

Dear Readers

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and feel recharged and ready to revel in a beautiful autumn!

The MADNews 30th birthday party was a great success with over 60 people coming along to toast to its past, present and future. It was lovely to have Jonathan Page (first editor), Martin Thorne, (third editor) and myself (the fourth) all in the same room along with so many contributors, readers and distributors – *without whom MADNews could not exist!*

There are some photos and videos of the occasion on the website. Judging by the amount of tea consumed and chatting that went on, I think everyone had a great time... let's do it again next year!

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Best Kept Garden Competition Results**

**Zone 1:** 1st 28 Kings Avenue, 2nd 3 The Farthings, 3rd 15 The Farthings

**Zone 2:** 1st Sweetbriar, 2nd 62 North Street, 3rd 52 North Street

**Zone 3:** 1st 13 Parkside, 2nd 20 Parkside, 3rd 30 Parkside

**Zone 4:** 1st 33 Duffield Place, 2nd 10 Duffield Place, 3rd 24 Howard Cornish Road

**Zone 5:** 1st 14 Anson Close, 2nd 20 Anson Close, 3rd 77 Howard Cornish Road

**Zone 6:** 1st 11 Tower Close, 2nd 16 Tower Close, 3rd 15 Orchard Way

**Zone 7:** 1st 7 Mill Road, 2nd Beansheaf, Mill Road, 3rd The Old School House, Mill Road

The overall winner was 14 Anson Close. Prizes and Certificates will be presented by Cllr. Alison Rooke, Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place. Would all prize winners make every effort to attend or please let the Parish Clerk know if you are unable to be present.

The Council would like to thank Millets Farm Garden Centre, W. Cumber & Son (Theale) Ltd and Slade Estate Services Ltd for their sponsorship and who generously donated towards the prizes.

**Parish Council Vacancies**

A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council as a result of the resignation of Ian Charles. David Hutchinson has indicated that he too will cease being a councillor with effect from mid September. The Council would thank them both, for their service to the community and for all that they have done for the village since they joined the Council. It is unclear at this stage whether the vacancies will be filled by a formal election or by co-option, but 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.

**Safety checks for electric blankets**

The Vale of White Horse District Council in conjunction with Oxfordshire County Council are offering free safety checks on electric blankets. Unsafe electric blankets could cause a fire. Checks are available at Abingdon on 11th September, Faringdon on 9th October and Wantage on 23rd October. This is by appointment only. Anyone wishing to have their blanket checked should telephone 01865 815607 or email [trading.standards@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**Marcham Cemetery**

The Cemetery Committee is pleased that following the works over the past few

months to tidy the Cemetery, that it is looking much better. Copies of the rules and regulations have been circulated to those who are tending the more recent graves. If anyone responsible for a grave plot has not received a copy, then please contact the Clerk. In an attempt to keep the Cemetery an area of dignity and peace where the standards offend no one, the Committee reserves the right to remove inappropriate items left on graves and to enforce the rules.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 9 Sept 2009 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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**Elsa Spicer**  
*Elsa Spicer's daughters,  
Anne & Margaret would like to  
thank everyone who helped to  
make Elsa's funeral as stress-free  
as possible.  
We really appreciated the lovely  
spread of food provided and  
served by the Marcham ladies.  
It was lovely to find how many  
people still have fond memories of  
her contribution to Marcham life.*

*We shall visit Marcham when we  
are in the area, so hope to keep  
in touch with you all, and anyone  
travelling to or through West  
Lancashire or Sheffield will, of  
course be most welcome to call.*

**THE ANSON TRUST**

There will be a public meeting chaired by our MP, Ed Vaizey on

**16th October**

The purpose of this meeting, to which a representative of the Arthur Anson Memorial Trust Limited has been invited, is to provide an opportunity for any concerned party to register their views and desire to be included in the formal consultation process that the Anson Trust has indicated they will hold.

The venue and agenda for the meeting have yet to be arranged but will be communicated in the October edition of the MADNews.