

Dear Editor

As a relatively new resident who lives on Packhorse Lane (with secondary glazing!) I enjoy Marcham very much. Whilst the busyness of the road and associated traffic emissions are of concern, what I don't understand about village life is why some think is at all acceptable to have bonfires and especially on fine days, when windows are open and washing is out, and when the material doesn't seem dry enough or attended to burn properly. So far about 50% of the fine weather days when I have been wanting to be out in the garden, bonfire smoke has curtailed this. What is wrong with composting waste, putting it into your VoWH brown bin or taking it to a public waste disposal site?

MIKE BLANCH

Dear Editor

NAG SURVEY

May I thank everybody who filled in a Recent NAG survey that was circulated in Marcham. We delivered about 550 survey forms and had a return of 62 – over 11%.

We will analyse the results with the police and take appropriate action on the findings.

Several responses were to do with the Anson Trust / Post Office / Institute and these are not within the remit of NAG but we will pass the comments to both the Parish Council and Anson Trust Directors. We will publish more detailed information in next month's MADNews.

From a very quick scan of the results it appears the **Condition of Roads and Pavements** is a top concern followed by **Inconsiderate Parking** (especially at junctions in Morland Rd, Howard Cornish Rd, Orchard Way and North St), **Speeding and Litter**.

Thank you for your response.

MALCOLM DENTON

Chairman NAG, 01865 391497

STREET LIGHTING

As mentioned last month the County Council is considering switching off street lighting **from 12.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m.** Should the street lights near you be turned off, and a request received that they go back on, this may not be achieved easily as each light column would have to be visited, adjusted individually, and would prove expensive. It is important therefore to make the right decision for each street or group of houses. Please speak to your neighbours and others in your street to help determine which lamps are switched off. Once your preferences are known then contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01865 391833 or clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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MARCHAM STORES AND POST OFFICE CLOSURE

Marcham Stores will close on 30 April, and the Post Office will close on 22 April and will open again once new arrangements have been made.

The nearest alternative Post Offices are at Kingston Bagpuize / Southmoor and in the CoOp in Abingdon.

See the Parish Council column on page 3 for full locations and opening times

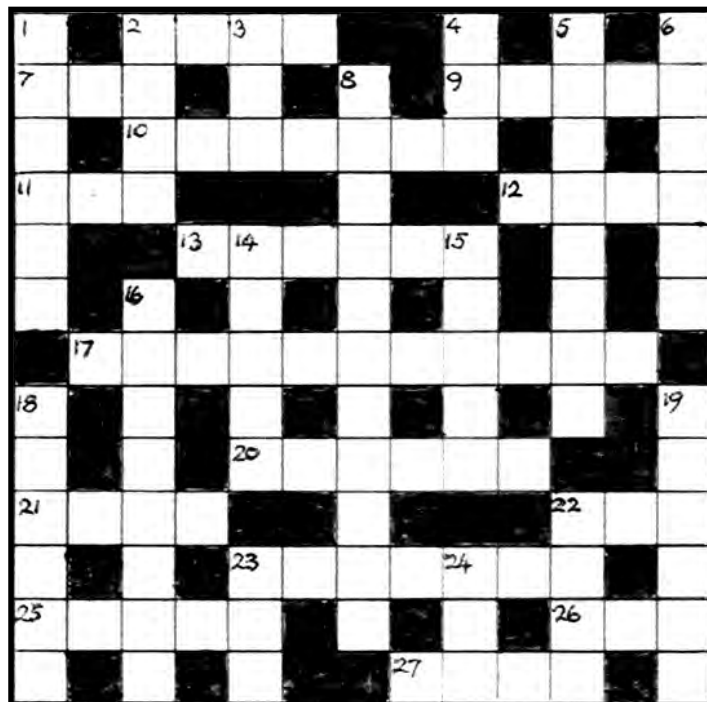
HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

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

Easter Holidays	
Normal Day	Will be...
Fri 10 April	Tue 14 April
Mon 13 April	Wed 15 April
Tue 14 April	Thur 16 April
Wed 15 April	Fri 17 April
Thur 16 April	Sat 18 April
Fri 17 April	Mon 20 April
Mon 20 April	Tue 21 April
Tue 21 April	Wed 22 April
Wed 22 April	Thur 23 April
Thur 23 April	Fri 24 April
Fri 24 April	Sat 25 April

APRIL CROSSWORD BY ALISA

Normal service has been resumed! The crossword will now settle back to its regular bi-monthly appearance (I checked with the OED and bi-monthly can mean both 'twice a month' and, as in this case, 'every two months')... until the next time I have a lapse in concentration! ED



ACROSS

- 2 Military flute (4)
- 7 Lyric poem (3)
- 9 TV programme (5)
- 10 Musical instrument (7)
- 11 Flock of pheasants (3)
- 12 4046.86 square metres (4)
- 13 Sort of chicken or onion (5)
- 17 Gymnast's aid (11)
- 20 Self-confidence (6)
- 21 Second-hand (4)
- 22 Tree (3)
- 23 & 5 Village near Eynsham (7.8)
- 25 Spice bud (5)
- 26 Tin (3)
- 27 Be concerned (4)

DOWN

- 1 See 14
- 2 Gala (4)
- 3 Viral disease (3)
- 4 Perform (3)
- 5 See 23 across
- 6 See 18
- 8 Do a seasonal chore (5-5)
- 14 & 1 Operatic stars (5.6)
- 15 Dismal darkness (5)
- 16 Village near Bessels Leigh (8)
- 18 & 6 Road in Marcham (5.5)
- 19 Making a request (6)
- 22 One time (4)
- 23 Ocean (3)
- 24 Meal (3)