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▲ Marcham School Staff on the Playtex Moon Walk see page 13



▲ Marcham WI's visit to Bath see page 7



▲ Marcham School's veg patch see page 13



▲ Whose Peahen Is It Anyway? This peripatetic peahen has been sighted all around the village, does anyone want to claim it or is it wild?



**Great
Marcham
Weekend**

19 and 20 June 2010
**See pages 3 and 7
for more details.**

the mission train will you be on it?

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◀ Jessica Brod Marcham's Parishioner of the Year 2010 "Being a founder member of The Marcham Society she has significantly contributed to its present success. As a member of the Committee she has given generously of her time and expertise..."

DIARY FOR JUNE

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|---------|--|----|-------------|--|----|
| 3 Thur | Midweek Walk: The Shepherd's Hut Inn in Ewelme (Map Ref: SU 639919), 12.30 for lunch / walk 1.30pm from Crown Inn. | 7 | 19 Sat | Table Top Sale, Hanney, 10.00-16.00 | 3 |
| 5 Sat | Sobell Summer Dinner and Dance, Great Park Farm, Besselsleigh | 11 | 20 Sun | Garden Party, East Hanney, 14.30-17.00 | 15 |
| 9 Wed | Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 7.30pm | 5 | 20 Sun | Deadline for articles, notices reports for July / August issue of MADNews | |
| 11 Fri | MP's Surgery, Faringdon, 5.30-7pm | 9 | JULY | | |
| 12 Sat | GMW Litter Blitz, Sports and Social Club Carpark, 09.30 | 7 | 1 Thur | Deadline for Ex-Servicemens' Club Registrations | 13 |
| 13 Sun | Midsummer Music, Collins Farm, 7.30pm | 3 | 4 Sun | Garden Open, Peads Farm, Frilford, 14.00-18.00 | 15 |
| 17 Thur | Marcham WI, Denman College, 7.30pm | 7 | 9 Fri | MP's Surgery, Grove, 5.30-7pm | 9 |
| 18 Fri | Have Your Say with PCSO Laura Schmid, Duffield Place 17.00 – 19.00 | 11 | 16 Fri | Have Your Say with PCSO Laura Schmid, Duffield Place 15.00-17.00 | 11 |
| 19 20 | Great Marcham Weekend see pages 3 and 7 | | 23 Fri | MP's Surgery, Didcot, 5.30-7pm | 9 |
| | | | 25 Sun | Dig Open Day 10am – 4pm | 9 |

Details of events may change after publication, please check with the relevant organisers before attending events.

Dear Readers

GMW will be with us before we know it, fingers crossed the weather stays warm (but not too hot!). There are lots of other summer events coming up – you can't have too many cream teas in my opinion!

I am sorry that I have had to leave out some items in recent months – we have received so many new adverts that they have been spilling over into the main section – great for MADNews funds, but not so great for poems and articles! I hope by September we can get back to normal.

Until next time



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19 & 20 June

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The Great Marcham Weekend (GMW) is coming soon! – a major community fun event for all in Marcham and District. The main events are on Saturday and Sunday 19 & 20 June, although there are some events before then.



GMW starts with **Midsummer Music in a Marquee** evening at Frilford on Sunday 13 June – details below.

On the evening of Friday 18 June, there will be a '**Not the World Cup Marcham Quiz**' at the Crown; at the Sports and Social Club, a **Real Ale Festival** starts and will run over the weekend.

The big event for all villagers, young and old, local to Marcham and the surrounding villages, runs on Saturday 19 June, with a **bring-and-share lunch Street Party** starting at midday in Morland Road. Remember to bring plates of food to share. Drinks will be available.

Entertainments include:

- a childrens' fancy dress parade
- maypole dancing
- Fire Service and Police displays
- street races and games
- Marcham Remembered photo show
- bouncy castle
- decorate-a-cake, and painting for youngsters
- Marcham Buried Treasure map prize competition
- Marcham Players drama workshop.

At the end of the afternoon, there will be an all-ages sing-along followed by a **Barbeque and Barn Dance** at Manor Farm. Tickets for the BBQ and Barn Dance will be on sale soon. The main purpose of GMW is for all to have a great time. After costs for the GMW have been covered, any surplus will be donated to selected good causes.

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**MARCHAM PLAYERS PRESENT
MIDSUMMER MUSIC IN A MARQUEE!**



Sunday 13th June at 7.30 for 8.00 pm

"Midsummer Music in a Marquee" is exactly that, an evening to relax with some great music from local group "Rockit" for you to listen and/or dance to as the mood grabs you. Included in the £10 (£8 concessions) ticket price is a glass of Pimms on arrival (soft drink alternative available) and light refreshments. 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.

