

## **PARISH REPORT NOVEMBER 2016**

I have to start by apologising for not sending a report at the start of October; I overlooked the matter due to the Witney by-election.

I was disappointed that David Cameron stood down as our MP but fully understand the reasons, particularly that he would have been a distraction to the new government. He has been a fantastic MP for Witney and will be missed. I wish him and his family well for the future.

Robert Courts has been elected as the new MP for Witney; whilst he has big shoes to fill I'm sure he'll be an excellent MP and work hard on local issues. I've known Robert since he moved to Bladon over six years ago and he is a hard-working campaigner.

### **Woodstock to Oxford Parkway**

I am delighted to confirm that from 11 December 2016 Oxford Bus Company will be extending service 500 from Oxford Parkway to Woodstock via the A4260, Langford Lane and the A44 every 30 minutes throughout the day. There will also be an evening and Sunday service.

They are trialling this in partnership with Chiltern Railways and Blenheim Palace – to ensure it is a success residents must use this new service.

### **Traffic Control**

The traffic reports on Radio Oxford are broadcast direct from Oxfordshire County Council's traffic control centre at Kidlington. They have direct access to over 50 cameras across the county showing exactly what is happening and able to tell listeners quickly should there be an incident. Also listeners' calls and texts mean that traffic control are able to take action quickly.

The entire breakfast show was recently broadcast from the control centre and I was given the opportunity to read the traffic report. I have to admit being nervous in case I mentioned the wrong road, although everything appeared to go well.



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### **Council trials 'out-of-hours' library at Eynsham**

Eynsham residents can now visit their local library outside normal opening hours using an exciting new system being trialled by Oxfordshire County Council. The self-service scheme gives members access to the building late into the evening and at weekends, extending access to books, online services and study space.

Library members should speak to local staff to register to use the access system

If successful the scheme will be rolled out to other libraries across the county, making them available to thousands of people who cannot currently visit during normal working hours. It means giving Oxfordshire residents unprecedented access to library and wider council services, and cementing libraries' position as important focal points at the heart of the communities they serve. The system 'went live' at Summertown in late September.

### **Public Health Annual Report**

The annual report by Director of Public Health summarises key issues associated with the Public Health of the County. It includes details of progress over the past year as well as information on future work. It is an independent report for all organisations and individuals.

The report covers the following areas:

Chapter 1: The Demographic Challenge

Chapter 2: Building Healthy Communities

Chapter 3: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage

Chapter 4: Lifestyles and Preventing Disease Before it Starts

Chapter 5: Mental Health

Chapter 6: Fighting Killer Diseases

The report can be found by following the link: <http://ow.ly/Fsok305C9RS>

### **Oxfordshire's Daytime Support Services**

OCC is proposing a new daytime support system that will enable older people and people with disabilities to live independently in their community. The new proposals include a guaranteed core service for people who require daytime support, alongside financial support to enable community-based services to continue to flourish. People with assessed needs who receive help from OCC's adult social services would continue to receive support under a new proposed structure for daytime support in the county. The council values day time support services run by volunteers and will continue to support these services while encouraging new community initiatives to be launched. Three-quarters of all community-based services do not receive funding from OCC so would be unaffected by the changes. OCC has listened to more than 600 people who use services and carers to understand their priorities and develop a new approach. More details can be found here: <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/dayservices/>

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