

Dear Editor



Update from the Anson Trust

Following the public meeting in October, the Anson Directors have held meetings with Jane Hanna's working party, members of the Parish Council and representatives of NAF. In response to the various opinions and comments the Directors have developed a document considering the future of the Trust. It sets out in detail and evaluates seven possible options that the Trust could pursue. The document is lengthy (27 pages). It has already been made available to Parish Councillors and members of Jane Hanna's working party. The Directors want to make it available to all in the village. Accordingly, through the good offices of the editor of MAD News, the paper will be put on to the MAD News website. Paper copies can be obtained by writing to the Secretary of the Trust, Mrs Louise Butt at 8 Hyde Close, Marcham OX13 6PT.

It is expected that this paper will form the basis of future consultation about the future of the Trust.

Questions about the felling of trees in Hyde Copse have been received by the Trust. The Directors would like to make clear that the Trust does not own any land on Hyde Copse and has had no involvement with any felling.

To contact the Anson Trust directly you can email or write to

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Dear Editor

After the October public meeting to discuss the future of the Anson Field and village facilities, my working group has met with the Anson Trust. We were pleased that the Anson Trust was responsive to our request that a business case be published exploring a range of options for the provision of future village facilities. Whilst the purpose of the working group is to remain impartial and be informed by the full spectrum of village views, we support as much information and consultation taking place between the Anson Trust and the village ahead of any planning application. Since my last letter in MADNews I am aware that a number of residents have recently formed a group to contribute to the debate and hope that future discussion can be fruitful in moving the community forward towards a solution which will benefit Marcham and address the various concerns which have been raised.

JANE HANNA

Dear Editor

Adults helping youngsters

It has concerned me for some years about the clearly changed attitude of young children towards adults they don't know. The unhelpful response of passers-by to the small boy on the ground may be linked February 2010

Dear Editor

Cyril Rudge

It is with great sadness that I learnt of Cyril's death just before Christmas. Cyril was a great servant to Marcham in his capacity as District Councillor and even after he retired he still had a keen interest in village affairs. I was Chairman for some of the period that Cyril served the village and I always appreciated his wise council on wide ranging issues affecting the village Cyril will be sadly missed and on behalf of the village of Marcham I would like to offer our deepest sympathy to his family

MALCOLM DENTON

Chairman Marcham District Council

(MADNews Jan).

Babies and toddlers are so natural in their response to friendly attention – they have no fear or preconceived concerns. Yet by about 2-2 ½ years, even when with their parent or carer, if spoken to kindly some frown, hide or look fearful.

This was brought home to me during a charitable day when I was helping and watched, amused, a 2½-3 year-old-boy having a great time diving under the laden tables. Suddenly appearing from under a cloth by me I stepped back saying "Hello young man" and (foolishly) ruffled his curly hair. In a voice befitting a Sergeant Major, he bellowed "DON'T TOUCH ME!" I was mortified and reflect on my grandchildren (now adults) and wondered if they would have reacted in a similar way.

I realise in this sad world of today there seems to be a need to indoctrinate children from a young age about 'stranger danger', sweets, lifts etc. But is this balanced by teaching youngsters the basics of socialisation? Fewer children walk to school these days and have the chance to chat with other adults and their offspring. Some spend many hours watching TV and computer screen and have less opportunity to converse and mix.

We are fortunate in having a such a good range of voluntary groups in the village. The toddlers in Little Angels, playgroup and the children of Marcham School do seem very happy and sociable at events.

I don't know when these 'classes' started but I notice many adults under 40 rarely smile or converse. It's refreshing when a youngster is unplugged and engages in conversation on the bus. Have other noticed this phenomenon?

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

PS I was touched and grateful when four friends and neighbours phoned or called in the snowy weather to enquire if I was ok. They were all in their 40s.

Dear Editor

I would like to thank all those good friends and neighbours who telephone to offer help with snow clearing, shopping etc, during the recent icy weather. I am extremely grateful for their kindness, and thoughtfulness to me. Also, many thanks to the person(s) who cleared a safe path along to the PO.

JOAN CARTER

Dear Editor

Marcham Community Spirit

We have just experienced some very difficult weather conditions and it is perhaps a good opportunity to consider our neighbours and friends. We have all read about tragic situations where elderly or vulnerable people have been deprived of basic care and help.

As neighbours do we know who lives close to us and may be requiring help with shopping, snow clearing, collecting prescriptions etc it maybe that people would just like help contacting the authorities to make a claim for heating allowance via the internet.

Marcham is a caring community and all we ask is that residents look out for their neighbours and to make sure no one is left in distress. Also it is important that any person requiring help should not be frightened to contact any of the organisations in the village.

We have had a good response from residents forming litter picking and flood group help and similarly I am sure we have many people only too willing to lend a helping hand to neighbours if required.

A group of villagers will soon meet to see how best we can coordinate and administer a care plan for situations that arise in the future.

MALCOLM DENTON

Chairman Marcham District Council

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