Why not get together with a group of friends and neighbours (children very welcome) and round off your weekend in a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere? Plenty of car parking available on site. Tickets are available from Joey Maclean on 01865 391242, Dave Hutchinson 01865 391964 or Marcham Post Office. A donation from the profits will be made towards the Great Marcham Weekend good causes.

If you enjoy the above, or want an alternative evenings entertainment, how about telephoning either Dave or Joey on the above telephone numbers for details of a couple of theatre trips we hope to organise during the summer months. We will be visiting both the Chesil Theatre in Winchester and the Watermill Theatre in Newbury. These trips are a regular feature of our activities and are one of the benefits available to members of the Marcham Players. For details of membership fees etc please contact either Joey or Dave on the above numbers. www.marchamplayers.co.uk

Required - Clean, good quality children's clothes and shoes

Do you have any good quality, second hand children's or teenagers' summer clothes, flat sturdy shoes, canvas shoes or sandals? Nothing too heavy. These could be used by a community in Zimbabwe. Thank you, Cathy. Tel - 01865 391938

TABLE TOP SALE in aid of Cancer Research Sat June 19th at Hanney War memorial Hall 10 till 4 refreshments hot/cold Raffle / something for everyone To book table tel Kath 01235868527 All proceeds to Cancer Research No virus found in this incoming message.

FOR SALE

- 48 Artists brushes including Pure Sable, Sable/Synth. Pure bristle etc. Excellent condition. £48.00.
- Windsor, Newton Wooden watercolour box including 33 part used blocks. £12.00. Tele: 01865 391961

Dear Editor

Having read the recent letters on your web site submitted by Mr Duffield and his Legal representatives I would like to point out some concerns I have with the content.

Mr Duffield purchased the land on the 15th June 2009. (Land registry Title No ON219347) Prior to this the land was owned by Mr and Mrs Wooster. They rented/ leased the field to Mr Cumber. He used the field to produce hay. This has been the case for some years. It has not "always been used for grazing animals".

Whilst Mr Duffield states the field was "fenced off" this would be correct in that at some point, it had been. The fact that the fence could be ridden over on a cycle would indicate the condition it was in prior to his ownership and that had been the case for some time. Furthermore one of the gates which people could use (probably the most used) to enter the field once it had been fenced off has been replaced by barbed wire. I am confused why these repairs only appear to have been carried out at the part of the field that adjoins the village, when the remainder of the field on the east side still has large gaps in the fence. Is this coincidence or has this just not been repaired yet?

Mr Duffield also states "in recent years there has also been an electric fence within the the fixed fence" Does he mean in the year since he bought the land? In my memory this is as long as it has been there.

He also makes comment regarding the letter in the November issue, stating that "past access to the orchard, which would have been physically impossible for any member of the public". This is simply not the case, as the whole of the external areas of the Dow Agro site could be walked around, due to either holes in the fence or over the gate where it adjoined the land belonging to Mr Cumber.

Finally I am concerned that according to OLSWANG, Mr Duffield's legal representatives that Dow Chemicals, a substantial organisation, had passed on a site with "deliberately infected trees" leaving him to clear up the mess. I have spoken with Dow Chemicals who have not been able to verify this so far.

HUGH LOGAN

Dear Editor,

Thank you for sending me an advance copy of Mr Logan's latest letter, and for the opportunity to make comments.

There are some points in his letter which are incorrect or misleading (such as the date of my purchase, the identities of the vendors and some of his comments about the Dow Chemical orchard).

There are also two points which I would like to comment on, as follows. First, if it is the case that the land has not always been used for grazing, it certainly has been grazed in the summer and/or in the autumn for the overwhelming majority of past years. The electric fence has been on 'live' all the time that animals have been on the land since parts of the fixed fence got into poor
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condition.

Secondly, Mr Logan asks whether I mean that the electric fence has been in place since I bought the land. No, I mean for some years before I bought the land. His memory is wrong.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN DUFFIELD

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the annual meeting of the Council held on 12th May, Mr. David Walton was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and Mr. Peter Rowe as Vice-Chairman. Mr. William Cumber will represent the parish on the Hills Aggregates Liaison Committee. This Committee acts as a forum for discussion on the operation of the gravel and sand extraction sites at the northern end of the parish. Various other appointments were made and your village councillors will look after planning and other issues within the village and represent the Council on other outside bodies. The Council would thank Mr. Malcolm Denton for being its Chairman over the past two years and for the initiatives he has started in various capacities.

