

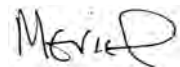
Dear Readers

On 11 July we will be sending our very best wishes to **Nellie Gosling** on her 100th birthday. We hope she has a wonderful day and enjoys her party.

Other birthday news is the MADNews 30th party. The date has been set for 1 August 2–4pm but please look on posters and on the website for the venue. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the celebrations, have a slice of cake and catch up on some old stories from past issues.

There will be no separate issue in August, so enjoy your time off!

Have a great summer, until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Post Office

The Parish Council is extremely pleased that Post Office services have resumed in the village.

The Post Office is now open Monday – Friday between 9.30a.m – 1.30 p.m. It is understood that this is a temporary contract whilst the shop is being advertised.

Buses: X15 – RH Transport

A few weeks ago RH transport, the company which runs the X15 Abingdon to Witney service, decided that owing to the lack of passengers who actually boarded the bus in Howard Cornish Road and North Street, it would run just along the A415, stopping at the war memorial. Whilst the Parish Council has lodged an objection to this, unfortunately RH transport is unwilling to change its mind. The Parish Council has therefore asked the company if it could also reinstate the stopping point on the Eastern side of the village, as the bus used to stop at the entrance to Hyde Farm Nurseries. A stop at both sides of the village should help residents now that the bus is no longer travelling around the estate.

Buses: 31 - Stagecoach

Stagecoach regrettably has had to reduce the frequency of the service 31 to ensure its financial viability. From 26th July it will run only hourly. About 18 months ago, the service did return to half hourly, but Stagecoach has advised that this has failed to generate enough passengers to support a continued half hour frequency, and it will return to an hourly service. The Parish Council has lodged strong objections but without success. Even the new hourly evening journeys are not commercial ones and need the financial support of the County Council to ensure evening buses to the village. The County Council has agreed to subsidise these until December when it will be reviewed. The services under review will be the 19.20 from Oxford hourly through to the 23.20 Mondays to Thursdays and the 19.25 hourly through to the 22.25 from Wantage. The Parish Council has asked the County Council to ensure that the subsidy continues after December as there is no other means of reaching Marcham by public transport in the evenings. As the County Council is monitoring the use of the evening buses over the next 6 months to decide whether to continue with the subsidy or not, residents are encouraged to use the buses regularly otherwise it is feared that the service through the village could be cut even more and the evening buses lost completely.

Best Kept Front Garden Competition

Judging for the first round of the competition has now finished, and the final round judging will take place during the first two weeks of July. All winners will be notified in due course.

Door to Door Selling

There has been an increase in door to door selling in the village recently. Leaflets have been put through doors offering to purchase jewellery, and other pedlars have been around carrying goods for sale. Some of these people have been quite aggressive and intimidating when being given a “no thank you” response. Please be aware.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 8 July 2009 at 7.30pm. in the residents’ lounge, Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin,
90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833

www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

The loss of Eloise Wright was such a shock to many family and friends. Michael and family would like to say a big thank you for all the messages of support and comfort that they have received throughout this very sad period.

*With thanks
The Wright Family.*

MEP ELECTION RESULTS FOR SOUTH EAST REGION

Conservative - 4 SEATS

- Daniel Hannan
- Richard Ashworth
- Nirj Deva
- James Elles

Green Party - 1 SEAT

- Caroline Lucas

Labour - 1 SEAT

- Peter Skinner

Liberal Democrats - 2 SEATS

- Sharon Bowles
- Catherine Bearder

UK Independence Party - 2 SEATS

- Nigel Farage
- Marta Andreassen

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

August Bank Holidays	
Normal Day	Will be...
Mon 31 Aug	Tue 1 Sept
Tue 1 Sept	Wed 2 Sept
Wed 2 Sept	Thur 3 Sept
Thur 3 Sept	Fri 4 Sept
Fri 4 Sept	Sat 5 Sept