

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY & MILTON COMMON NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

It's a bumper issue this time with lots of activities going on in the build up to Christmas. If you receive this newsletter before 30 September, join a tea party in the Village Hall in aid of the Royal Air Force Association (see p19).

The shopping trip to Windsor (p6), the Shop 'til you drop event (p14) and the Christmas Bazaar (p10) will all give ideas for Christmas presents. But before then we have a fireworks spectacular to celebrate Guy Fawkes night (see p8).

Zena Knight

Church Heating Fund

The Church Heating Fund had a wonderful donation of £231.84 back in the late spring, thanks to a most successful plant sale organised by Lynda Meleg and held at the Village Hall. The plants were mostly grown by Linda Savell and were eagerly bought by enthusiastic gardeners.

Moo Nowell Smith

Strawberry Tea

We would like to thank everyone who supported, in any way, the Strawberry Tea held at 6 Station Yard on 7 August. Together we raised the fantastic amount of £609.00 for Breast Cancer Care.

Jodie and Josie

Sincere thanks

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone in the village who sent me cards and good wishes during my recent illness. It all happened so suddenly and it is going to take me quite a while to get back to 'normal'. Unfortunately, it has put pay to my plans to run the New York Marathon in November as well as various other events that I was scheduled to do. However, come 2011 I hope to return to training and you may once again see me pounding the streets of Tiddington.

Alan Stratton

Tiddington Baby Group

Are you at home with a little one and need some adult company?

Then come along to Tiddington Baby Group every Monday from 9.30am to 11.30am in Tiddington Village Hall.

All we ask is £2.00 towards tea/coffee and Hall hire.

Please contact us on 07900175222 if you would like any more information.

Hope you can join us.

Jodie, Louise and Jenny

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From the Parish Clerk

Drainage works in Tiddington and vibrations on A418 - well - the work on the surface water problems in Sandy Lane has been done!

Some badly worn areas of road have also been resurfaced and some potholes filled.

First indications are favourable. No water running down the road!

We wait to see what happens when we have a prolonged period of rain, not to mention autumn and winter frosts which have made Sandy Lane so hazardous in the past.

Work on the A418 should have been finished by now, but has not even started. I have recently received a telephone call from Highways informing me that a meeting is shortly to be held to decide how to carry out the necessary changes to the road markings. I am assured that the 30mph roundels will be installed at the same time and we expect things to happen soon.

The delay is due to more urgent work 'intervening', I am told!

Potholes - as previously stated, I have contacted Highways regarding the numerous and dangerous potholes around the village, but nothing seems to have been done yet. The matter was raised again at September's Parish

Council Meeting. I shall continue to make representation to Highways in the hope of getting something done.

Planning application by the Oxford Belfry - the planning application for 105 additional bedrooms and increased car parking at the Oxford Belfry was considered by SODC at their planning meeting in August and was approved. Jenny Leslau and Charles Bennett both spoke forcibly and eloquently against the proposals as did Cherry Draper on behalf of the Parish Council but to no avail. We now need to ensure that conditions relating to the development are observed and that any S106 monies are applied for the benefit of Milton Common/Tiddington.

Let us also hope that the development brings increased employment and prosperity to this lovely part of South Oxfordshire.

Crime prevention - an address was given at the Parish Council meeting in September by Malcolm Wills, regarding crime prevention and reduction in rural areas such as ours. Apparently, crime in our area is down, but the advice was to remain vigilant and secure and to report suspicious matters to the police.

Preparing for emergencies - you should receive an A5 sized glossy booklet with this Newsletter, which has some handy information, including useful contact numbers. Keep it by the 'phone!

Ken Poyser
Parish Clerk

Tiddington with Albury Parish Council Members

Chair	John Nowell-Smith	339650
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Vice Chair	Elaine Horne	279520
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Councillor	Cherry Draper	339347
	Environment, conservation, recycling waste	
Councillor	Ken Field	339671
	Housing, planning, building & controls	
Councillor	Zena Knight	339340
	Planning; recreation, arts, grants	
Councillor	Brian Price	339977
	Health & safety	
Clerk	Ken Poyser	339216
	Rosewood, Ickford Road, Tiddington	
	Email: twaparishcouncil@googlemail.com	

Garden refuse collection

Please note that the contact email address for any queries about the service has been changed to: commercialservices@southoxon.gov.uk.
The telephone number remains the same

From your Chairman

Another month with not much to report, August always being a quiet time. Life in the village has also proceeded quietly.

