

City streets voted top by homeless, survey reveals

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A NATIONWIDE survey of the best place to be homeless has placed Winchester at the top of the list of the most desirable places to sleep rough in the UK.

Dennis, (not his real name) 44, (not his real age), who has been living rough in the area for 3 years says, “Man, it’s great here. We get to kip in doorways outside Waitrose and Cath Kidston or sometimes even an artisan coffee shop before the coppers turn up and move us along. True, on Saturday nights you get pissed on by drunks leaving O’Neill’s but at least most of them have got a degree and they use Received Pronunciation when they tell you to fuck off”.

Jason, a resident and student at the 6th form college, regularly encounters homeless people on his way to classes:



Dennis, 44, moved to Winchester seeking a higher class of destitution

“Conditions here are optimal. As a result the city attracts a better class of people who don’t expect any kind of accommodation. Once I’ve got my Aldi A star in Shelf Stacking and Retail I’m hoping to secure a successful jobless career in Winchester, eventually progressing to debt, penury and abandonment by society.”

Residents demand to be twinned with more upmarket city

A GROUP of disaffected Winchester residents led by a well-known local academic has put its proposals to the council asking for an alternative to one of the current partners, the twinned town of Geissen, Germany.

For the last 15 years, the Anglo German Society has promoted unity and friendship between the two towns. But now Professor Widget, 67, is demanding the city be paired with a place that has more “cachet”.

“Geissen, quite frankly, is beneath many of the citizens here. Its Wikipedia entry is poor and its so-called university little more than a bus shelter with a curriculum. The people of Winchester deserve better.”

An online petition has been set up and a meeting will take place later this month in the Guildhall.

Vernon Important, deputy mayor, said the matter was deeply significant.

“The matter is deeply significant. Who here, after all, wants to be associated with some Teutonic hovel? Winchester needs a place that’s more appropriate to our standing. Somewhere like Aix-en-Provence, for example.

My wife and I have a charming little gîte there as it happens and it could be let to the town mayor there for a very reasonable price.”



City said to be suffering from “twinning town blues”.

S YOUR SAY

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Black Boy extends its franchise with new venture

FOLLOWING the huge success enjoyed by The Black Rat restaurant, The Black Bottle wine bar and the recently launched 'chic' bed and breakfast The Black Hole, the owners behind the 'Black' chain of enterprises have surprised Winchester with the proposed opening of "Black Death", an exciting new funeral directors conveniently located opposite Abbots Barton nursing home.

Plans are also in progress for a pop-up branch in selected wards of the infirmary. A spokesman behind the venture is determined to bring a "modern" mortuary service to the area. However, he refused to confirm rumours of plans to convert the Unitarian church on Jewry Street into "Black Mass", a devil-worshipping-cum-lap-dancing venue.

Winchester turmoil as the 'Caffeinate' takes control

There was shock in Winchester last night as news leaked of a controversial new plan by the council to take money from so-called 'coffugees' as they entered the City.

The scheme, run by the local Caffeinate, involves people giving up their valuables – money or four-wheel drive cars – in exchange for the local currency – or 'coffee loyalty cards'. Said a spokesperson: 'these Caffeurs don't understand the laws unless you give them the sixth one free'.

A local man said: 'They are just encouraging addiction to this dangerous brown liquid. I've got to go, man I'm latte for work.'



"Over the council's dead body, apparently" he said, "though things like that can be arranged."



Black Death will open its 'funky' new funeral service near Abbots Barton where residents are expected to make use of its services.

Bugs refuse to enter city hospital on health grounds



Staying put: Staph Aureus, Super Bug.

LOCAL bacteria have banded together in their refusal to take up their customary position in Winchester Royal Infirmary due to the 'appalling state' of its interior. A leading MRSA microbe, Staphylococcus aureus or "Staph", speaking out earlier said: "We've seen the inside of some really nasty places but this place is a disgrace."

No wonder people are sick in there. Even super bug like us are at risk"

Despite health authorities' promises that wards will remain chronically under-funded and lack proper cleaning the bugs are still stubbornly insisting on staying outside. "We've washed our hands of Winchester" said a disappointed bacterium.

OVERHEARD in WINCHESTER

"Little Marcus can't go swimming today. He doesn't want to."

New 'satirical' magazine faces wave of indifference, claims Expert

THE LAUNCH of a new satirical magazine in Winchester has attracted an unprecedented surge of indifference across the city.

"Smug", the new 'satirical' publication, was greeted with a shrug from the local population and hopes for its acceptance as part of Winchester's 'scene' is in doubt.

Local sociologist, people-watcher, psycho-therapist and self-proclaimed life-guru, Bob Expert, claimed it was simply a sad bid for approval projected onto readers.

"We've seen this type of acting-out before. It's typical of those in a privileged position who would like to be seen for the self-critical, self-referencing people they are."

By remaining anonymous and cowardly hiding behind pen-names, Mr Expert believes the writers and editors at the magazine are akin to online trolls.

