

WHITCHURCH-ON-THAMES BULLETIN

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JANUARY 2006

Meeting of the Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 10th January 2006 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

In attendance were the Chairman Matilda Oppenheimer and Councillors Nigel Grove, Vincent Aldridge, Harry Butterworth and Elizabeth Robinson and Kate Thatcher.

Also present were the Parish Clerk Andrea Gardner, District Councillor Pearl Slatter and one member of the Public.

Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk Email address: clerk@whitchurchonthames.com

Whitchurch Roads

Two issues concerning our roads have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

Concerns have been expressed about the safety of School and Pre school children getting in and out of cars in Hardwick road when using muddy lane to get to school, to avoid the congestion at the end of Eastfield Lane. Cars can drive very fast in and out of the Village here. We are asking the Safety Officer at the County Council to look into this for us.

It has been noted once again that the surface in Eastfield lane is poor in places especially at the edge of the tarmac and that due to the camber of the road water collects and does not drain easily on the Southern side of the road making it difficult for pedestrians. The Council have now visited and cleared this.

Rubbish

As more rat sightings have been reported in the village than usual, can we urge everyone not to put their rubbish out in the street in plastic bags the night before collection?

Garden Waste

We are very grateful to Pearl Slatter our District Councillor for distributing Ecobags from her house during the past year, 400 bags have been picked up in Whitchurch. This will continue into the New Year in Whitchurch despite a poor response in other areas of the County.

Planning

New Applications

PO5/E1323	Whiteways Hardwick Road. Erection of a green house in the garden	NO STRONG VIEWS
PO5/E1318	11 Hillside, Hardwick Road Erection of Outbuilding in the Garden	NO STRONG VIEWS
PO5/E1152	BP Technology Centre Whitchurch Hill, GH Parish. Additional car parking spaces, landscaping and lighting.	OBJECTION

Decisions

PO5/E1045	31 Swanston Field	REFUSED
PO5/E1148/LB	Land adjacent to St Mary's Rectory	GRANTED
PO5/E1149	Land adjacent to St Mary's Rectory	GRANTED

The Parish Council discuss all new applications at the Parish Council meetings. These meetings are open to the whole Village and we are interested in your views. Please come to a meeting if there is a planning matter of interest to you or you have an objection to any application. Alternatively please do not hesitate to contact one of the Parish Councillors to discuss your views. Our phone numbers are in the front of the Bulletin.

Free Trees

SODC have offered the Parish Council Free Trees provided they are planted in locations of benefit to the general public. We have accepted some large shrubs and small trees for the Playground area and WOTHABS have very kindly agreed to plant these for us. WOTHABS will also be planting a few trees in the Maze area.

Finances

The following cheques were agreed for payment.

To Stuart Harris for clearance and new fencing at the Playground, to Ridgeway Press for the Bulletin, NSALG rent for the allotments, SODC for Planning application for the Playground, Parish Clerk for wages, Society of Local Council Clerks for membership.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday the 6th March 2006 in the Whitchurch Village Hall at 8.00pm. An agenda and the dates of future meetings will be posted on the Parish Council Notice-board opposite the Greyhound before the next meeting.

Matilda Oppenheimer

Chairman

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THE WHITCHURCH YOUNG RIPARIANS

PRESENT

"SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN FRIENDS"

IN

THE VILLAGE HALL

ON

Friday 27th and Saturday 28th January
And Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th February

Curtain up at 7.45pm

BAR

Tickets £5. for adults. £3.50 for children and OAPs

THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

The Allotment Society has a new treasurer:

Simon Lidbetter
Hedges
South Stoke Road
Woodcote
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The society is thriving. New members and new faces are always welcome, but there are now only three plots available.



We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year. The children, staff and Committee certainly enjoyed the 'restful' break after some very busy weeks just before the holidays!

The Nativity play was a great success and the children's singing efforts were excellent. They certainly deserved their Christmas party and all (we think all) went home happy clutching their gifts from Santa.

With the New Year here, we're back into the swing of things already, with some lovely displays showing what fun the children are having working on this term's topic: 'Let's Investigate'. We're investigating toys, colour, shape and pattern for the first half of the term, with some rather special looking 3D robots having been produced and some interesting colour-mixing going on.