The Oxford Belfry Hotel got its planning permission despite eloquent speeches in opposition. Hopefully, with the recession not much will happen.

Work was done on Sandy Lane. How effective it will prove to be we will see in due course!

As always there is a problem with litter. Please do not drop any yourself and when you come across any, do pick it up.

The Crime Prevention Officer for this area, Malcolm Wills, came to the September Parish Council Meeting and gave a talk on household security. It was very interesting and well attended. Why do not more of you come more often? The Parish Council can only help if you express your views and air your complaints. Come on the first Monday of the month at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

John Nowell Smith
339650

Post Office

Tiddington Village Hall

Please support your local post office facilities in the Village Hall on Wednesdays from 1.30pm-3.00pm.

Your postmaster from Great Milton is able to provide all the usual needs including top-up of mobile phones, etc.

From your County Councillor

Oxfordshire Schools Admissions Applications

The deadline for parents wishing to apply for a school of their choice for September 2011 is fast approaching. For Oxfordshire primary and junior schools, the closing date is 17 January 2011, whilst for Oxfordshire secondary schools

it is 1 November 2010. It is really important that parents let the County Council have their preferences (please state up to three in your order of preference) by the deadlines, otherwise it could reduce their children's chances of being allocated to their preferred school. If your requested choice is not your catchment area school you need to check whether or not you are entitled to free transportation for your young person. Parents or guardians can apply on line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or collect a brochure, available from their local Oxfordshire primary school, and complete the preference form in the back of the brochure. If you are unsure, please contact the admissions team on 01865 815175 (Fax. 01865 783198) or

email admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk or write to:

School Admissions Team

Ground Floor

County Hall

New Road

Oxford

OX1 1ND

New Public Transport Guide

The latest edition of the Public Transport Guide for Oxford City & Oxfordshire is now available. It takes the form of large double sided coloured maps. They show all of the bus public transport routes in Oxfordshire together with the frequency of service on each route. Also included are details of train companies and places of interest. This guide is particularly useful for people with the new National Bus Pass, but also for general use. Copies can be obtained from Libraries, County Hall, SODC at Crowmarsh, Tourist Information Centres, or by telephoning "Traveline" on 0871 200 22 33 (who can also supply detailed timetable information for the routes you are interested in) or the website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk and click on "roads & transport" followed by "public transport" followed by "timetables & maps" where you will

find lists of bus services in Oxfordshire.
[mailto: sustainable.transport@oxfordshire.gov](mailto:sustainable.transport@oxfordshire.gov)

Oxfordshire Fire fighters raise £30,000 in 950-mile cycle challenge

A team of fire fighters from Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service has completed a gruelling 950-mile bike ride from John O'Groats to Land's End to raise money for charity. The "Heroes 4 Heroes" team, which consisted of 14 fire service and army personnel cycled 950 miles in just 14 days in a bid to raise awareness of motorcycle safety and raise £30,000 for two charities "Help for Heroes" and "The Fire Fighters Charity." The cyclists were accompanied by a support team of fire service colleagues, members of the Army's Royal Logistics Corp and friends and family.

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 September 2010

Arriva Bus Route 280 Oxford-Aylesbury

There is a new timetable for the 280 service to and from Oxford and Aylesbury.

Frequency has increased to three buses per hour.

For details please see the timetables at the bus stops.



THAMES VALLEY POLICE

0845 8 505 505

The single number for non-emergency calls

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.

FREE!

SWAP SHOP

**Saturday, 16 October,
9.30am – 11.00am**

Merry Bells, Wheatley

**Bring useful old stuff you no longer need;
take away FREE stuff that is useful to you.**

**If you are bringing stuff it
needs to be in the hall by 10.00am**

You can now bring (small) electrical items!

We have a notice board to advertise items too big to carry easily.

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

Recycling: You can also bring used printer cartridges (not Epson, please), old mobile phones, Tetrapaks, plastic milk bottle tops, batteries and foil milk bottle tops for us to recycle.

Refreshments available (small charge)

Run by Wheatley Community Action Group
www.wheatleycag.org

Reuse, recycle and keep stuff out of landfill!

Milton Common NHW (West Side) and Sandy Lane



At last the new NHW signs are going up. As we have an active scheme in the Parish now, it is worth advertising it, as it acts as a deterrent to would-be criminals.

At the last Parish Council meeting on 6 September, we had the Crime Prevention Adviser for our area give us a short talk. I was disappointed that the advice was not backed up with actual examples.

