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Dear Readers

I've enjoyed producing MADNews in 2006 but you wouldn't be reading it now without the hard work of so many other people – so my thanks to all those who send in reports, letters, photos, poems and notices; the advertisers who help fund it along with the clubs, societies and churches; Marcham parish council for providing the paper; my friendly proof-reader (and you *can* tell when he isn't around to read it!); the occasional engineering help; and Judith & Peter and the deliverers for getting it to you.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful 2007.

Until next time



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Anson Trust Proposals

Last month the Parish Council reported that it had posed a number of questions to the Trust and was asking to meet with the Trustees to discuss the points and obtain answers. The Trust has responded that the directors need a full board meeting to discuss and consider all the issues raised. It has agreed to meet with Parish Councillors in January. At the time of writing, the date is being arranged.

Thames Water Reservoir

The next round of consultation is taking place with exhibitions commencing on 6th January. Dates of exhibitions appear on page 17. Please attend one of the exhibitions and make your views known.

Haines Court - vacant shop

This shop has now been standing empty for a long time. It is owned by the Vale of White Horse District Council and they now have legal possession of the shop and flat above. It has been offered to various housing associations for conversion to full residential use. The next stage of selling the property was being discussed by the District Council at a meeting of its executive committee in December. It is hoped that it will not be too long before a decision is made as to how the Council will proceed.

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.

Additional rubbish

Christmas is a time when we all seem to accumulate extra packaging and items for the dustbin and recycling bin. Please take note of the re-arranged collection days over the holiday period and do not put your refuse and boxes out too early. This applies too for the usual Monday collection, when bags should be at the kerbside by 7.00 a.m. on the day of collection, or at the earliest the evening before.

Affordable Housing – Longfields

You will have noticed that construction has started on the 13 new dwellings in Longfields. It will be several months yet before they are finished and ready for

allocation. In order to be considered for one of these rented or shared ownership properties you have to have your name on the housing waiting list kept by the Vale of White Horse District Council. Should anyone wish to add their name to the list then please contact the Housing Department at the Vale of White Horse District Council, Abbey House, Abingdon. Tel: 01235 520202.

Date of Next Council Meeting:
Wednesday 10th Jan 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin,
90 Howard Cornish Rd, Tel: 01865 391833
The Chairman, Council members and Clerk wish everyone a happy new year.

ANSON TRUST



Readers of MADNews will have seen information provided by the Anson Trust, in the form of Questions and Answers. Readers will also have seen a set of question which Marcham Parish Council wishes to pose to the Trust. They may wonder why the Trust's question and answers were not answers to the Parish Council's questions!

The answer is that the Trust did not receive the questions from the Parish Council until the end of November (after publication date). However the Directors of the Trust will consider the questions at their next full meeting and will then meet with the Parish Council to discuss their responses with the Parish Council. Once this has happened, the Trust will produce a summary and provide this to the Editor of MADNews, for inclusion in a future edition.

By the time this note appears in MADNews, the Trust will have updated its website (www.ansontrust.co.uk) to include copies of the Trust's accounts for the past six years. This will enable villagers to understand the seriousness of the Trust's financial position. Also we hope to include brief pen portraits of the Directors of the Trust.

www.ansontrust.co.uk

To find our more information, please call Samantha Donaldson on 020 7357 6606, or email samantha@localdialogue.com.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE ARTHUR ANSON MEMORIAL TRUST LIMITED.

HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

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

Christmas and New Year 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
Mon 1 Jan	Wed 3
Tue 2	Thur 4
Wed 3	Fri 5
Thur 4	Sat 6
Fri 5	Mon 8
Mon 8	Tue 9
Tue 9	Wed 10
Wed 10	Thur 11
Thur 11	Fri 12
Fri 12	Sat 13