What we need is for everyone to work together in the county to clear this toxic weed. Private land, open spaces, nature reserves, roadside verges and gardens all need to be checked thoroughly this summer and cleared of ragwort.

This is a project that anyone can help with, whether it is advising us of areas you have found or simply pulling up the plants as you find them while out walking. To do that all you will need is a bag to put the plant into. It's as simple as that!

The British Horse Society is organising a major ragwort clearance programme across Oxfordshire this summer. We welcome everyone who has read this article to join us. If you want to safeguard the environment for future generations and care about the welfare of animals please join our campaign and become involved in this project.

For advice, leaflets, or to offer help please contact the BHS welfare officer, Miss D M Harris on 01993 702844.

Golden Wedding



Many congratulations to Horst and Ruby Mix who celebrated their Golden Wedding on the 8th July with a family party.

They met and married in Scotland where their two sons Hans and Wolfgang were born. In 1960 they moved southwards, finishing up in Shipton in 1970, where Horst worked for Bob Barratt.

Ruby and Horst have contributed freely of their time to support the village over the years and are always willing to help. Their hard work is much appreciated. We thank them and send our warmest wishes on this happy occasion.