

BUCKS AREA NEWS

Chess league champs



Help needed to clear up river Wye

Volunteers are being asked to join in a clean up of the River Wye in Loudwater, near High Wycombe.

The clean up will take place on Sunday at 10 a.m. and will concentrate on clearing away unsightly and dangerous rubbish from three areas of the river: The edge of Knaves Beech Business Park, Lammass Way and Snakely Close.

The collection is being organised by the National Rivers Authority Thames Region in conjunction with the Wycombe Urban Wildlife Group, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and the local branch of Texas Homecare. To achieve a complete clean up approximately 40 volunteers are needed.

DISPOSE

This is the fourth litter collection organised by the National Rivers Authority Thames Region as part of their contribution to Tidy Britain Year. Others were at Reading, Chertsey and Abingdon.

The river authority admits that the litter collections, however successful, are a short term measure. Its long term goal is to establish a number of river patrols consisting of three or four people who will patrol the region's rivers. They will regularly visit problem areas and safely dispose of the litter collected. The patrols will also assist voluntary groups who want to organize their own litter collections and liaise with owners of bankside properties to advise on keeping banks clear.

The authority's amenity and recreation officer, Colin Woodward, is convinced that the support of local people is essential to the success of the collection. "Rubbish in rivers and along the banks is not only a danger to wildlife but it also spoils the enjoyment which local people have in the appearance of their river. We hope the people of Loudwater will show that they care about their river and will join us on Sunday in our efforts to improve the local environment."

Volunteers should meet in the Texas Homecare Car Park in the Knaves Beech Business Park. They should bring stout footwear and gloves.

House plans

Three terrace houses could be built on land at the end of Dedmere Court, Marlow, if a planning application is accepted.

The application is lodged by Mr. L. Wakefield of Dedmere Rd.

Natalie will reign over the carnival

The Queen of this year's Marlow Bottom Rose Carnival is 10-year-old Natalie Bromwich. Her attendants are Amy Stalwood and Carol Frederickson, both nine. All three girls live in Marlow Bottom.

The theme of the carnival is bygone days and the three girls, who go to Burford County Combined School in Marlow Bottom, were selected after winning a writing competition about how the valley used to be.

The carnival takes place tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon on the playing fields where the Queen of the carnival can be seen along with the king of the crooners, Frankie Vaughan, who will be opening proceedings.

Other attractions will include vintage cars and motor cycles, strolling jazz players and a host of stalls and side shows.

£2,268 for lifeboats

The annual door-to-door collection of the Bourne End branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution raised a total of £2,268.26, including £168.41 received from street collections in Bourne End, Wooburn and Flackwell Heath on May 26. The total amount was £30 more than last year.

The collection was directed by Mr. Gordon Morphew, the branch chairman, of Marlow Rd, Bourne End.

A party to thank people who helped with the collection will be held at the Bourne End Marina Yacht Club in Wharf Lane at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Inquiry plans

Plans to demolish homes at 1-6 Brookhouse Drive and Okyngton, Grange Drive, Bourne End, will be the subject of a local inquiry on September 4.

The inquiry will look at proposals to demolish the houses and for a residential redevelopment in its place. The applicants are Bishopswood Estates Ltd.

House appeal

Mr. R. Newman has appealed to the Department of the Environment against Wycombe District Council's refusal to allow planning permission for the building of a detached house and garage at Bockmer Farm, near Marlow.

CPRE's new chairman

At the recent annual meeting of the Bucks branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), Mr. Elliott Viney of Quainton stood down as chairman after 14 years in the post and was succeeded by Mr. Richard Pushman of Naphill.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Viney for his "long and useful service" was carried unanimously. Tribute was also paid to Mr. Colin MacLaren, who retired from the post of branch secretary at the end of 1989 when he was succeeded by Mr. Brian Hutten.

BOURNE End Chess Club is celebrating after winning the Bucks Chess League, Division One.

It is the second League victory the club has chalked up, having won in 1982. Playing against eight other teams, it won six games, drew one and lost one.

In the picture are (from left) Paul Hackman, Duncan Woods, Manfred Egby, Roger de Coverley and Eoin Tweedale.

Motor stolen

An outboard motor was stolen from a garden at Spade Oak Reach on Saturday. The Johnson 50hp. motor, belonging to Mr. W. Lawson, had been attached to the back of a boat. It was worth £500.

Studying impact of poll tax

Wycombe is one of 14 councils included in a major study financed by the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust.

The Policy Studies Institute commissioned by the Rowntree Trust is carrying out the study to identify the impact of the Community Charge on local authority finance. In particular, conclusions are expected on the extent to which local accountability has been affected by the Community Charge.

SAFETY NET

One particular feature of Wycombe's Community Charge in the current year is the £75 safety net contribution to help parts of the country considered to be less well off. Abolition of this should lead to a proportionately lower Community Charge in future years.

