

Dear Readers

Thanks to everyone who managed to get their articles, notices and letters in before my very early deadline this month (back to normal for the October issue).

Also thanks to everyone who sent in photos of the floods – my sympathy to everyone who suffered with the torrents of water. Have you read Marcham Society's Coral Rag 7 yet? Marion Pointer has written a very interesting article on the 1968 floods, copies from the PO and Farm Shop.

The flooding also affected the traffic light trial – see next column and letters page 7. Do you have an opinion on how it went? Let the council know what you think.

Until next time .



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A 415 - Temporary Traffic Light Trial

Unfortunately the trial lasted only 10 days and the experiment was abandoned at the request of the emergency services. The County Council will be considering the question of the success or otherwise of the traffic trial and will be looking at all the comments submitted when they hold a meeting to discuss the matter later this month or in October.

There is still time therefore to get your comments to the County Council, by writing to Oxfordshire County Council, Southern Area Office, Milton Road, Drayton, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 4EZ and marking any correspondence for the attention of Mr. P. Ronald. Alternatively comments can be emailed to southernarea@oxfordshire.gov.uk again marked for the attention of Mr. P. Ronald.

The Parish Council would encourage anyone with views and comments about the trial to contact the County Council. The Council is keen to obtain the village view just as much as the thoughts of drivers who travel daily along the A415

Play Area – renovation plans

Works have started on the renovation plans for the play area. The old equipment which is being replaced has been removed as well as the old fencing and hedge. The Council has been advised that unfortunately there is a slight delay in the manufacture of the new fencing, but it is hoped that the installation of the new items is imminent.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 12 September 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

RAY AND JEAN PARK

thank all who sent cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding at the beginning of August. A happy celebration was held with family and friends. We have enjoyed being in the the village for 41 years and have appreciated your kindness and friendship.

FREE TO GOOD POND !!

Surplus blue and varigated yellow Iris. Suitable for largish pond but will grow in damp ground. Tel 391592

Hello

I was born in 1944 in Oakley House, Frilford Heath and am interested in learning more about the house, it's history and this wartime use plus possibly finding any medical records. My parents lived in Southampton and my mother was sent to Oakley House for several weeks for my birthing -

away from the bombings etc. I have met, through the internet, several other people who were born there and they all have the same interest as me - knowing more about it. None of us have much to go on!

The only reference I can find via a multitude of internet sources is that Dr. Barnado's took the house on in 1946 and that it is now converted into luxury flats. One person mentioned that Oakley House was the home of the Gore-Browne's but references to that family seem to be largely of colonial nature - Africa, Australia, no etc. Also, I believe the Bothy Vineyards presently occupy land that belonged to Oakley house but I have not been able to confirm this.

If you, can be of any help in this, I would be really grateful and look forward to hearing from you.

VALERIE DAVIDGE

Rockwood, Canada

Please contact via The Editor

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Dear Editor

I refer to Les Mitchell's entry in the July/August issue of the M.A.D. News. In it he states that Mr Duffield is still interested in buying and restoring the Institute, were the Trust be willing to accept his offer.

This would seem to be the simple solution to the Trust's present dilemma.

1. The Institute with all its maintenance costs would be off their hands.
2. With the monies paid, they could construct a new Pavilion, with Shower/ Changing Rooms, Bar and storage space, in its present position.
3. This would enable all those parties, Marcham Players, Café, Toddlers Group who were so rudely evicted, to return to the refurbished Institute.

From the poll conducted by N.A.F. it is obvious that there is little support for the Trusts grandiose scheme. A state of the art Village Centre with top of the range sports facilities. It must be obvious to the Trust that this is not wanted. The Sports Club wish to stay where they are with better facilities, the Institute sold to Mr Duffield, refurbished and opened for use by all parties, in its convenient position in the centre of the village. Surely this is what the Anson sisters visualised when they formed the Trust, to have the Institute, built by their brother, with a foundation stone laid by one of them, to be an everlasting memory of his name, Arthur Henry Anson.

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