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4 Thur	Midweek Walk, The Cherry Tree Inn, Steventon, 12.30 lunch / walk 13.30 Church	9	18 Thur	Marcham WI, Denman College, 19.30	9
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9 Tue	Marcham Society, All Saints', 19.45	9	20 Sat	Christmas Bazaar, Hanney, 10.00-14.00	15
9 Tue	Mostly Bookbrains Literary Quiz, Manor School, 19.30	15	20 Sat	Deadline for December issue of MADNews	
10 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 19.30	3	26 Fri	Music and Poetry, Wantage, 19.30	15
12 Fri	Bingo at Marcham School, 18.30	13	27 Sat	MSSSC, Cricket Club Presentation	11
12 Fri	MSSSC, Quiz Night 20.30	11	DECEMBER		
			4 Sat	Marcham School Christmas Fayre, 14.00-16.00	13
			4 Sat	Tubney Church Christmas Bazaar, 14.00-15.45	15
			10 Fri	MP's Surgery, Wantage, 17.30 – 19.00	11

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

Dear Readers

It is wonderful how many reports of charity fund raising there are in this month's MADNews. From sunflowers to marathons - *well done to everyone*. If you have achieved something amazing – share it with the rest of us and you could inspire someone else.

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

How many County Councillors should there be?

Independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out an electoral review of Oxfordshire County Council. The review aims to make local elections fairer by ensuring that all county councillors represent a similar number of people and that the council has the right number of councillors to represent the area effectively. More information can be found at www.lgbce.org.uk and click on "about electoral reviews" Have your say on what the council will look like in the future either by writing to The Review Officer (Oxfordshire) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG or email reviews@lgbce.org.uk The deadline for comments is 22nd November.

Waste Disposal

Everyone should, by now, by sorting their waste into food, recycling and landfill. New recycling bins have been sited at the Howard Cornish Road bottle bank site. These take the same items as the domestic recycling green bin. Concerns have been raised with the Council that if general rubbish is not sorted, then there could be an increase in fly tipping, particularly as vans taking domestic waste to the recycling centres need permits, so there could be a temptation to dump things rather than go through official channels. If anyone spots vehicles dumping rubbish, or rubbish that has been left then please take the vehicle's registration number if possible and report the matter either direct to the Vale of White Horse District Council on 01235 520202 or visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk, and go into "how do I report fly tipping" and follow the on line report form.

Grants

The Parish Council considers any requests for grants at its November meeting. Grant requests are considered usually just once a year. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Marcham residents benefit which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant, then please write to the Clerk immediately stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts.

Fireworks

A reminder to be considerate for neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when letting off your fireworks. Please notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

Trees / Hedges

Following the appeal last month for overhanging trees and hedges to be cut back, the Council is still receiving comments that certain areas in the village are a problem. Could you please have a look at your own gardens and trim back anything which is overhanging the pavement.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 10 November 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

Help for Heroes
On Sunday 10 October, George and Ruth Atkins ran the Henley 10k to raise money for Help for Heroes. Geo completed the 10k in 1hr and 8 mins and Ruth in 1hr 12mins. They raised just over £300.

Homecoming for Heroes

There will be a Homecoming Parade on 8 December in Abingdon for soldiers from Dalton Barracks. *More details next month.*

Congratulations to **Gordon Brown** of Marcham, who successfully completed the Abingdon Marathon on 17 October, and raised over £1000 for the 'Send-a-Cow.' This charity raises African households out of poverty through the provision of livestock, and has been supported by the Marcham community for many years.