Oxfordshire Trading Standards

Oxfordshire County Councils Trading Standards Service is warning consumers to guard themselves against fraudsters when buying tickets online for forthcoming summer concerts and festivals. Trading Standards has already started to receive complaints from consumers who think they may have purchased tickets from untrustworthy websites. It is not difficult to be taken in by some of these con websites as they can look very professional. If you are looking to buy tickets for an event, then try and do as much homework as you can on the website beforehand. Report any suspicious traders or websites to Oxfordshire Trading Standards on 0845 051 0845.

To avoid being disappointed and out of pocket then follow the following advice:

- Beware of sites selling tickets to events that haven't gone on sale or that guarantee tickets to events that have been sold out for months.
- Put the website name into an internet search engine to see what you can find out.
- Make sure the company behind the website provides a full street address for their business, not just a Post Office or mail box number. And try its UK landline phone number.
- Be wary of buying from a site that only gives an email address or mobile phone number. Just because a website ends in '.co.uk', it does not necessarily mean that it is based in the UK.
- Where no limited company name and number is given on the web site, the customer should contact the trader in advance of the purchase and request true ownership details. If the trader won't give these, stay away from the site.
- Ask for details: What type of seat/ticket are you buying? What is the face value of the ticket? How much is the ticket being sold for and are there any additional charges? When will the ticket be dispatched and how will you be notified? What happens if things go wrong? What is the company's policy on refunds?
- Pay for tickets by credit card. Under the Consumer Credit Act, your card issuer is jointly liable for the failure to provide goods or services if the cash price of a single ticket is

over £100.

Visit the Trading Standards website for details of the latest scams www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/latestscams

Vale District Council - New Waste Collection

The District Council has announced that the plans for the new waste collection service which starts in October are coming along well. They are starting to promote the new service to residents. The first part of the publicity will involve a leaflet delivered to every house in the Vale setting out how the new service will work and details of when the new bins will be delivered. The start of the delivery of leaflets commences after the May Bank Holiday weekend, so look out for your leaflet soon.

Cow Lane Allotments / Paddocks

There are currently very few plots left available for letting as allotments at the Cow Lane allotment site. Once they have been let, the Council will start a waiting list for plots. The adjacent pony paddocks are available for rent and the Parish Council is inviting tenders for letting for one year, either one or both paddocks. If anyone is interested, would he/she please contact the Clerk who details appear below. Please note that the Council is not obliged to accept the highest or any offer for the paddocks.

Best Kept Garden Competition

As a reminder the Council would say that it is not organising a best kept garden competition this year. It has been agreed that it would be held on alternate years, to avoid a degree of repetitiveness. So the keen gardeners among you will have to wait until 2011 to receive recognition for your hard work.

Rural Footpaths

Comments are being received that grass cuttings are being dumped on the rural footpaths and that wild flowers that might be growing at the edge are being cut down. The Council will continue to monitor the footpaths, and if anyone has any concerns about them then please contact the clerk.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 9 June 2010 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833 clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

PCSO REPORT

There have recently been reports of Criminal Damage in the village of Marcham in the form of vehicle windows being smashed with bricks. It is believe that this was committed by young boys aged 8-9. This behaviour is not acceptable in the village and I am asking parents to take responsibility for the behaviour of your children and ensure that they are aware of the consequences of these actions. I urge residents and visitors to the village to either contact myself or ring the non emergency number, 0845 8 505 505, with any information or sightings, all of which will be kept totally confidential. We are taking this matter very seriously and will deal with the offenders promptly.

PCSO **LAURA SCHMID** 0845 8 505 505



Marcham WI June 2009

At our May meeting Members were given ideas of *Plants for all aspects of the Garden* by Sam from Notcutts we also had a plant stall where we could purchase plants bought along by fellow members.

We discussed the resolution that all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country should be labelled with the country of origin displayed clearly. This resolution will be discussed and voted on at the AGM in Cardiff in June and several members will be attending.

We also enjoyed a lovely cheese and wine spread put on by the Committee.

In April 36 of our members enjoyed a day out in Bath and had a very enjoyable day, some went on the open top bus around Bath, visited the Abbey and some brave members also climbed to the top of the Abbey, rather a lot of steps. Visited the shops and also the Pump Room. At the end of the day we had afternoon tea at Sally Lunn's tea house .A great day out enjoyed by all.

