

Dear Editor

For how much longer will the people of Marcham be denied the use of our village hall (The Insitute). Correct me if I am wrong but it has been standing vacant for at least 4 years, and generating no income. Now that is what I call real clever. But maybe they are receiving a regular income from whomever it is that has been storing various items of furniture etc inside the hall.

It is obvious to me that they are just waiting for the ex-servicemen's lease to run out. Then they can go around singing the old Frank Sinatra classic 'I did it my way'!! I call upon the people of Marcham to make your voice heard.

M.SHEPHERD

Dear Editor

The Anson Trust's Proposals for Housing on the Sports Field.

In the June edition of MADNews, I challenged the Anson Trust to give every resident a vote on their proposals for our Village. I have heard nothing since, neither personally nor publically. It is this silence and secrecy that breeds the distrust that most residents feel for the Trust.

I welcome the efforts being made by Jane Hanna and her working party, and the assurances they have obtained that there will be a consultation exercise, but only AFTER a planning application has been lodged. I feel this will be too late, and we will be presented with a "fait accompli". As I said in my June article NOW is the time

for the Trustees to meet with the Village, and I formally reiterate that challenge here. After all it is the general principle behind their proposals that is in dispute, not the details. The residents have said in the past that they do not want to lose the Institute, nor do they want the sports field and the School premises filled with housing.

I would remind the Trustees that the NAF survey found that 69% of residents were against their proposals with only 12% in favour. With all the recent construction work that has taken place in the Village, and the accompanying traffic problems, I feel that fewer people than ever would welcome yet more disruption to their daily routines.

COLIN P. TRINDER.

POLICE SURGERY

PCSO Laura Schmid is planning a police surgery on September 15th in Duffield Place, Marcham. Look out for more details when the time has been confirmed.

OAP MYSTERY TOUR 2008

This year the coach went down to Windsor, as we were driving down there we were praying for it to stay sunny, and luckily it didn't rain. When in Windsor everyone was able to walk into town and look at the castle, around the shops or walk along the river. We then went back to the club for supper and a few drinks.

See cover for photos

WINNERS OF THE BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION

Overall Winner : 62 North Street

Zone Winners

- 28 Kings Avenue
- 62 North Street
- 13 Parkside
- 6 Haines Court
- 14 Anson Close
- 17 Orchard Way
- 7 Mill Road

Second in Zone

- 16 The Farthings
- 25-27 Sweetbriar, North Street
- 18 Parkside
- 24 Howard Cornish Road
- 8 Hyde Copse
- 16 Orchard Way
- The Old School House, Mill Road

Third in Zone

- 16 Kings Avenue
- 19 The Gap
- 17 Parkside
- 2 Haines Court
- 20 Anson Close
- 11 Tower Close
- 5 Priory Lane

The late David Munro

Chris, Julia and Vicky wish to sincerely thank all our friends and neighbours for such wonderful love and support on the death of our, much loved, husband and father. This kindness has sustained us through a difficult time.

Thank you all.



Marcham would like your help.

As part of a national campaign we are joining the Vales initiative in arranging a "Big Tidy Up" in our village.

The Date: **September 20th**

Meeting Point: **Sports and Social Club Car Park**

Time: 9:30am / Onwards

We are looking for volunteers as individuals or from village organisations to offer as much time as possible to give the village a good makeover.

Call Linda Martin (Clerk) 391833 or Malcolm Denton 391497 to volunteer

**** REMINDER **
MARCHAM & DISTRICT
EX-SERVICEMEN'S
CLUB ("THE CLUB")
NOTICE TO LIFE MEMBERS**

To enable the Club to keep a current Register of all Life Members, would those entitled and wishing to register as such, including widows and widowers of Life Members, please contact Hodsons, the Club's Solicitors in writing by 30 September 2008 and the Club Secretary by 01 April in each subsequent year. Those indicating a wish to register will be sent a Registration Form for completion and return. Those failing to respond by the dates mentioned will no longer be considered Members of the Club.

Dated this 18 day of June 2008

**Hodsons, The Greenhouse,
Stratton Way, Abingdon ,OX14 3QP**

FOUND

A tabby cat with white nose and three white paws was found dead in Packhorse Lane on morning of 12 August. It was wearing a black collar with two bells but no name tag. It seems to have died of natural causes. Please contact 01865 391335 for more details.