FOR SALE

Superior Single Guest Bed.
Brand New (still in cover) £50 ONO.
Buyer to collect Contact 01865 392112
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Wooden garden bench and table.
Sounds but needs attention. £40
01865 391881
- o O o -






Olympus compact digital camera, with three memory cards, battery charger, case and instructions. Perfect condition. Bargain at £25.
Tele: 01865 391961
- o O o -

Electric single bed (needs new mattress) - £50.00
Marble topped round table (seats 6) - £50.00
Oak chest of drawers - £30.00
Mini grand piano - £50.00
Contact Rachel on 391432
- o O o -

2 seater settee,
2 armchairs plus foot stool.
Duck-egg blue with fully washable removeable covers
5 yrs old and purchased from The Sitting Room at Drayton
In excellent condition and absolutely perfect for someone starting out
£150 - Tel: 01865 391627

Which Bin? (Courtesy of VoWHDC)

If you make a mistake and put something in the wrong bin the council will not fine or penalise you but will leave a note on your bin letting you know where you went wrong so you can get it right next time!

	GREEN RECYCLING BIN	GREY RUBBISH BIN	GREEN FOOD BIN
YES ✓	Paper and card including magazines and telephone directories Steel and aluminium food and drink cans Aluminium foil including food trays Household plastics packaging, including plastic bottles, food trays, yoghurt pots and margarine tubs Glass bottles and jars (any colour) Aerosols Food and drink cartons (Tetra Paks) Plastic bags Cardboard 	Polystyrene Cling film Crisp packets Confectionary wrapper Nappies Cold ash Sanitary products Animal litter and straw from rabbit or guinea pig hutches Used tissues/kitchen roll Cat food pouches 	Meat and fish - raw and cooked, including bones Dairy products such as cheese Raw and cooked vegetables and fruit Bread, cake and pastries Rice, pasta and beans Uneaten food from your plates and dishes Tea bags and coffee grounds Cooking oil, lard and fats 
NO X	Batteries* Textiles* Mobile phones Mirrors Lightbulbs* Window panes, glass cookware (Pyrex), glasses etc Chinaware Children's toys Polystyrene Clingfilm Food waste - use your food bin Garden waste** 	Recycling - use your recycling bin Garden waste** Food waste - use your food bin Bricks Rubble Soil Large items, e.g. furniture Hot ash Electrical items*	Packaging of any sort Plastic bags Glass These can all go in your recycling bin <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>If you have any queries contact The Vale:</i> 03000 610610 www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk admin.vale@verdant-group.co.uk</p> </div>

* These can be recycled at the County Council Waste Recycling Centres.

** Either use your brown bin, compost heap or take to the local Waste centre, Drayton, Stanford etc.

But what about...???

There are some tricky areas so here are some extra hints - if you have a tip for using the new bins, let us know!

- Plastic plant pots – RECYCLING
- Other plant pots – RUBBISH - or Try Frosts at Millets Farm for recycling plant pots and trays
- Double sided tops and wrappers with print on one or both sides eg yoghurt foil tops, crisp packets – RUBBISH
- Plastic wrapping from birthday cards, magazines – RECYCLING
- Plastic tops from meat/fish/veg packs and clingfilm – RUBBISH
- Plastic trays from meat/fish/veg packs – RECYCLING
- Egg shells – FOOD BIN

Love Food Hate Waste

FRESH FRUIT AND VEG

- Chill most ripe fruit to last longer
- Overripe fruit is great for smoothies, compote and curry!
- Veggies past their best, use in soups, chutneys and casseroles

BREAD AND BAKERY

- Freeze what you won't eat
- Toast sliced bread from frozen
- Revive day-old crusty bread by sprinkling with water and pop in oven for a few minutes

FRESH MEAT AND FISH

- Plan to eat around the "use-by" dates
- Portion out and freeze meat or fish until needed.
- Use leftover cooked meats in "cook once, eat twice" recipes
- Try "Time Savers" recipes to make meals in advance (cook double and freeze some)

DAIRY

- Keep chilled – watch "use-by" dates
- Milk, cheese and butter can be frozen until needed
- Grated cheese can be used straight from freezer for omelettes and toppings

RICE AND PASTA

- Calculate your portion size and don't cook more.
- Good for store-cupboard essential and will keep a long time.
- Store in air-tight containers or use a bag clip.



**Buy Less – Save Money
Waste Less – Save The Planet**

CHRISTINE WHILD (Unlikely Eco Warrior!)

