

Dear Readers

Summer is definitely here with the scent of Wimbledon and thunderstorms in the air!

There's lots to read this time – Anson Trust and The Ex-servicemen's Club; Cub Camp, Club, Players and WI News.

If you are part of a group or do something you think the rest of us would like to read about, let me know and I'll find a space. You don't need to be able to type it out as we can do that for you (as long as we can read your writing!).

There was a bit of last minute page-juggling after the cover was printed so page 19 is also called page 21 – these things happen in the fast-moving world of village newsletters!

MADNews gets a month off now so don't look out for an issue in August, we'll be back in September

Until next time....



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Police Matters

Two community support officers now help our local beat officer, P.C. Ben Peach. They have all asked that any police matters be brought to their attention. By being fully aware of all situations it helps build up a picture of events in Marcham, and as a result police resources can be allocated to supporting the community. Anyone having a matter to report to the Police can do so by telephoning 0845 8 505 505. It is important to ask for a unique reference number (URN) so that the matter is officially logged. Messages left for P.C. Peach, whilst reaching him, are for information purposes only and incidents mentioned in this way are not regarded as being officially reported.

Casual Vacancy on the Council

The Council at the last meeting was in the difficult position of having to select one person from two candidates who had applied to fill the vacancy that had occurred. When people offer to give their time voluntarily to serve the community it becomes hard to have to decline someone, but unfortunately there are only 10 seats on the Council. The Council co-opted Mr. Peter Rowe of Packhorse Lane as the 10th member who will serve for 2 years until the next election in May 2007.

Best Kept Garden Competition

The final round of judging for the competition takes place in early July. The Council would like to thank Bothy Vineyard, W. Cumber & Son (Theale) Ltd, Dow Agro Sciences, Fallowfields House Hotel, Mays Carpets, and Millets Farm Garden Centre for their sponsorship. The winners will be notified individually and the full details of the winning gardens will be displayed on the Council's noticeboard.

Archaeological Dig rear of the Noah's Ark, Wantage Road

The Council has been informed that the television channel 4's Time Team is planning a week of live broadcast from 2nd July to 9th July called "The Roman Big Dig". Some broadcasting will take place from the archaeological site forming part of Manor Farm, Marcham at the rear of the former Noah's Ark restaurant.

Date of Next Meeting: Wed 13th July in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place at 7.30 p.m.
Clerk: Mrs L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833.

HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Normal Day	Will be...
August	Bank Holiday
Mon 29 Aug	Tue 30th
Tue 30th	Wed 31st
Wed 31st	Thur 1st Sept
Thur 1st Sept	Fri 2nd
Fri 2nd	Sat 3rd

Dear Editor

It's two months since I was elected as the Member of Parliament for the Wantage constituency, which includes Marcham. It's been an eventful few weeks. The House authorities do all they can to make you feel welcome, but it is still a disorientating process. For example, it takes several weeks to be allocated an office. I was luckier than most. I was able to squat in my old office which I had when I worked for Michael Howard. I was also lucky enough to be able to re-employ Anne Langley, who was Robert Jackson's secretary. So while my colleagues were hot desking, I could get on with the job.

The first task of a new Member is to make their maiden speech. This is a unique occasion, as the speech is meant to be non-controversial, and you are listened to without interruption by the other members of the House. It is a chance to extol the wonders of your constituency, which in my case was not difficult. I won't reproduce the speech here, but you can find it online at www.parliament.uk in the Hansard (8 Jun 2005 : Column 1297 3.36 pm).



Since then, I have been appointed to the Standing Committee to scrutinise the Consumer Credit Bill, which is a Bill designed to up-date our thirty year old consumer credit laws and combat loan sharks. The two big Bills of this session will be ID cards and proposals to bring in a law against religious hatred, both of which I strongly oppose. Although I did not manage to mention Marcham and Frilford specifically by name, rest assured that I will remain in touch with you on all the important local issues, particularly the saga of the by-pass and the Abingdon reservoir. If you need to get in touch with me, please use the following contact details: Tel 020 7219 6350 E-mail: vaizeye@parliament.uk (please attach a home address) Address House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

Forthcoming surgery dates are:
9 July 9.30am Wallingford Town Hall
22 July 5.30pm Grove, Old Mill Hall
6 Aug 9.30am Faringdon, Corn Exchange
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