

Dear Editor



Public Meeting – The Future of The Anson Trust

All are invited to a public meeting concerning the future of the Anson Trust. The meeting will commence at 8 pm on Wednesday 17 March in Marcham School and is being organised by the Directors.

Ed Vaizey is being invited to chair the meeting, but if he is unable to attend, Malcolm Denton, chairman of Marcham Parish Council, has kindly agreed to step in. The Trust proposes to make a presentation, which will be based on the options paper publicised in February's MAD News. Any other individual or group, provided they request to do so in advance, will be able to make their own presentation or otherwise address the meeting. There will also be a full opportunity to ask questions (and for the Trust to respond).

Please come along, listen to the debate and let us have your views.

ANSON TRUST DIRECTORS

Dear Editor

The Anson Trust's Options Document

NAF would like to say a big "thank you" to the Trustees for producing their twenty seven page "options for the future" document following the open meeting of 16th October. This must have been a very time consuming exercise. It is a very interesting document outlining the possible options open both to them and the residents of the Village. In this respect have they considered a substantially shortened version which would be available to those without access to a computer.

It may also have been fairer to have included some of the concerns raised by ourselves regarding the impact of traffic/noise/pollution on the residents of Howard Cornish Road and Hyde Copse - their only mention is of residents of North Street. One other item not mentioned is our environmental concern over the loss of a natural flood plain should the Anson Field be built upon. However it will please the majority of residents to know that the Trust is considering all options.

NAF COMMITTEE.

Dear Editor

The independent working group (Professor Bradley; Ian Charles, Marjorie Evans; Jane Hanna, David Hutchinson, David Walton) met to consider the options paper recently produced by the Anson Trust and available on the MAD News website. The remit of the group is to conduct an independent survey of residents at the appropriate time and we do not therefore consider it appropriate to express a view on the options presented in the document. The group does, however, wish to thank the Anson Trust for responding to our request
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last year and welcome the public document as a significant step forward in meeting the need expressed in the public meeting last October for a written presentation of more than one option on the future of village facilities. Whether you agree or do not agree with the assumptions and conclusions of the paper, the presentation of real figures and running costs as well as the underlying assumptions should help to enable effective engagement with the village.

We hope that the options paper is the start of an effective consultation stage prior to any planning application being submitted and would encourage residents who are interested to read the document in full. It is not clear at this stage how residents views on this document are to be fed back to the Anson Trust. I would be happy to chair any public meeting, but in any event will seek clarification of the process going forward.

JANE HANNA, District Councillor

Dear Editor

To all Walkers/ Dog Walkers

Do you or have you walked in the field behind the Copse on Howard Cornish Road, Anson Close and Hyde Copse?

You will have noticed that a fence has been erected around the field by the new owner. He has been preventing people from walking there unless they write to him requesting permission. He can of course revoke that permission whenever he wants, without question or challenge, as he has done in similar circumstances.

I am of the opinion that the owner will eventually stop everyone from walking in the field, which he can't do if it becomes a public footpath.

Having discussed the matter with the relevant department in Oxford County Council, there is a very strong probability that the footpath can be adopted as a public footpath and saved for use by future generations without restriction.

This can only be done if we can demonstrate previous unrestricted use. I am aware of some people who have used the route for at least 30 years. The more users the better.

If you are interested in having this turned into a public footpath please contact the writer.

HUGH LOGAN

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Dear Editor

Care of the Elderly and Vulnerable

Following the note in MAD News last month a meeting has been held to see how best we can make sure we support those with need particularly in adverse weather conditions or when local assistance is needed. There are many agencies that can help but often it is indentifying the need and then directing people to the correct

area for assistance that is so difficult. It is especially awkward for people when the weather prevents their mobility. For that reason we conclude it would be beneficial if there was a network of people available to help if required for shopping, collecting prescriptions, checking welfare and assisting to make contact with the appropriate support agencies

The steering group will be meeting again soon and it would be beneficial if any one who is willing to help could just identify themselves so we can gauge reaction to this request and start to formulate a village plan for elderly care.

If you are prepared to help in any way please phone Malcolm Denton on 01865 391497 or e mail - malcolm_denton_954@msn.com

Thank you in anticipation

MALCOLM DENTON

Chairman Marcham District Council

Cleaner Wanted in Marcham, couple of hours a week. If you can help, call Rebecca on 07900 955329

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Dear Editor

Group Against Reservoir Development

The battle is going well but we need your membership to demonstrate local backing. Do not imagine the reservoir threat has gone away, it has merely been delayed. We aim to kill it off at the Public Inquiry in June. Unless you think recreational facilities more than 25 years hence, flood risks, and much more traffic at enormous cost to water consumers are desirable, then please join GARD. We need your support. GARD originated as a local group opposed the reservoir. We realized that the local objections; traffic, noise, flood risks, nature, conservation, blight, etc would not kill the project. These are best addressed by politicians and CPRE. So GARD chose to analyse the technical arguments and expose the many flaws in Thames Water's arguments and figures to show that the proposed reservoir is NOT needed. Our new website gives details.

www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk

Please join NOW Annual Min Subscription £1 (We suggest 4x 2nd Class stamps per person). Send to: 23 The Causeway, Steventon OX13 6SS and include Name, Address, Tel No.