John and Barbara Kinchin
would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and
generous contributions to Cancer Research UK on their
Golden Wedding Day 08-10-10.
They raised £800.

Dear Editor

It was fantastic to receive the cheque from the Great Marcham Weekend for a staggering £630! Thanks so much to Jim & Denise Asher and to all who were involved in the running of the GMW. As a small charity working with orphans, the elderly and the whole community in rural Mozambique, such a huge donation will make a big difference. We are also focusing a lot on education at present. We have a primary school of 800 children and we are building two new classrooms for more children. This year we have supported 46 children to go to secondary/technical school and we hope it will be more next year. We also have adult literacy courses and we now have a fund for tertiary education. This fund will support its first student this year to enable him/her to train to be a doctor in the Beira medical school on the coast. Thanks so much to everyone who came to the weekend who have enabled us to continue this important work.

VILA MANINGA

GARD UPDATE

There is an inevitable lull in news and information about the Thames Water Upper Thames Reservoir (UTR) proposal whilst we await the Inspector's Report to the Secretary of State for DEFRA following the Public Inquiry in June, July and August. It is expected that the Report will be provided in November and that the public will not be privy to the recommendations until Ministers have seen and studied it, and made a decision.

We expect that Thames Water will be required to examine the alternatives to the UTR fully and properly, and GARD is keen to see independent oversight of this process as Thames Water has, to date, shown that the company cannot be trusted to carry this process out fully and even-handedly. Their fixation on the UTR as the only answer to new water resources appears to be almost wholly commercially motivated, and is not necessarily in the consumers' best interest.

The main concern GARD now has is to ensure that the UTR is not included in the Government's National Policy Statement for Water until, and unless, the need for it has been properly demonstrated, and that it has been shown to be the appropriate choice after proper consideration of alternatives which are less environmentally damaging, more sustainable and less expensive.

Once there is further news it will be passed on, but it is important that those who are most closely affected by Thames Water's plans should be kept up to date

NICK THOMPSON Hon Chairman GARD

Good Neighbour Schemes Lunch
FREE buffet lunch to meet people running Good Neighbour
Schemes in Oxfordshire. Receive the Good Neighbour
scheme toolkit, share your ideas and information and see
what help is available. Come and join us (let us know if
you're bringing a display)
We look forward to seeing you at
12pm- 2pm 3rd November 2010
Kennington Village Hall
R.S.V.P Michelle Todd,
21 Between Towns Road
Oxford OX4 3LX 01865 323091
michelle.todd@oxfordshire.gov.uk



THANK YOU
 Chris & Tracy Barrett of Anson Close completed the Great North Run in September 2010. The run in aid of Kidney Research UK and The Oxford Transplant Centre, has so far have raised in excess of £1,500.
 We would like to thank everyone in Marcham for their kindness and support.

MARCHAM CALENDAR
Are you beginning to think about
Christmas presents?
 The Marcham Society has produced a calendar for 2011 and a range of notelets featuring photographs given to the Society when their successful book "Marcham Remembered" was produced.
 You can buy copies of the calendar for £3.50 each at the Post Office and Cumbers Farm Shop or contact Sheila Dunford 391439.



theWI DENMAN COLLEGE www.theWI.org.uk
 The National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) is the largest women's organisation with over 205,000 members. It plays a unique role in providing women with education opportunities and the chance to build new skills.
Night Duty Officers at Denman College
£7.62 per hour 22 hours per week
 Denman College, the creative home of the Women's Institute for courses focusing on cookery, craft and lifestyle studies, is looking to develop its team to provide a first class service for our guests.
 We are looking for 3 experienced Night Duty Officers to provide a professional approach to reception duties during the evening, acting as the first point of contact for our guests, ensuring they enjoy a relaxed, comfortable and secure stay at the college.
 The role will involve dealing with guest queries and responding to any calls/incidents during the night and prioritising your other duties such as cleaning, preparing teaching rooms, assisting with basic maintenance within the college and stocking the shop.
 You will have basic IT skills, including experience of Microsoft Word, Outlook and databases. A willingness to undertake training including first aid and fire officer courses is essential.
 You will need to be self motivated as you will be working on your own for two nights a week on a rolling six day rota, Monday to Saturday, 8.30pm to 8.30am. There will also be occasional Sunday night working and additional nights to cover colleagues during holiday and sick periods.
 Denman College is one of Oxfordshire's finest Georgian stately homes set in 17 acres of grounds and offers a quiet and tranquil place to work with excellent facilities, a dedicated team of staff and an inspiring calendar of courses, events and activities. There's something special about Denman College, come and join our team.
 For an application pack, please contact Chrystal Isherwood, HR Officer on c.isherwood@nfwl.org.uk or 020 7371 9300 ext.231
 Closing date for receipt of applications: 12 November 2010