Future Events

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| June 2nd | National AGM at Cardiff |
| June 9th | Visit to RHS Wisley |
| June 17th | Chilton Open Air Museum |
| July 14th | Chatham Dockyard |
| July 20th | Magical Pudding Club Evening The Kings Centre, Oxford |
| August 26th | Hardwick New and Old Halls, Derbyshire |

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 17 June

Garden Party at 62 North Street, Marcham

Please bring a garden chair with you and it will be a Bring and Share Buffet.

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

Contacts for: Sonia Edwards 01865 391442
more information Christine Whild 01865 391270

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, June 3rd 2010. For this month's walk we will meet again at The Shepherd's Hut Inn in Ewelme (Map Ref: SU 639919), near Benson, at 12.30 for lunch . However, our walk will start at 1.30pm about 4 miles southeast, at the Crown Inn (currently closed) in Nuffield (Map Ref: SU 675877) on the A4130 road to Henley. The walk of about 4 miles will follow one of the Ridgeway Circular Routes through Ewelme Park, a former Tudor deer park, in a rolling part of the Chilterns.

New walkers are always very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.



The
Marcham
Society

Next meeting 14th Sept 2010
The State of British Mammals
Philip Riordan

Contact: Sheila Dunford (391439)
or Judith Fontaine (391275)

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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Dates for

all diaries!

www.madnews.co.uk/gmw



...more details

The Great Marcham Weekend continues on Sunday 20 June, when Marcham will be opening up, not just to local people from Marcham and District, but aiming to attract visitors from further afield.

Bring your friends and families!

Activities around Marcham include:

- Morning Open-air service at Manor Farm
- Open farmyard at Manor Farm, with animals, sheep-shearing and tractors
- Marcham Remembered photo show at Manor Farm and at Duffield Place
- Local Crafts exhibition and sale
- Art display and sale in the Post Office
- Teas and Coffees
- Open Tower – Bell-ringing display and visits to the top of the church tower for a unique view
- Vintage car display and gardens at Denman
- Open Gardens around Marcham
- Treasure Hunt – on foot around Marcham (all children must be accompanied by adults)
- Guided Jubilee paths walk
- St Luke's open day and cream teas at Garford

Full details, timings and a map of all GMW events will be published in the free GMW Event Guide, a printed colour brochure which will be distributed to all houses in the MAD News area in early June.

Details of events requiring tickets will be displayed at the Post Office in Marcham, and tickets will be on sale from the dates announced there.

Many people have been working hard planning this weekend. We need many more pairs of hands to help with small jobs – fetching, carrying and stewarding during the weekend – just one hour will be valuable - if you can help, please contact Jim or Denise Asher (391727) for details.

This is the event of the decade that everyone will be talking about! Don't miss it!



LITTER BLITZ 12 JUNE

In preparation for GMW, we would like some help in having a quick tidy up of the village on Sat 12 June. Meet at the Sports Club carpark at 09.30 to be issued with a picker and a bag. For more details call Meriel 391725 or Dave Walton 391239

BABY STUFF FOR SALE

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| Babysense II Infant Respiratory monitor system, 2 sensor pads | £50 | VTech Discovery Tree (6 mths+) | £18 |
| Maclaren Quest Buggy (grey) incl. raincover + sunshade | £50 | Wooden Stairgates x 2 (birch) Max width 79cm | £10 each |
| Mothercare Citilite buggy – suitable from birth (navy) incl. raincover + sunshade | £25 | Flexible travel stairgate (Grey nylon/mesh) | £15 |
| Mama and Papas Travel Cot (navy) + carrybag | £35 | Travel Highchair seat + tray | £8 |

All in really good condition, non smokers

Call Marcham 391747

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

I was delighted to be re-elected as your MP at the general election, with an increased majority and an increased share of the vote. Since then, of course, we have had one of the most extraordinary weeks in British politics, culminating in a coalition government, something we have not had in peacetime for eighty years.

I was delighted with that outcome, as it resulted in my becoming Minister for Culture, a job I have been keen to do for many years. Apart from the Cornerstone at Didcot, as well as the cultural delights of Oxford, there is a lot of cultural activity taking place in every town and village in the constituency, which is a useful reminder of how important culture is to our day-to-day lives, even if it does not make a great impact on politics.

I am based in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. You will be delighted to know I will not be swanning around in a ministerial car, as the Secretary of State immediately banned them, instantly saving the taxpayer £250,000 a year. All Ministers have also taken a 5 per cent pay cut.

