

Dear Editor

On behalf of the village I would like to thank the Post Office Management Team and The Cumber family for their tireless efforts to restore a postal service within the village during this transition period. It has been a difficult time resolving technical issues created during the closure of the shop. Marcham has always valued the Post Office and if we are to keep the service in the village we all need to support the temporary service whilst new tenants are sought to take over the shop and post office. Please do everything you can to use the current service provided by Zaheer Bajwa.

MALCOLM DENTON

Dear Editor

I would like to express my thanks to all collectors and residents of the village for the £444 donated to the Red Cross this year. If anyone feels that they can help with collections for the first week of May 2010, please get in touch with me. This would help to reduce the areas that existing collectors have to cover.

Thank you all once again.

JO BLACKLER (01865 391519)



Dear Editor

ANSON TRUST UPDATE

Following a suggestion from the Anson Field Management Committee, the Trust is currently looking to build a 'games wall' on the Anson Field. The wall will have marked goal posts on it. Such 'walls' have proved extremely popular in other locations for casual games - particularly football. The Parish Council has agreed to contribute to the funding of this project and discussions are taking place about its precise location. If all goes well, the 'wall' will be in place for the summer holiday period.

Comments made last month in MADNews and at the Annual Parish meeting, seem to show that there is misunderstanding over the role of the Anson Trust and the Directors' responsibilities. MADNews has previously published responses to the Trust from a leading solicitor in the charity field to a number of questions, including the Directors' responsibilities and the place of consultation; see (MADNews May/June 2007).

As well as continuing to cooperate with Jane Hanna's Working Group (Jane is our local District Councillor), the Trust will consult with user groups and other interested parties (such as the cricket club, the football club and Village Cafe) about future facilities and with the village in general about the use of the half of the Anson Field, which July / August 2009

will remain in the Trust's ownership. In addition we would like to reiterate that the Directors of the Trust are willing to meet with villagers individually (or in small groups) to discuss the Trust's situation.

We also welcome applications to join the Board from potential new directors who feel that they have something to add (in particular young mums or parents with teenage children).

If you would like to meet (or join) us - please contact us through ansontrustmarcham@yahoo.co.uk or by writing to our company secretary at

8 Hyde Close, Marcham OX13 6PT.

THE DIRECTORS, The Anson Trust

Dear Editor

As residents will be aware from previous correspondence in MADNews, an independent working group was set up some time ago to consider how best to undertake public consultation in anticipation of a planning application by the Anson Trust involving the Anson Field and the future of village facilities.

The Anson Trust has advised the working group that it does not yet have a fixed timetable for submission of an application and that any application will now be initiated by a developer. In view of the limited information available we have therefore written to the Anson Trust to urge the Directors to consult with Marcham residents about their plans for the future of village facilities and provide a timeframe for such consultation ahead of any application being submitted by a developer. We have also asked them to ensure that this takes place outside of the summer period when many residents will be away.

The working group has also undertaken to consult the village independently. We have decided in view of the information available at this time that the best way to achieve this is through a referendum of residents which will be distributed following the consultation by the Anson Trust and the submission of the planning application. The parish council has allocated a budget to cover the costs of this referendum.

Jane Hanna has also been in regular contact with the planning authority and has asked to be kept informed of any pre-application consultation which may take place. Officers have reiterated to her that the views of the village will be important in any planning decision involving recreational and village facilities.

JANE HANNA, District Councillor (Chair)
ANTHONY BRADLEY
IAN CHARLES
MARJORIE EVANS
DAVID HUTCHINSON
DAVID WALTON

Dear Editor

A rant... Whilst having a couple of months at home while the majority of you have been going about your normal business, I'd like you to spare a thought for us on Pack Horse Lane - Yes, we chose to live here and many of you will know that the road has got busier, please spare a thought for the rattling houses, the potential risk of a serious accident and the increased pollution - Living on Pack Horse Lane we have used to the peak time traffic and live with it in the hope that one day a pass by will happen. What has amazed me is the amount of HGVs passing through the village - which often cause queues due to the narrowing of the road. Not only do we contend with the huge lorries, but the speed with which vehicles drive astonishes me - they come around the sharp bend by the Baptist church not realising there are drive ways - I'm sure the 30mph speed limit is not kept to! Can someone tell me why these lorries are permitted to drive through our village and way they cannot turn right towards the Black Horse (Fyfield I think). Can the traffic police do more speed checks nearing the bends and finally what about another 30mph sign in the middle of Pack horse lane to reinforce the message? But one thing in our control - keep to the speed limit through our villages! Lead by example...

In addition to this also maybe we can start the whole 30mph home made signs again - just to keep this issue alive. We are coming up to the summer holidays and I believe this is an important message.

Name and Address Withheld

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