

Dear Readers

Congratulations to Marcham Society for putting on such a fantastic exhibition and publishing a really interesting book – a little bit of trumpet self-blowing there but having had such close contact with all the authors over the last 12 months has been a real privilege. My contribution is dwarfed by the amount of research that everyone put in to identify faces, names, dates and places and just *choose* the pictures. If you think that a couple of names were missed, go to the index and see how many they got right! 2009 was a milestone year for MADNews and in January, we will be 31, not quite such a round number, but 341 issues later we are still going strong thanks to everyone who writes articles and reports, takes photos, thinks up crosswords clues, collates all those pages (over 10,000 every month!) and, most importantly, delivers each copy to every door. **THANK YOU ALL** Lastly, everyone at MADNews wishes you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. My new year's wish is for a village hall to call our own!

Until next time

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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting 16th Oct – The Anson Trust

Parish Council members have received an invitation from the Anson Trust to meet with them to go through some of the matters raised at the public meeting and to go through their current workings. As the Parish Council members remain impartial and represent the community they cannot and should not do the Trust's thinking for them, but they are keen to listen to the Trust's thoughts on the points made at the public meeting. With this in mind, those members, who feel able to participate have accepted the invitation, and at the time of writing arrangements are being made to organise a meeting.

Public Transport Stagecoach 31

The County Council has completed its review of the subsidised bus service 31. This was to help provide a Monday to Thursday evening service. (The day time service and other evening services run commercially.) The County Council has awarded a contract for one year, so the Marcham service will remain unchanged until December 2011. It is always the case of use it or lose it, so please use the bus service and justify its continued provision otherwise we might lose the subsidy next year.

RH Transport – X15

RH Transport which runs the X15 has now re- installed the stop at the Hyde Farm end of the A415, and regularly stops there as well as the stop at the war memorial. See page 7 for the timetable.

Parishioner of the Year Award

For the past 6 years the Council has awarded a Parishioner of the Year Award to a local person or persons who have 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, 2010.

Overhanging trees and shrubs

The Council has received reports that overhanging trees and shrubs are causing difficulties for those who walk along the paths in the village. The Council would appeal for common sense from those property owners who have shrubs growing over their walls and boundaries, and would ask that you keep them trimmed back.

Thames Valley Police

Marcham comes within the Rural Abingdon

neighbourhood police team area. In a recent neighbourhood update report issued by Thames Valley Police it is stated that crime has remained low in October in the wider area covered by the team, and specifically with very little crime in Marcham. Any incidents that may occur are handled by the neighbourhood team who can quickly increase patrols if necessary.

Vale of White Horse District Council - Homebuyers' Day Wednesday 9th December 3.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Do you want help go get on the housing ladder. If so go along to Wantage Civic Hall to find out about schemes that could help or for more information call 01235 520202.

The Council wishes everyone a happy Christmas

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 9 Dec 2009 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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GARFORD
FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER, 2009.
Annual Christmas Carol
Procession through the village
followed by a Christmas Supper
in Garford Village Hall.
See Flyers and Village Notice
Board for details.

HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

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

	Normal Day		Will be...
Fri	25 Dec	Tue	29 Dec
Mon	28 Dec	Wed	30 Dec
Tue	29 Dec	Thur	31 Dec
Wed	30 Dec	Mon	4 Jan
Thur	31 Dec	Tue	5 Jan
Fri	1 Jan	Wed	6 Jan
Mon	4 Jan	Thur	7 Jan
Tue	5 Jan	Fri	8 Jan
Wed	6 Jan	Sat	9 Jan
Thur	7 Jan	Mon	11 Jan
Fri	8 Jan	Tue	12 Jan
Mon	11 Jan	Wed	13 Jan
Tue	12 Jan	Thur	14 Jan
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