

**GARFORD PARISH MEETING**

The 117th Garford Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 19th May and was very well attended. Councillor Alison Rook, Chairman of the Vale of the White Horse District Council and Councillor Iain Brown of Oxfordshire County Council were welcome guests. Both took the opportunity to address the Meeting on their specific areas of responsibility and responded to questions from the floor on issues of local concern.

A Children's Painting Competition had been held during the year and Councillor Alison Rook gracefully presented the first prize to Kalina Vishnina and runners up prizes to William and Lucy Brotherton and Tervel Atanasov. These paintings will all feature in the final version of the Garford Parish Plan which is now nearing completion. This has been a major consultation exercise in the village over the last 24 months and a further draft of the Parish Plan was handed out at the meeting. The Garford Parish Plan is scheduled to be completed in the coming weeks when each household will receive a copy.

Financial Reports were presented and approved by the Meeting. Comprehensive reports were also given by the Trustees of the Village Hall, the Village Green and Playing Field and by representatives of the Planning and Social Events / Fund Raising Committees. The Chairman thanked all who had contributed to raising village social activities to their current high level. The election of Office Bearers for the coming year saw the re-election of Tony Carter as Chairman, John Docherty as Clerk and Sophie Charter as Treasurer.

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**HELP WANTED**

I am an independent lady in a wheelchair living in Marcham, looking for a **LIVELY PERSON** to help me.

I need assistance for an average of 3 hours (per day) on Monday and Tuesday mornings. No lifting, good pay and conditions, hours negotiable.

*A driving licence would be useful.*

Please ring Stella on 391614 for details.



June 2009

**BEEES**

If you have a bee swarm this summer call us and we will come and collect it. 078 111 65952.

Dear Editor

**ANSON TRUST UPDATE**

Following on from last month's notice, the Trust is providing a brief update. Developments and points to note are as follows;

- The preliminary discussions with interested commercial parties are making good progress but binding arrangements have not yet been entered into.
- A meeting has been held with the working party chaired by Vale Councillor Jane Hanna whereby the Trust provided an update on its plans and answered questions posed. The meeting was very constructive.
- An outline planning application for change of use on the field situated between Cow Lane and Hyde Copse and the housing at Longfields has been submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council. The change of use is to leisure and recreational use. Please note the Trust does not own this field or any part of it, but has an option to purchase, which it can exercise subject to certain conditions. The Trust expects that this application will appear on the Vale's website towards the end of May.

**THE DIRECTORS**, The Anson Trust

Dear Editor

**Anson Trusts Proposals**

It was rather surprising to see in last month's edition of MADNews that the Trustees have made contact with interested commercial parties regarding their proposals, *before* consulting with local residents. Let me remind them of the Oxford Dictionary meaning of the word **Consult** "1. seek information or advice from. 2. refer to a person for advice, an opinion etc. 3. seek permission or approval from (a person) for a proposed action. 4. take into account; consider (feelings, interests etc)".

As I have said numerous times in the past, consultation (not unilateral dictatorship) should have been taking place with the Village long before the proposals have reached this stage, and before tens of thousands of the trusts dwindling assets have been spent. I would remind the trustees yet again, they have not been elected by the residents, and should take note of the very strong feelings of the Villagers, the vast majority of whom are totally against their proposals.

I also share the concerns of Anthony Bradley (MADNews May 2009) about the public accountability that is borne by those who control existing assets that are vital to the local community.

I further note from the Trusts's recent editorial that they are proposing "that consultations will be initiated with user

groups and other interested parties in the near future". Could they inform us who these user groups might be, or might they even enquire of the supposed beneficiaries of the Trust - *The Residents of Marcham*.

**COLIN P. TRINDER**

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Self-contained, fully-equipped, one-bedroom flat with separate access in village-centre house in Marcham; owner in residence. Single occupancy only: two people sharing will not be considered. Sitting room/diner, bedroom with en-suite shower room; small kitchen; shared use of washing machine. Central heating. Off-road parking space for one vehicle.

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5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

12 June	<b>Didcot</b> , King Alfred Drive, Community Centre
26 June	<b>Wantage</b> , Civic Hall
10 July	<b>Faringdon</b> , Corn Exchange
24 July	<b>Wallingford</b> , Town Hall
<b>Contact Ed Vaizey by</b>	
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**NAG**

The local Neighbourhood Action Group - Rural Abingdon NAG now has a website where you can find out how to report problems, contact the NAG and learn what NAGging is all about.

[www.rural-abingdon-nag.org.uk](http://www.rural-abingdon-nag.org.uk)

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