Marcham WI October 2010

Our Autumn programme continues this month with our speaker Mark Davies telling us about the important women have played in the history of Oxford's waterways. He is a local historian and very knowledgeable about the Thames and Oxfordshire's canals.

During October our planned activities were very successful. Many of us attended a fantastic evening in Abingdon, when Julie Summers retold, with slides, the story of her great uncle and his attempt to conquer Everest with Mallory. Our coffee morning, with swishing, at Tubney, was well attended as were the card making and needlework days at member's houses.

On a beautiful October day nine of us attended a stunning demonstration of flower arranging and food for Autumn which gave us a lot of inspiration and ideas.

After our talk in July by Bill Heiney, we are to visit BBC Oxford this month and as part of a guided tour to see the 8 o'clock BBC television news bulletin broadcast live.

Future Events

- Nov 3rd** BBC Oxford – members only
- Nov 9th** Card making
- Nov 12th** Christmas craft dabble day at Yarnton
Drayton WI Quiz Evening
- Nov 25th** Antarctic and Russia Day
- Nov 30th** Visit to Bath Christmas Markets
Needlework Day

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 18 November

Women of Oxford Waterways

Mark Davies

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, November 4th 2010.

For this month's walk we will eat at **The Cherry Tree Inn** on the main road in Steventon (Map Ref: SU473918) at 12.30 for lunch, but will start our walk at **STEVENTON CHURCH** (SU464914) at 1.30 for the walk of just under 5 miles. We will follow the brook to East Hendred and return via West Hendred. New walkers are always very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.



SENIOR CITIZENS

Another busy meeting last month. We began with a quiz organised by John all about our new refuse collection, unfortunately we didn't know as much as we should. But half a dozen people did manage high marks and all received a token prize. Then it was Guess the Amount of Coppers in a Jar donated by a club member. Edna was the winner and received a grocery voucher for her good effort. Then we had a visit from the children and staff from the local school giving out boxes of harvest festival goodies to all members. This was a complete surprise and we all enjoyed their visit, it was nice to say thank you in person to some of the children who had worked so hard filling and decorating the boxes. Our thanks to all the parents who supplied the goods.

JOYCE PARRY

VILLAGE CAFE: WHEELS FOR MEALS



12 noon on Wednesdays at the Sports and Social Club on the Anson Field.

For a trial period from November 3rd to Dec 15th, Marcham Café is planning to offer transport between homes in Marcham and the village Café for a hot

roast meal with dessert.

Marcham Café is run as a non-profit making service with people attending making an average donation of around £2.50. If you are interested please ring Sheila Dunford on 391439 by the Tuesday evening beforehand.

If you are holding an event within or near the MADNews area, please contact the editor for more publicity! 01865 391725 or editor@madnews.co.uk

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

Some readers may have noticed that the Cricket Square is undergoing the usual annual treatment as part of the Club's continuing maintenance programme.

There are two important requirements for a cricket club:

- (a) cricket ground of satisfactory quality, and
- (b) players to form a team.

The Club's maintenance activities provide the former.

Regarding the latter, Marcham C.C. invites new players to join. Players of all ages and levels of playing ability are welcome.

Nets are set to begin in 2011, possibly February – more information will be given regarding this matter in due course. Also, the Club would like to hear from those interested in umpiring on behalf of Marcham C.C. Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for information.

