

**SENIOR CITIZENS**

At our last meeting we had a visit from the local PCSO Laura Schmid to give us an insight into what her job entails and how to protect ourselves and our property. I'm sure everyone learned a lot. Our lunch outing was a great success, a beautiful day, a lovely meal and a garden centre that had everyone wondering which plants etc to buy as there was so much choice. Everyone had a very enjoyable time. Must repeat it again soon!

**JOYCE PARRY**

**SUNSHINE CLUB**

The months are flying by and we are looking forward to our first outing of the year to Stratford-upon-Avon in May. We still meet every Monday at Duffield Place between 2-4pm and would welcome any new members to join us for a few games of bingo, tea and biscuits and a chat. We also have a tombola occasionally to swell funds for more outing. If you would like to join us and want more information you can phone 391536 for a chat.

**MAUREEN (MO) TIDBURY**, Chairlady  
**MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB**

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

June	1st XI	2nd XI
5th	-	Kings Sutton
12	East Oxford Away	Eynsham II Home
19	Shrivenham Home	Steventon Away
26	Tetsworth Away	Combe II Home



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**

**MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY**

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

7 May	<b>Didcot</b> , King Alfred Drive Community Centre
21 May	<b>Wallingford</b> , Town Hall
<b>Contact Ed Vaizey, Candidate for Wantage and Didcot by</b>	
Post	8 Gorwell, Watlington OX49 5QB
E-mail	ed@vaizey.com
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As the election result won't be known until after this issue of MADNews is printed, please check before attending MP's surgery!

**Have your say...**

*the new name for police surgeries at Duffield Place, Marcham*

- Tuesday 18th May 1900-2100
- Friday 18th June 1700-1900
- Friday 16th July 1500-1700

**PCSO Laura Schmid C9932**

**Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team**  
**NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill**  
**Non-emergency number: 0845 8 505 505**

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**Annual Parish Meeting**

This meeting is not a Council meeting, but is a public meeting of Local Government electors in Marcham and an opportunity for electors in the parish to raise any items relating to parish matters.

This parish meeting may, by law, discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them.

The annual meeting for all electors in the parish will take place on Wednesday 26th May at 7.30 p.m. in the hall at Marcham Primary School. There will be reports from the Parish Council on its activities over the last year, Cllr. Jane Hanna Vale of White Horse District Council, Cllr. Ian Brown Oxfordshire County Council, Marcham Primary School, the Police/Neighbourhood Action Group and the organisers of the Great Marcham Weekend in June.

You are invited to take part  
Light refreshments will be served

**MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside...



When we think of summer we often think of the beach, paddling in the sea and ice-creams .... and the children at Pre-school are no different! Although a bit of sunshine was lacking the children decided to turn our sand pit into a beach for the day. After deciding between them which was the best way to transport the water from the water butt to the sandpit they went about filling large buckets with water and digging holes, moats and making castles (see photo). A wonderful time was had by all - including one child who decided he wanted to go for a 'dip' and sat down in the middle of our home-made sea!

Great fun was had by everyone - including the staff - if you are interested in joining pre-school please contact us on 07749 245313 or [marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk). If you would like your child to start during the school year from September 2010 please ask for an application form NOW. Places are limited and filling fast!

**MARION, NICKY AND KATHARINE.**

**INSULATE AND SAVE!**

If you have little or no insulation in your home, up to 40p in every £1 of heat you pay for could be escaping before you feel warm. Loft and cavity wall insulation is a cost-effective way of reducing heating bills. The cost of loft and cavity wall insulation is subsidised by the energy utility companies and in addition to this the Vale of White Horse District Council offers a grant of up to £100 to further reduce the cost. Those who are over the age of 70 or who are in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to free loft insulation (restrictions apply).



The Energy Saving Trust estimates you can save on up to £115 by installing cavity wall insulation and £150 by installing loft insulation. You can start saving energy the day the insulation is installed, and it will keep saving money for as long as your home is standing.

To save you time finding the best deal, the Vale of White Horse District Council has teamed up with Cocoon. This comparison service offers local residents estimates from at least two approved insulation installers. Plus the estimates include both the discount from the energy utility companies and £50 off the cost and loft insulation and £50 off the cost of cavity wall insulation from the Vale of White Horse District Council. For more information, visit [www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk](http://www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk) or call 0800 80 48 777.