

Dear Readers

I had a great time at GMW and hope lots of you managed to get to at least one event. The BBQ and barn dance were terrific and I am sure we will be having another one before too long... any volunteers??!

If anyone has any photos they would like to put on a display in the Post Office or on MADWeb, then please send them to me. There are a selection there already.

I am off to have a bit of a break over the summer and catch up with the paper work!

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Vale of White Horse District Council – New Waste Services

By now households should have received a leaflet explaining the new waste collection services that will start with effect from October. If you have not received one, then there are spare ones in the Post Office. A set of new bins (240 litre recycling wheelie bin, 180 litre landfill bin, a food bin and kitchen caddy) will be delivered to Marcham households somewhere between 23rd August and 6th September. Inside there will be more information about the items each bin can take. So remember to remove the information leaflets before starting to use the new bins. Also please remember that as the new service does not start until October, you should not start using your bins straight away or put them out for collection until the week commencing 4th October. The new day for collection in Marcham will be Wednesdays. Some terraced households without gardens or flats where bin storage is difficult, will not have bins delivered, but will be allocated sacks instead. All such households should by now have received letters from the District Council explaining how the sack system will work. Please sort your refuse carefully into the appropriate bins, as checks will be made by the collection men, and they have been advised not to empty bins which contain mixed rubbish i.e. a mixture of recycling and landfill items.

Chinook Helicopters

There have been announcements in the press that Chinook helicopters are to be based at RAF Benson. Concerns have been raised about the local flying and impact they might have on residents. RAF Benson has confirmed that the earliest arrival of any Chinook helicopters will be 2013. There is nothing to indicate that the use of Dalton Barracks will increase, however some training may be conducted there as at present. Disruption to residents will be kept at a minimum. Once firm details regarding the arrival of Chinook helicopters is known, RAF Benson will arrange a meeting with a number of local representatives. It could be some while though before there is any more detailed news on this.

Village Green

Damage is being done to the edge of the village green by vehicles which drive over the edge. Village Greens enjoy statutory protection and it is an offence to take a vehicle on to a village green and drivers can be prosecuted for damaging the surface. Village Greens, in law, should be maintained for the purposes of public recreation, sports and pastimes. Would anyone driving along Mill Road please not go onto the village green, nor should anyone park his/her car on the green.

Lack of Community Responsibility

More complaints have been received by the Parish Council about residents not clearing up after their dogs and about dumping grass cuttings. Could everyone who walks a dog please clear up its mess and either take the plastic bag home or put it in one of the special dog waste bins. Dogs have been allowed to foul at entrance gates to properties and some of those who do clear up after their dog,

seem to think it is acceptable to leave full plastic bags hanging in trees or in hedgerows. Similarly grass dumping is another recurring problem at this time of year. Piles of grass cuttings have appeared on rural paths and also dumped in the copse off Howard Cornish Road. After cutting your lawn please dispose of the grass clippings responsibly and not tip them on other people's land.

Post Office / Shop

Parish Councillors Mr. Denton, Mrs. Ricketts and Mrs. Allan have met with the village shops advisor Jane Barker from the Rural Community Council to look at the results of the village shop survey. We are fortunate for the time being to have the continued Post Office business in the village. It is an essential and valuable service. Whilst the village shop is under discussion, the Council would encourage all who use the Post Office services to support the village Post Office and prove its continued need in the village.

Great Marcham Weekend

The Parish Council would thank Jim and Denise Asher and their expanding team of volunteers who worked so hard to arrange the Great Marcham Weekend. There was a tremendous variety of events taking place, something for everyone, and these were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The effort put in by everyone is very much appreciated and the Parish Council is sure it speaks on behalf of each person in the village in expressing its gratitude to all concerned.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 14 July 2010 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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GARFORD NEWS.

It is with great sadness that I report the loss of John Redwood and John Docherty who both did so much for the village of Garford over the years.

John Redwood died in April after a long illness. John and June moved to the village many years ago. He had been very active in supporting the village over all these years. He was particularly involved in the success of the village green project and was Chairman of the village meeting in the late 1990s.

Our deepest sympathy to June and all the family.

John Docherty moved to the village more recently in retirement from his banking career. He threw himself into village life with great enthusiasm and was Clerk to the village meeting. He died suddenly in early June in Oxford.

Our deepest sympathy to Jo and all the family.

TONY CARTER

on behalf of all the village.

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Boy's green bike age 6-9 years – £10

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