

Dear Readers

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are now ready to face 2005! This is the second issue of MADNews with added colour and I will be picking out the best pictures submitted each month for the cover treatment. If you have a picture you would like to appear in MADNews, either pop it through my door or send it by post, or email to editor@madnews.co.uk.

Have a great January!



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RECYCLING

Please NO wrapping paper or Christmas cards in your green box - take cards to a Recycling centre, WH Smith or Tesco).

From 31 Dec to 9 Jan you can recycle your real(!) tree at Millets Farm or Wyevale (off A34) garden centres OR Drayton, Stanford or Redbridge recycling centres.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Mr. William Cumber

William Cumber was elected to the Parish Council in May 1979 and has served on the Council for a continuous period of 25 years. At the December meeting, in recognition of his service, he was presented with a picture painted by local artist Janet Frere. The water colour showed the archaeological excavations on Mr. Cumbers land at the rear of the Noah's Ark in the Wantage Road. Mr. Cumber has put in a tremendous amount of voluntary work within the parish over that time including organising the paper recycling before we had the paper/bottle banks in Howard Cornish Road and the Vale of White Horse District Council started doorstep recycling. He has helped clear allotments, the cemetery and repointed walls. He has provided surfacing for rural footpaths and permitted residents to walk across his land by creating the Jubilee paths. The Council and parish are very grateful to him for all his efforts over the past years.

Marcham Arboretum

In the mid 1990s when the Marcham boys football team began to play in the Anson field rather than the Frilford Road recreation ground, the Parish Council began to plan what it could do with the Frilford Road ground. The idea of planting a Millennium Arboretum for the benefit of all parishioners was formed along with using part of the former ground for a cemetery extension. With the help of the arboricultural officer at the Vale of White Horse District Council, tree and shrub species were selected and a working party of parish councillors finalised the planting plan. Residents sponsored a tree or shrub if they wished. The sponsorship money going towards the purchase of trees and guards. Other trees were donated by the Vale of White Horse District Council. The plans were halted slightly when in 1996 gypsies gained access to the site. Since then trees have been planted each Autumn/Winter. The first 4 trees were planted by children from Marcham School, one or each of the classes. An information board has now been erected. As the trees grow and mature there will be an impressive millennium arboretum for all to enjoy. The Council has a plan of all the trees and it is proposed to display this at the annual meeting of electors later in the year.

Parishioner of the Year

REMINDER This is your last chance to nominate for the parishioner of the year award. There are many people who have devoted much time and energy working for the community who would be worthy recipients. Please submit your nominations to the Clerk as soon as possible.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th January, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge Duffield Place.

Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833

DEAR EDITOR

I know that a number of individuals and groups within the Marcham area have been promoting the advantages of Fairtrade goods as a means of ensuring that growers in developing countries can get a fair price for their commodities for their families and local communities. Through you may I congratulate everyone for taking the initiative on Fairtrade, especially Zoe Walton, with her award winning poem mentioned in last months MADNews. Zoe and others may like to know that the District Council have followed their lead. At its last meeting the Council agreed to use Fairtrade products (coffee, tea, biscuits etc) in its offices as an alternative to other products. We also agreed to promote the wider concept of Fairtrade when we could in our publications across the Vale. I was disappointed that the Opposition felt they could not support this motion but in the event we won the vote anyway.

Separately, and on the subject of the **Marcham By Pass**, bad news I am afraid. The County Council submitted its bid to the Department for Transport last month as part of its Local Transport Plan. The DfT chose not to support the scheme (indeed it only supported 6 out of the 64 schemes promoted nationwide) and this will mean that the Council will have to re-submit a new bid next year. I am told that it is not unusual for schemes to be turned down at the first attempt but nonetheless it is frustrating given how long the Marcham By Pass has been in its embryonic stage. The County still intend to go ahead with the formal Planning Application although this is now likely to be in February next year.

The Abingdon Transport Study has also been considering measures to calm traffic in villages around Abingdon and last month at the Parish Council meeting we were shown outline ideas of what measures could be implemented in Marcham. These were generally well received and our Transport Planners will now firm up proposals for more detailed consideration.

Wishing all your readers a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

CLLR ANDREW CRAWFORD

LIB DEM PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE

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