

**A Big Thank-you to all who helped**

After all the excitement of the Great Marcham Weekend, the GMW team would like to give special thanks to the many people who helped make it work:



**Hosts**

- Joey & Murray Maclean for hosting Music in the Marquee, Katriona & Bill Jones for the marquee and to Marcham Players and RockIt for the event.
- Will and Janey Cumber and the Manor Farm team for their support and hosting of the BBQ/Barn Dance, Open Farm and displays, and Open air service.
- Marcham Post Office for hosting the Art Exhibition.
- Marcham School, Viv Hutchinson and Teresa for hosting the Street Party events, for allowing us to use the hall and kitchen, and for the Maypole dancing.
- Kevin Glover and NFWI for use of the grounds and gardens of Denman College.
- All Saints Marcham for hosting village group displays and access to the tower.
- The Crown for hosting the Quiz evening and the 'Try Aunt Sally' afternoon.
- Mr John Duffield for access to the Dovecot.

**Events**

- Joey Maclean, Brian Gower and the Collins Farm Art Group for the Art Exhibition.
- Rachel & Charles Gaisford, Georgina & Gordon Brown for organising the BBQ and Barn Dance, and the team of servers, barbeque chefs and bar staff.
- Meriel Lewis and MADNews for publicity, the colour brochure, signage, massive help and support.
- Marcham Cubs for brochure delivery to all households.
- Paul and Eddie Davies for making the signboards.
- Jeremy Denton for organising the Quiz.
- John Waterhouse for providing the PA system
- Pre-School for the Fancy Dress competition.
- Toddler Group for the cake and biscuit decorating.
- Wantage Youth Band for their talented performances.
- Kingston Bagpuize Youth Football Club for the penalty shoot.
- Malcolm and Chris Denton for the Treasure Hunt, organisation and contacts.
- Jill and Neil Rowe for the gazebos.
- Chris Ricketts for the street games.
- Marcham Players, Cheryl Sewell and Tim Owen for the drama workshops.
- Marcham Guides for helping with teas and coffees.
- Chris Ricketts, Gig Thomas and the children for the sing-along.
- Rev Richard Zair for the open air service.
- Greta Goulding and Christine Whild for the open gardens arrangements.
- Jean & Donald Creasy, Jennifer & Graham Johnston, Sheila Beland, Christine Whild, Janey & Will Cumber and Jenny & Bryan Jones for opening their gardens.
- Jeremy Collins for organising the historic car display.
- Marcham Bellringers for demonstrations of bell ringing and tours of the tower .
- Deb Treadgold and Denise Brown for the Garford Cream Teas.
- St Lukes Garford for the Open afternoon.
- Jean and Donald Creasy for the Crafts display – and those who displayed their crafts.
- Marcham Society for their photo displays and sales of calendars and notelets.
- Charles Gaisford for the village sustainability display
- Paul Davies, Will Cumber and helpers for transporting tables, chairs and portalos.
- Abingdon Little Angels for the bouncy castle.
- Marcham Sports & Social Club for the Real Ale festival.

- PCSO Laura Schmid and the police for their support and help.
- Graham Turner and the Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue crew for the Fire Engine.
- Matthew Hillis and the South Central Ambulance Service for lending us a paramedic ambulance.
- St John Ambulance for First Aid support.
- All the many stewards who helped over the weekend.
- All the organisations and people who contributed towards the events and gave up many evenings to help on the organising committee.

**Financial support and donations**

- Marcham Parish Council for a grant towards the Street Party costs
- W Cumber and Son Ltd for a generous donation towards the Barn Dance.
- RockIt for donating their band fee
- Marcham Baptist Church
- Budgens (Frilford)
- The Doghouse
- The Merry Miller
- Bothy Vineyard
- Millets Farm
- Halls Catering of Oxford (Ice Cream)

...and most of all, we are hugely grateful to the many people of Marcham & District, and those from further afield, for supporting GMW events in such large numbers.

From donations and fund raising activities during the GMW, we are delighted to announce that we have raised a staggering sum of nearly £2,500! This will be divided equally between our four selected charities: Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Help for Heroes, Marcham Moldova Lifeline, and Vila Maninga.

**THE MARCHAM MOLDOVA LIFELINE SUNFLOWER COMPETITION**

JA/DA

To everyone who bought a sunflower seedling earlier in the summer, it is time to think about entering the competition. If you think your sunflower could win the prize for tallest sunflower, please measure it before it goes over, and record its height either on the form which accompanied the seedling, or, if you no longer have the form, email the details with your name and address to Paul Davies: [pjdavies871@btinternet.com](mailto:pjdavies871@btinternet.com) (Tel: 391912) Entry forms may be left off in the collecting boxes at the Post Office, school and church. Don't forget to mention which of the two categories your seedling was: the shorter, agricultural sunflower, or the taller, ornamental sunflower. There will be a cash prize in each category for the tallest plant. The deadline for entries is 30 September.



**Marcham Moldova Lifeline**

Thanks again to local grower Murray Maclean for his generous assistance in planting the seeds, and providing pots and compost.

**MARCHAM MOLDOVA LIFELINE**

**Wish to hear about a new community centre for Marcham?**

Find out the latest news from the Marcham Community Group and how you can shape the future of village facilities at a public meeting in mid October.

**Keep your eyes peeled for further details in next month's MADNews**

- A white horse walks into a pub and asks for a pint.
- The landlord says: "Hey, we've got a whisky named after you."
- The horse replies: "What, Douglas?"