The new job will be demanding, but I will not lose sight of the constituency. The general election was an important time, because it gives you the opportunity to listen to people's concerns. I think the voice of pensioners was hardly heard, but there were other issues, such as mental health, raised at the hustings, that did not get a voice. I am also aware of the privilege of representing a constituency with extensive science, energy and defence interests, which gives me a local perspective on national issues.

I also intend to hold regular public meetings to allow people to come and question and raise concerns with people who run our public services - not just me, but also councillors, the Police and the health service.

The public enquiry into the reservoir begins in June and I am in close touch with GARD to try and ensure that they are able to raise vital points during the hearing.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

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| 11 June | Faringdon , Pump House |
| 9 July | Grove : Old Mill Hall, Old School Lane |
| 23 July | Didcot , King Alfred Drive, Community Centre |
| Contact Ed Vaizey, MP for Wantage and Didcot by | |
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MAY CROSSWORD BY ALISA: ANSWERS

ACROSS: 3 Clerical 7 Cumnor 8 Rodent 12 Rat 13 Frilford 14 Courtenay 16 Rent free 17 The 19 Voting 23 Culham 24 Resolute

DOWN: 1 Guitar 2 Ant 3 Cry 4 Ear 5 Clearly 6 Lute 9 Offender 10 Of Sutton 11 History 14 Creates 15 The Gap 18 Over 20 Gnu 21 Ace 22 Elk

Marcham Community Group

Hopefully, most residents of Marcham and the surrounding villages are aware of the formation of the Marcham Community Group (MCG). However, just to remind all of the purpose and aim of the Group:

MCG has being set up to promote and coordinate the provision and management of community hall and facilities to meet the needs of residents of Marcham and district. MCG will be absolutely accountable to the community and will reflect the desires of the community. It has no other agenda.

MCG seeks to serve the community and welcomes wide community involvement. We are looking for a range of skills, at the moment specifically: fund-raising, legal, architectural, planning and June 2010

administrative (book-keeping) skills. PLEASE DO GET INVOLVED! We are examining options for the most suitable legal structure for MCG and legal advice is being sought. MCG has already held several working meetings over the past two months. Activities are overseen by a steering group consisting so far of about 20 members of the community. Three sub-groups have been formed and are working on specific activities:

- Planning • Finance • Communication & consultation

The MCG groups meet on a regular basis (approximately monthly). If you feel that you have skills, knowledge, passion or enthusiasm to contribute, please contact Jim Asher on 391727. In summary, the MCG is not a "talking shop"; it will be a properly-constituted body that:

- welcomes a wide membership and active participation
- has no agenda other than to represent the village
- will get things done, including operation of facilities the community chooses
- will be truly open and transparent in all its dealings. Meeting notes will be published on the website

www.madnews.co.uk/mcg
Watch this space!

Marcham/Frilford Dig News 2010

This July will be the tenth season for the dig in Trendles field on Manor Farm, Marcham. You can reach it on foot from Marcham village via public and Jubilee footpaths - the site is just off the A338 before it crosses the Ock on the road to Wantage, off the footpath that leads to and from the former Noah's Ark pub. Lots of you will have already visited the site where the University of Oxford is digging a Romano-British site, but we find out more each year about this religious centre so it's worth a return visit. *It's a remarkable site of national importance - don't miss the chance of seeing the history that's on your doorstep.*



This year as before the public are welcome to visit (archaeologists are at work every day except Saturdays for the 4 weeks from Sunday 4 July) - but the best day to visit will be THE OPEN DAY (part of National Archaeology fortnight) SUNDAY 25 JULY - 10-4 - when there will be guided tours and other attractions. Parking is available and we do ask for a small donation towards our expenses.

Many schools, societies and groups arrange to make separate day time or evening visits - please let me know if you are interested. You can read about the excavation in back issues of the Coral Rag - on sale at Cumbers Farm Shop. You can find out more on http://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/research/research_projects/marcham

The 'People's Trench' will be operative in 2010 - to give hands-on archaeological training and experience to local people - six days a week (Saturday is a rest day) - for the duration of the dig. We will welcome new volunteers - you don't need any special skills or strength: you will receive some basic training and be fully supervised at no cost to yourself! *You can do as little as a day - but more is preferable!* Please note that anyone under 16 must be accompanied.

'Pot washing' is on offer as well on some days - they will be advertised in the next MADNews. Those who do not want to dig all day can sit down and 'pot wash'. If you or someone you know might enjoy getting their hands on finds which have not seen the light of day for a couple of thousand years please let me know.

