

The Editor received the following letter in response to her comment in the last issue.

I've just read my copy of "The Wychwood" and felt I should re-assure you that I do have a home in Ascott and have enjoyed fifteen happy years there. Sadly, there have been many weekends when work has taken me abroad for lengthy periods – but arriving at our cottage has always been a joy.

For the record, the Esther programme was supposed to have been a light-hearted look at the countryside, but after cutting and editing had been completed, it came out somewhat differently. The Oxford Mail didn't help with a slanted account–, although since it filled the front page with my picture, many Fleet Street colleagues have said that it will prove to have been my biggest ever by-line picture!

However, I should not complain about this treatment. After 30 years in the newspaper, radio and television business, it was a classic case of the biter being bitten! But I think I should emphasise that I do enjoy life in Ascott and my family have made various friends in the area.

I was also unaware of Harry Cooke's sad death until long after the event. I liked him very much and we would often stop for a chat.

My family and I love living here – if only at weekends. It is our home. I am sorry if some have been offended. Perhaps I'll volunteer to man a stall at the village fete and let them throw sponges at me!

Regards,
Paul Callan.

OXFORDSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY

NEW FREE PHONE HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICE LAUNCHED BY OXFORDSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY

An improved phone service has been set up by Oxfordshire Health Authority to provide health information for local people.

Healthpoint Oxfordshire can be reached by anybody in the county who calls a free-phone number between 9.00am - 5.00 pm

The number is: **0800 665544**

Information available covers local health services, waiting times, medical conditions, diseases, treatment, and healthy living. However, the phone operators cannot provide medical diagnosis or counselling.

Most callers are given the information they need immediately. Others will be sent an information pack or leaflet. Some will be called back when the right information has been found.