CSB



*The
Marcham
Society*

The Lockinge Estate

This was owned by Lord Wantage whose family built Garford School

Archivist Christine Wardingly
All Saints' Church Tuesday 9th November 2010, 7.45pm

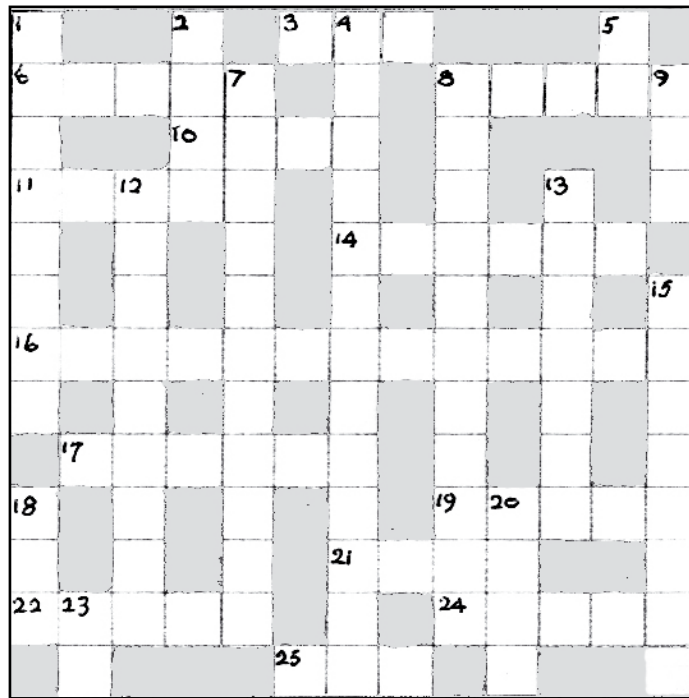
Next meeting 11th January 2011
Annual Lecture: Roald Dahl – *Claire Field*

Non-members £2

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

Further details: Sheila Dunford (391439) or Judith Fontaine (391275)

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD BY ALISA



ACROSS

- 3 Tree (3)
- 6 Remove weapons from (5)
- 8 Timepiece (5)
- 10 Jerusalem's hill (4)
- 11 Drilled (5)
- 14 Decorative (6)
- 16 Venue for a Gift Fair (6.7)
- 17 Lapwing (6)
- 19 Shrub (5)
- 21 Nought (4)
- 22 By surprise (5)
- 24 Oar (5)
- 25 Number (3)

DOWN

- 1 Mother Hubbard's destination (8)
- 2 Gaelic (4)
- 4 Pensioner (6.7)
- 5 Police constable (2)
- 7 Marcham Society activity (7.4)
- 8 Blue blooms (11)
- 9 Young ruminant (3)
- 12 Better prepared (7)
- 13 Said (7)
- 15 Parts of a climbing plant (8)
- 18 Drink (3)
- 20 Canal section (4)
- 23 British Telecom (2)

THE MARCHAM MOLDOVA LIFELINE SUNFLOWER WINNERS

The tallest sunflower was 2.65m and grown by the Gaisford family of Parkside; the biggest flowerhead was won by Anne Smithson with 51cm diameter. Congratulations to everyone who bought sunflowers to grow raising over £400!
MARCHAM MOLDOVA LIFELINE



Marcham Moldova Lifeline

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

5 Nov	Didcot , King Alfred Drive, Community Centre
19 Nov	Wallingford , Town Hall
10 Dec	Wantage , Civic Hall
Contact Ed Vaizey by	
Post	The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
E-mail	vaizeye@parliament.uk
Web	www.vaizey.com
Tel	0207 219 6350



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GARDENING SCRIBBLINGS

This month, I am putting a different twist on my horticultural related scribblings, by way of making an announcement. That being, after writing these articles, and a number of others for alternative publications for over 10 years, the best of the best of the back catalogue of articles



are to be re-edited and published again for the benefit of charity. The Charity to benefit is PERENNIAL – GARDENERS ROYAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. Which was set up in 1839, by amongst others, Charles Dickens, the writer, to help Horticulturalists in need. The charity is a national one for anyone involved in the horticultural industry, and even partners and spouses when they face adversity and need. They provide money and advice services via highly skilled caseworkers.

