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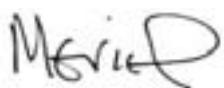
A more dramatic cover this month thanks to Bob Anderson (and my inability to type *Parishioner* correctly!).

Luckily no-one was seriously injured in the crash but it highlights the problem of living at the end of a very straight road with a sharp turn at the end.

The cover also highlights the other issue that is occupying Marcham minds at the moment (and for the last 100 years): The Institute. If people have an opinion, let's talk about it.

Someone suggested that a large-print version of MADNews might be useful to some people. If anyone thinks they might find it easier to read than the normal size, let me know.

Until next time....



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Additional flashing speed warning triangle - A415

The County Council will be installing a speed warning sign for drivers on the A415 as they enter the built up area of the village at the Eastern side. This will remind drivers of the 30 mph limit and remind them to slow down as they go through the village.

Best Kept Garden Competition 2006

The Parish Council has reviewed the running of the competition for this year. The zone areas have remained the same since the start of the competition and it is increasingly difficult to select winners when there are so many similar gardens. The Council thought it would be a good idea to have a break from the competition and to review it in 2007. If anyone has any views on not having a competition this year then please let the Clerk know.

Parishioner of the year

The Parish Council is considering the Parishioner of the year award and proposes to present the award at the Annual Meeting of Electors to be held next Spring. The Council is inviting nominations to be submitted for consideration. There are many people within the parish who have devoted much time and energy working for the community who would be worthy recipients. Names to be put forward together with a brief description, not exceeding 200 words, of why that person deserves the award should be sent to the Clerk to the Council as soon as possible and by 7th February at the latest.

Oxfordshire County Council - Mobile Library Service

Owing to budget pressures the County Council may need to introduce timetable changes for its mobile libraries from April. Please check on the mobile library nearer the time whether Marcham will be affected.

Thames Valley Police - Phasing out of Station telephone numbers

During 2006 the telephone numbers for local police stations will be phased out and the only contact number for the Police, for non-emergency matters, in future will be the general call centre number
0845 8 505 505.

Consumer Direct

Consumer Direct is a new, government-backed service from the Department of Trade and Industry. It provides clear, practical advice, free of charge, to all sorts



of consumers will all sorts of consumer issues or complaints. Consumer Direct advisors can give information on how to handle a whole range of consumer issues from bill queries and warranty disputes to faulty and dangerous goods and poor workmanship. Its free advice can help sort problems with suppliers and seek a fair and satisfactory result to your dispute. It does not get involved with third parties or phone people but it does work in partnership with Trading Standards. The information consumers provide will enable Trading Standards to target the most serious cases and if necessary, intervene on your behalf. Telephone: 0845 128 1384 between 8.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. Saturday or visit www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

Date of Next Meeting: 8th February, 2006 in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Tel: 01865 391833
Anyone wishing to bring anything to the attention of the Council can do so by writing to the Clerk who will place the item on the agenda for the next meeting. Alternatively the Council has a public participation section early in the meeting, so anyone is welcome to come along and have their say.

ANNIE (NANCY) BROWN
The families of Nancy would like to say a very big thank you for all the floral tributes, words of sympathy & cards received in our great loss of a wonderful person. We would also like to express our thanks to the venerable Eddie Shirras for his compassion & understanding in giving such a wonderful service for a wonderful person attended by wonderful people. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Ex-Servicemen's club for making their facilities available. A very special mention to Mr. George Midwinter who worked tirelessly all afternoon to ensure a perfect tribute to Nancy & many memories shared with us all.
FRED DOWNES

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

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