For further information please contact Janey Cumber on 01865-391327/391840 or by email janey.cumber@tiscali.co.uk. If you have already put your name down I will be in touch with you during June.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Our last meeting was down a little in numbers as some members were on holiday and others a bit under the weather. If you were on holiday we all hope you had a lovely time and if you're one of the unfortunate ones to be ill, we wish you well and hope to see you soon. At the meeting we had a small table top and Dolly did a memory game. A friendly chat followed with our tea and biscuits. Afterwards a large raffle was called by Margaret and Dolly, which seem to go on forever. Thanks to everyone for bringing prizes etc., it is greatly appreciated and helps our funds.

JOYCE PARRY

SUNSHINE CLUB

We all enjoyed our trip to Stratford-upon-Avon last week the weather was very kind to us. We are now planning our next day out. New members are welcome to come and join us on a Monday afternoon and join us in these outings. Phone 391536 for more information.

MAUREEN (MO) TIDBURY, Chairlady

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

Fixtures for Marcham C.C. in June are as follows:

| July | 1st XI | 2nd XI |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3 | Great Horwood Home | Chadlington Away |
| 10 | Westbury Away | Sunningwell Home |
| 17 | Horley Home | Uffington II Away |
| 24 | Garsington Home | E. Oxford III Away |
| 31 | Freeland Away | Risinghurst Home |



In addition to the above Fixtures, the Jez Bailey Memorial Match is to be played on Sunday 11th July at Home at 14.30.

Information relating to the Club may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317).

Also, please contact Graham or Terry if you are interested in representing Marcham C.C. as an umpire. **CSB**

**Sobell Summer Dinner and Dance
Saturday 5th June 2010**

Great Park Farm, Besselsleigh

Tickets £50 for welcome drink with canapés and 4 course dinner
Live music. Contact Sobell House Hospice Charity 01865 857007

Garford Parish Meeting 2010

The 118th Garford Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13th May and was well attended. Guests included Councillor Iain Brown of Oxfordshire County Council, Claire Stroud of Abingdon Neighbourhood Watch and PCSOs Myra Stokes and Sue Haines of Thames Valley Police. All of these welcome guests took the opportunity to address the Meeting on their areas of responsibility and responded to questions from the floor on issues of local concern. Following extended consultation with residents, Garford recently completed published and distributed to all residents its first Parish Plan setting out the village's aspirations for the coming years. This was formally adopted by the Meeting with discussion also taking place on the way forward and the need to monitor progress. Financial Reports were presented by the Treasurer and approved by the Meeting. Comprehensive reports were also given by the Trustees of the Village Hall, the Village Green and Playing Field and by representatives of the Planning and Social Events / Fund Raising Committees. These reviewed events during the year and future plans. The Chairman thanked all who had contributed to the high level of village activities during the year. The Meeting was advised that Garford's Wayside War Memorial was now in dire need of restoration. There was strong support from the floor that this should be given priority in the coming period. Although a partial grant may be available from the War Memorial Trust, additional specific funding would be required to avoid overly depleting village funds. The view was expressed that many residents would be happy to support such a cause and it was agreed that the Chairman should launch an appeal to this end.

The election of Office Bearers for the coming year saw the re-election of Tony Carter as Chairman, John Docherty as Clerk and Sophie Charter as Treasurer.
June 2010

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Abingdon Prep School News

The summer term is well underway at Abingdon Prep. Academically, the focus is inevitably on exams but there is still plenty of time to enjoy school life with concerts and recitals, visiting speakers, a variety of trips including science days, Warwick Castle, the Houses of Parliament, a residential week in Normandy, the Ridgeway walk and many others. As ever, there is an impressive sporting line up with plenty of cricket, tennis and athletics fixtures to enjoy. Highlights of the summer term, for parents as well as pupils, include Sports Day, the staff v parents cricket match and the summer ball. Although an extremely busy term it is hugely enjoyable.



Our congratulations go to the Year 8 boys who are celebrating the School's best ever year for scholarships with 15 awards including two out of the top three, and three out of the top six, of the awards to Abingdon. This is a marvellous achievement, reflecting the very hard work the boys and staff have put in to reach the levels of excellence required.

I know the autumn seems a long way off but I would like to give you ample notice of our autumn open mornings to which you are very welcome. Pre-prep - Tuesday 19 October and Years 3, 4 and 5 - Saturday 13 November. Times to be confirmed. We very much look forward to seeing you at Abingdon Prep. Enjoy the summer.

