

GARFORD NEWS.

Garford Strictly Dinner Dance

During the last few months residents of Garford village have been learning to dance. We can waltz and foxtrot after a fashion. As our end of term finale Denise Brown and Jackie Meadows and the social events committee organised a Dinner and Dance on Saturday 3rd December in the village hall.

We had a wonderful time with games, an auction and of course some dancing. With generous contributions from village people together with the proceeds from the evening we have now raised over £2000 which will be used in the restoration of the village wayside war memorial. Well done to all concerned. It was a super evening!

TONY CARTER

REMEDIAL WORK TO THE WALNUT TREES ON THE ANSON FIELD

In last month's issue we reported on the damage that had occurred to one of the trees on the Anson Field.

The Vale of White Horse District Council's Tree Protection Officer (TPO) has confirmed that to ensure the safety of users of the Field the 3 walnut trees should have their weight reduced by 20%, by pruning of certain boughs.

It is expected that this work will be undertaken by a local tree surgeon in early February 2011.

The Directors of the Arthur Anson Memorial Trust Ltd

Happy New Year
and
Thank You
to all my customers for
their continuing support
Anne at the Post Office

Student looking for part-time cleaning, ironing, baby-sitting work in and around Marcham, to help fund education costs. Call Amanda 07785 244 111

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1 Wooden White Cot
1 Mothercare Mattress 118x56x14 cm
as new little used
1 Pooh Bear Changing Mattress
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GARD UPDATE

There have been several enquiries from local people but to date there is no new hard information to report. It is assumed that following the Public Inquiry the Inspector's Report (due to have been submitted to Defra by the end of Nov) is now undergoing "quality assurance"- whatever that involves!

The Minister responsible for water, Mr Richard Benyon, MP for Newbury is undoubtedly aware of GARD's concerns, and those of the many others opposed to the proposed Thames Water Upper Thames Reservoir (UTR). For understandable reasons of probity Mr Benyon cannot meet GARD or any other interested parties until the Report is officially submitted to him. Meanwhile there has been encouraging interest in the outcome by several MPs, with positive help from Ed Vaizey MP and Nicola Blackwood MP to whom we are very grateful.

A National Policy Statement (NPS) for Water is due to be issued by the Government in July 2011 and it is our aim that the UTR should not be allowed to feature in it, at least until the alternatives have been properly and thoroughly investigated. GARD will continue to try to educate those who have influence in political circles in the NPS drafting, and we will also make an input to several other policy papers, including those on treatment of wastewater and the £2.8Bn Thames Tideway Tunnel, to reinforce our reputation founded on the expert advice given to us for the Public Inquiry by our distinguished water resources consultants.

NICK THOMPSON Hon Chairman GARD

MARCHAM AND DISTRICT EX SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS
Annual Subscriptions Due by March 31st 2011

Payments may be made in the Club during normal opening hours

NOTICE TO ALL LIFE MEMBERS

All life members including widows and widowers of members are reminded that they must register in writing to the secretary at the above address, or register at the Club each and every year they wish to remain on the list of current Life Members. The closing date of this registration is March 31st. each year Please note that those failing to respond by March 31st 2011 will no longer be considered Members their names will be removed from the register of Members and Life Members


Chairman November 2010

A list of currently registered members /life members valid until 31st March 2011 is available to be viewed in the Cub during the Clubs normal opening hours

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MARCHAM CALENDAR
It's not too late for 2011!

The Marcham Society has produced a calendar for 2011 and a range of notelets featuring photographs given to the Society when their successful book "**Marcham Remembered**" was produced.



You can buy copies of the calendar for £3.50 each at the Post Office and Cumbers Farm Shop or contact Sheila Dunford 391439.

New Year



Whatever we mortals may do or say
 The sun will still rise to greet a new day,
 The earth will turn and the seasons bring,
 Flowers will still bloom, birds will sing.

They say there will be hard times this year,
 But while we have hope we have nothing to fear,
 The year may bring some trouble and strife,
 But joy can be found while we have life.

Here's to the Old Year with its joy and sorrow,
 The New Year may herald a bright tomorrow,
 So Cheers! everyone whether far or near,
 A healthy, happy, hopeful New Year.

Doris Dowling