The garden, as ever, will be a focal point for our topic, as it provides plenty of opportunity for investigations e.g. let's see how wet we can get even with our special waterproofs on! The 'new' garden really is proving to be a great success and we're all very proud of it. Having said that, it is looking like a bit of a mud bath at the moment and we're rather hoping that Spring will be around the corner and our bulbs (planted by the children with a little help from the staff) will start to provide a bit of colour.

Here's to a Happy Chinese New Year, which we'll be celebrating with Class One of the Primary School.

As always, if you are thinking of sending your child to Pre-School and would like to visit, please telephone Helen on 0118 9844516. You can also find out more from our web site www.whitchurchpreschool.org

If you would like to register your child, we would recommend that you do so ASAP as the '06/'07 academic year is already looking busy.

Whitchurch Primary News

www.whitchurch.oxon.sch.uk Friday 6th January 2006

Dear Friends

Welcome back to all our parents and pupils, I trust everyone had a very special Christmas and New Year. We would like to thank Rev Steddon for the use of the Church for our carol concert; it really made a difference to be able to celebrate Christmas in the right setting.

News from the school is that we have been working very hard on attainment. The teachers and pupils have been 'challenged' to set themselves higher targets in all aspects of school life and through a series of assessment meetings we have been evaluating performance. So far things are looking very good and I am pleased to see all of the pupils taking their targets very seriously and progress is very good. The system has also enabled us to see who is under or overachieving and measures are in place to support those groups. We have not forgotten the pupils in between – do not fear! Please continue to trust and support us as we genuinely do have the best interests of every child at heart.

We are happy to announce that Mrs Hornsey is expecting a baby in the summer and she has assured me that she will be with us until well after the SATs exams and will join us again after Christmas 2006. We wish her and her husband all of the best and I will let you know as soon as we have appointed a replacement.

Plenty of hard work has gone into the school since September; some of it can be seen in the renovated school toilets and the Foundation Playground. The biggest news is that we can apply for permission to tidy up the muddy bank alongside the school drive. We would like to repair the pathway and stabilize the surface of the clay bank. We will also be improving the drainage system and hopefully all of these measures should ensure pedestrians will not have to wade past the school. I am also aware that the bench is becoming a little battered and I would like to know if anyone could help us with the repairs.

As this is the village school, please feel free to make an appointment and visit us.

Regards

Grant Mottram

Whitchurch Bridge

You may already be aware that Whitchurch Bridge is coming to the end of its useful life and major reconstruction is planned for 2013, by which time the existing Bridge will be 111 years old. The Company has already started planning for this work, which is likely to involve closure of the Bridge to all vehicles for not less than 3 months. A pedestrian crossing will be provided for the duration of the works.

Consultation has already started with the local Parish, District and County Councils, with the utility companies, and with the Environment Agency. Initial discussions have also taken place with the local Planning Department at SODC, and because the Bridge is a Grade II listed structure, the Conservation Officer is also involved.

The nature of the work that needs to be done has been identified by the Company's Bridge engineering advisers at Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and preliminary drawings have been prepared. Because the work is a major reconstruction of the Bridge, OCC has ruled that the work will have to comply with British Standard BS 5400, which specifies codes of practice for the design of steel, concrete and composite bridges. This Standard is onerous for the Whitchurch Bridge Company, and requires, for example, that the reconstructed Bridge be strong enough for 40/44 tonne vehicles, which the Company has no wish to see using the Bridge. BS 5400 may be superseded by a European Standard before 2013.

The Company intends to retain the existing appearance of the Bridge. Our plans involve the installation of new piles supporting new, load-bearing longitudinal girders under the roadway, with the existing latticework side girders retained as a key visual element. The width of the Bridge will not be increased. The Company is also at one with local residents in wishing to retain a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on the Bridge after it has been reconstructed, and OCC has confirmed that appropriate Highway signage can be provided in the area to warn of this weight limit and help ensure compliance.

The reconstruction costs are estimated at £2.3 million at to-day's prices. Although the Company has substantial reserves set aside for Bridge reconstruction, an increase in annual Toll income will nevertheless be required each year from 2006 - 2013 to build up sufficient funds for the planned works. These increases will be achieved by gradually reducing the discount currently offered to regular users who buy books of tickets in advance. The standard 20p Toll cannot be increased until the Company successfully applies for permission from the Department for Transport.

