

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Fireworks**

The Firework Regulations 2004 are in force. It is now an offence for a person under the age of 18 to possess an adult firework in a public place. An adult firework is defined as something other than a cracker snap, party popper, sparkler, cap etc. In addition no person can use an adult firework between the hours of 11.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m. unless on certain specified occasions eg 5th November, Chinese new year etc. It seems that each year the period when fireworks are let off last for several weeks. The Council would ask that residents be considerate for their neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village, and notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

**Grants**

At its November meeting the Parish Council considers applications for grants. Should there be any worthy and needy local organisation who would wish to be considered for a grant, please contact the Clerk to the Council as soon as possible stating the purpose of the grant and enclosing a copy of your latest accounts. Please note that the Council can only award grants where there will be benefit to some or all of the inhabitants of the parish, that benefit being commensurate with the amount of the award.

**Parkside Allotments**

The Council has noted that over the summer months grass cuttings have been dumped on the corner of Parkside allotments behind the New Road bench. Litter and other rubbish has also been tipped over the wall. The Council is now having to pay a contractor to tidy the corner. Arrangements are also being made to rebuild the damaged stone wall.

**Parishioner of the year**

The Parish Council is considering the Parishioner of the year award and proposes to present the award at the Annual Meeting of Electors to be held next Spring. The Council is inviting nominations to be submitted for consideration. There are many people within the parish who have devoted much time and energy working for the community who would be worthy recipients. Names to be put forward together with a brief description, not exceeding 200 words of why that person deserves the award should be sent to the Clerk to the Council by the end of the year.

**Oxfordshire County Council – A415**

**Pelican Crossing**

The County Council proposes to install a pelican crossing on the A415 at the Eastern side of the village at the end of the cycle track to enable pedestrians and cyclists to cross in safety. The Parish Council fully supports this proposal. If this goes ahead it may mean that the X15 bus stop at the end of the track may have to be moved slightly westwards. If this is the case, then the Parish Council is seeking assurances that the tarmac would be extended to provide a safe dry access.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Wed 10th November, 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge Duffield Place. Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham Tel: 01865 391833

*Dear Editor*

**Re the Pelican Crossing on A415, Marcham**

I live at Willows Farm and I am sure if the crossing is made there will be a lot of accidents, because the cars and lorries speed along this road and will not have time to stop at the crossing. Most accidents at Marcham are caused by cars stopping suddenly to turn into Howard Cornish Rd, others going too fast cannot stop – the same will happen on the crossing.

**J R BUSBY**

In celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the making of Marcham's own block buster film, a screening of **Yellow Peril** will take place at All Saints' Church, Marcham on Friday 26th November at 7.30 p.m.

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Tickets are available from Marcham Post Office, Joey Maclean (01865 391242) and Tim Owen (01491 531763) priced: Adults £5 Concessions (OAPs and under sixteens) £3. Tickets include a drinks reception and, after the film, light refreshments.

**A Bankbuster Productions film**  
In association with the **Marcham Players**

*Dear Editor*

Many Marcham residents may have noticed the rubbish tip that has been building up along Green Lane. Initial uncertainty on whose responsibility it is to clear the lane has been resolved now and the Vale has assured me that they will bring contractors in to remove the rubbish as soon as possible. It is a real shame of course that tax payers money has to be spent on clearing up rubbish that should never have been dumped in this way and in such a place in the first place. Such dumping also ruins the countryside. If anyone knows who is responsible I would be very pleased to hear from them.

**JANE HANNA**

District Councillor for Marcham and Shippon


**LOST KEYS**

Lost on walk between Marcham and Millets Farm, via the Church, Ford Lane and along A415 through the front gates. Please call 01865 391029 if found.

**SALES ASSISTANT WANTED**

Marcham Post Office and Stores are looking for a part-time sales assistant. Would suit a more mature person. Phone 01865 391261 or apply in store.

**LOST CAT**

 If somebody has started feeding a brown tabby cat in the last 2-3 weeks would they please call 391552.

**WANTED**

Pair of waders to loan, hire or buy. Contact 01865 391592

**FREE STONE**

A quantity of mixed stone, free to anyone who can collect. Sufficient to make a rockery, etc. Tel: (01865) 391730

**FOR SALE**

1930s wardrobe. 5' wide x 5½' high. Good condition in dark wood, shelf and hanging space. Buyer collects. All offers considered. Call 01865 391489

**FREE TO GOOD HOMES**

Perennial plants for flower borders and small shrubs and cuttings free to good homes, but donation to animal welfare welcomed. Call 01865 391489 anytime.

**ABINGDON AND DISTRICT MUSICAL SOCIETY**

13 Nov 7.30 pm St Helen's Church, Abingdon

Requiem: *Fauré*

French chanson & motets: *various*

Tickets available from Modern Music. New members always welcome, call 01865 735182 for more information.

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