

Octabus Dial-a-Ride Service

Residents may not be aware that a dial-a-ride service for disabled and mobility-impaired people operates in this area.

Octabus operates **Mondays to Fridays** between **9am** and **5pm** and provides door-to-door service for people who are unable to use, or find it difficult to use, conventional public transport.

To use the service you have to be a scheme member, but this costs just a one-off membership fee of £5. Fares are charged but concessionary bus -passes are accepted, so for most users the

journey will be free. To book the Octabus service you just phone: 01865 876176 up to seven days before your journey.

Octabus can be used for any sort of journey, except for hospital appointments or journeys to County Council-run Social Centres. Information about Octabus is available by ringing: 01865 876176 or from libraries or County Council or District Council offices.

Christine Bartle
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council

Recycle your Tetrapak Cartons

Did you know that the waxed cardboard Tetrapak drink cartons can now be recycled? But **don't** put them in your 'black box' or they will simply end up in landfill. There is a special skip for them at the recycling centre at Dean.

The Charlbury Area Waste Action Group has recycled over 3,000 tetrapaks to date and I am offering to deliver your cartons to Dean, if you leave them with me.

I am trying to get an extra wheelie-bin from the council, but if this does not work it will have to be a dustbin. So **please** save your cartons, flatten them and chuck them into the labelled container at the back of my house (outside my garage) at 1, The Sands, Milton-under-Wychwood.

Thank you.

Heather Shute

The Lady Reade Educational Foundation Charity

Dame Harriet Reade of Shipton Court started the charity before her death in 1811. Its purpose is to help local children fund further education. Anyone who has completed secondary education, living in the Parishes of Milton, Shipton, Leafield and Ramsden, is eligible to apply for assistance to buy books or further educational aids. Preference is given to those applicants who are in their first or second year of further education. The original Trust Fund is invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund and produces an annual income which is given out every year. Contributions to the charity are made by the Parish Councils and the Parochial Church Councils of the four parishes and from commercial organisations and generous individuals living in the area. Further donations, are always gratefully received.

Applications are invited by letter or e-mail **before 31st December 2008**. The next meeting of the Charity is in early January at which the grants to eligible students will be awarded. Please write to the Secretary and Trustee:

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