For more information about the Whitchurch Bridge Company, please visit our website at www.whitchurchbridge.com

Geoff Weir Company Secretary

_THE WHITCHURCH SOCIETY

Art and Craft Exhibition 19th/20th November 2005

This year's Exhibition was very successful and popular as always and received very welcome compliments from all the visitors to the Village Hall over the weekend.

There were a record number of entries (167) from residents of Whitchurch and Goring Heath parishes, and the expertise of the entries was impressive.

The three local schools – Whitchurch Pre-School Group, Whitchurch Primary and the Oratory Preparatory – all put on enthusiastic and eye-catching displays of art and craft work, which added colour and interest to the ambience of the Hall. The large paper collage of Whitchurch Mill by Primary School pupils was amazing.

The Whitchurch Cup for Craft was awarded to Suzanne O'Sullivan for her original and stylish Christmas stocking. The Orford Cup for Art was won by Stephen Trinder with 'Reflections', a striking and deep abstract in oils. Adrian Dixon was awarded the CPL Cup for Photography for his beautiful sunlit study of a llama in Lladakh. For the best first time entry, Lynn Hughes was a well-deserved winner with her charming shaker-style picture. Chris Martin gained the Chairman's Cup for her clever digital art picture.

There were 28 exhibits this (the fourth) year of the Joyce Voysey Prize. It is exciting to see the enthusiasm for this 'open' class increasing – more than double the number of entries than last year! The theme was 'Water' and the range of media and exhibitors' ages was wide. George Mattimoe won the award for his great 'Rock Pool' model – the watery effect was remarkable! Next year's theme is to be 'Myths & Legends' which we hope will elicit a range of media and themes. We will encourage entries to be accompanied by a descriptive background to add to the interest and understanding for visitors.

The entries by the younger residents of the villages never fail to entertain and impress with their imagination and talent. The overall awards for best entries were won by Flo Turtle (under 7 yrs), Florence O'Sullivan (7-10 yrs), Amy Holland (11-14yrs) and Lizzie Kaiser (15-18yrs). The Junior Photography class was again won by Lorna Woolhouse – this class particularly has proved popular and attracts a high standard of work.

The Popular Vote was run again this year, which gave visitors a chance to make their own selection of a favourite exhibit. Diana Hansen was a clear winner with her meticulously-executed and alluring 'Turkish Maid'. For the full details of all the winners and runners-up, please visit the website (www.wotarts.co.uk).

On Saturday, Su Wright displayed one of her many craft talents with a fascinating demonstration of felt making – a very old and previously widely-practised craft. We were most fortunate and grateful to her for giving up her valuable time in the middle of house-moving, and it was most inspiring to the many who watched her at work.

It is interesting to observe that year on year, the number and quality of the photographic entries is rising very noticeably. The switch to digital cameras is no doubt the main factor in this change. They are very much enjoyed by all the visitors but we hope to try and redress the imbalance by encouraging and stimulating an 'art and craft' revival in the villages for next year's exhibition. If you are thinking about learning a new skill, don't delay, and if you already have a particular skill, how about running a workshop to inspire others to give it a try? We are very keen to maintain this great village tradition which has been held annually since 1972, but also welcome any suggestions and ideas to enliven and broaden its exhibitor base and appeal.

The prize-giving ceremony was introduced by Ann Tuckwell, Chairman of the Society, and the cups and prizes were presented by Tony Voysey, the Society's President.

I should like to finish with a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the Exhibition – to my sub-committee friends Jill Bradon, Sarah Dixon and Chris Martin, without whom it just wouldn't happen; to the excellent judges; to the many residents who worked so hard setting up and dismantling the exhibition; to the committee of the Whitchurch Society for their great support, for manning the door all weekend and for making the weekend run very smoothly; and finally and most importantly, to all the exhibitors themselves.

Sally Woolhouse
Chair of the Art & Craft Sub-Committee

THE STRANGE CASE OF THE MISSING BODIES
And other Whitchurch Mysteries

I am searching for at least two bodies, probably many more. Most but not all of them had violent or untimely deaths. They all have two factors in common: they are missing and the causes of their death are unknown. At the moment the trails have gone completely cold.

To put everyone's mind at rest, I am not talking about a modern day case of mass murder in the village. This is not Midsomer Norton after all! I am referring to the fate of the village's ancestors.

