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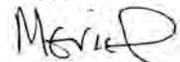
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Dear Readers

So ... spring is here, clocks forward, birdies tweeting and we have more meetings, consultations and questionnaires to look forward to!

In this issue, the Guides report on their trip to London, there is a parliament of owls from Marcham School and TAG, along with all the usual suspects and an important notice about our Health Records on page 9.

Happy reading



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Recycling Area – Howard Cornish Road

It has been noticed that the recycling area seems to be used as a dumping area for unwanted items. These are being left on the ground next to the bins, and your parish councillors are clearing these away or the District Council is having to deal with these as a fly tipping incident. Please remember that the recycling bins are for items such as paper, cans, cardboard, glass and some plastics. They take the same items that you would put in the green recycling bin at home. Please take unwanted item such as timber and electrical goods to the Drayton recycling centre which has the capacity to handle these. The Howard Cornish Road bins sometimes seem full and overflowing. Did you know that any extra glass, cans and paper items can be placed in a clear or slightly opaque plastic bags, cardboard boxes or carriers and put out at home in addition to the green wheelie bin?

Barrier on footpath near Baptist Church

The Council has negotiated with the County Council to install a pedestrian guardrail at the end of the footpath that emerges onto the A415 next to the Baptist Church. This should add substantially to the safety of residents, particularly younger children, who use the path on their way to clubs held at the Church and also for others generally using the rights of way network. The barrier has been located centrally in the footway close to the base of the steps, to leave room for pushchairs or wheelchairs etc to still gain access, and still leave sufficient room to pass around the outside of the barrier.

Planning Applications

recently considered by the Parish Council
8 Longfields: 12/00196 Extension of time limit for erection of two storey side extension (09/00325/FUL)

15 North Street: 12/00188/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of new two storey annexe, and single storey store room

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/planning-application-register>

Vale of White Horse District Council - Interim Housing Supply Policy

Further to Jane Hanna's article last month which mentioned the potential development sites in the village submitted for screening under the IHSP, the Parish Council has been approached by a developer wishing to discuss proposals for one of the sites. As the policy at the District Council is at a draft stage and has not been considered by its Cabinet or adopted by full Council, no one knows what the final policy will be. The Parish Council thought that it was too soon at this point in time, to begin to

discuss issues under the draft policy, and that the sites needed to be reviewed in a planned fashion as each proposed location will have a different impact on the village. *see also Jane Hanna's letter page 5*

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 14 March 2012 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

DON STEPTOE

Joan, Michael, Robert and family would like to thank everyone who came to All Saints' Church, Marcham for the funeral service for Don Steptoe.

We would also like to thank Revd Richard Zair for conducting the service and all those who gave a donation in Don' memory.

Over £400 was raised for Marcham Sports and Social Club.

Thank You

In memory of
Noreen McCrystal
There will soon be a display of her Art Work in the Post Office.
Her family would like people to come and choose one to keep in remembrance of her and her life

FOR SALE

Cintique Winchester **riser recliner armchair**, has leg rest, reclining back and rising action, kept in non-smoking house, really good working order, cost £1000 will accept £45
Pine **dining table**, drop leaf type, really nice table £30
Both can be seen in the Post Office.
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Fire guard, extendable black metal in good condition. Cost £50 from Mothercare. Will accept £16
Heavy, reversible **Gate Hinges** for wooden gate. 36" approx 914mm. Never used. Cost £39 will accept £15.
Call 01865 391738

Dear Editor

Dog Fouling

I am a dog walker and I pick up “my” dog poo as do many dog walkers.

I think the fouling continues because there is no real deterrent. You could receive a fixed penalty notice or if prosecuted receive a fine of £1000 but someone has to be a witness and has to be prepared to report it. How often do you hear that someone has been fined for dog fouling? Do you have to have evidence in the form of a photo or film footage? Do you have to know the person and where they live? Are you ready for repercussions?

I think that people are creatures of habit - if they get away with something then they carry on doing it. In the winter we often have to walk our dogs when it is dark but do some people use cover of darkness to excuse themselves from picking up the poo? Do they care what others think?

