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Happy New Year

This month sees the start of a new look for MADNews – a page on coloured paper for Marcham Community Group. The colour (should) change every month, but you should spot it easily and so keep up to date with the latest news and events.

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
A415 – Newbridge – Temporary Closure
– Advance Notice**

A temporary road closure has been arranged by Oxfordshire County Council to apply to a section of the A415 at Newbridge whilst essential bridge repair and carriageway resurfacing works are carried out. Whilst the formal Order still has to be finalised, the intention is to close the Newbridge bridge for approximately 9 days from 19th February 2011. Because of the narrow width of the bridge and the removal of the road surface there will be no vehicular access over the bridge. This includes emergency service vehicles. Access for pedestrians will be maintained, although this is subject to the progress of the works and there may be delays for anyone trying to walk across. During the closure the alternative route for vehicles is off the A420 via Buckland, over Tadpole Bridge, as far as Bampton then along the B4449 through Aston to Standlake.

Oxfordshire County Council – Bus Review - 31 route

The County Council, like many local authorities, is looking to make savings in its spending. It spends several million pounds each year throughout the county subsidising bus services where they are not profitable commercial routes. At the moment, the County Council has a contract with Stagecoach to subsidise some of the Marcham service. This will remain unchanged until the end of the year. However from April the County Council will begin to undertake a review of the subsidies that are offered, with a decision being made about Marcham possibly around the end of the Summer/early Autumn in readiness for 2012. It is always the case of use it or lose it, so please use the bus service, particularly evenings and Sundays, (the subsidised time), and justify its continued provision otherwise we might lose the subsidy next year, as the calculations seem to be done on a cost per passenger basis.

Neighbours

As we continue through winter, should the weather be the same as last January, then give a thought for your neighbours, particularly the elderly and those without transport. Bad weather can bring chaos to businesses, travel delays, school closures etc, but also affects those who are unable to get out. Do please check on your neighbours, make sure they are all right, and see whether they need assistance with anything.

Dropped Kerbs

Oxfordshire County Council, as Highway Authority, is responsible for maintaining footpaths. It is illegal to build a crossing over a public footpath without permission

from the County Council. This is to ensure that the crossing is strong enough to take the weight of the vehicle and does not create a hazard for pedestrians and other footpath and road users. It has been noticed that quite a few vehicles in the village are just being bumped up over kerbs. If you one of these people, then you are reminded that you should apply to the County Council for consent to install a dropped kerb.

Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Parish Council following the resignation of Peter Rowe who has moved away from the village. The Council would like to thank him, for his efforts on behalf of the community since he rejoined the Council. There will be an election in May 2011, so the current seat is only vacant until then. However, the Parish Council has decided to see if there is anyone who may be interested in joining the Council until the election. This would give someone the chance of seeing what Parish Council meetings are like before deciding whether to stand as a candidate. If there is anyone interest in joining the Council for a few months, then he/she is invited to contact the Parish Clerk for further information about the role.

Parishioner of the Year Award

For the past few years the Council has awarded a Parishioner of the Year Award to a local person or people who had devoted much time and energy working within the community. There are many people who would be worthy recipients, and the Council is now inviting nominations for the next award. Would anyone who wishes to submit a nomination, please contact the clerk, whose details appear below, sending a short statement of not more than 200 words, as to who he/she wishes to nominate and the reasons why the person(s) should receive the award. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 31st January, 2011

Additional rubbish

Christmas is a time when we all seem to accumulate extra packaging and items for landfill and recycling. Please take note of the re arranged collection days over the holiday period and do not put your landfill, food and recycling bins out too early.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 12 January 2011 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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The Chairman, Council members and Clerk wish everyone a happy new year.