I am currently writing a script for a documentary video about Whitchurch. I hope the end result will be like some wines, modest but interesting. Although I have only just started, the project has involved some research into the history and prehistory of the village. It is this which has thrown up the question of the bodies.

My main sources are two books: "*Whitchurch-on-Thames*" by John Harold Baker and "*St Marys Church, Whitchurch: A Journey Through Time*" by Richard Hughes. Whilst they provide wealth of information about village after the Norman Invasion, their details about Whitchurch's earlier residents is much thinner. As Richard Hughes puts it:

"We know little about the inhabitants of Whitchurch before the Norman invasion....."

John Baker describes how a ritual Saxon burial place was found in about 1875 "*On the extreme western side of the parish near the north west corner close to the river bank.*" Apparently the skeletons of two men were uncovered with a Roman coin in the mouth of one to pay Charon the keeper of the Styx. "*The other had at his hip one of the short straight knives which are often found in Saxon graves.*"

The question is where are those skeletons now and what has happened to that sacred burial place? More importantly, is this the only ancient grave in the village? I think it unlikely.

As in most places the Saxon dwellings have long since disappeared under the weight of subsequent centuries of building. But the question of Roman houses is another matter. From the earliest times people have liked Whitchurch enough to settle here and build. The Iron Age fort of Bozedown and Hardwick House are evidence of that.

It is not hard to see why the Romans would want to settle in this area with its benign climate, good soil and plentiful supply of fresh water. Yet the only evidence of their presence that I know of are two discoveries of coins. Thirty-four were found when the weir pool at Whitchurch Lock was being dredged and dated between AD 41 during the reign of Claudius to Marcus Aurelius in AD 181. A single coin was also found on a track in the vineyard and came from the reign of Emperor Trajan in AD 50.

My bet is that there is at least one Roman villa hidden beneath the fertile soil of Whitchurch. I think its likely location would be somewhere on the north side of Hardwick Road, which has been in use as a trackway since ancient British times. Not only would this be very convenient for anyone living there but it also catches the maximum amount of sun and is well above the Thames' flood plain. This would have made it ideal as a farmstead and vineyard.

An archaeologist who visited Whitchurch recently also agreed with this but thought that searching for it would be like searching for a needle in a haystack. As with the Saxons where they are and where their former occupants are buried is anybody's guess.

If anybody has any information or ideas about this, I would love to hear from them.

Nick Brazil Telephone: 01189841602 e-mail: nicholasbrazil@btinternet.com

Pangbourne Choral Society will open their 2006 season with Carl Orff's renowned Carmina Burana at 7.30 pm in the Falkland Memorial Chapel at Pangbourne College on Sunday 5th February.

The hour long cantata, much performed and recorded, is an exuberant setting of some twenty poems in Medieval Latin and Middle High German from a thirteenth-century manuscript found at the Bavarian Monastery of Benediktbeuern.

The concert will also include a selection of arias and choruses by Mozart and will open with one of his overtures. Soloists will include Julian Hubbard (Baritone), who gave a distinguished performance in last year's War Requiem. And the conductor will be Pangbourne College's Director of Music, Darren Everhart.

Tickets (£10 adults, £2 under 18's) are available from Premier Pet Store, Pangbourne, or (with cheque to 'PCS and SAE) by post from PCS Tickets, 13 Shooters Hill, Pangbourne, RG8 7DZ.

Early booking is advised as Pangbourne Choral Society concerts are in high demand and usually sell out fast.

Further information from www.pangbournechoralsociety.fsnet.co.uk
or pcs@musician.org

Whitchurch and Goring Heath Twinning Association

The Twinning Association held their AGM on Friday 13th January. The minutes of the meeting and the Chairman's report are available on the Twinning website www.whitchurchtwinning.org.uk. Reading these will give you a good overview of what we did last year and what we are planning for the year ahead.

The highlight this year will be our visit to La Bouille, planned for the bank holiday week-end 29th April to 1st May. Details of the trip have still to be finalised, but it will be publicised nearer the time. If you'd like to register an interest in joining the trip, please contact David Robinson: david@whitchurchtwinning.org.uk 0118 984 4142.