The aim is to be the first port of call for those working in, retiring from or who have worked in the industry. They helped me in 2007 when I suffered another traumatic injury to my knee, and even now, over 3 years later I still suffer the effects of it physically and mentally. But their help was key at that point in time.

A couple of weeks ago I visited the charity's head office in Leatherhead, Surrey. Discussions took place between the charity and myself, with regard to how all the material can be republished. To publish a book would quickly see the costs spiralling and ultimately prohibitive to being cost effective.

So what is going to happen is, the charity will do the donkey work, and get all the best articles into the digital format, with the end result being a virtual book you download via the charity's website, for a small fee. It looks like it would be around £2 to £3, for a full or a partial download.

There is a possibility, some of my photographs (which I may exhibit at next year's Oxford Arts Weeks) will be included.

We hope the project will be ready for the Christmas period, and if you go onto the charity's own website, www.perennial.org.uk, and click on the shopping button, you will be able to see the end result. I hope as many of you as possible will donate to this worthy project, and enjoy it, as I am sure rereading the articles will bring back some fine memories.

You could try their website anyway, as they have some excellent gift ideas for Christmas already available.

**Happy Gardening,
STUART MABBUTT**

**MSSSC: Marcham Sports, Scouts & Social Club
The pavilion & field off
Morland Road**

Thanks to those who attended the QUIZ NIGHT in October. Questions must have been on the easier side because I was in the winning team! So I am looking forward to a stern challenge in the November quiz. Details of this and all forthcoming events are listed below.

Don't forget we are open every Friday night from 8pm, now with the added interest of the weekly Bonus Ball Raffle most Fridays. There is a £15 prize and the winner also has the chance to win the accumulating jackpot. Full details are available in the club. The last Friday in the month is always a real ale, adults-only night.

- Friday 12th Nov – Quiz Night starting at 8.30. Don't forget you can also enter the Friday Jackpot Raffle!

- Saturday 27th Nov Cricket Club Presentation evening

We look forward to seeing you at the club

For more info contact Geoff Dix, secretary on 391577 or geoff.dix@hotmail.com

THERE'S NO SUCH THINGS AS BAD WEATHER..... JUST BAD CLOTHING!

And fortunately, there is no shortage of GOOD clothing at Marcham Pre-school. On a VERY wet morning in October the children were able to carry on as normal selecting their own activities outside with our new stock of waterproof jackets and trousers (and of course our boots!) We all know how important it is for children to access the outdoors... and also how frustrating it is when it rains and they are stuck inside – especially those children who just CRAVE being outside! Well no more! And what fun we all had!

For more details about Marcham Pre-school please see our website at www.marcham-preschool.ik.org or telephone 392101.

Marcham School Christmas Fayre
Saturday 4th December 2-4pm
Come along and get your Christmas Gifts

Family Bingo
Friday 12th November
Marcham School
Doors open at 6.30pm, Eyes down at 7pm
for 4 games of family friendly fun.
Hot dogs and chips will be available.
All welcome.

ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS

This month Abingdon Little Angels have been learning all about different food..... we learnt about Vegetables, Pasta and Oriental food. Hence we have had great fun in our very own vegetable shop (it was a shame we had to dig up our own vegetables earlier on in the year!!). Everyone wore their pasta necklace with pride and we tried new and exciting food from the Orient.



Our Little Angels had an amazing adventure - we took the bus from Marcham to Abingdon, then wandered up and down the fair!!! We all loved the music, some even started dancing and we all went on a ride as well.

Angels Out of School Club The Angels out of School Club has had a great start with opening its doors this last month, and we are all looking forward to the Holiday Club in October half term. We are offering Breakfast, After school and Holiday Clubs throughout the year for the bigger Angels of Marcham. For more information about the Angels Out of School Club please contact Helen or Kaye on 07516 474287 or at info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk.

