

Dear Readers

I didn't think I would be glad to see rain but now spring has sprung and Thames Water hosepipe bans are a reality (from 3 April), every little helps!

A new group has launched itself this month in Marcham – Packhorse Lane Action Group for Safety (PLAGS). There are two more letters about incidents on the bends on page 5, plus a questionnaire to fill in at the back. Please take the time to do this so PLAGS can gather information on what *you* have experienced and what *you* think. If you have had an incident you should report it to the Police, the Parish Council and PLAGS, to build up the case for action.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter

Until next time....



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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**A415 Tank Transporters**

Further to last month's report, the Parish Council has been notified that the company undertaking driver training has agreed not to use the A415 through Marcham. Should anyone see tank transporters, then please take their registration number and pass any details to the Clerk.

**Vale of White Horse District Council Free Bus Passes**

From 1st April residents in the Vale who are over 60 or have certain disabilities will be entitled to free off-peak local bus journeys. Residents can use the full-fare free bus pass for the following journeys: Abingdon, Wantage, Faringdon and the surrounding areas in the Vale. Designated towns outside the Vale area including Didcot, Witney and Swindon as long as the journey starts within the Vale area. Pass holders may also travel free within Oxford City boundaries (including the Park & Ride Service) and to hospitals in Oxford and Swindon.

Off-peak times are between 9.00 a.m. and 11 p.m. Monday to Friday and at anytime on weekends and English public holidays. Residents already in possession of a bus pass will not need to apply, an insert will be sent automatically to update their existing bus passes. Anyone not receiving this or anyone else who considers themselves eligible for a free bus pass should contact the Vale of White Horse District Council on 01235 520202 or visit the one stop shop at the entrance to the District Council's offices, Abbey House, Abingdon.

**A415 - Accidents**

The Parish Council has received reports of various accidents and pedestrian injuries occurring in the village. It is trying to collect information as to the frequency and types of incidents which occur. Should anyone have information about events involving pedestrians and/or vehicles on the A415 then please contact the Clerk.

Some residents have contacted the County Council direct who have agreed that an assessment of possible safety measures would take place for possible inclusion in a future programme. The Parish Council fully supports the assessment and has written to the County Council to this effect.

**Annual Meeting for Electors**

This will be held on Wednesday 24th May, at 7.30 p.m. in Marcham Primary School. Various local people have been approached to see whether they could give brief

talks about their work. So far the Police Community Support Officers, have agreed to attend and talk about their work in the parish. Please put a note of this date in your diary. Further details next month.

**Changes to Stagecoach Bus Services**

As detailed last month by the "Bus Spotter" the bus service for the village changed from 26th March. No longer do we have the X31 express service to Oxford as this has change to the X30 and now travels along the A338 from Wantage to the A420 and Botley. The Parish Council has approached Stagecoach, the Police and County Council to see whether a stop at Frilford could be included. The Council has also written to Stagecoach about the changes in an effort to get them reviewed, as there is a long gap between the peak time services and the commencement of the ordinary daytime schedule. Copies of the revised timetable have been put in the post office.

**Cow Lane Pony Paddocks**

**Is there no one in the parish that is looking for a paddock to rent??** The Council still has available the two paddocks at Cow Lane adjacent to the allotments. If anyone is interested then please contact the Clerk.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 12th April at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin,  
90 Howard Cornish Road, Tel: 01865 391833

<p><b>LOST</b> GINGER CAT (no white at all) 2 years old, Disappeared sometime during Sunday/Monday 19/20 March. Please call 390732.</p>
<p><b>FOUND</b> Small, young, BLACK &amp; WHITE CAT. White on chest, tummy, all 4 paws and whiskers. Hungry, timid, scavenging bird food in several Anson Close gardens. Contact 391592.</p>

**HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS**

**Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.**

Normal Day	Will be...
<b>April</b>	<b>Easter</b>
Fri 14th	Tue 18th
Mon 17th	Wed 19th
Tue 18th	Thur 20th
Wed 19th	Fri 21st
Thur 20th	Sat 22nd
Fri 21st	Mon 24th
Mon 24th	Tue 25th
Tue 25th	Wed 26th
Wed 26th	Thur 27th
Thur 27th	Fri 28th
Fri 28th	Sat 29th
<b>May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Mon 1st	Tue 2 May
Tue 2nd	Wed 3rd
Wed 3rd	Thur 4th
Thur 4th	Fri 5th
Fri 5th	Sat 6th

