

THANK YOU

To everyone for the kindness and love and best wishes myself and my family have received since I lost my wonderful Mother. She had been ill for some time but got worse over the last two years. My Mother had Alzheimer's and I can't think of a worse way to slowly lose someone you love dearly.

We will all miss her so much.

Julia, David and Family

NEIGHBOURS AROUND THE FIELD UPDATE

Those who attended the Information Meeting held by the directors of the Anson Trust on 1st November last year may remember one of the directors explaining that if the Trust ran out of money then the assets owned by the Trust would have to be sold off and the proceeds of the sale would have to be returned to the nearest living relative of the Anson sisters. We were told that the sale of the field for development and providing alternative facilities to the North of the village was the "only practical solution".

I am pleased to report that the Charities Commission have confirmed that there is no such requirement for the assets administered by a failed Trust. It was explained to me that while any land or property remained it must continue to be used for the benefit of the village.

Now the Charities Commission have put the record straight it is clear that the proposals being considered by the Trust are not the "only solution" and the Trust must be encouraged to consider a future for itself that will keep the existing field free of housing developments. We can best do this by objecting to their proposals as soon as they are submitted for planning approval.

All who are keen to protect the Anson Field from development must be ready to lodge their own personal objections with the VOWH planning department as soon as the Trust submit their plans (probably in May or June but perhaps earlier). As each separate objection received by the planning committee will count against a decision granting permission for development of the Anson Field, NAF cannot do this for you.

We will provide further guidance on what to put in your planning objection on our web site at <http://www.scilutions.co.uk/anson/> as soon as their planning application is submitted.

BOB ANDERSON 391460

(For the NAF committee)

Dear Editor

WAKE UP MARCHAM RESIDENTS

Do we want drastic and fundamental changes to our village, and our way of life? We believe the Anson Trust's proposals for the Anson Field will turn this village into *April 2007*

one large housing estate, with no heart and certainly not the necessary infrastructure. Their glossy brochure issued last year suggested they would build "about 45 houses". Well they can't seriously believe that will bring them in the sort of money they are proposing to spend.

Any development on the Anson Field will affect the entire village structure and is a major issue which should be discussed and approved by the whole community – and sooner rather than later. Why should the Anson Trustees dictate our futures? We didn't elect them, so what gives them the right, unilaterally, to decide what is best for our village? After all, several of the trustees don't even live in the actual village. We are sure that the Anson Family did not intend that their bequest to the village would be sold off less than a century later, just to make vast profits for Property Developers or to provide substantial fees for Planning Consultants.

THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN.

There surely must be an obligation on the Anson Trustees to involve all residents of this village in any decision of this magnitude. We call upon them to call a halt to their current plans, or at the least to carry out a village wide survey before they fritter away any more of the Trusts diminishing funds on planning applications etc.

COLIN TRINDER

on behalf of Concerned Residents of Tower Close and Orchard Way.

Bob Anderson representing Neighbours around the Field (NAF) made representations at the meeting

of the Parish Council on Wednesday 14th March concerning the Anson Trust, which are probably repeated in MAD News. These expressed concern about what would happen to the assets of the Trust, if the Trust were to 'run out of money'.

The Directors of the Trust company are keen to bring complete clarity to this situation and to ensure that position is clear to everyone. To achieve this, the Directors have decided to write to a highly respected solicitor, Christopher Jessel of Farrer and Co., who is an expert on charity law and charitable trusts, seeking his advice on what the position would be in the event of liquidation or termination of the Trust, particularly with regard to the Trust's assets. The Directors will provide a copy of the full text to MADNews for publication. The text will also be available on the Anson Trust website (www.ansontrust.co.uk).

By so doing, the Trust intends to remove all

doubt with regard to the implications of the financial failure and/or termination of the Trust. The Directors take this opportunity to confirm that the information provided to NAF at the meeting with two Directors in November was done in all good faith.

Dear Editor

Further to my letter published in the March edition, I attended a GARD meeting in Steventon village hall. Some interesting statistics were produced suggesting that the Thames water proposed reservoir could become a great big evaporator and could lose half of its capacity if we suffered long dry summers. In the USA measured evaporation in one year has been found to be up to 75%. There will also be a tremendous amount of CO² outfall during construction. The alternative is to ensure our aquifers are kept to its full capacity during times of plenty, piping water from areas of high rainfall.

At the end of construction the Thames Water customer is going to pay for this great big leisure centre.

The Steventon GARD group, firmly against the reservoir being constructed has plans in place to appeal if planning permission is granted by central government.

LES. MITCHELL, Church Street

Dear Editor

On behalf of GARD, I would like to thank-you and your readers for the support for GARD that was demonstrated by the presence of over 100 people at the recent public meeting at the Steventon Village Hall.

The presentation was very well received and there was a lively Q & A session. GARD enrolled a further 65 people and raised much needed funds which were kindly donated by those joining GARD. A new committee was elected and the first committee meeting was held on the 5th March. At this meeting we discussed many next steps including setting up a web site, further presentations at other locally affected villages and how GARD takes its fight forward to the next step.

We are continuing to build our case and our campaign is gathering momentum whilst we continue to see significant flooding across the area.

We have been receiving calls from local people who have expressed their dismay and desperation at what might happen to them and their livelihoods and we are more determined than ever to fight Thames Waters plans. Anybody who wishes to join GARD can do so by emailing Lesley Lovell on lesleylovell1@btinternet.com. We need your support so that we can protect you, your family, home and livelihood.

More news for you next month.

CAROLE HOOPER, Spokesperson GARD.

