





Ryder Cheshire Volunteers
South Oxfordshire Branch

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Autumn

South Oxon Branch

An interesting summer this has been, one minute boiling hot  and the next walking around like drowned rats 

Diary Dates 

28 October (Weds) Pub Lunch 

The Malters Arms, Rotherfield Greys (nr Henley on Thames)

Please let Penny know by 23 October if you will be joining us

26 November (Thurs) Christmas Lunch 

Notcutts Garden Centre, Nuneham Courtenay

Details enclosed

Please remember these events are open to members, volunteers and friends if you wish. If you are stuck for transport please give us a call and we will try and help.

Two little old ladies were walking through the park one Sunday afternoon. The band was playing a catchy sounding tune, and one of the old ladies said, "I wonder what the name of that tune is". The other one noticed a sign posted near the bandstand and said, "It looks like they post the names of their selections. I'll go down and see". A while later she came back and told her companion, "It's the Refrain from Spitting".

We had a lovely farewell afternoon tea to say goodbye to Sandy Jeffery (eventually), this is an excerpt from an email she sent:

'Thank you so much for organising such a wonderful afternoon tea for my retirement. It has meant so much to me seeing all of the lovely people. I so appreciated everybody's messages and the fantastic vouchers. I am a very lucky girl!'

For those unable to attend, thanks to your kindness we were able to give Sandy £150 of garden vouchers, with which she has bought a garden bench

*Postman: Is this letter for you? The name is smudged.
Man: No, it can't be for me, my name is Smith.*

Help Needed - please, please

- Berinsfield** – someone to chat about sport, music or anything – it is the company which matters
- Didcot** Art/painting for a young housebound mother
- Didcot** This gentleman would love to meet someone interested in model aircraft making.
- Didcot** Gentleman interested in photography and computer
- Henley** Sport is what this lonely gentleman would like to talk about
- Wallingford** This gentleman would love someone just to pop in and have a chat
- Warborough** Another gentleman who would just love someone to pop in for a chat, go on gentle walks or a visit to the pub. Sense of humour essential!

Are there any male volunteers out there?
Could the gentleman who phoned and left his Mobile number please call again; we did not get the number down correctly.



Sandy at the party



Sandy & Martin sitting on the new bench

We also presented a bouquet of flowers at the party to Sylvia Wear; from RCV South Oxon Branch. Sylvia had retired as Chief Executive 4 weeks before our event and this was a thank you from us all.

*Tourist: Can you tell me the way to Bath please?
Policeman: Well, first you turn on the hot and cold taps then ...*

If you would like to receive this newsletter in a different format egg email, large text or not at all! Please contact the Didcot Office

Message from Daphne

Our fundraising event at Bledlow Ridge on Aug 6th was a huge success despite torrential rain at the start! We managed to play skittles on the wet grass and take cover under the huge tent in the garden. We raised £165.00 with the help of tombola and a picture auction. Our huge thanks to Steph for providing such a fabulous venue.

I am going to do some volunteering of my own in Kenya with my daughter from 26/10 – 27/11 so will not be at the pub lunch in Shabbington. Please do not let that stop you from having a lovely time and if you have any queries Penny can be contacted at the office.

Lastly, I have a new work mobile phone. The number is 07706659373. Please contact me through this number or at the office and delete the old mobile number from your contact list.

Looking forward to lots of you at the Quiz Night on the 7th Oct..... I know Jonathan is already dreaming up some new questions to tickle our brains!

East Oxon Calendar

Wed Oct 7th - Quiz Night at Barley Hill School. 6.30pm
Fish & Chips (bring your own wine) £7.00 per head.
Please send cheque made out to RCV to me at the address below & details will be sent to you.

Thurs 5th Nov – Pub lunch at The Old Fishermans Shabbington

Thurs Dec 3rd – East Oxon Christmas Lunch - The Kings Arms, Sandford at 12pm
Choice of a 2 course menu @ £14.99 or 3 courses for £17.99
Ring Daphne to book & choose your menu or for help to get a lift. 01235 817 800

Volunteers needed in East Oxon

Thame – 2 gentlemen who would like to get out to a pub for a credit crunch lunch & games & a chat.

Tetsworth – A lady who would like to learn about digital photography and Photo Shop.

**South Oxon RCV Reg Office: C3 Didcot Enterprise Centre,
Southmead Industrial Estate, Didcot OX117PH
Tel: 01235 817800 Charity No: 111995**

Message from Sheila

Nexus, the new management team at the Didcot Wave have introduced a new charge during our swimming sessions on Friday afternoons. Members £1.65 and volunteers 50p.

To apply for this special rate, please contact Sheila for an application form which needs to be completed by middle of October

Bits & Bobs

Need Help but don't know where to start? The OCC access team have just one number now for all disability enquiries: **0845 050 7666**

Open Britain is a new annual guide book for disabled people due to be published in November. The accompanying website www.openbritain.net will offer you the chance to search for accommodation online, plan trips and post reviews.

The Blue Badge map is a new interactive UK map launched by Directgov. It aims to help disabled people find accessible amenities, Blue Badge and Red Route parking bays, UK tourist attractions and much more. Visit direct.gov.uk/bluebadgemap

Carers Direct is new online information service and helpline for carers. It is designed to be a one-stop shop to help carers manage their lives and includes advice, news and more.
Visit www.nhs.uk/carersdirect or call free on **0808 802 0202** (8am-9pm Mon-Friday, 11am-4pm Sat and Sun)

RCV South Oxon Branch is not endorsing these services, but we hope the information may be of interest to our Members



*Two dogs were walking along the road. One dog stopped and said: 'My name is Fido, what's yours?'
The other dog though for a moment and then replied: 'I think it's Down Boy.'*

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