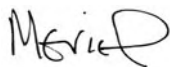


Dear Readers

Welcome to another packed issue of MADNews with some strong feelings on the letters page and news of opportunities to let Highways know what we think about the road through Marcham AND a chance to join the Anson Trust. There is so much going on!

The weather has been wonderful lately, and if you have been out and about taking photos, send them in to MADNews and keep the cover colourful.



Until next time.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bus Services: X15 Witney to Abingdon

When RH Transport took over this service in the summer it started to run through the village along North Street and Howard Cornish Road. Unfortunately, recently, the early morning service, which is a slightly larger bus than those that run in the day, is having difficulties in negotiating the junction from the A415 into North Street owing to the number of vehicles parked close to the corner. It has, on some occasions, gone straight along the main road leaving residents at bus stops in North Street and Howard Cornish Road. Would residents please be careful where they park in North Street and leave the area near the junction free to enable the buses to turn.

Bus Services: 32/33 Stagecoach Service

This service with effect from 9th December will no longer operate in its current format i.e. on the long circular route from Oxford/Abingdon/Marcham/Wantage/Didcot/Sutton Courtenay/Abingdon/Oxford. There will be two services operating, one from Oxford to Wantage and back via Abingdon and Marcham, and a second from Oxford to Wantage/Grove via Abingdon, Sutton Courtenay and Didcot. Marcham's residents will still be able to get to Wantage, Abingdon and Oxford as previously, although the bus number will change back to the old 31. The only other main difference is that on Sunday evenings the service is reduced from hourly to two hourly with an earlier finish. The Parish Council has written to Stagecoach asking whether there is to be any other review of the timetable as it would be useful to have an additional service in the morning, as currently the bus to Abingdon is at 8.26am then not until 9.56am. Timetables will be available from early December in readiness for the commencement of the new service on 9th December.

Fireworks

A reminder to be considerate for neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when letting off your fireworks. Please notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

Village Shop of the Year

The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council is running the village shop of the year competition. Letters sent to Jane Barker at ORCC Jericho Farm, Worton, Witney OX29 4SZ giving your name, address the name of the shop nominated and the reasons for your choice should be sent in by 17th November.

Allotments – Bonfires

A reminder to all allotment holders that occasional bonfires to dispose of old organic produce from the allotments can be in order provided no nuisance or annoyance is caused to anyone else. Anyone found taking items onto the allotment to burn and/or causing a nuisance could find themselves facing

action by the Environmental Health section at the Vale of White Horse District Council who have recently appointed two new envirocrime officers who are checking up on what goes on in breach of environmental legislation in villages.

A415 – Traffic Trial

As stated last month, the County Council intend to carry out a letter drop to households to find out what they think about the traffic trial on the A415 in July. The County Council cannot make a decision about whether to try and install a footway or not around the bends until it knows the views of the villagers. When you receive your letter, the Parish Council would encourage you to reply to the County Council and make your views known.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 14 November at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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

PARISH COUNCIL-ANSON TRUST

The Anson Trust permits the Parish Council to nominate up to two Trustees to serve on the Anson Trust as Directors. The nominees are able to assist in steering the work of the Trust. The nominees serve for a three year term and the current term is about to expire. The Council is inviting expressions of interest from anyone who wishes to be considered for nomination. Anyone who can offer the Trust both time and expertise may be eligible. Candidates should have an "open mind" about the Trust's work and be prepared to devote time attending meetings during what is currently a very active time for the Trust in developing its future strategy for the charitable operations of the Trust. The existing Parish Council nominees (Colin Bough and Malcolm Denton) have indicated that they are prepared to continue, and the Council can nominate one or both of these.

However, if you believe you have an expertise e.g. legal, finance, management, social etc. that can benefit the Trust and would like to be considered please contact the Parish Clerk - Mrs. L. Martin
90 Howard Cornish Rd, Tel: 01865 391833.

CYRIL NORTON

The family of Cyril Norton would like to thank all those in attendance at his Remembrance Service at All Saints Church, Marcham on October 17th. Your expression of love and support were greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank those who sent cards and messages of condolence. Your kindness has helped us through this sad time.