David Robinson
Chairman, Twinning Association

Woodcote Library

A new service from the County Council is the Heritage Search facility on the newly designed web-site - www.oxfordshire.gov.uk. Records from the Oxfordshire Record Office (archives), the Museums resource, the Oxfordshire Studies at Central Library and the Photographic Archive. Click on Leisure and Culture in the list on the left hand side and then on Heritage Search.

You can then search the records to see what is held - for instance there are many images of Woodcote and Whitchurch which can be seen and purchased on-line. In the new year we shall have a special photographic exhibition here covering local subjects with images drawn from these archives- date to be announced.

In May we shall have an Art Exhibition of work by local artists and hope to host an art session involving parents and children in the spring.. If anyone would like to use the library to display their hobby or work, or that of a local society, please let us know.

Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society

Our venue changes to Whitchurch Village Hall for the Spring meetings. January 19th is a members evening featuring John Dolby and others on local topics. February 16th is the AGM, with a speaker to talk about the history of Caversham Park.

Non-members always welcome, and meetings start at 8pm.

LOVE-IN AT WOODCOTE LIBRARY

To brighten up a dismal month we're holding a Storytime at the Library on Tuesday 14th February, in the morning at 10.30 am for three to eight year olds . As it will be St Valentines Day, we are asking the children to bring in the bear/doll/animal they love best - and we'll do the same! The session lasts an hour and is free, but tickets must be ordered at the library in advance and there must be someone here in charge of any one under eight. On a more mundane note, a reminder that well-wrapped books and tapes can be put through our letterbox in the back door when we are closed. It is also possible to return any books or tapes to any other Oxfordshire library and of course we accept anything borrowed elsewhere in Oxfordshire.

My grandma...what a great panto you have!

The Woodcote Amateur Dramatic Society is very proud to present its 2006 pantomime. A traditional tale with some modern twists, in Norman Robbins' hilarious updating of Red Riding Hood. Songs (from Robbie Williams to the Sound of Music, how often do you get that in one evening), laughter, and plenty of audience participation.

The big bad wolf once again stalks the forests of Ferndale. To make things worse Sir Jasper de Vyle is up to his own nasty tricks. Can Red Riding Hood, Grandma and Prince Edward of Entertania save the day? Oh no they can't, oh yes they can (etc). What more do you want to cheer you up in mid-winter?

At Woodcote Village Hall. Friday 27th, Saturday 28th Jan and Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th Feb. Matinee and evening shows on Saturdays. Tickets on 01491 680494.

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GORING HEATH PARISH CHARITY

January 2006

Goring Heath Parish Charity Trustees wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

The annual Christmas Mini Market was held on Saturday December 3rd 2005 in its usual venue of Goring Heath Parish Hall. Sadly three of the expected stallholders informed us, with very little notice that they were unable to come; a great shame as the mouth-watering and much anticipated “Chocoholics”, was one of them! But we are grateful to all the stallholders who did come. Although the whole day seemed quieter than in previous years, the profit was only £8 less than we last year, adding a further £287.86 to the Goring Heath Parish Charity funds. As always a heart felt “thank you” to everyone who helped on the day. The Raffle’s star prize of a beautiful Christmas tree, donated as always by Rogers of Penny Royal, was won by the Bergman household, again!

Pat Turner and I are handing over the organising of future Mini Markets to Ros Heath and Chris Bergman and we are very grateful that they have volunteered to take it on.

Other news. The Hearing Loop system has now been installed. So anyone wishing to use the loop, please speak to Caroline Brooks when booking the hall.

March 10th 2006 is the date of the next “production” to be staged in the Parish Hall, when Nils Ling is presenting his one-man show “the Truth About Daughters”. Tickets will cost £8 and £6 for Concessions and will available at the end of January. Please contact me, Theresa Elsome on 0118 984 2056 to reserve your seat.

“Touching, powerful and hilariously funny The Truth About Daughters is one mans attempt to make sense of those strange and magical creatures who turn his world upside-down and his heart inside out”.