I wonder what the envirocrime wardens say? Would it help if they were seen out and about at least once a week (on different days) in known dog walking areas like our village green and at different times of the day? Should they sometimes be plain clothed? Should there be a notice saying that plain clothed wardens visit this area? Would it help if people had to pay smaller fines and on the spot so that they see that there is a consequence? If you happen to be one of those people in Marcham who is not cleaning up after your dog (and you read this newsletter), **PLEASE CLEAN UP**. It is not difficult to put a few plastic bags in your pocket, bend down to pick up your dog’s or dogs’ poo, tie a knot and carry it to the nearest dog bin.

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor

Anson Field and Marcham Community Hub Update

On behalf of Taylor Wimpey and the Directors of the Anson Trust can we thank everyone who attended the recent consultation event and also those that provided feedback via the online facility. We had circa 200 attendees across the 2 days and have received 75 completed questionnaires. The online facility is now deactivated.

The completed forms are currently being reviewed with the comments being used to steer alterations to both the residential and community hub proposals. These comments have been further informed through comments received from the Anson Trust and the Marcham Community Group who have undertaken further engagement with end users to further inform the final design of the proposals.

Following the comments received and the extensive work that has been undertaken in the last 12 months we are now

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consolidating the reports and the proposals to form the basis of planning applications to be submitted to the Vale of White Horse Council in late March / early April 2012. At the time of submission we will undertake a mail drop to all properties within the village to advise as to the application details (including reference numbers) and where you will be able to view copies of the application plans and documents.

We trust this update is of use, but should you have any questions then please contact Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire at Windrush Court, Suite J, Abingdon Business Park, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 1SY or by e-mail to TWomarcham@taylorwimpey.com

ANDY CATTERMOLE

Senior Planner, TW Oxfordshire

Dear Editor

The Directors of the Anson Trust would like to thank all those who attended the recent exhibition of the plans for the new Community Centre and sports pitches to be constructed on Hyde Copse. Many constructive suggestions and comments were received and the Trust has taken note of all of them. The Directors would also like to thank all the local organisations and clubs who have participated in the subsequent follow-up discussions which will lead to revisions and improvements in the plans.

At the time of writing revised plans, incorporating those improvements are still awaited. These will be used as the basis of further consultation and discussion with all interested parties with a view to achieving the best possible result for the all user groups and for the village in general. It is an intensive process and has placed demands on many individuals but the Directors sincerely believe that the effort will be justified and that the plans that emerge will be of real merit.

If planning permission is granted, then we believe that the facilities that are built will be an asset to Marcham and a focus of which the village can be proud.

DIRECTORS, ANSON TRUST

To contact the Anson Trust directly you can email or write to

8 Hyde Copse, Marcham OX13 6PT
ansontrustmarcham@yahoo.co.uk

Dear Editor

The independent working group is meeting shortly to recruit a team of volunteers to support the group consult with the village once Taylor Wimpey have lodged a planning application with the Vale (for building on part of the Anson Field and for a build of a new village facility on land behind Hyde Copse). The purpose of the consultation will be to inform myself and the parish council on the view of the community so that we can best represent the village at planning committee. Officers will be taking a view on whether the applications have community support and we have requested that the Vale give the

parish time to undertake a consultation and feedback the village response.

Volunteers will be asked to deliver letters to everyone on the electoral register in the Marcham parish and will also knock on doors to remind people to return questionnaires. The group is looking for people willing to help who would be available to help for a few hours during April. Please email myself on janeanna63@gmail.com or David Walton on dave@flexible.co.uk if you are interested. It is important that volunteers who will be knocking on doors would not be considered by the public to have made up their mind on the application and that they work to an agreed script which would simply remind people to send in the questionnaire.

In last month’s MADNews I mentioned that David Walton and I had met with the Vale and were given permission to make public the screening sites for possible development on other sites around Marcham. The Vale had decided to release information on the sites as they became available and Officers assured us that the detail of the Marcham sites would be available on the Vale website the following week which I reported to you in my last update. The Vale have now decided that information on all sites across all wards in the Vale will be released on the website at the same time – the date keeps changing, but looks now to be March 9th.