With the darker evenings now upon us, ensure you have good lighting on the approach to and around your house.

Do not 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.

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

Tiddington

Feedback - following extensive enquiries by officers from the Neighbourhood and Response teams at Thame Police Station, a number of arrests and house searches have been made in relation to a burglary at a local school and damage to numerous cars and other property in Watlington at the end of July.

Machinery theft - those small diggers and machines regularly seen on building sites are very popular and are frequently stolen. If you see machinery being removed from a site the vehicle and trailer would normally have the same number plate with the company's contact details clearly visible; so if you see otherwise, take the vehicle number, don't delay and report it to Thames Valley Police immediately.

Report it - if you see anything unusual or suspicious, such as a vehicle parked up, or people walking in the village who look out of place, then immediately contact Thames Valley Police on 08458 505 505. (make a note of this number so you know where it is when you need it)

Neighbourhood Watch window sticker - please contact me for a window sticker and leaflet (provided by the Community Action Against Crime)

Chris Williams
NHW Co-ordinator Tiddington
Tel: 07710 620820
Email: meteorltd@btinternet.com

From the Vicar

This month's letter has been written by the Revd Stevie Cross

I have come to the end of my weddings for the year. Such wonderful occasions with much joy and laughter. These days some guests are just invited to the evening buffet after the formal part of the day is done.

You know the scenario - there's a big long table filled with all kinds of delicious food - and you're stood right at the back of the queue! You wait patiently for your turn despite the provocation of children sneaking back up for seconds and thirds before you've even got your cutlery. And when you finally get there; when you're armed with your paper plate and napkin; what do you discover? Total devastation! The table looks like you were preceded by a swarm of locusts. All that it has to offer you is a curled up cheese and cucumber sandwich, a limp breadstick, a distressed looking chicken leg.

I was a guest at a wedding reception the other month (not in any of our parishes) and there was no way I was going to be at the end of that queue again! As soon as it was announced that the food was now available, I sprinted across the dance floor and for the very first time I found myself at the front of the queue!

What a sight lay before me. The sandwiches were fresh and neatly stacked - the salad was pristine before the legion of folk who pick out the tomatoes had arrived; and the cheese and pineapples on sticks actually had some cheese and pineapple on their sticks! That evening I got the first taste and the best pick of the food.

As I write this article I am arranging harvest festivals for the year so forgive me for taking up the harvest theme but it's very much on my mind at the moment! Our harvest festival has its roots way back in the Bible when the Jewish people actually marked two separate occasions - not only the **Ingathering** (when all the crops had been gathered in) but also the **Firstfruits** (when the very first crops had been harvested). The idea of the first fruits was simply this: to an agricultural community the harvest of the land came to symbolise all God's goodness and what better way of thanking Him than by giving Him the very first taste, the choice pickings of the crops He had provided.

In many ways we live in a very different world today - fewer and fewer of us are involved in the production of the food we eat. But some things don't change: God still loves us and showers us with good things, many of which we simply take for granted. Best of all - His Son, Jesus Christ, is still our Lord and Saviour who died and rose again to bring us forgiveness, purpose and new life in his Spirit.

So what are the first fruits that we can offer to God? How can we thank Him for all His goodness to us? Quite simply, He just wants us. He wants us to get to know Him better and to love Him more. He wants us to offer our time, our talents - all that we have and all that we are. He wants the best of us.

The sad thing is that too often we offer God just the leftovers - like the wedding buffet at the end of the queue - all the best bits gone or used up. Surely He deserves more than this - the God who gave His very life for us.

Let's thank God by offering the best that we have—the first fruits of our lives.

Love and peace in the name of Jesus,
Stevie

WHEATLEY TEAM RECTOR INTERREGNUM

As you will have read last month the Rev. James Watson left at the end of August to take up a new post. We have started the process of finding his replacement as vicar of Wheatley and Team Rector. This is a slow process as we seek to define the sort of person we are looking for and to produce a job description as well as a profile of the Wheatley team. Representatives of Wheatley, the team and the wider church will be undertaking this over the next few months and I hope you will be involved when things start to come together. It may seem that the process is taking time but we need to get it right as we seek God's will in this situation.

One way you can help at this time is remembering all those involved in your prayers and praying that God will provide the right person for this role. During this time The Revd Stevie Cross will stand in as Team Rector. Please keep Stevie in your thoughts and prayers.