"It's a self-serving, pre-emptive strike. Just by concocting this very article you're reading now, the people behind this rag are simply manifesting their own pathetic insecurities and anxieties. Perhaps parts of Winchester are seeking to indulge in a bout of self-flagellation but this satire doesn't bite, it sucks."

No one at the magazine was available to comment. Bob Expert is 56 and charges £12 an hour.



Bob Expert: "No-one is going to waste time reading this stuff. These people need psychiatric help"

Badger Farm to get “much nicer” name, says councillor

IT'S GOT ancient historical connections. It has its own charming local colour. And it has plenty of 'local wildlife' too which as residents know seems to end up all too often in the magistrates court.

But now, a competition organised by local developers and land consultants wants to remove the name of Badger Farm altogether and re-name the district.

A suggestion box has been set up next to the darts board in the Badger Farm Social Club, known as “The Sett”, and already names are coming in thick and fast.

Some of the favourites that will be put forward to the council committee are ‘Happy Homestead’ and ‘Molly’s Mount’.

Many ideas have already been thrown up by a crowdsourcing initiative online, but some are unlikely to be considered.



Badger Farm turned down new name ‘Turd Common’

Barry Scar, the local councillor, suspected his internet account had been hacked by trolls when he confirmed that “Turd Common” and “Pungent Odour” would not appear on the final shortlist.

Dull Men’s Club Bus Tour does not disappoint

MEMBERS and guests of the Dull Men’s Club met in front of the Guildhall on New Year’s Day for their annual Bus Tour. Many of them got there early in order to watch the bus arrive.

Leland Carlson, Assistant Vice President of the Dull Men’s Club, was one of the early birds. “Watching the bus arrive was exciting indeed — watching it make its way around King Alfred’s statue and then head directly towards us.

When the bus stopped, the driver stepped out, introduced himself and shook everyone’s hand. Then, after some small talk, we began our bus tour.

We began by walking around the bus. We walked around clockwise three times at first. Then we reversed direction and walked around anti-clockwise three times. We paused from time to time to allow the driver to explain interesting things like tyre pressure and trivia about the licence plate.

The highlight of the tour was when the driver opened the door and let us inside the bus. We went in and walked all the way to the back. And then we walked back up to the front.

We climbed the stairs to the upper level. Wow, what a view, particularly looking up Winchester’s High Street. We walked all the way to the back and then back up to the front. Then we went back down to the lower level. We sat down and relaxed.”



No. 14 bus arriving outside the Guildhall

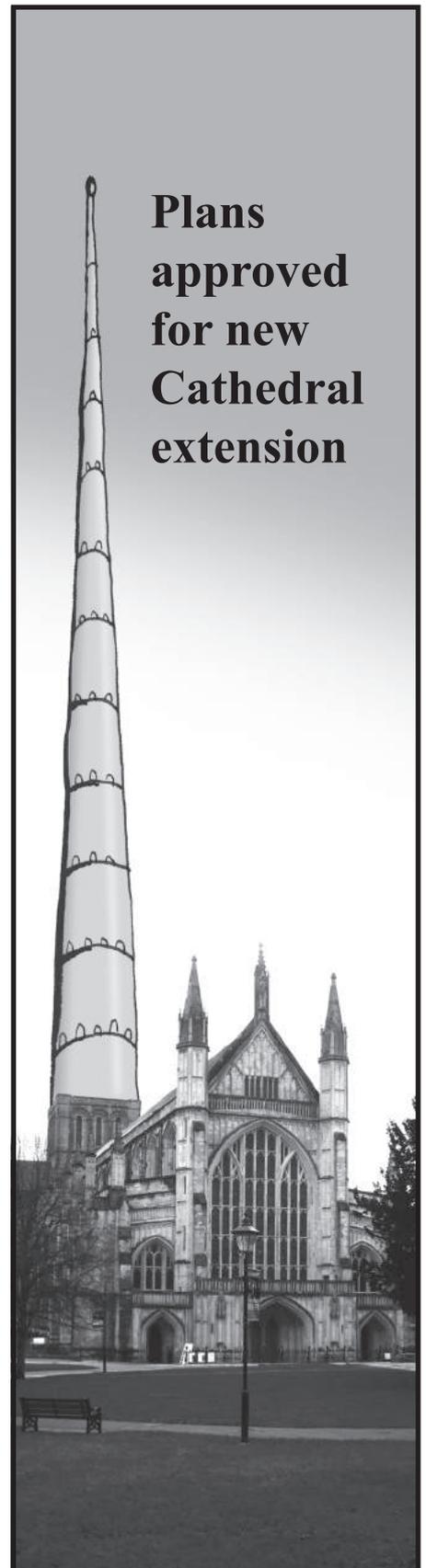
Onlookers and passers-by seemed perplexed by the event and those that stayed to watch the bus depart were left bitterly disappointed.

More Dull Men’s Club news can be found on their website: www.dullmensclub.com

OVERHEARD in WINCHESTER

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Artist’s impression

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