The draft interim housing policy still requires approval by the conservative administration and then approval by full council. If and until the policy is approved, it is not possible to anticipate timescales for other major planning applications in Marcham. It is possible, but not very realistic, that the draft policy could be brought to the March Full Council meeting. The next full Council meeting is in May. As soon as I am aware that the policy is on the Council agenda I will alert the parish council and MADNews.

JANE HANNA, District Councillor

Thank You

I very much appreciate the kindness shown to Sue and I since her admittance to hospital. There is no doubt that the support of family and friends has provided a much needed boost for Sue on her road to recovery, I really can’t thank you all enough.

Very best wishes
GEOFF DIX

The Hush-Hush Factory

Did you or your parents work at the Hush-Hush Factory on the site of Oxford Instruments during the war? Or do you know anything more about it? Rosemary Kitto is looking for information for a History Talk on Tues 24 April. Contact her on 01865 390 466 or rosemarykitto@gmail.com.

STARLINGS

The noisy, once common Starling has declined by 50% over the last decades. Eating insects in spring, fruits and seeds in winter, being intelligent birds they respond quickly if we feed them. Nesting in holes in trees, sheds and buildings, it pays for us to not be too quick with the DIY and make these repairs.

They also roost communally in conifers, which often are in our gardens so don't be too hasty when removing them.

These birds feed within 1/2 mile of their nests, and they catch insects to feed their young. Some of the insects they require need short, medium and long grass to complete their lifecycles, and need a patch of long grass left uncut all winter so they can hibernate.

Keeping the grass in your garden at different lengths will help provide a wide range of insects for numerous birds. A close mown patch is important for wildlife too as that's where the insect larvae often are.

To have Starlings nesting in your garden, place a nest box 12 feet up a mature tree or behind the fascia and soffits or under the eaves of your house.

Starlings may have been common but we could still lose them.

Happy Gardening,
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That's Life

It's all go here at the Hospital,
The Nuffield Hospital that is.
You see we had this old chap in,
And it put us all in a tizz!

He didn't look old enough to sell,
Or young enough to keep.
So we chucked him in a corner,
And hoped that he would go to sleep.

He was a sod; this Maurice,
But he has an injection coming up!
I don't know where to give it him,
His ear hole or in his butt !?



He wants a lot of attention,
And he's very hard to please.
He has us running here and there,
I've worn my legs down to the knees!

He hasn't been a model patient,
But he's going fairly soon.
And when he's gone just watch me,
I'm going to jump right over the moon!!

M. Shepherd 2011

*Thanks to all the Doctors, Specialists
and Nurses at the Bone Unit,
Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital.*

**Women's World
Day of Prayer**

There will be a celebration of this
day on Friday 2nd March with a
service in the
Baptist Chapel at 11a.m.

Afterwards we'll gather in the Hall
for a simple lunch.

This year the women of Malaysia
have prepared the service which
enables us to learn more of that
lovely part of the world and
to feel closer to the people
who live there.

Everyone is most welcome
to join us.

(And not only women!)



The Way We Manage Your Health Records is Changing

The NHS in England is introducing the NHS Care Records Service to improve the safety and quality of patient care. These secure electronic records will give healthcare professionals faster, easier access to reliable information about you to help with your care - particularly in an emergency, or if you see a doctor out-of-hours when your GP practice is closed.

Your care records will be made up of two parts;
The national Summary Care Record – this record is held nationally and will be available across England to support emergency care and will contain three things: your allergies; your medications; and any adverse reactions to medicines that you have.

The local Oxfordshire Care Summary – this is 'view only' and will contain more detailed information than the national Summary Care Record. It will only be available to local healthcare professionals involved in your treatment in Oxfordshire.