Leader of the council, Cdr. Andrew Green, said: "I am pleased we have been selected as part of this study. Local accountability in Wycombe is undoubtedly felt keenly by councillors — Wycombe District Council strives to provide good services and value for money."

£40 cycle was stolen

A bicycle worth £40 was stolen from behind The Crown pub, Riley Rd, Marlow on Friday night. Its owner, Lisa Cox, of Bath Rd, Maidenhead had left the blue sports bike with black saddle secured behind the pub. When she returned at 10.30 on Saturday morning the bike was gone.

Mobile health screening service launched

Local bosses with an ailing workforce will be able to take advantage of a new health screening programme run by East Berkshire Health Authority, which takes the screening to its patients, rather than the other way round.

The mobile health screening service will be run in co-operation with a commercial company SafaCare. It is hoped that in addition to generating valuable income for the health authority the service will encourage greater numbers of people to take an active interest in their own health.

The initiative was launched on Wednesday at IGE Medical Systems in Slough, where the mobile unit was on display. Performing the opening ceremony was Diana Moran, television's Green Goddess, who is well known for her active concern with all aspects of health.

She explained how she had gone along for a routine screen, not expecting to find anything wrong, and discovered that she had breast cancer, now fully cured. She went on to say that screening was useful because it would highlight any problem that was likely to occur and identified areas of concern, such as high blood pressure.

General manager of the District Health Authority, Mr. David Treloar was at the launch, as was acting chairman Mrs. Jan Morrison and Mr. Reffson a representative of SafaCare.

He explained the functions that the unit can perform, pointing out that the service would cost roughly one third of present charges for full screening. As absenteeism costs British industry some five billion pounds a year, with 150 million working days lost through illness, it is thought that by making employees and their employers more aware of any health

problems, the loss in output can be reduced.

The screening unit, the size of a caravan, will visit premises all over the area, staffed by medical personnel. They will carry out blood tests, urine analysis, height, weight, and blood pressure measurements, pulse rate, eye, hearing and lung function tests and will do a resting electro-cardiogram (ECG).

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The results will be analysed by consultants where necessary and reports forwarded to the individual and their GP within three weeks. The results are sent to the company if required.

In addition to other screening services, the unit can carry out cervical smears and breast X-rays (mammograms).

The cost of a standard screen will be about £85, varying slightly with individual requirements. The authority hopes that companies will be encouraged by the reasonable cost to sign up for a visit from the unit and diagnose any potential problems that could be affecting the health and efficiency of their workforce.

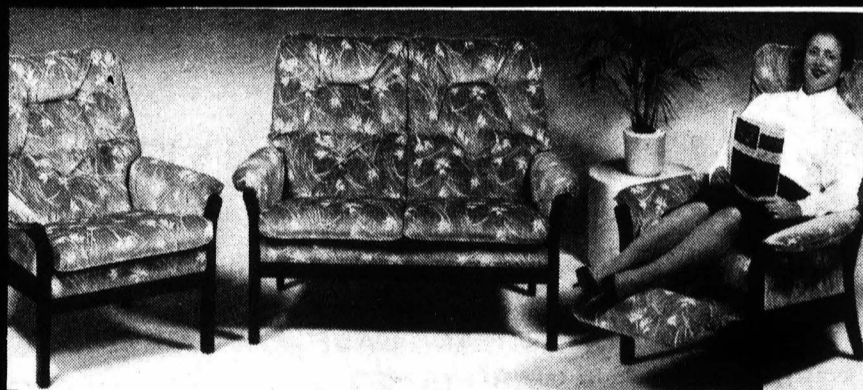
Extension plan opposed

A proposal submitted to the District Council by Miss Thompson, for a single-storey front extension at Braywick Lodge, Hibbert Rd, Bray, met with objections from Bray Parish Council planners on Wednesday night.

All agreed the plans represented a further overdevelopment of the site and recommended that the District Council refuse it.

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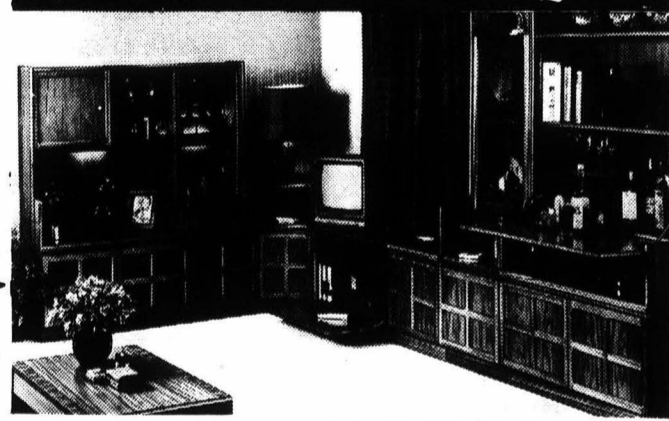
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