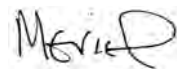


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January 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the the first issue of Marcham and District News. We are planning to reprint some snippets from the archives each month next year and hold a party sometime in the spring or early summer. If you have any interesting recollections of MADNews from the past 30 years, please write in. *BUT we now have a complete collection of back issues so we don't need any more, thanks!* Thanks to the distributors in Tubney for extending our readership yet again. Don't forget MADNews is available on the web or can be sent to a far-flung place (like Wantage or Alaska) every month - ask me for more details!

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Hills Quarry Products Ltd

Hills at the July Parish Council meeting gave a presentation about their proposals to extract sand on the east side of the A338 at Upwood Park. The site on the other side of the road to Oxford Instruments was a 20 hectare site which could be worked over the next 15 – 20 years. The area being restored to agriculture and biodiversity. Public footpaths and rights of way would remain with protective fencing erected for users. Lorries would be crossing Rowleigh Lane and the footpath crossing would be gated. The hours of operation would be 07.00 – 18.00 Monday to Friday and 07.00 – 13.00 Saturdays. The Parish Council will be looking at the planning application very carefully and will be fully representing the views of local residents.

Parish Council - Anson Trust

Mr. Malcolm Denton, one of the Parish Council's nominees on the Anson Trust has retired from the Trust as a Director. The Council is therefore required to nominate a successor. The nominees are able to assist in steering the work of the Trust. The nominees serve for a three year term. The Council is inviting expressions of interest from anyone who wishes to be considered for nomination. Anyone who can offer the Trust both time and expertise may be eligible. Candidates should have an "open mind" about the Trust's work and be prepared to devote time attending meetings during what is currently a very active time for the Trust in developing its future strategy for the charitable operations of the Trust. However, if you believe you have an expertise e.g. legal, finance, management, social etc. that can benefit the Trust and would like to be considered please contact the Parish Clerk.

Best Kept Garden Competition

For full list of winners see next page.
Presentation of the awards to the winners will take place in the residents' lounge Duffield Place on Wednesday 10th September at 7.30 p.m.

Oxfordshire Villages Of The Year Competition 2008

Marcham was highly commended in the competition with a prize of £100. The judges praised the village for the care shown to its residents through the provision of three phases of affordable housing and the Parishioner of the Year awards. The Parish Council would thank Malcolm Denton and Marjorie Evans for their tremendous efforts in compiling the entry for the competition. Their endeavours enabled the village to be selected to go forward to the second round of the competition, where a display about village life had to be set up and made available for the judges. A special thanks

goes to 3 youngsters in the vilage, Kieran Belcher, Tervel Atanasov, and Natalie Ward who gave up their time on a Saturday to attend the exhibiton and talk to the judges about village life and all the activies they are involved with The Council would also like to thank Meriel Lewis and Christine Ricketts who helped with and attended the exhibition to talk to the judges and visitors about the vilage.

Dog Fouling

The Council has received reports that some dog owners are not clearing up after their pets, as dog faeces has been left on pavements. It is an offence under the Dogs Fouling of Land Act not to clear up after your dog in specified public places, this includes recreation grounds and footpaths. The Vale of White Horse District Council can currently impose fixed penalties and can further prosecute those who continue to persist in not clearing dog faeces. The Council would ask all dog owners to remember to take their bags with them and to tidy up after their pets.

Keep Britain Tidy Campaign

Britain's biggest ever litter tidy up is taking place during September. The event organized by the Keep Britain Tidy Group is being supported by your local Council and the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership. All schools, clubs, businesses and residents have been invited to take part and help clean up their local area. Marcham, as a vilage, is participating in the campaign and the morning of Saturday 20th September has been set aside for the purpose. The District Council will be providing litter pickers, sacks, high visibility vests etc. Volunteers to help tidy Marcham are required. Please contact the Clerk to the Council 391833 or Malcolm Denton 391497 for further information and to volunteer.

Volunteer Help Required

The Parish Council from time to time has odd jobs that it does around the vilage for the benefit of everyone who lives in Marcham. For example, one recent job was the installation of the bench seat in the children's play area. Sometimes it takes a while to get everything done, either by volunteers or contractors owing to other work commitments. Is there anyone in the vilage who would be prepared to give a hand with some of the tasks on an infrequent basis? Should you be interested in helping keep the vilage running smoothly for the benefit of all residents, then please contact the Clerk.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 10 Sept at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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