



...has been awarded the gilt Laurel
Picture: Dave Fleming

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...just knew he needed first aid
...I felt helpless.
...Since learning first aid I've
...never felt helpless again because
...first aid is such a simple skill to
...learn but it can have a great im-
...pact."

...the gilt Laurel Leaf is given
...to volunteers in service after 52
...years.

...is worn with the service med-
...al of the Order of St John, which
...is the only British medal that
...wears the head of Queen Victoria
...in current issue, according to
...A spokeswoman Kate Rutsch.
...the system is based on the
...military format of receiving a
...service award for 12 years of ser-
...vice and a further award every
...years after that.

...in 2013 Mr Walton's first aid
...skills were once again put to
...good use near his home when a
...man chopped off the top off
...of her fingers with a mower.
...The veteran first aider was
...able to hurry the injured woman
...to his house to treat her while
...his wife called for an ambulance.
...Aldington volunteer and unit
...president Clare Phillips heaped
...praise on Mr Walton and said
...he has been thrilled to work
...beside him.

...he added: "It is a privilege to
...work alongside Alan. His abil-
...ity to communicate with all ages
...and his depth of knowledge of St
...John Ambulance is an inspira-
...tion to us all.

...He should be extremely proud
...of his achievements."
...Mr Walton added that receiv-
...ing the honour was one of three
...things he is most proud of - the
...years being meeting and marry-
...ing his wife, with whom he has
...two children, and becoming
...a teacher.



CHEERS: Theo Sloot raises a glass to Oxford Wine Company being crowned 'Regional Wine Merchant of the Year 2015'
Picture: Denis Kennedy

Fourth win at Wine Oscars

OXFORD'S home-grown wine empire is plucking awards straight off the vine as it prepares to open a second wine cafe in Jericho.

The Oxford Wine Company, founded by grape guru Ted Sandbach, was crowned Regional Wine Merchant of the Year 2015 at last week's International Wine Challenge nicknamed the 'Wine Oscars'.

It is the fourth time it has won. Mystery shoppers quizzed staff at the Botley Road store on what wines to have with dishes.

Fine wines expert and marketing man Theo Sloot said: "It is a huge deal. No other awards have the same kudos. The 5,000 people on our mailing list and the public have more confidence in buying from an award-winning merchant."

Thursdays at 6.30pm for two hours.
It is part of Oxford City Council's youth ambition scheme, which aims to engage young people in community and sporting activities.

Note the butterflies

OXON: Wildlife lovers in Oxfordshire have been called on to help with the national Big Butterfly Count.

National charity Butterfly Conservation is asking gardeners, fishers and dogwalkers to make a note of what butterflies and moths they spot between now and August 9.

Launched in 2010 it has become the world's biggest survey of butterflies.

In 2014 more than 44,000 people took part counting almost 560,000 individual butterflies and day-flying moths across the UK.

▲ Find out more at bigbutterflycount.org

Editor remembered

OXFORD: Wreaths will be laid in Wolvercote Cemetery, Banbury Road, on Friday to mark the centenary of the death of Sir James Murray, known as the father of the *Oxford English Dictionary*.

Mr Murray was the primary editor for the 12-volume first edition of the dictionary, published in 1928.

A drinks reception and a series of talks celebrating the life and achievements of Mr Murray will follow the wreath-laying ceremony at 11am.

▲ For more information visit celebratingjamesmurray.wordpress.com

Newsletter help

SOUTH HINKSEY: The editor of the village newsletter has appealed for help delivering around the parish.

Linda Slater, who produces the *Hinksey Echo* from her home, has put out an appeal for volunteers to post it through doors, particularly on Hinksey Hill.

The letter is produced three times a year, in January, May and September.

▲ Anyone interested in helping out is asked to email shinfo.linda@gmail.com or call Ms Slater on 01865 327366.

Service to saint

SOUTH HINKSEY: Villagers will celebrate the feast day of their patron St Laurence on Sunday, August 9. St Laurence Church will hold a special service at 11am followed by a procession through the village to the General Elliott Pub for a barbecue lunch.

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