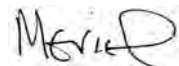


Dear Readers

There has been a lot of activity again last month, with a positive feeling from the public meeting to discuss the Anson Trust and huge efforts are going towards making The Great Marcham Weekend a Great Marcham Success! If you are able to contribute ideas or muscle to either project, the contact details are all on page 5.

I hope to be able to print good news about the shop one day but in the meantime, the questionnaire responses should be analysed in time for publication next month.

Until next time



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Village Shop questionnaire

The Council would thank everyone who has taken the trouble to fill in and return the questionnaire regarding the use of a village shop. The forms are currently being analysed.

Marcham By Pass / A415

Following last month's article about the Parish Council writing to relevant individuals in connection with the By Pass, it has now received acknowledgements from several people and a detailed response from the Head of Transport at Oxfordshire County Council, Mr. S. Howell. Mr. Howell states "When the County Council applied for funding from the government in July 2004 the cost of the bypass was estimated at £12.6 million. Inflation since that time on civil engineering projects has been in excess of 30% so that it might be expected that the cost of the bypass now would be more than £16 million. This means that, without any prospect of significant funding from sources such as developer contributions, the scheme could only be funded with regional or national financial support.

Major scheme funding in the south east is directed at schemes which either enable regional development or which resolve problems on specific routes defined in the South East Plan as "Regional Spokes". A scheme for a bypass for Marcham would not meet either of these criteria and as such it is hard to see how it could be funded in the current circumstances.

However in recognition of the ongoing problem through Marcham the County Council does still protect the line for the bypass that was identified in 2004 and should the funding situation change then we would look to see if there was a greater chance of this scheme being successful in attracting the necessary funds. I would have to say that all the indications are that government money for transport improvements is going to be tighter rather than more available, at least for the next few years".

It does not look as though the By Pass will be a high priority in the foreseeable future. The Council does have concerns about the A415 and is meeting in April, with other parishes along the road, eg. Frilford, Kingston Bagpuize, Standlake, Ducklington etc. who have issues of their own, and will be discussing a collective approach to the County Council regarding the problems that the A415 poses.

Thames Valley Police – Rural Abingdon report

The update report on the neighbourhood shows that crime in the area still remains low. In the wider area of Cumnor, Appleton, Eaton, Farmoor, Wytham, North Hinksey and Botley neighbourhoods there have been incidents where a shed was set on fire, damage to a green house caused, damage to a wall and also a vehicle set on fire. If

you can assist with information about any of these incidents please call 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Also the Police have had numerous reports of out of control dogs in Marcham. Contrary to section 3(1) and (4) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, 'Public place' means any street, road or other place (whether or not enclosed) to which the public have or are permitted to have access whether for payment or otherwise. In these areas your dog must be kept on a lead as you are responsible for the dog.

At the same time as the Police were receiving reports about dogs, the Parish Council too received correspondence about dogs on the Cow Lane allotments. Would all allotment holders please read the terms of their tenancy agreements, and ensure that dogs in the vicinity are not a nuisance to other people.

Annual Parish Meeting

Another reminder that the annual meeting for all electors in the parish will take place on Wednesday 26th May at 7.30 p.m. in the hall at Marcham Primary School.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 14 April 2010 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.

Normal Day		Will be...	
Fri	2 April	Tue	6 April
Mon	5 April	Wed	7 April
Tue	6 April	Thur	8 April
Wed	7 April	Fri	9 April
Thur	8 April	Sat	10 April
Fri	9 April	Mon	12 April
Mon	12 April	Tue	13 April
Tue	13 April	Wed	14 April
Wed	14 April	Thur	15 April
Thur	15 April	Fri	16 April
Fri	16 April	Sat	17 April

LOST GOLD WEDDING RING

On Wednesday 17 March, somewhere on a circular walk around Kings Avenue, Howard Cornish, Haines Court and Fettiplace Road. If you find it, please call 01865 391804.



Help Week commencing 2nd May is **Red Cross Week**. Although I have regular collectors there is always a need for more. If anyone feels they could help, making the areas less for existing collectors I would be most grateful. Please contact me, Jo Blackler, on 01865 391519.

Thank you in anticipation.