

Dear Readers

The information about Ladies Hole has been fascinating – what other local stories are there! If you have a tale to tell, please send it in – or you could even put it in verse!

I am looking forward to seeing how far the senior travellers can get on their free bus passes, I suppose the rest of us will just have to carry on paying to get to Skegness and back...

Until next time .



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A415 – Traffic Trial

At the last meeting of the Council, Cllr. Ian Hudspeth, Cabinet Member for Transport and Mr. Steven Howell, Head of Transport at Oxfordshire County Council talked about the traffic trial and their reasons for not proceeding. Over 30% of residents had responded, with differing views depending on where the residents lived. The majority of those who lived on the A415 had voted “no”. This had given the County Council a dilemma. There was not sufficient support to go ahead with the scheme. The County Council was also facing an unexpected cut in funding of £6.5 million, certain items had had to be cut out and funding allocated to those schemes with the highest priority. At the moment there was no scheme in Marcham to go forward with. Assurances were given that consideration of the road problem in Marcham would be on-going. The County was reviewing river crossings such as that at Newbridge, and traffic on the A415 was an obvious element in that. Similarly traffic and Marcham was also included in the deliberation of the planned expansion of Grove and the new reservoir.

Howard Cornish Road – Bottle Banks

Further to last month’s report about the untidy state of the bottlebanks and the bags and boxes that are left behind, it has been suggested that a litter bin at the same site might solve the solution. The Parish Council has written to the Vale of White Horse District Council to enquire whether a bin could be provided.

Concessionary Bus Passes

The Parish Council has received complaints about the new free bus passes for those who are eligible to receive them. They are available for use after 9.30 a.m. This has inconvenienced many who travel to doctors and other appointments before that time. Other District Councils such as South Oxfordshire District Council, Oxford City Council and West Oxfordshire District Council all allow their passes to commence from 9.00 a.m. It is odd that a Marcham resident travelling from Marcham to Oxford at 9.15 a.m. would have to pay whereas an Oxford resident travelling to Marcham at that time would travel free. The Parish Council has written to the Vale of White Horse District Council to try and resolve the anomaly, and to seek a 9.00 a.m. start for the bus pass. The pass itself is available for those over 60 and certain other eligible people. For further details, if you think you are entitled to a pass but have not yet applied, contact the Vale of White Horse District Council on 01235 520202.

Oxfordshire Villages of the Year

Last year Marcham was highly commended

in the Oxfordshire Villages of the Year Competition. The Certificate which has been presented to Marcham is now on display in the Post Office.

Noticeboard outside Institute

The noticeboard is in the process of being renovated and has had a new green backing put inside. As the weather improves, the wooden frame will be restrained.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 9 April at 7.30pm. in the residents’ lounge, Duffield Place.

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

BUS PASS NEWS

If the proposed change to the starting time for the concessionary Bus Pass from 9am to 9.30am will personally inconvenience you then you should write to:

Steve Bishop
Strategic Director
Vale of White Horse District Council
Abbey House
Abingdon OX14 3JE

and explain why you will be affected.

MP’S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

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