With best wishes
Caroline

From the registers

Wedding

Saturday, 4 September
Glen Day and Michelle Davies

"May the Lord bless their union"

Church Bazaar
Saturday, 20 November
Tiddington Village Hall
2.00pm

See poster over the page

Church Services	St Helen's Church, Albury
3 October	9.30am Morning Prayer
10 October	9.30am Holy Communion
17 October	9.30am Morning Prayer
24 October	9.30am Holy Communion
31 October (5 th Sun)	11.00am Cluster Service at Holton
7 November	9.30am Morning Prayer
14 November	10.50am Service for Remembrance Sunday at Waterstock
21 November	9.30am Holy Communion
28 November	Advent Sunday Service to be confirmed

Waterstock & Tiddington W.I.



Kate Bradford's talk on "Making the most of your memory" in August gave amusing examples of all those memory lapses which we could identify with and we were given some fun quizzes to test our memories.

September's talk on "Family history and the registration service" was given by Catherine Hitchins, a retired registrar from the Oxford circuit. She had amusing anecdotes of her experiences, particularly in conducting weddings, but also gave some useful tips on researching one's family history and showing how laws have changed over the centuries.

On 14 October Claire Moore's talk is entitled "Musical stages". The competition is for the Group Meeting and is to design a book cover depicting an Agatha Christie book title. It should be in no more than an A4 portrait format.

Our November competition reverts to a kitchen item beginning with the letter "O". Our speaker on 11 November will be Anne Sharman, a recognised OFWI demonstrator, who will be holding a Christmas Decorations Workshop.

The Autumn Group Meeting will be held at Holton Village Hall on Thursday, 28 October at 7.30pm. Nick Channer will talk on the "Mystery

of Agatha Christie". Members are welcome to attend but please let me know by 14 October if you would like to come.

Looking ahead to December, we have booked Christmas dinner on 9 December at the Oxfordshire Golf Club. For all those who would like to attend, a deposit of £10.00 will be required at the October meeting.

New members will be made very welcome at our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month in Tiddington Village Hall at 7.30pm. Anyone joining in October at the subscription rate of £30.00 will have nothing more to pay until January 2012 - three extra months free!

Zena Knight
Tel: 01844 339340

Tiddington Village Hall

Christmas Dinner 2010

It seems strange to be talking about this event so early but we are about to enter the last quarter of the year! This year's event will be on **Saturday, 4 December**. To make things a little more comfortable for everyone we have decided to limit the numbers this year. To make it fair we are opening the booking line to villagers only from 1 October and then (subject to availability) we will welcome other bookings from the 1 November. To book your space please call Pauline Field on 01844 339671

Village Hall Committee AGM

The date for the 2010 AGM is Monday 8 November. We are always looking for new people to join the committee to help lessen the load on those who are already on it! So if you fancy finding out more or just want to come and hear what the VH team has to say then the AGM is a public meeting so please feel free to join us at the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Alan Stratton
Chairman
Tiddington Village Hall Committee
01844 339430 or 278534

Tiddington Car Boot Sale

On Saturday 4 September the Village Hall Committee took faltering steps into the world of Car Boot Sales.

We really did not know what to expect. How many "sellers", how many "buyers" would turn up? Would we have enough parking spaces, selling spaces? Had we done enough advertising? Did we have enough food? Was it the right type? After many sleepless nights Wendy and I just had to wait and see.

Fourteen parishioners took us up on the offer of £5 a pitch and having spoken to some of you after the sale, many made some extra cash. We also had a few sellers from outside the village.

We could, of course, have done with more customers and more sellers but we do feel once the event has become better known this will all improve.

A glimpse of some of the items for sale included; laptops, antiques, home made jam, pristine children's clothes, gardening equipment, children's bikes and toys, prams, TVs, DVDs and furniture!

It has been proposed that we hold 4 next year, starting in May and going through until September. The dates will appear in the Newsletter next year so make a note and come along and grab yourself a bargain.

We are very pleased to report that we did make a profit of just under £220.00 for the Village Hall funds, which we feel is great for a first try.

A large piece of this profit was from refreshments; tea, coffee, bacon rolls and hot-dogs. Our very grateful thanks go to Maureen Marchant, Jenny Sherlock-Williams, Jenny Gray, Doreen Williams and Valerie Birchley for their efforts in the kitchen.

Thanks to you all who turned up and to the Village Hall Committee members for your support.

Wendy Cheeseman and Janet Willis



As the cricket season draws to a close, already plans are being made for next year, building on the success achieved in many areas this year.