Invitation



Oxfordshire information days about adult social care

Join us to find out what the changes in adult social care mean for you or someone you look after. Find out what help and support is available for you

- visit stalls of local and voluntary groups
 - talk to staff over a cup of tea
 - talk about how to plan your support to meet your needs
- 5th Nov: The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury 1-4pm
19th Nov: County Hall, Oxford 4-7pm
26th Nov: Windrush Leisure Centre, Witney, 1-4pm
10th Dec: The Cornerstone, Didcot, 1-4pm
- Visit Oxfordshire's information website on personalisation at www.takingcontroloxon.org.uk or email tasc@oxfordshire.gov.uk for more information
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MARCHAM PLAYERS

As regular readers of our column will know Marcham Players have, for the past five years or so, been "homeless" in terms of a permanent venue in the village for live productions. Whereas we once managed to stage at least two productions a year the closing of the Institute brought to a sad end our connection with that much loved building.

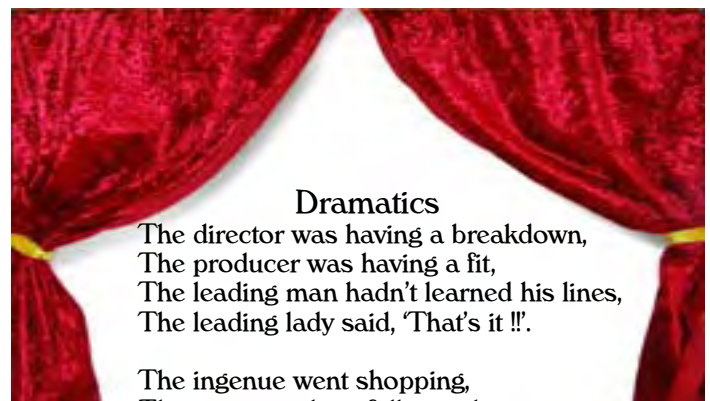


Since then we have continued our existence by way of regular theatre visits within the surrounding area, play readings and our very popular "With Great Pleasure" selected reading evenings. We have also, from time to time, presented specialist "one off" live events such as "An Evening With the Oxford Waites", "Trafalgar Day + One" and "Midsummer Music in a Marquee" in venues as diverse as All Saints Church, Manor Farm and a large marquee on a local farm. These events have all been solidly supported and have encouraged us to believe that the village does value the Marcham Players. We are therefore greatly encouraged to be aware of the initiative currently underway under the banner of the Marcham Community Group in relation to the possibility of a new Community Building facility on the Anson Field. We appreciate these ideas are at an early stage and that they have to be dependent on the support of a large element of the village and its many and varied organisations, but we will have been represented at the Open Village Meeting on 22 October. From our perspective a new community village facility would be most welcome!

Any enquiries regarding membership of the Marcham Players can be answered by phoning either Joey Maclean on 01865 391262 or Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

Don't wait to send in your report to MADNews, better early than miss the 20th deadline



Dramatics


The director was having a breakdown,
The producer was having a fit,
The leading man hadn't learned his lines,
The leading lady said, 'That's it !!'

The ingenue went shopping,
The prompter kept falling asleep,
The villain of the piece went off to the pub,
Then some scenery collapsed in a heap.

Still, it all came together at last
And a great success was the show,
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Admission £3 donation Children free (12 years+) welcome
 Contact: Shirley 01865 371297 shirley88jarvis@googlemail.com

mostly books presents

Mostly Bookbrains Literary Quiz
19.30 9 November

Manor School, Faringdon Rd, Abingdon in aid of Friend of Abingdon Museum

If you think you know your Dan Brown from your Don Quixote, and can spot a Penguin Classic from a celebrity biography, why not pit your literary wits against others to compete for the team prize of Mostly Bookbrains of the Year?

There will be questions, prizes, a bar, a magnificent trophy and the accolade of being crowned 'Mostly Bookbrains of the Year' for the winning team. There will also be the return of the infamous bookswap table - bring along a book you'd like to share and recommend (or one you couldn't stand and can't wait to see the back of!) and grab something different.