The Spring Gardening Show is scheduled for **Saturday 1st April 2006**. And so you can get out and about with your cameras, to take all those cup-winning photos, here are the titles for the photographic section:- 1. Winter Visitors. 2.Craftsmanship. 3.Patterns in Plants. Schedules should be available at the beginning of February 2006. Good luck.
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The University of Oxford Botanic Garden

is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our Annual Winter Lecture Series. Our unique series of evening winter lectures will bring together leading gardeners and garden

designers to give us their perspective on gardening

Thursday 26th January 2006

Andrew Lawson, Garden Photographer and Writer
'Another Look at Colour'

Thursday 9th February 2006

Chris Crowder, Head Gardener at Levens Hall
'Levens Hall and its Gardens'

Thursday 23rd February 2006

Medwyn Williams, Medwyn's of Anglesey, Ten Times Gold Medal Winner
at the Chelsea Flower Show
Chelsea Flower Show through the Eyes of an Exhibitor

Thursday 9th March 2006

Rosemary Alexander, Principal of the English Gardening School
Garden Design Today

Wednesday 22nd March 2006

Sue Dickinson, Head Gardener at Eythrope, a Victorian Garden, near
Aylesbury
Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers for a Country House

Lectures take place at 8.00 pm in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium at the Said Business
School

Tickets - £9.00 per lecture (includes a glass of wine) or £40.00 for the series

Tickets are available from

University of Oxford Botanic Garden Rose Lane Oxford OX1 4AZ

Telephone 01865 286690

www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk

WHITCHURCH HILL CAMERA CLUB

Our meeting on the 18th January features one of our own Club members, Neil Stewart, who takes on a journey under the sea with two presentations - Swimming with Sharks

and Life on the Reef. Two days later is the date for our monthly Digital Group meeting when details of two projects for the coming year will be given.

The final meeting in January (25th) will be our annual Battle with the Goring Camera Club. The judge who will decide which Club wins will be Gaston Alziary ARPS from the Newbury Camera Club.

Meetings in February start on Wednesday, 1st February when one of the South's leading Natural History photographers, Gordon Langsbury FRPS presents a photographic journey from the Mediterranean to the Pyrenees in a show called "Springtime in Spain."

One week later sees our annual Enprint Competition which, once again, is kindly sponsored by Jessops.

The third meeting this month takes place on the 15th February when around thirty club members will show images all photographed on "One Day in May" - Sunday, 15th May 2005. A project designed to capture the mood and activities of a weekend in late Spring.

Our Digital Group meet on Friday, 17th February when Luben Solev will be showing a selection of his digital work and the month ends on the 22nd with a fascinating evening in the company of Maurice Toon LRPS.

We meet every Wednesday evening at the Village Hall, Whitchurch-on-Thames starting at 8pm.

Further information and a copy of our full Programme are available on our website: www.whitchurchhillcameraclub.co.uk or from Alan Copeland on (01491) 681471. Copies are also available at Pangbourne Library.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

If anybody can make use of a Canon BJC-3000 printer and a Canon FB 310 scanner, please contact Pam or Mike Scott on pammike@btinternet.com

NEW FEATURE

Contributions welcome for this column if anyone knows of a date that would be of interest to the village.

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

9 th	Parish Council Meeting
13 th	Twinning AGM
19 th	History Society Meeting
25 th	Camera Club
27 th & 28 th	WADS Panto 'Red Riding Hood'
27 th & 28 th	Young Riparians 'Snow White and the 7 Friends'

FEBRUARY

3 rd & 4 th	Young Riparians 'Snow White and the 7 Friends'
3 rd & 4 th	WADS Panto 'Red Riding Hood'
5 th	Pangbourne Choral Society - 'Carmina Burana'
6 th	Parish Council planning meeting
14 th	Storytime at Woodcote Library
16 th	History Society AGM

MARCH

6 TH	Parish Council Meeting
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Special Rubbish Collection

The winter service is now in operation.

A van will be at Woodcote Car Park on Wednesdays from 12 noon till 3.00pm to collect household rubbish. It will also be there every third Saturday in the month from 8 am till 12 noon.

Garden Waste

The kerbside collection service for green waste has been extended. Collection of ecosacks will resume on 9 January and continue until Friday 28th April. The freephone booking number 0800 7318752 will remain available during this period, and we will also continue to accept bookings by email at public.amenities@southoxon.gov.uk

There are a number of outlets across the district selling the paper ecosacks. These are listed on the Councils website or contact 01491 823416 for more details.

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Please send your contributions **preferably by e-mail to**
sarah@pongo.freeseve.co.uk **by** 11th March 2006