Our senior teams have competed strongly, although availability has been an issue at times, but we have always managed to put 3 teams out on Saturdays. The strength of our youth coaching has meant that many are now regularly playing Saturdays and Sundays. A big thank you must go to all our captains; many hours are spent during the week getting the teams out.

A players' meeting will be held on 29 September followed by our Senior Presentation evening on Saturday 9 October. Tickets are £5 each to include buffet, available at the bar, all are welcome.

Our youth coaching has gone from strength to strength, with our strong coaching team who give their time so freely, enabling so many children the chance to enjoy and learn cricket. We ran teams at under 11, 13 and 15 and for the first time started an under 9's team - they

amazed us by their quality and ended up unbeaten. We held our first Youth Presentation evening, with awards for all age groups and this was a fantastic end to the season.

Our Summer Academy was well attended with 40 children joining for a week of intensive coaching, ending with presentations of awards by 'our Jack' sporting his now famous Northampton headband. Again, we must thank the coaches who worked very hard all week, tiring but enjoyable was their summing up.

The Aunt Sally season has also finished, the teams competed well but were often short of success but always enthusiastic. The B team top scorers were Les Brooks and Ian Malin and Janice Whitfield was the most consistent performer through the season.

With winter approaching, the dart and crib season will get under way and we wish them all success.

During the winter, the club will be open on Monday evenings when there is crib, and Wednesday through to Sunday evenings, also Sunday lunchtimes.

Lesley Pykett
Tiddington Cricket Club
07762 572558

Wheatley Library

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

The Merry Bells, High Street, Wheatley
Tel: 01865 875267

Email: wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Thame & District Citizens Advice Bureau Market House, North St, Thame OX9 3HH

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-1.00pm

Thame & District Citizens Advice Bureau

Back to School

Although the September return to school can be a relief for hard-pressed parents, it can also be an expensive time of year. Whatever stage of education your child has reached, it is worth checking out whether you are entitled to any financial help. Schools provide information about applying for uniform grants and free school meals, for example, or the Educational Maintenance Allowance, for students staying on after the age of 16 (for more information on this, check the Directgov website at: www.moneytolearn.direct.gov.uk).

However, there are some less well known kinds of help, one of which is detailed below.

Home Access Grant for computers

In England, the Home Access Grant scheme provides grants to low income families to buy one of the following:

- a computer, a year's internet access and service and support
- a computer with service and support
- one year's internet access.

You might be able to get a Home Access grant if:

- you have children in school years 3 to 9, your children are at a state school, or their education is paid for by the local authority or the government, **and**
- you get certain benefits, for example income support, guaranteed pension credit or free school meals for your child, **and**
- you haven't had a grant for a computer from a scheme like this before.

Carers and foster parents for "looked after children" in school years one to 13 are also eligible to apply for the grant.

You can find out more about the Home Access Grant scheme and get an application form by calling their helpline on 0333 200 1004, emailing them at enquiries@homeaccess.org.uk or looking online at www.homeaccess.org.uk.

GREAT HASELEY AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In the vegetable garden, lift potatoes, beetroot, and carrots and store in a hessian or paper sack in a cool frost free place. It is possible to risk leaving root vegetables, but not potatoes in the ground through the winter, but safer to lift them. Plant a new strawberry bed with the small plants produced by runners on your strawberry plants to boost your crop for next year. Harvest any remaining pumpkins, squash or courgettes before the first frost. Pick any remaining apples and pears, and store or prepare pies or stewed fruit for the freezer for winter eating. Put barrier glue or grease bands on the trees to protect them from Winter Moth. Cut out the fruited canes on raspberry plants, and tie in the new season's growth for next year. Order new fruit trees and bushes.

In the ornamental garden, lift dahlias, and store in a frost free place. Bring tender pot plants into the greenhouse or house. Save

Geraniums, pot into flower pots, and place in a light but frost free place, water lightly, to use again for next year. Rake up leaves and store in a wire bin to make good leaf mould, or alternatively sprinkle on to the compost heap, but not in large batches or they will not rot down properly. Propagate semi-ripe cuttings of evergreen shrubs, or tender shrubs now. Keep the herbaceous garden tidy, but leave seed heads for the birds in the winter. Now is a good time to lift and divide any herbaceous plants. Dig up the plant, and divide by putting two garden forks in back-to-back and prise apart, discard the centre and replant the new outer parts, adding compost and bone meal to the hole first. Remove leaves from ponds and net for winter, cutting back the leaves of marginal plants, and yellowing water lilies. Cut the lawn on a high setting for the last time at the end of the month. Check bulbs in bowls planted last month, don't forget to water.

