# AUTUMN NEWS

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#### Press...

In July the club was featured in the Bath Chronicle. We were delighted to receive new enquiries from residents of villages around Bath. To read more please click on the link below.http://www.bathchronicle.co.uk/Mum-aims-slash-heating-bills-new-fuel-club/story-26759672-detail/story.html

## **Spreading the Word**

Please help spread the word! Please share this newsletter with friends and neighbours who use oil to heat their homes or businesses.

If your village has a newsletter or website and you have the details of who manages it please could you pass me their details? (or them, mine)



# **Club News**

Welcome to the first Avon Oil Buying Club newsletter. I'd like to start by thanking all of you who have joined the Club since its inception last winter. I've really appreciated your support and encouragement!

I will aim to produce these newsletters quarterly to keep you up to date with Club news. If there is anything you feel might be helpful to share with other members in the wider area please let me know.

The Club covers villages in and around the beautiful city of Bath. We currently have members who live in BA1, BA2 SN13 and SN14 postcodes.

As the Club grows and until we establish our own buying power we continue to order on the back of the Nadder Oil Buying Club in South Wiltshire. Nadder currently has 460 members with 500 tanks and over the last 12 months ordered a total of 625,000 litres, an average of 50,000 litres a month.

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## **Helpful Hints**

We operate a bi-monthly order system. Orders are collected twice a month for delivery by the middle of the month and then again for delivery by the end of the month.

If you select Urgent when placing an order, the chosen supplier will try and build their first load around your urgent request

Delivery dates are now detailed in the subject title of any order request emails sent to help with clarity around when to expect deliveries.

If you do not need oil when you receive an email asking if you would like to place an order don't forget to Opt Out by clicking on the link at the bottom of the email. This way, you won't receive any of the automatically generated reminders until the next order request is launched.

It is essential that you remember to pay the supplier as soon as you receive your delivery, prompt payment is the other element of the equation that makes Buying Clubs attractive to suppliers. The delivery note may double as the invoice. Prompt payment avoids a surcharge and avoids the risk of being asked to pay Pro Forma (before delivery).

The prices quoted by our suppliers remain more competitive by two or three pence per litre than any price we can find anywhere else.

The price per litre for the second half of August was 31.57p per litre plus 5% VAT. A year ago it was 49.42ppl - a saving of 33%

Certainly oil prices have dropped over the last year but part of the reason for the good price is that the tankers are able to travel very cost effectively and unload their oil in a very small area, which reduces one of the suppliers' principal costs. Hence the more members we have the more attractive we are to the suppliers and the fewer tankers there are on our roads.

Historically, it was common practice to run tanks down so that one could order as much as possible and save a penny or two on the price. Our advice now, particularly in winter, is to keep tanks topped up. The price is always going to be the best available at time of ordering and there is nothing worse than wondering whether you are going to run out. If you select Top Up on the order page instead of Standard, the driver will fill your tank over and above what you have ordered if there is room in the tank. You will never be charged for more than is actually delivered.

Finally, do forward this on to anyone in the area who may not be aware of the club and lets see if we can get the prices down even more and remember to keep your email address up to date.

Best wishes,

Clare

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