

Dear Readers

The Marcham Big Tidy Up went very well and you can certainly see the difference to the weeds along the roads and paths! Well done to everyone - especially the Little Litterpicker (see page 5)!

With the darker nights, everyone needs to take more care on the roads - drivers and walkers alike. On the bends there has been one incident concerning a human walker (see the letters page) and at least two not-so-fortunate cats.

Be Bright Be Seen

Until next time



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Big Tidy Up

The Council would like to thank all those parishioners who took part in The Big Tidy Up in the village on Saturday 20th September. It was very nice to see villagers who had given their time voluntarily on a Saturday to help. It would also like to thank Mr. William Cumber who provided the trailer on which to place the rubbish collected. In total 20 sacks were filled. Fluorescent tabards, gloves and litter pickers were borrowed from the Vale of White Horse District Council and these have to be returned otherwise the Parish Council will be charged. If anyone still has any of these items, could they please be returned to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

Vale of White Horse District Council – Register of Electors

The District Council is currently compiling the new register of electors for the area. Please complete the white form which you should have recently received via Royal Mail and ensure that the District Council is aware of who occupies your property. Otherwise you will lose your chance to vote.

Trick or Treat - 31st October

It is approaching that time of year when children can be tempted into going out trick or treating. Normally it is a harmless pastime for children, but it can also be both frightening and intimidating. Much distress is caused by unexpected knocks on the door or loud noises. Some residents may welcome treat or treating, others do not. If your children do go out, please encourage them to call only on those whom they know and to respect the wishes of anyone who does not wish to participate. If you do get an unexpected caller, make sure the chain or door bar is on before you open the door. Do not let anyone in your house unless you are happy with their identity. If you need to talk to the police call 0845 8 505 505 or dial 999 in an emergency.

Grants

The Parish Council considers any requests for grants at its November meeting. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Marcham residents benefit which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant, then please write to the Clerk before the end of October stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts.

Hills Quarry Products – Planning Application for Sand Extraction at Upwood Park

The planning application for sand

extraction for up to 20 years, next to Cothill Fen with access of the A338 has generated much local interest. The Parish Council has now responded to the County Council expressing great concern over the impact on the environment in the locality, in particular the site of Special Scientific Interest and Special Area of Conservation which is a strictly protected site designated under the EC Habitats Directive. It also had concerns regarding the transport implications and lorry movements. It has asked, should the application be given permission, that lorry movements be directed towards the A420 and not along the A338. It has also asked for a 50 mph limit to be put on the length of the A338 from the A420 through Frilford. It also had worries that the exhibition about the application was held on just one afternoon in Appleton, and did not really give full opportunity for the public to view the proposals.

Allotment rent collection – See advert below.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 8 Oct at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin,
90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833

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Contact 01865 391 689

GARFORD – HELP NEEDED

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal needs volunteers (the more there are the less work has to be done!) to do a house-to-house collection from 25 October – 9 November. Garford has been a substantial contributor to the yearly appeal, it would be such a pity to lose it.

Please contact Susan Spurgeon on 01865 390569 if you can help.

ALLOTMENT RENT COLLECTION

The Clerk will be in attendance from 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8th October in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place for the purpose of collecting allotment rents.

Would allotment holders please remember to bring their rent card with them.