CHRIS DAVIES, HEADMASTER

MOVING CONIFERS

Since my last article the warmer weather has arrived and a sudden burst of activity can be seen spontaneously erupting as we emerge from our homes with more vigor. We all seem to be out there planning where we are going to plant or sow new things during the coming season. Also thinking about what didn't work in our gardens last year and how we could make those things work better this year.



I have been doing a lot of planning for the gardens I maintain as I have numerous small to medium sized conifers that are just in the wrong place and so I have been moving them.

We can lift and relocate many moderate size conifers with much success at most times of the year [except early May to mid September] if we follow some basic guidelines.

The first rule is plan ahead if you have a plant that has grown too big or is just not right in its current location. A year before you plan to move it, you need to root prune.

Root pruning entails cutting a circle around the entire base of your plant. Push a spade into the ground at least 5 inches wider than the foliage above ground spreads. Angle the spade at about 30 degrees towards the trunk and push in the whole depth of the spade's blade. Do this all the way around the plant.

You will be cutting through main roots but you will encourage a fresh regrowth of those small fibrous roots from the middle of the plant. This regrowth will help the plant re-establish once you have moved it. The thick roots on most plants are for anchorage and the small fibrous roots are the ones that take up moisture and nutrients so promoting the smaller roots can only be a good thing.

If you are moving a conifer over 1.5 metres tall, you may well need to cut a circle around the tree that is 8 inches or more away from the trunk. Professional advice is worth seeking if you have a large tree. Feb/Mar/Apr are good months to do this as the conifer has the whole of the following growing season to put on extra roots and may be ready the following autumn but you can root prune at any time of year. You will just have to wait a full 12 months if you do it at another time so as to allow time for the new roots to grow.

Once you are ready to dig the plant out, water vigorously for a week before you do so. Then find the sharpest spade you can lay your hands on and gently dig around the plant. Retaining as much soil around the root ball as you can, make sure that all the roots are cut off as cleanly as possible or disease could well get in and affect the health of the plant.

When you have detached the root ball, roll it onto a sheet, sack or bag. Then tie up the material you have wrapped the plant in so that when you carry it to the new location, no extra soil falls away from the roots.

Fill the new planting hole completely with water and let it soak away fully before you place the conifer in it. All this water soaking deep into the earth will encourage the roots to grow downwards and as such will enable it to cope with summer drought conditions.

If you want to stake the tree, insert the stake before you backfill the hole with soil and compost. That way you won't hammer the stake straight through the middle of the roots you have been nurturing for the previous 12 months.

Back fill the hole with soil and compost once you have removed any wrapping and water the plant well each evening for the following 6 weeks at least. Also spray the foliage with a mist of water each time too. This will help to stop the plant losing water quicker than it can produce new roots to support itself.

It's a hard job to begin the gardening year but an invigorating one for both the gardener and the plant if done properly.

Happy Gardening, STUART MABBUTT
June 2010

SUMMER SUNFLOWER COMPETITION!

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NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

On Saturday 15th May 4 members of Marcham School Staff took part in the Playtex Moon Walk in London. We walked 26 miles to raise money for breast cancer charities. We set off at 11.40pm on Saturday 15th May from Hyde Park along with 17,000 other walkers, all in decorated bras (even the men). As you can see from the picture [on the cover] we all had to put several layers back on as it was very cold during the night but were still smiling at the half way mark.

We would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and children of Marcham School who sponsored and supported us and we hope to have raised over £600 any further donations would be gratefully and enthusiastically received.

Morland class had a very exciting trip to the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre. There, Morland class learnt about Roald Dahl's childhood. We learnt that he had two younger sisters called Ophelia and Beatrice. Then we smelt the Wonka chocolate bars. It was scrummidlyumptious. We ate our lunch in Miss Honey's classroom. We went round the streets that Roald Dahl based his stories on. In the museum the whole class sat in Roald Dahl's exact writing chair. But of course not at the same time.

Outside Miss Honey's classroom there was a little model of the giant peach. We also saw Roald Dahl's house and writing hut. We were so exhausted after that long trip so we were happy to be back on the coach.

