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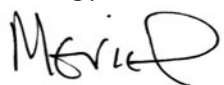
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Dear Readers

I received so many letters commenting on the Anson Trust proposals this month that there wasn't room to print them all *but* there is a very comprehensive list of questions from the Parish Council *to* the Trust PLUS a Q&A page *from* the Anson Trust that should give us all food for thought.

'Tis the season to be jolly and thoughtful (or is it jolly thoughtful?!) and we can join in by letting the Cubs deliver our Christmas Cards (see p 11) and digging out old football boots for the Marcham Knitting Project (see p 15)!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas....



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Car Parking

Although this matter has been raised twice in recent months, there are a number of residents who are still parking in inconsiderate locations, particularly at junctions and on bends where vision is restricted. The Parish Council continues to receive complaints about this. Blind spots do cause dangers for motorists. Could motorists please be careful where they park.

Parishioner of the Year Award

For the past 3 years the Council has awarded a Parishioner of the Year Award to a local person who had devoted much time and energy working within the community. There are many people who would be worthy recipients, and the Council is now inviting nominations for the next award. Would anyone who wishes to submit a nomination, please contact the clerk, whose details appear below, sending a short statement of not more than 200 words, as to who he/she wishes to nominate and the reasons why the person should receive the award. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 31st January, 2007.

Potholes

Several potholes appear from time to time in the area. A couple of people have approached the Clerk regarding claims against the County Council for damage to vehicles after driving over potholes. The County Council regularly inspects its roads and negligence on its part has to be proved in order for a claim to proceed. The Council would encourage everyone who sees a pothole to report it to the County Council on 0845 310 11 11.

The Anson Trust – Proposals

The Parish Council has discussed the Trust's proposals at two recent meetings, and has listened carefully to the comments made by the public who were present. The general feeling is that there are a lot of unanswered questions and so many unknown items, that it is impossible at this stage for the Council to reach a satisfactory decision about the matter. The Council has posed a number of questions to the Trust, and will be arranging a meeting between the Council members and Trustees to discuss these. The questions to be asked are printed on page 5. Concerns have been raised with the Council that as some of the members were involved with the proposals by wearing more than one hat, then they would be biased. I would point out that the Local Government Act 2000 imposes a Code of Conduct on all Parish Councillors. The Council members who have a connection with any item under discussion, are required by legislation, to disclose a personal or personal and prejudicial interest in the matter. A prejudicial interest is defined as one "which

a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest" In these cases the Council member is required to leave the room and not take part in the discussion. This procedure has been followed when the Council has discussed the Anson Trust proposals.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 13th Dec 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

THANK YOU

Edna, Stephen and Angela would like to thank friends and family for their donations to the Frank Ellis Unit in memory of the late Alan Cadle. Amount from church collection £152.62 – overall total sent £534.62.

Many thanks
EDNA CADLE

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS ON GUY FAWKES

A big thank you to all Parishioners for being considerate with Fireworks this year. It was very pleasing that we only had Fireworks over a couple of nights, and not over a couple of weeks that many other villages suffered with.

A good idea though would be for people who had fireworks to get together and maybe have one big display. What a good get-together that would be.

Again thank you
Name and address supplied

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY
5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

December	
8	Grove Old Mill Hall, Old School Lane
15	Faringdon , Corn Exchange
January	
12	Wallingford , Town Hall
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Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.

Christmas Holiday	
Normal Day	Will be...
Mon 25 Dec	Wed 27
Tue 26	Thur 28
Wed 27	Fri 29
Thur 28	Sat 30
Fri 29	Tues 2 Jan