

Dear Readers

Autumn is here with its mists and mellow fruitfulness... and people swapping courgettes for apples and plums for runner beans. I have been very happy to receive lots of fruit and veg from kind gardeners! I wonder if we could have a harvest show next year and show off our green fingers and thumbs? Any takers?

A quick reminder that the clocks go *back* this month – I'm already looking forward to those long dark evenings already!

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Parish Council Vacancies**

At the time of writing the Parish Council is waiting to hear whether the villagers have requested that the two vacancies that have occurred on the Parish Council be filled by a formal ballot. Should an election not be called, then the Parish Council will be given permission to co-opt. Anyone who may be interested in being a member of the Parish Council is invited to contact the Parish Clerk for further information about the role.

**Vale of White Horse District Council – Register of Electors**

The District Council is currently compiling the new register of electors for the area. Please complete the white form which you should have recently received via Royal Mail or register on line and ensure that the District Council is aware of who occupies your property. Otherwise you will lose your chance to vote.

**Trick or Treat - 31st October**

It is approaching that time of year when children can be tempted into going out trick or treating. Normally it is a harmless pastime for children, but it can also be both frightening and intimidating. Much distress is caused by unexpected knocks on the door or loud noises. Some residents may welcome treat or treating, others do not. If your children do go out, please encourage them to call only on those whom they know and to respect the wishes of anyone who does not wish to participate.

If you do get an unexpected caller, make sure the chain or door bar is on before you open the door. Do not let anyone in your house unless you are happy with their identity. If you need to talk to the police call 0845 8 505 505 or dial 999 in an emergency.

**Grants**

The Parish Council considers any requests for grants at its November meeting. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Marcham residents benefit which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant, then please write to the Clerk before the end of October stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts.

**Flood Volunteers**

The Parish Council has been fortunate in being awarded a grant of £1000 towards the purchase of items to help the village in times of future flooding. The Council would like to thank Mr. William Cumber who has offered to store items such as sand bags, beacons and road signs at Manor Farm. The Council would also like to hold a list of people who are willing to offer assistance should the village be affected

again. This might include helping to carry furniture to higher levels, or wearing a fluorescent coat and standing at the roadside advising motorists of road closures etc. If anyone is prepared to have his/her name included on a list as someone who could help, then please contact the clerk whose details appear below.

**Drain Blockages**

During the last two years there have been several instances where drains and sewerage systems in the village have become blocked and caused overflows. This has resulted in the need for insurance claims and call outs for emergency assistance from qualified firms to solve the problems. In nearly all cases the cause of the problem, particularly in the Anson Close area has been baby nappies. The Parish Council respectfully asks all householders to be aware of the need to only flush appropriate materials down their toilets and thus negate the need for unnecessary call outs and expense in the future. Thank you for your co-operation in the matter.

**Allotment rent collection**

See advert on page 5.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 14 Oct 2009 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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**IN MEMORIAM  
TONY EDWARDS**

Tony Edwards, who lived in Peartree Cottage, 7 Packhorse Lane until 1987 died peacefully on the 1st September as a result of diabetes and cancer, surrounded by his family at his home in France.

Tony and his wife Shorney, who sadly died in January, moved away from Marcham when Tony, a Group Captain in the RAF took up roles first with NATO in Brussels, and then with Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Mons.

Always keen to receive news of Marcham life, particularly the state of the traffic on "The Bends", Tony stayed in touch through his many friends in the village and returned occasionally to supervise the maintenance of Peartree Cottage which was let out to tenants, maintaining his links with Marcham.

Tony was a keen member of the E-Type Register and regularly took his beloved, if temperamental, Jaguar on rallies and road-trips across Europe. A friendly, warm and energetic person he will be much missed and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time.