BETH MAWDESLEY, Year 4

At the beginning of May Morland class had four tonnes of topsoil delivered to us for our raised beds. About a week afterwards we started shovelling the soil into the four raised beds. Mrs Capel then set us some homework which was to make a bird scarer as the birds would find our crops irresistible. When we finally finished shovelling disaster struck! One of the planks on the side of the raised bed came off and the soil leaked out, but we quickly shovelled all the soil to the other side. The next day Mrs Capel came with a drill and screws and fixed it, so we were able to finally finish. Luke was great because he used two shovels at once! Next we planted the seeds. We had peas, onions, beans, butternut squash, tomatoes, peppers and potatoes. At the end of it all Mrs Capel gave Morland class a 'What a Star' certificate. [see cover for photo]

ASHLEY WITHERS, Year 4

**Marcham and District Ex-servicemen's Club, North Street,
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Notice to all life members

All life members including widows and widowers of members are reminded that they must register in writing to the secretary at the above address, or register at the club each and every year they wish to remain on the list of current life members. The closing date of this registration is April 1st. each year. Due to the late display of this notice, for this year 2010 only, the date of registration is to be extended to 1st July 2010.

Please note that those failing to respond by July 1st 2010 will no longer be considered members and their names will be removed from the current register of life members.

Chairman 26th March 2010

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Our speakers for May are

6th June

Pastor Bory Pilgrim

13th June

Mr. Roger Frith of Wantage Baptist Church

20th June

Peoples' Praise (led by Mr. Malcolm Skinner)

27th June

138th Church Anniversary

at 3-00pm

Mr. Paul Revell of Cholsey Baptist Church

This will be followed by a celebration tea in the hall.

Everyone welcome

Anniversaries hold different meanings for different people, but one thing is for sure: We all like to have a reason to celebrate.

I wonder, have you ever tried to celebrate something alone? A fireworks display isn't much fun if there's no one to "ooooh and aaaah" with. Picnics need people. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, they all go better with lots of friends and relatives around us to celebrate with.

As Christians, we have much to celebrate and not alone or just a few times a year! We're to meet regularly with others who follow Christ, to encourage one another in love and good works (*Hebrews 10:24-25*), and to celebrate the goodness of the Lord.

This month on Sunday 27th June we celebrate the chapel's 138th Anniversary. So why not come along and join us?

Let's celebrate God's love and goodness with those who share our excitement. God's outpouring of His grace, mercy, and daily provision are just a few of the many reasons to rejoice! and celebrate and the Chapel's Anniversary, of course.

Bory Pilgrim

For further information on church activities:

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All Saints and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

It's here! The month of the big events in the community: the special Saturday on 5th at the Crown – a day of music and entertainment with Cat 'n' Fiddle and The Yetties, the special musical event at Frilford on Sunday 13th, and of course the BIG MARCHAM WEEKEND later in the month! These events are celebrations of life, and should be great fun!

A friend recently sent me a poem she had heard on Radio 2, entitled 'I am thankful', and this was a timely reminder that despite the pressures and problems of life, most of us have a great deal to be profoundly thankful for, including times of celebration and fun.

Being thankful and expressing gratitude are attitudes of heart and mind that can encourage and contribute a great deal to our wellbeing and to the wellbeing of others. In his letter to those living in Thessalonica, the apostle Paul wrote the following:

'Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18]

The Christian faith is about joy, prayer, and thankfulness; it is about celebration and worship. Jesus is alive, the Holy Spirit is available and God is love! Enjoy!

With my warmest greetings

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

Almighty God,
Thank you for times of celebration and fun.
Thank you for family and friends, for our community.
Thank you for every good gift, for every new day – and 'yes' for the gift of life itself!
Please be near those for whom life is a struggle and whose circumstances are hard.
Help us to help others in need, and to share every good gift of your love and grace.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

JUNE calendar:

- Sat. 5th: 8.00 am Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club
- Sat. 19th / Sun. 20th: BIG MARCHAM WEEKEND
- The second Garford Café Church will be held in Garford village hall on June 20th at 9.30 am.
- Advance notice: Sat. 3rd JULY: **ISIS Orchestra** charity concert at All Saints. Tickets will be available shortly.

Parish Diary:

This summer we are very pleased that we can continue with improvements to All Saints' and St. Luke's churches, including redecoration. This will necessitate some moving of furniture, and some internal rearrangements. Please be patient whilst this work is proceeding, and our apologies for any inconvenience whilst the work is taking place.

Parish People:

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of John Redwood of Garford. His funeral took place at St. Luke's on 23 April.

Regular services:

Sundays at All Saints': 10 am and 6 pm
(8 am first Sunday)

Wednesdays: 10.30 am Holy Communion
at Duffield Place

Sundays at St. Luke's: 10.30 am on the first
Sunday of the month

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