


Dear Readers

The front cover looks a bit bare this month, but with your help, I hope that we will have lots of pictures to put on the cover of the December issue of MADNews.

Send in your pictures of festive events from the last 30 years to get our 30th birthday celebrations off to a great start.

Then look out for glimpses of past issues of MADNews from January onwards.

Until next time



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Big Tidy Up

The village has been awarded a certificate for its efforts in the Big Tidy Up. This has been displayed in the Post Office window.

Remembrance Sunday

The Council has been busy tidying the war memorial in readiness for the Remembrance Sunday service. A new base layer has been put under the loose gravel to prevent weed growth, all weeds removed and more new gravel put down. The Council would thank the volunteers who gave their time to prepare the war memorial in this way.

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The Parish Council has been interested in newspaper reports that Suffolk and Somerset County Councils are to pilot a “truck friendly” satellite navigation system, and noted that they have been working with Sat Nav providers in an attempt to minimise the effects that road traffic has in rural areas. The new system will suggest truck routes and pinpoint localised problems to stop trucks rumbling through small streets and lanes. The Parish Council has therefore written to Oxfordshire County Council to see whether it too can join the scheme, to improve the quality of information provided on the Sat Nav systems. Hopefully the A415 through Marcham could be identified as a road not suitable for HGVs. The County’s reply is eagerly awaited.

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.

Cemetery Maintenance Works

Further works to continue the improvements to the Cemetery are about to start. This will include clearing brambles from the Western side of the old section, clearing the boundary alongside the stream and clearing some nettle growth behind the seat in the new section. A working party of some committee members has been set up who will be looking at budget recommendations for next season as far as the costs of maintenance are concerned to ensure that the Cemetery is kept in a tidy condition. It will also be looking at the preparation of guidance notes for families who maintain plots in the Cemetery.

Soldiers of Oxfordshire

Soldiers of Oxfordshire exists to set up a military museum in Oxfordshire, and to find a permanent home for the county’s military heritage. All Oxfordshire families have been, are being, or may in the future

be affected by the Nation’s conflicts. The project is to become the county clearing house for information about people of the county and their part in the conflicts and to hold records and information. At the moment the SOFO Research Centre is in a temporary home at MOD Caversfield, Bicester, and will be transferring to Woodstock to the County Museum. Its volunteers will look after the collections of the county’s regiments, catalogues the archives and participate in and help with research. For further information contact Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust, DE&S Caversfield, Skimmingdish Lane, Caversfield, Bicester, Oxon OX27 8TS

Parish Council-Anson Trust

Mr. Malcolm Denton, one of the Parish Council’s nominees on the Anson Trust has retired from the Trust as a Director. The Council is therefore required to nominate a successor. Although the Council has advertised for nominees in previous editions of MADNews, no one has yet come forward. The nominee will serve for a three year term. The Council is inviting expressions of interest from anyone who has the time and expertise to become involved at what is an active time for the Trust in developing its future strategy for the charitable operations of the Trust. If you are interested in being considered please contact the Parish Clerk

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 12 Nov at 7.30pm. in the residents’ lounge, Duffield Place.

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