

MARCHAM PLAYERS

Just a few thoughts about our contribution to the Great Marcham Weekend. The Midsummer Music in a Marquee event at Collins Farm proved a great success, both in terms of numbers attending, about eighty, and also the amount of energy expended on the dance floor. Our band, "Rockit", were fantastic and struck just the right note in their choice of music. The evening finally raised a total of £625 towards the GMW - many thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic result!



We also entered a team in the Quiz at The Crown on 18 June. We enjoyed ourselves immensely and proved ourselves strong enough to support all the other competing teams quite comfortably - a margin of six points separating us from our nearest challengers!! Great fun and our thanks to the organisers of this event.

On Saturday 19 June, Cheryl Sewell and Tim Owen ran a Drama Workshop for youngsters and again, this proved a great success for the participants who all displayed great enthusiasm for the content on offer.

Finally, we are intending to make visits to three shows in the coming weeks. 27 July we will visit the Chesil Theatre in Winchester, subject to ticket demand and availability. We also intend to visit The Watermill at Newbury to see "Copacabana" on 17 August and "Spend, Spend, Spend" on 21 September. These are both musicals. Anyone wishing to join any of these visits, please contact Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964.

For details of membership, fees etc please contact either Joey 391242 or Dave on 01865 391964.

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

Dear Editor

We really enjoyed the weekend. Joseph was Isaac Newton in the fancy dress parade - he had a great time. We all joined in the games on the field. Joseph was describing the netball type game that we played to his Grandma as 'sort of netball mixed with rugby' - I think some of the adults got a bit competitive! There were proper scrums to win the quoit! He also loved the drama workshops especially the stage fighting although I think he may want to practise on me and his 'pretend' hits get a bit too close for comfort!

The barn dance was fantastic - I think it would be great to have it as an annual village event.

It was great to get the opportunity to look at the church bells in action and also to climb the tower. Joseph said it was brilliant! We completed the treasure hunt...just!

Thank you to all of you that made it all happen!

THE MUTCH FAMILY

Dear Editor

Well done to everyone who worked so hard to make the GMW a great success. The events and venues we managed to get to were well attended and so many people were saying how much they were enjoying it. The arts and crafts were super and the gardens too; so much variety.

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work.

MARION & TOD POINTER

Dear Editor

By the time this letter is published, Barbara and I will have packed the wagon and rolled to Emsworth near Portsmouth. We are moving to be close to our daughter and son-in-law and our precious grandchildren. We will be 5 mins walk away from our daughter, 20 mins walk from the sea front, and if we walk out of our back gate we can walk in Honeybank Woods.

John will especially miss the friends he has made - in and around Marcham, and we are sure there will be some 2-legged and 4-legged 'friends' that will miss him too!

We would both like to thank everyone for their support and friendship shown to us during our 10 years in the village - and for the kind words and cards we have received for our 'future adventure'. Many thanks from

JOHN & BARBARA CLINKARD

[formerly 36 North St]

PS John would like to say thank you to everyone who "had to repeat" everything said!

Dear Editor

A heartfelt plea

Someone has written a four-letter word in huge white capitals for all to see on the road in Packhorse Lane. (Coming from Abingdon direction it is between the first and second bends.)

Actually, it was the County Council who wrote it, years and years ago. That word is SLOW, yes **S - L - O - W**.

Please, dear motorist, read and heed.

JANE MANDER

NEW BUS SERVICE - THURSDAYS ONLY

White Coaches have extended their service No 43 (Thursdays only) and it now runs from Eaton to Abingdon Leisure Centre. www.whitescoaches.com/WhitesCoaches43.pdf
Telephone 01865 340516

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Eaton, Eaton Turn	1000
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Dry Sandford, St Helens Church	1035
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Shippon, Dalton Barracks	1042
Abingdon, Fairacres	1046
Abingdon Town Centre, Stratton Way	1056
Abingdon, White Horse Leisure Centre	1100

VILLAGE RESOURCES

BBQ: The sun is shining, friends have gathered, the Pimms and beer is flowing but alas the disposable BBQ just isn't big enough!! The village now has 3 rustic oil drum BBQs available for rent on a donation basis. All money will go towards the village minibus. If you would like to make a booking then contact Charles or Rachel on 391432.

Pens, Pencils, Document Production: Malcolm Denton has a large quantity of pens or pencils for events, also a laminator, paper cutter and book binder. The Parish Council recently purchased these items and so they are available for all to use. 01865 391497.

A frame and hardboard signs: There are 9 sturdy A frames and approx 15 hardboard signs with holes drilled for tying up. They are currently with Jim and Denise Asher (391727).

Duplicator for large quantity printing: The MADNews duplicator is available for large runs of printing for events - it can't be moved but Meriel can do the printing. You supply the paper (80 - 150gsm) and a small fee for the toner ink depending on the quantity. 01865 391725 or editor@madnews.co.uk

If you have anything that could be used by the community, contact The Editor, who will keep a list.

HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.

Summer Holiday 2010

Normal Day	Will be...
Mon 30 Aug	Tues 31 Aug
Tues 31 Aug	Wed 1 Sept
Wed 1 Sept	Thur 2 Sept
Thur 2 Sept	Fri 3 Sept
Fri 3 Sept	Saturday 4 Sept

Collections return to normal on Mon 6 Sept

s = set down only	
Abingdon to Eaton	
Abingdon, White Horse Leisure Centre	1241
Abingdon Town Centre, War Memorial	1245
Abingdon, Tesco	1250
Shippon, Dalton Barracks	1254
Wootton, Lansdowne Road	1259
Dry Sandford, St Helens Church	1300
Cothill, The Merry Miller	1303s
Gozzard's Ford, Black Horse	1305s
Tubney, Linkside Cottage	1310s
Fyfield, Old Forge	1313s
Longworth, Old Post Office	1318s
Hinton Waldrist, Bus Shelter	1323s
Appleton, Green	1333s
Eaton, Eaton Turn	1335s