Come along to the GH&DHS plant swap on 23 October, bring any extra divided perennials, rooted cuttings, or seedlings, and get yourself something in return.

NHS Oxfordshire

Got something to say?

Be a part of Oxfordshire Voice

NHS Oxfordshire is calling on people in the county who have something to say about their community to become part of Oxfordshire Voice.

Have you ever commented on a story on a newspaper or radio website? Do you want the opportunity to regularly comment where it can make a real difference to your area? If you answered yes to these questions then you might be interested in Oxfordshire Voice.

Oxfordshire Voice is a citizen's panel made up of Oxfordshire residents who have volunteered to give up some of their time to answer four questionnaires a year created in

partnership between NHS Oxfordshire and Oxfordshire County Council.

The panel is carefully recruited to be representative of the population of Oxfordshire but there are some areas where we need to recruit more people. These include:

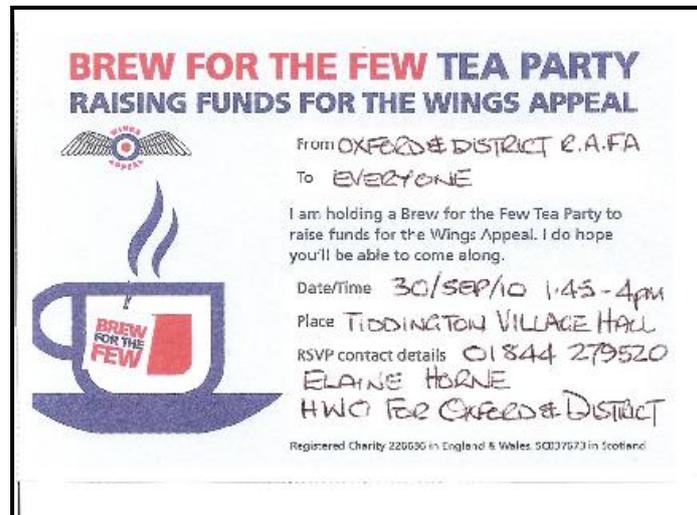
- people, particularly men, aged 16 to 34
- people in full time work
- people who live in the area covered by Cherwell District Council
- people who live in the area covered by Oxford City Council
- people from Black and other minority ethnic groups living in Oxfordshire.

You can have your say on line or by post - whichever you prefer. You could be invited to take part in other activities like online discussion forums or group discussions if this is something you are interested in.

Previous topics the panel have answered questions on include: where people think the council and NHS should save money and what the priorities should be, alcohol and drinking patterns, whether the police and other public services are successfully dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour and people's experiences of local health services and transport issues.

What the panel says is used by the Council and NHS to help develop services and change the way things are done. For example, one set of results asked for more support for pregnant women. As a result NHS Oxfordshire developed a service for new mums just out of hospital with their babies, to provide breastfeeding support. Feedback about transport issues has been used in the council's transport plan.

So, if you want to be part of Oxfordshire Voice and tell us what you think and make a real difference to your county - all you need to do is complete a short survey. You can access it online at: <http://bit.ly/9hxa3c> or you can fill in a paper



BREW FOR THE FEW TEA PARTY
RAISING FUNDS FOR THE WINGS APPEAL

From **OXFORD & DISTRICT E.A.F.A**
To **EVERYONE**

I am holding a Brew for the Few Tea Party to raise funds for the Wings Appeal. I do hope you'll be able to come along.

Date/Time **30/SEP/10 1.45-4pm**
Place **TIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL**
RSVP contact details **01844 279520**
ELANE HORNE
HWIC FOR OXFORD & DISTRICT

Registered Charity 220650 in England & Wales. SC037973 in Scotland

Hi Everyone

My name is Jodie Batson and I am currently the Avon Sales Representative for Tiddington.

Avon is the world's leading direct seller of beauty and related products, reaching women in over 120 countries through 5.8 million independent sales representatives.

Avon offers an extensive range of products including make-up, skincare, fragrance, jewellery, lingerie, personal care, accessories and gifts.

Avon is dedicated to empowering women and supporting their causes. Since 1992, Avon (UK) has raised nearly £15 million for breast cancer charities.

If you would be interested in seeing an Avon Brochure, please contact me on 07900175222, 6 Station Yard, Tiddington. I will happily deliver a brochure to your door and deliver any products you order.

Coming up in December....

Annual Carol Evening in aid of
Cancer Research UK in
Tiddington Village Hall on

Monday, 13 December