Tickets are £5 in advance (or £6 on the door) and teams can be a maximum of eight people. To reserve your place, please email books@mostly-books.co.uk or phone 01235 525880 or see the Mostly Books events page at: www.mostly-books.co.uk/events

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An Evening of Music and Poetry

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 For more information, or to make an appointment, please call Jacky Barratt on 01865 391570 or email registrar@abingdonprep.org.uk



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All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

November has a number of special services at All Saints, as you will see from the opposite panel on this page. These services touch on some important life themes:

- **Saying thank you** for the lives of those who have died
- **Remembering** those who have given their lives in the service of this country
- **Being wise** about our world and stewards of all that humankind has been entrusted with
- **Hope for the future** – looking at Advent and the light of God's love through the Person of Jesus, and anticipating all that God promises in Christ.

You are most welcome to all these services, whether or not you usually attend.

New Friendships:

November also marks the beginning of a new relationship between ourselves in this Parish and the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Shippon. From early November I shall be Priest-in-Charge of both Parishes, and I look forward to developing closer friendships between us, and to looking ahead with hope for the future.

November is the beginning of winter. May the warmth of friendship, and the joyful real hope that Jesus brings into our lives, be the inner fire to sustain us this Advent season and on towards the beautiful celebration of Christmas.

With my warmest best wishes,

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

God our Father, we acknowledge that what we know of your great plans is only ever partial. We struggle to receive the bigger picture of what you are doing in our lives and in the world we are called to serve. Help us to trust in your provision for our future and to respond to your plans for our lives with hope and imagination.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

November calendar:

Special Services:

- Nov. 7th: 3.00pm A Service for those recently bereaved (All Saints')
- Nov. 14th: 10.00am **REMEMBRANCE DAY** service – followed by a short act of remembrance at the village Wayside Cross
- Nov. 21st: Special services at 10.00am and 6.00pm led by MAST (Marcham Area Sustainability Network)
- Nov. 28th: ADVENT services
10.00am Baptism service
6.00pm A Special Advent Service of Light

Regular events:

Sat 6th Nov: 8.00am Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club

Save the date:

Mon 20th Dec: 2 pm – The Riding Lights Theatre Co. will be performing their family Christmas show "Nearly the Goat" at All Saints'. Tickets available from Janey Cumber (391 327).

Parish People:

The wedding of Gemma Preston and Johnathan Green was celebrated at All Saints' on 2nd October.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Gwyneth Joyce Clargo. Her funeral took place at All Saints' on 29th September.

Regular services:

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

Wednesdays: 10.30am Holy Communion at Duffield Place

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

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Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

November 2010

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am

(Communion every first Sunday)



Our speakers for this month are

7 th November	Rev. Brian John of Wantage
14 th November	Remembrance Sunday – Mr. Tony Valente of Abingdon Baptist Church
21 st November	Mr. Michael Elliott of Grove
28 th November	Mr. John Hawley of Grove

Everyone welcome

Tic, tic tic. Do you have a clock or watch available with a secondhand on it? Stop and follow that hand as it ticks away 1 minute. Those seconds, of course, are the way we measure time, and time is the very essence of our lives. By the time we each reach the age of 75, the clocks and watches of this world will have ticked away a total of nearly 2.5 billion seconds.

Time is important and this time of the year when the clocks have gone back an hour (Grrrrrrr), we often talk about an extra hour (in bed perhaps), but in reality, there is no extra time given to us. Time is important and we should cherish every second of it. Oh, that we would learn to appreciate the value of time!

We certainly don't want to be so time-conscious that we become driven workaholics, neglecting our families, never relaxing with our friends, too busy to smell the roses or admire a sunset. In the Bible Paul urged us to redeem the time (*Ephesians 5:15-16*), and Moses prayed, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (*Psalms 90:12*).

Now that the winter nights are here again, let's ask the Lord to help us appreciate the value of time. May we wisely invest our seconds, minutes, hours, and days, realizing that beyond time lies eternity.

Bory Pilgrim

For further information on church activities:

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