

BURFORD FESTIVAL 22-28 June

Exhibition of Art & Quilts 22-28 June in Burford Church

The Dragon Parade Friday 22 June at 6.30pm along the High Street

Street Performers Saturday 23 June from 10am-4pm on the High Street

Quarter Peal of Bells Saturday 23rd June 10.30am

Porgy & Bess Saturday 23 June at 7.30pm in Burford Church
(Tickets £15 & £10 available from The Gallery, Burford)

Festal Evensong Sunday 24 June at 6.30pm in Burford Church

Pearl Divers Monday 25 June at 7.30pm in the Friends Meeting House, Burford (Tickets £5 & £3 on the door – suitable for adults & children over 8 years)

Legal Services Commission

I am writing to you – with the support of the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council – on behalf of the West Oxfordshire Community Legal Services Partnership. The West Oxfordshire Community Legal Services Partnership is formed from representatives from the Borough Council, the Legal Services Commission, local solicitors and the Witney CAB. Oxfordshire Age Concern and the ORCC have also played a strong supporting role.

The aim of the partnership is, quite simply, to improve access to high-quality legal services for those living in West Oxfordshire. To achieve this we need your help! One of the most important aspects of this work is identifying those areas which have the greatest level of unmet need for services, so that services can be developed in those areas. Our initial research suggests that Chipping Norton and its surrounding wards are perceived to have the greatest level of unmet need for services in West Oxfordshire. This perception, though, needs to be supported by fact and this is why we need your help.

The partnership hopes to publish a survey questionnaire in six local parish newsletters, the results from which will assist enormously in surveying the level of need in your area. Your own newsletter has been chosen as an important vehicle for this enterprise. I attach a copy of the questionnaire. You will note that there is a FREEPOST address for reply. I sincerely hope that you will be able to print this in the next edition of your newsletter – it will be a major step forward towards improving local services for your parishioners.

Questionnaire on next page.

HELP IMPROVE YOUR LOCAL LEGAL SERVICES !

This Questionnaire is published by your local Community Legal Services Partnership. It is to obtain information to improve local legal services- please spend five minutes completing and returning it by the FREEPOST address.

1. In the last two years have you had any problems or disputes to do with any of the following? (please tick each box, where appropriate)

Matrimonial/Children Employment Debts Housing Education
 Community Care/Health Care Consumer Issues Immigration / Asylum
 Benefits Education tax utilities Other (please state which -)
 None of these

2. If you ticked "yes" to any of the above, did you seek help from :

A solicitor An advice agency (eg. CAB) The Council Other
 (if you ticked "other" please state which :)

3. Did you seek help :

In person by phone by letter other (please state which :)

4. If you didn't get help, why was this?

I didn't know where to get help I couldn't travel to get help (eg. Housebound, no car etc)
 I sought help but couldn't get it (eg. Couldn't get through on the phone) There is no one in the area who provides the help I needed Language problems
 Other (please state which -)

5. How would you prefer to get help?

In person By phone By e-mail Over the Internet By having someone visit you at home Other (please state which-)

6. Do you receive any of the following benefits?

Income Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working Families Tax Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled Persons Tax Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incapacity Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Severe Disablement Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability Living Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attendance Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Council Tax benefit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invalid Care Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>		

7. Are you in receipt of a state pension as your primary source of income ? (please tick if "yes")

NB YOU ARE NOT ASKED TO GIVE YOUR NAME. ALL INFORMATION IS GIVEN ANONOMOUSLY AND IS TREATED IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO Jim Vincent, Legal Services Commission (RPP), FREEPOST (SCE12273), Reading RG1 3ZL. NO STAMP IS REQUIRED.