

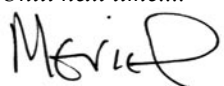
Dear Readers

Apologies to Elsa and Jack Spicer for taking 10 years off the length of their marriage in the caption on the cover last month, they have been wed for 65 years not 55! Sorry. It may have been the shock of 'debauchery' in April's crossword that caused the slip-up although I came across this recently:

If you find mistakes in this magazine, please remember they are there for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes.

I am looking forward to the Annual Electors' meeting on 24 May when we will hear from the Police Community Support Officers and the County Council about roads – should be interesting!

Until next time....



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Oxfordshire County Council - Change of Telephone Number for Area Offices

Oxfordshire County Council and its partners on highway matters, Isis Accord and Jacobs Babbie, have launched "Oxfordshire Highways". A combined service to improve the provision of highway services across Oxfordshire. A new single telephone number for all highway enquiries to the Southern area office has been allocated.

Anyone wishing to report potholes etc. and other highways problems will now have to telephone 0845 310 11 11. The fax number for the local office remains at 01235 528991. Alternatively any highway problems can be brought to the attention of the Parish Council via the Parish Councillors or Clerk whose details appear on the noticeboard outside the Institute.

Review of Mobile Library Service

The County Council has reduced its mobile library fleet by one vehicle. This has resulted in route changes and revised timetables. From the week beginning 12th June the mobile library will visit Marcham on Tuesdays as follows:

Duffield Place 9.25 - 9.35
Sweetbriar 9.40 - 10.25

Police Community Awards

Thames Valley Police is launching a competition to highlight the contribution its staff make to communities. There are five award categories for police officers, special constables, community support officers, police volunteers and probationary constables. The competition is an opportunity for the public to put forward a member of staff who they think deserves recognition for their service to the community. The deadline for entries is 19th May. There is an online nomination form at www.thamesvalley.police.uk/communityawards.

Police - Motorcycle Road Safety

Did you know that 27 motorcyclists were killed in the Thames Valley area last year? To help prevent accidents a Safer Rider campaign will be held at Abingdon Motorcycles on 6th May and will include rider assessments by police motorcyclists. There will be exhibitions by the three emergency services including first aid advice for bikers from the Ambulance Service.

Neighbourhood Watch

A message has been received from Neighbourhood Watch that digital cameras, lap top computers and other valuables are being taken from parked cars in the area. If you own any such items, please do not leave them where they are visible in your car and lock them away safely.

Best Kept Village Competition

The village has again been entered for the best-kept village competition. Judging will

be in May and June. Last year, thanks to the community efforts of volunteers and contractors, the village was awarded third prize in the competition. The Council would, once again, ask residents to help keep clear the area immediately in front of their properties to keep the village looking tidy. You never know, we may even improve on last year's place.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 10th May in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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

Dear Editor

I wish to express my anger and disgust at the person who stole my lovely little plant (in its pot) from the back garden on the night before Easter Sunday. I paid quite a lot of money for it, so why could he or she not do the same instead of stealing from me?

On the same night, my Christmas Cactus, in the hall, was disturbed, soil all over the floor, and pieces broken off.

I hope the guilty person will read this and feel very ashamed.

VERONICA R, Duffield Place

PARKING IN NORTH ST

MADNews has received a report that on Good Friday the 11am bus from Wantage was unable to pass along North Street without a passing motorist guiding it through with millimetres to spare, due to vehicles parked on **both** sides of the road. Please can you consider the effect your parking could have on traffic flow when you just 'pop in for a moment'. The next time it could be a fire engine, an ambulance or you wanting to get to an important appointment..

POST OFFICE PETITION

There is a petition in the Post Office asking
... *the Government to reverse its announcement that it will end support for the Post Office Card Account in 2010 thereby threatening the viability of thousands of post offices ...*
Every signature will count.



HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

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

| May Bank Holidays | |
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| Normal Day | Will be... |
| Mon 1st Tue 2nd Wed 3rd Thur 4th Fri 5th | Tue 2 May Wed 3rd Thur 4th Fri 5th Sat 6th |
| Mon 29th Tue 30th Wed 31st Thur 1st June Fri 2nd June | Tue 30th Wed 31st Thur 1st June Fri 2nd June Sat 3rd June |