

Dear Readers

Autumn already ... the migratory birds have flown, clocks go back and the new rubbish and recycling service starts! I have been collecting conkers - *does anyone still play?* - and seen a few leaves turning (apart from those affected by leaf miner).

Don't forget that any items for MADNews can be left in the envelope in the Post Office which I collect on the day nearest to the deadline on 20th of the month.

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
District Council – New Waste Service**

A reminder that by now you should be sorting your refuse into recyclables and landfill items, keeping your food waste separate. The first collection day under the new system is Wednesday 6th October, and this will be landfill (the grey wheelie bin) and food waste. The following Wednesday 13th October will be recyclables (the green wheelie bin), and food waste. Anyone who has a brown bin for garden waste should put this out on the same day as the green wheelie bin i.e. 13th October, and fortnightly thereafter. The contact details for those able to help with any problems whether it be the delivery of the bins, allocation of sacks or collection arrangements are as follows: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk or you can telephone 03000 610610 or email admin.vale@verdant-group.co.uk Residents can also keep up to date with all the news from the Vale by following on its new Twitter page at www.twitter.com/WhiteHorseDC

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 or register on line 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.

Refuse Bins in the Cemetery

The refuse bins in the Cemetery are divided so that green compostable material is in one bin, and plastic wrappers, ribbon, oasis and plastic flowers etc. are in another. We would kindly ask that when old flowers and wreaths are thrown away that the oasis and plastics are taken off and the waste be sorted into the correct bins. At the moment we are finding the green waste bin has other materials in it as well as the flowers. This means that it cannot go for composting.

Trees

Following comments from residents about the reduced width of footways and overhanging shrubs, the Parish Council has undertaken a survey of trees and shrubs next to the roads in the village. It has found numerous instances of low overhanging branches and shrubs which are protruding, effectively making the footways narrower and therefore more difficult for pedestrians. The branches at a lower level being particularly troublesome for people pushing wheelchairs or children's pushchairs. The Council would ask everyone to look at their own gardens and to trim back anything which is overhanging the pavement, and to trim low branches which are at eye level.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 13 October 2010 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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FREE TRANSPORT ADVICE

Oxfordshire County Council offer a free and impartial travel advice service aimed at people over 65, and those with a high level of support needs. It is available Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm on 01865 323738, or you can email oxtail@oxfordshire.gov.uk. You can also use the same number if you would like information on joining a transport scheme as a volunteer.

Does anyone remember Marjorie and Micky Marr (sister and brother) who lived in Rose Cottage, North Street in the 1940s? Their father was a Squadron Leader at Abingdon and died in 1943 or 44. If you remember the family or know where they are now, please contact the Editor 01865 391725, as someone is looking for them.

MARCHAM EX-SERVICEMENS CLUB

Race Night
Saturday 2nd October 2010
Opens at 8.30pm first race at 9pm
All Welcome

FOR SALE

Over 60 balls of assorted crochet cotton, 11 crochet hooks and large bag of crochet pattern books. £20 the lot. Tele: 01865 391961.

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