

**BANK HOLIDAY FUN AT FALLOWFIELDS
3 May 11am - 5pm**

Following on from the success of their last Community Day, Fallowfields is hosting another action packed event on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May, perfect for people who love a truly traditional English day out. The country house hotel, restaurant and farm at Kingston Bagpuize near Abingdon will be offering the chance for visitors to taste Fallowfields' own delicious brand of home grown cuisine and to sample a whole array of other local produce and crafts too. Entrance fees are £1 for adults and 50p for children. Under 5 years free. Further details can be found at www.fallowfields.com



PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER
www.pactcharity.org

Have YOU ever thought about FOSTERING?

There is a recognised shortage of 10,000 Foster Carers in the UK. PACT, founded in 1911, is also known as the Oxford Diocesan Council for Social Work inc. We are a registered charity working to improve life chances for children. The focus of our work is within Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire and aims to build and strengthen families. We are an approved Adoption and Fostering Agency. We have a history of finding safe, loving families for children in care. Here are a few facts about Fostering:

1. Did you know you don't have to be married to become a Foster Carer?
2. You don't have to have children already although you do need to have experience of caring for children.
3. Did you know you get paid a Fostering Allowance of £335.70 a week to be a Foster Carer which is tax free and won't affect any other benefits?
4. Most of the children who need fostering are known as 'hard to place' children, they will usually be 8+ years of age.

Fostering is a hard but very rewarding job. If you think you might have what it takes to become a Permanent Foster Carer or you want to find out more then contact PACT now on **0800 731 1845** e-mail fostering@pactcharity.org

Sidewinders

**Live Group - Playing 60's, 70's & 80's Music
Village Hall Drayton
Plus Rock & Pop - Disco Dance
Come & Join the Hall's 35th Birthday Party
On Saturday 22nd May 2010
8:00pm - 12:00pm
50's - 60's - 70's - 80's Rock & Pop Music
Dress to suit any of the 4 Decades (Optional)
Admission £ 7.50 per person
Under 16s £ 3.50 each
Accompanied Children Only Please
Ticket Only Admission (Limited to 150)
Tickets available at local village outlets**

SUMMER SUNFLOWER COMPETITION!



**Marcham
Moldova
Lifeline**

As highlighted in the last edition of MADNews, you are invited to take part in a sunflower-growing competition this summer! This will be a fun way to support the on-going Marcham Moldova Lifeline project, which has raised over £10,000 in little more than a year, thanks to your generosity. (Look for news about what your money has achieved in next month's MADnews). Sunflowers are a vivid symbol of our link with Moldova because one of the first things which Marcham was able to do there was to support 2 villages with sunflower seed after a devastating drought in 2007. Sunflowers are an important crop in Moldova, grown for cooking oil.

You will soon be able to buy seedlings of two types of sunflowers:

- Shorter, Moldovan-style sunflowers
- Taller, ornamental sunflowers

They will be available at £1 a pot, from:

- Marcham School – Friday, May 21st
- The Farm Shop – Saturday, May 22nd
- Marcham Post Office – Monday, May 24th

as well as at other community events that week. Thanks to the generous help of local grower, Murray Maclean, all profits from sales can go directly to the Moldova appeal. Do plan on purchasing at least one seedling to grow on and plant outside, and see if you can grow one of Marcham's most impressive sunflowers. Later in September you may submit your name for your sunflower to be judged in one of several categories, (by seed type) – tallest, heaviest, best child's, etc. Prizes will be awarded! Thank you for your support.

MARCHAM MOLDOVA LIFELINE

NOTICE OF MEETING

The 117th Annual Garford Parish Meeting will be held in

The Village Hall, Garford

on Thursday, 13th May, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

For details of the Agenda, please see the Village Notice Board. It is hoped that as many village residents as possible will endeavour to attend.

Clerk, Garford Parish Meeting

Abingdon Bowling Club in the beautiful surroundings of Albert Park are holding free taster sessions for anyone who thinks they might like to take up bowls. The dates for these sessions are **Friday 21st May 5.00-7.30pm and Sunday 23rd May in the morning 10.00am-12.30pm**. No special equipment is necessary and several Marcham and Frilford residents are already members, so why not come along and have a go. If you have any flat-soled shoes it would be helpful.
Geoff Bailey, Recruitment Officer for ABC

To get a notice included please contact the editor 01865 391725 editor@madnews.co.uk