

All Change at the Red Horse

Wychwood inns and pubs have a habit of changing hands and there are new hands on the bridle of Shipton's Red Horse. Keith and Linda came to the end of their lease and have moved down to Devon.

Ashley James, who lives in Milton, has taken over the running of the pub and has brought in his crack horse-whisperers, Donna and Ellen, to put new life into the old nag. This has been achieved by a complete refurbishment of all rooms including the bedrooms and a new menu - with a new chef, Ian.



very passable Sunday Roast at £7.95. For more details including menus see the new website at www.theredhorse.co.uk

The Red Horse is back

The rather strange grey mare created during the last repainting of the outside has been replaced by a proper red horse! The food is good unpretentious village pub fare at reasonable prices, such as a

The Red Horse aims to play a closer part in village life for example hosting meetings and quiz nights. There are plans to introduce music and entertainment shortly.

Alan Vickers

Making Our Carbon Footprint Smaller

Whatever our views of climate change, most of us worry about how much energy we use and whether our efforts at switching off make a difference. It is much easier to estimate our direct, rather than indirect, emissions though there are carbon calculators such as the World Wildlife Fund's eco-footprint calculator, which will do so.

Direct emissions are the gas and electricity used in our homes, the petrol or diesel burned in our cars and the number and distance of flights we take. The sum of the carbon which we are individually responsible for is called our carbon footprint. The average carbon footprint in the UK is about 10 tonnes, of which about half is a result of indirect emissions. If you want to estimate and try

and reduce your direct energy consumption, register with www.thecarbonaccount.com

You feed in your meter readings, annual mileage and get an estimate of your direct emissions. You can continue to record your consumption, including flights, say monthly, so over a period of a year you build up a picture of the difference between your estimated and your actual emissions. Although it can take a little time to start the process as you need to have your vehicle mileage and gas and electricity readings, be warned, it can be both competitive and addictive. If this sounds complicated, you can borrow the SWYCH energy meters from the Wychwood library.

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