

Dear Readers

At last summer is here!

There are lots of things going on – sport, plays, dances, fêtes, walks and lots more – I hope you all enjoy the next couple of months of sunshine (and maybe the odd shower!).

Marcham Parish Council has a new website so we can keep up to date with parish business – do any of the other villages have websites that could be advertised and have links from the MADNews website? Just let me know.

The next issue will be September and the deadline for articles, notices and reports etc is 5pm on 20 August. Adverts should be in by 15 Aug.

Until next time



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council - Anson Trust

Mr. Malcolm Denton, one of the Parish Council's nominees on the Anson Trust has retired from the Trust as a Director. The Council is therefore required to nominate a successor. The nominees are able to assist in steering the work of the Trust. The nominees serve for a three year term. The Council is inviting expressions of interest from anyone who wishes to be considered for nomination. Anyone who can offer the Trust both time and expertise may be eligible. Candidates should have an "open mind" about the Trust's work and be prepared to devote time attending meetings during what is currently a very active time for the Trust in developing its future strategy for the charitable operations of the Trust. However, if you believe you have an expertise e.g. legal, finance, management, social etc. that can benefit the Trust and would like to be considered please contact the Parish Clerk – Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Rd, Tel: 01865 391833.

Hills Aggregates

Hills aggregates are about to lodge a planning application for sand extraction on the east side of the A338 at Upwood Park in the northern part of the parish. The company will be giving a presentation at the next Council meeting about its proposals and will answer questions. The meeting is open to the public.

Website

The Parish Council is developing a website with information about the Council's activities, the agendas and minutes of meetings supported by other information. An email address is also being acquired and should be available shortly. For those who wish to view the beginnings of the website this is available at www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Allotments

The Council's attention has been drawn to the fact that some allotment tenants have let others share their plots. The Council requires that the names of all users be jointly on the tenancy agreement. If you are an allotment tenant and are sharing your plot please contact the Clerk to change

the tenancy arrangements.

Recycling Bins

The Council is concerned that plastic bags and cardboard are being left at the Recycling bins in Howard Cornish Road. These items should not be left there and are not collected. The Parish Council has asked the District Council to review the situation, and also to consider a hardstanding. Please would residents not leave cardboard and plastic carrier bags at the recycling bins as these just blow around in the wind causing more problems elsewhere.

See panel on page 15 for what you can and can't put in your green box and brown bins.

Marcham Recreation Ground Play Area Refurbishment *(see cover)*

The play area until recently had a broken scale swing, a bent helicopter climbing frame, wooden animals in poor condition and stones covered in algae which were slippery. A refurbishment project was started with the permission of the Anson Trust as owners of the recreation field. The old broken and damaged equipment was taken away and several new pieces of play equipment suitable for toddlers and young children have been installed, including a much needed roundabout and springy animals. The hedge surrounding the site has been removed and new bow top fencing put in. The project has much improved the play facilities creating a much needed safe site for young children. Everyone is delighted with the new amenities. A new bench seat too provides seating for parents and those less mobile. The new refurbished site was formally opened on 10th June by the District Councillor Cllr. Jane Hanna cutting the ribbon watched keenly by the pre-school and reception class children from the school. The Trust and the Parish Council would thank Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) for its financial support and help in enabling the project to reach fruition.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 9 July at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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