

Dear Editor

Many people nowadays complain about the unruliness and bad manners of children and youngsters generally. If they had been at the service in All Saints' on Remembrance Day they would have changed their minds. The boys and girls all behaved impeccably; they took part in the parade, presented the standards without a hitch and kept the silences in a most impressive way. A credit to their parents and leaders.

Well Done!
JEAN M CREASY

Dear Editor

Flood Group Helpers

Following my appeal last month for volunteers to help local residents who may be threatened by flood water. My appeal had one response which was very disappointing. May I appeal once more for some help in this matter. Just remember that several of the vulnerable properties are occupied by elderly residents. All we require is a few able-bodied people prepared to lift furniture and help install sand bags and flood prevention measures. Your names will be kept on a list and you will only be phoned if there is a real danger of a property flooding. Hopefully for those who have never suffered flooding you can imagine what it would be like if your home flooded and the relief you would find by having a group of people helping save your possessions and property. Please phone 01865 391497 or E mail me at malcolm_denton_954@msn.com
MALCOLM DENTON

Dear Editor



At the public meeting in October about the future of the Trust and its facilities, the Trust offered to meet with people in the village to discuss its plans. So far, we have arranged a meeting with Jane Hanna's working group for late November, are in the process of setting up a meeting with members of the Parish Council, and have communicated to others by email. Can we stress our continued willingness to meet with interested individuals and groups? Please contact us at ansontrustmarcham@yahoo.co.uk or 8 Hyde Copse, Marcham OX13 6PT
THE ANSON TRUST

Marcham Ex-Servicemen's Club OAP Christmas Presents will be delivered weekend 12th-13th December Christmas Draw on Sat 19th Dec (Tickets available in the club) The Club will be open Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Boxing Day and New Years Eve

December 2009

Dear Editor

Greetings from Scotland to friends and former neighbours from Jackie Owsnett. I hope you are all well. Please note I shall not be sending Christmas cards this year, only for family. I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and blessed New Year. May all your wishes come true. I hope to get down for a visit sometime next year. Love and best wishes
JACKIE

FOR SALE

Kenwood Food Processor, Multipro Libra. Comes with Liquidiser and many more accessories. Ten months old, only used 4 times, genuine reason for sale. As new, perfect working order. Cost £130.00, accept £60. Tele: 01865 391961.

Invacare Taurus Mobility Scooter Four-wheel mobility scooter including charger, scooter cape and attachments. Cost £1,595. Hardly used. Sell for £995. Enquiries 392861 (Marcham). See www.madnews.co.uk/forsale for photos

NORFROST 57L chest freezer. (see Argos cat. P620) size 14"x22"x32" Excellent, clean condition. Small and easy to lift/transport. £30. 391627.

GARD PUBLIC MEETING

There will be a PUBLIC MEETING on Tuesday 1st December 2009 at 7.30pm at Drayton Village Hall to update all those who are interested in the progress in fighting the Thames Water reservoir proposals.

Please come. The new GARD website will be launched at this meeting.

The meeting will be preceded at 6.45 pm by the GARD AGM and members already will have been notified of this.

NICK THOMPSON GARD Chairman

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Christingle Service

in All Saints' Church

Sunday 3 Jan 2010

4pm

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MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

11 Dec	Grove Old Mill Hall, Old School Lane
22 Jan	Faringdon , Pump House
Contact Ed Vaizey by	
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ED VAIZEY WRITES...

Parliament has just been re-opened by the Queen. This is always a glorious occasion, where Britain puts on its finest show of pagentry, with the Queen arriving in a goldencoach escorted by the Horse Guards.



My favourite trivial pursuit question (it is not actually a trivial pursuit question, but it should be) is which MP has attended the State Opening on horseback and on foot. The answer is Hugh Robertson, who escorted the Queen when he was a Major in the Household Cavalry, and who is now an MP. My other favourite anecdote is the moment when Black Rod (effectively the chief executive of the House of Lords) entered the Commons to summon MPs to hear the Queen's speech (which is given in the Lords). Dressed in full eighteenth century regalia, he drew himself up to his full height. Before he could say anything, Dennis Skinner shouted out "I'll bet he drinks Carling Black Label!" Anyway, enough frivolity. The Queen's speech is serious business, as it sets out the Government's programme for the following year. As this is the last session of Parliament before a general election, time is tight. Whereas the Government would normally have a whole year, it now only has until the end of April at the latest, so many Bills will not become law. As this is an election year, there are a number of eye-catching policies, such as a Bill to curb bankers' bonuses. As this is a non-political column, I will refrain from commenting in detail. There is one Bill that is very relevant to me, as it covers my brief, is the Digital Economy Bill. This contains controversial measures to crack down on illegal downloading. For those of you who are not internet savvy, this means downloading music or film from the internet without paying for it, breaking copyright law. The Government is proposing that persistent offenders should have their internet connection suspended, to try and control this phenomenon. I have a lot of sympathy for the Government's point of view, as piracy, as it is known, costs our very important music and film industries hundreds of millions of pounds a year. **It remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. I hope you feel that I have served you reasonably well in the last 12 months, and no doubt you will let me know if I have not!**
ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage (Con)