

Dear Editor

Congratulations Marcham Players!

I really enjoyed the three plays performed in early December and would like to say a big thank you to all production staff and performers for rekindling a belief that Marcham is a wonderful village. To see people enjoying themselves and hear laughter and comradeship between audience and the group reminded me that we DO have a lot to be proud of in this village. So well done Joey and her team.

SALLY TIMBERLAKE

NEIGHBOURS AROUND THE FIELD UPDATE

The NAF committee have met on a number of occasions since our formation in November. We recently submitted a long list of questions to the Parish Council about the Anson Trust's plans to develop the field and we are grateful that Parish Council have incorporated these into the list that they published in the December issue of MADNews.

In December we distributed a questionnaire to the households neighbouring the field. The purpose of this was to find out the views of those that will be most affected by the Trust's plans. We have already had a good response and are now preparing to meet with the Anson Trust fully briefed with the concerns of those we are representing. Many thanks to all those who wrote at some length about what the proposals would mean to them.

If you wish to contribute your views but did not receive a questionnaire you can still download a copy from the NAF web site at <http://www.scilutions.co.uk/anson/> (or phone us). You will also find there details of how to join our e-mail news list, currently there are 13 families receiving occasional updates by e-mail.

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(For the NAF committee)

Dear Editor

Many of the local residents in the South Oxfordshire area will have heard of GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) from many years back. Now with the news that Thames Water has again proposed to build a reservoir between Steventon and East Hanney GARD has relaunched the Group and would like to reintroduce themselves to the people of this area.

GARD is a group set up to oppose the building of the Steventon Reservoir in a logical, non-political manner employing the use of technically sound reasoning whilst showing that there are less expensive,

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Members of the public are able to address the Council, but should notify the Clerk, whose details appear above, of their intention to do so, by 9.00 a.m. on the day prior to the Council meeting.

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less damaging and more environmentally-friendly alternatives.

It is clear that despite 15 years having passed since Thames Water first raised the idea of a Steventon Reservoir they still have not produced a convincing justification for this mammoth project.

We had a very slick roadshow laid on by Thames Water. Now perhaps the people who attended this and those who did not but would like to know more about the impact this will really have on us all, would like to hear what Thames Water is NOT saying.

Therefore GARD is holding a meeting at Steventon Village Hall for all those who would like to hear what we as residents need to know about Thames Waters proposals so we can make a truly informed decision as to how the biggest construction project in the UK for the last 25 years is going to affect us and our families both personally and financially.

To effectively carry out its role GARD needs to know that there is a mass of support behind it. We would like to invite all who are interested to attend a meeting at Steventon Village Hall on Friday 23rd February at 7.30pm. Contrary to what some people think, the building of the reservoir is not a done deal and only by hearing the full story can people be effective in supporting or opposing the Reservoir.

GARD looks forward to welcoming all on the 23rd February.

CAROLE HOOPER

OXFORDSHIRE-WIDE REUSE SWAP SHOP

Are you shocked by the amount of useful materials going to waste? Would you like to take a positive step to reduce waste in your neighbourhood? Following the success of Community Action Group's Countywide Swap Shop last spring, in which 15 groups ran Swap Shops on the same day, the project will once again be running a Countywide event in March 07. They are keen to fund and support individuals or groups who would like to 'give it a go' on Saturday 10 March 2007. If you would like to know more about what a Swap Shop is and how you can take part, contact project officer Moira Dorey on moira.dorey@resourcefutures.co.uk or take a look at the website www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk

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

January 2007	
12	Wallingford, Town Hall
19	Wantage, Civic Hall
26	Faringdon, Corn Exchange
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