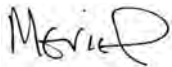


Dear Readers

The MCG page is on yellow this month so very easy to find – time to get our crayons out to design an eye-catching logo!

I have been putting a large-print version of MADNews in the Post Office each month for people to browse through while waiting in the queue or anyone that has difficulty reading some of the small print. I can only print a few of these but if a group could make use of one, please let me know.

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Casual Vacancy**

The casual vacancy that occurred on the Parish Council has now been filled. The Council was pleased to co-opt Matthew Hillis at its January meeting. Matthew has been co-opted until the next elections which are to be held in May.

**Council Tax 2011**

The Parish Council carefully considered its budget for 2011/2012 at its last meeting, and looked in detail at its likely income and expenditure. The Council has set a precept of £36,000 which is only a marginal increase on last year and has taken a positive decision not to increase the precept very much, in view of the economic climate and the financial difficulties that people are generally facing. This figure equates to less than £1 per week for a Band D property.

**Vale of White Horse District Council – Brown Bin Waste Collection Service**

Over the Christmas and new year period the collection of the brown garden waste bins was suspended in order to allow the crews to clear the backlog from the delayed collections owing to the snow and Christmas holidays. Garden waste collections are now back to normal, being collected on the same day as the green recycling bins. However, to make up for the disruption to the service, brown bin customers will also be able to put out a reasonable amount of extra garden waste for collection in the Spring. In the Vale extra garden waste can be put out from 28 March to 1 April. This extra waste should be no more than the equivalent of an extra bin load, should be able to be lifted by one person and should be put out in either a sturdy box or black bag.

**Text reminders**

You can also sign up to get a free reminder the night before your collection is due. Send a text message with the word “waste” and your collection day (for example “waste Wednesday”) to 07797 870371 and you will receive a text the day before your collection if it changes due to bank holidays or bad weather.

**Bus Stops**

The County Council has been making minor alterations to some of the bus stops. Some have moved slightly down the road from their original position. The County Council has arranged with Stagecoach that the no. 31 will now also stop in the Frilford Road by the war memorial as well as its usual other places at the Post Office and in Howard Cornish Road. Of particular note is that the Eastbound (Abingdon and Oxford) bus stops opposite the Post Office and at Longfields will have Real Time Information. This system provides up to

date bus arrival information for passengers waiting at the stops. They display the number of minutes that the passengers can expect to wait before the arrival of the bus.

**Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Oxfordshire**

The Commission is currently minded to recommend 64 elected members form the County Council following a review of the council size. It is now inviting local people to submit proposals for a new pattern of divisions. The review aims to make sure, as far as possible, that every councilor in each division of the county represents the same number of electors. The commission is looking for evidence of strong community ties and areas that should be included together in the same division as well as natural boundaries between communities. Further information is available on the Local Government Boundary Commission’s website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

Comments can be submitted until 3rd April 2011 to: The Review Officer (Oxfordshire), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Layden House, Turnmill Street, London EC1 5LG or via email at [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 9 February 2011 at 7.30pm. in the residents’ lounge, Duffield Place.

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- Does anyone have a Fujitsu Siemens
  - Amilo Pro v2010 laptop that I could
  - use to charge the battery on my almost
  - defunct computer? Or possibly a Amilo
  - 7300 and the NEC Versa 2000 as they
  - seem to be interchangeable.
  - Please call Ruth on 392861
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Does anyone have experience of holiday home swapping in Europe? Ideally in Feb - April to the warmer parts of southern Europe for some winter sun. Call Charles Russell on 391121.



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