Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust at DE&S Caversfield, Skimmingdish Lane, Caversfield, Bicester, OX27 8TS

Tel: 01869 874352