

**SCHOOL NEWS**

The end of the summer term at school was a very busy time as the children prepared for the school production – Puss in Boots. The production was held on two very hot summer evenings. The production was fantastic and all the children sang and performed to a very high standard. Marcham School certainly has a few stars in the making.



We also had the leavers' service at the Church on the last day of school. It was lovely to hear and see the memories of the children who were leaving. A sad farewell was also said to Anna Mortimer who has now left the school. Anna was the teacher for Morland class.

As we start back at school on 5th September we welcome the new reception children and also Mrs Gillooly who will be the new teacher for Morland class.

We look forward to sharing our news with you over the coming school year.

**RUTH ATKINS**, Parent Governor

**MARCHAM YOUTH CLUB**

During the summer months the Youth Club has not been opening as we appreciate the teenagers prefer to stay outside during the good weather.

We will however be opening again on Monday September 11th and would like to invite anyone between the ages of 11 and 16 to come along between 7.30pm and 9.00pm.

This winter we intend to have one Monday evening per month going out of the village for bowling, cinema, swimming, skating, and several trips out during a weekend to an amusement park, and will be open to suggestions of any other activities the members wish to attend. We are members of the Oxfordshire Association of Youth Clubs, and they often arrange competitions between other Youth Clubs within the County which we would also like to be part of.

So if you are interested come and pay us a visit on the 11th September when we can get together and organise our calendar of events. Bring along your suggestions and we will try to arrange a programme of events. It will only cost you 50p to get in !!!!!

**CHRIS RICKETTS.**

**PACKHORSE LANE ACTION GROUP FOR SAFETY**



We are eagerly awaiting the August assessment promised by Oxfordshire Highways who will be reporting back to the Parish Council and ourselves by the end of this month. The assessment concerns the safety issues of the bends on Packhorse Lane and the cross-road with North Street.

We have had communications from another action group in Standlake who are asking searching questions about who is monitoring the new weight restrictions at Newbridge and they are eager to find out what will happen to the A415 in the long-term. They are opposed to another bridge being built for obvious reasons. They support us fully. It is reassuring to know that other villages along the A415 feel the quality of life has deteriorated for their residents due to the continuing increase in traffic and something needs to be done.

Since the weight limit restriction was sign-posted for Newbridge I feel there has been a decrease in the massive lorries coming through Marcham – does anyone else feel the same or is this just wishful thinking on my part?

We are delighted to have Majorie Evans from our Parish Council as their formal representative of PLAGS. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience that will be invaluable to us.

I was also delighted to be contacted by a local representative of a cycle group who supports our stand in Marcham and they have indeed campaigned all over Oxfordshire to try to reduce the speed limit in villages where there is such an obvious danger to all users. He was very keen on our posters' strapline "Twenty's Plenty".

It is great to see the 3 cottages now have their hard-standing in front of their homes. They have improved the safety for their families – well done – their sacrifice – losing half their gardens so that they don't have to walk around the blind bend with their children on the road!

PLAGS is not giving up. We await a response from the OCC Highways and then will let you know. If you have any concerns, ideas or would like to join the campaign please do let us know via MADNews and I will get in contact with you.

*On behalf of PLAGS*

**SALLY TIMBERLAKE**

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If you run or are a member of a group, why not write a short report about it?