Every individual in Oxfordshire aged 16 years old and over* will receive a patient letter at the beginning of April 2012, asking them to choose whether they want these care records. If you are a parent or guardian, you will need to make this choice on behalf of your child, or support them in making their own decision if you feel they are mature enough to do so. (*or who will be 16 by the end of June 2012)

For more information visit www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords/ or contact the information lines at:

- Summary Care Records telephone 0300 123 3020
- Oxfordshire Care Summary telephone 01865 428886

Better access to reliable patient information means safer, quicker decisions to support your care

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

Not many of us would think that scrap metal would have a big impact on our lives. But in recent years the theft of metal to be sold for scrap has reached epidemic proportions. Most often, it involves thieves digging up copper cables, which means disrupting telephone services and railway signals. So I was delighted when the Government announced that it will bring in new laws to help curb the problem. Scrap metal dealers who are linked to metal theft of any kind will have their licences torn up, and also anyone caught transporting stolen metal will have their vehicle registrations confiscated. The Government has also announced a £5m fund that will be used to establish a specialised metal theft task force. I hope that this will make a difference to many people's lives in the constituency and throughout Britain.



I was also pleased to hear that the Government will spend £2.17bn to fund flood defences over the next three years. We all remember the devastating impact of the floods in this constituency in 2007, and I hope that this spending will make us safer from a repeat. The Government says that 145,000 homes that will be better protected by 2015.

The continuing rise in unemployment is concerning. But in this context it's worth remembering that we live in one of the most economically dynamic parts of the country. Out of 650 UK constituencies we rank 609th for unemployment with only 1,206 people seeking work. While I by no means wish to overlook the tough times these job-seekers are facing, it means that the unemployment rate locally is 2.3%, and has only risen by 50 in the past year.

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I've also been sent details the Barclays Community Finance Fund, which is available through the financial forum 'Transact'. It is a pot of £250,000 which has been set aside to help microenterprises and low income consumers. The fund is not designed to support the enterprises directly but to lever money from lenders and financial institutions to multiply the effect within communities. If you are someone trying to support local growth then you can apply for a grant of up-to £50,000 at www.transact.org.uk - **applications must be in by the end of March.**

I was contacted recently by a local charity that gives grants to worthy causes in the Wantage area. These grants are up to £1000, and are for individuals who are in need of items and equipment that would make an important difference to their day-to-day lives. Applicants must live in Wantage or within 5 miles of the town centre. If you know of vulnerable people needing cookers, TVs, fridges etc., then please feel free to let me know and I will contact the charity.

I have also been recently contacted Robert Stiles Almshouse, located in Styles Court just off Newbury Street in Wantage. Although Robert Stiles died in 1680, his legacy has lived on for over three centuries, as these almshouses still provide a home for the elderly today and they are inviting new applications. The sheep's knuckles embedded into the pathway are very archaic and presumably, left over after the eventual slaughter of all the sheep kept on the downs for wool. They prevent people from slipping and are seen as a very historic attraction in Wantage. If you or someone you know are interested in applying please pay them a visit.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

Mar 2nd	Didcot , King Alfred Drive Community Centre, OX11 7NU
Mar 16th	Wallingford , Town Hall, OX10 0AD
Mar 23rd	Grove , Old Mill Hall, OX12 7LB
Apr 27th	Faringdon , Pump Rooms, SN7 7HL
Contact Ed Vaizey MP by	
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Tel	0207 219 6350

A big thank you to everyone who came along on 15th February to hear about our plans for a Community Shop in Marcham; we were delighted with the positive response we received, signing up our first 74 shareholders. We will be holding another Open Day on Saturday 24th March from 10.00 am - 3.00 pm in the Post Office when we look forward to reporting on our progress towards opening in the Spring. In the meantime, if you do need any more information please contact Chris Ricketts (391329) or Ruth Mander (392861).
 Marcham Village Shop Committee



**Marcham Village Shop Open Day
 24th March 10.00-15.00**

Come to the Post Office Stores and find out more about the new Community Shop we hope to open in late Spring

- Sign up and become a Shareholder
- Meet local producers
- Discuss our plans
- Help to shape the future!

We look forward to seeing you



15th February
TOTALS TO DATE

Local Events
£5595

Donations
£3948

Membership
313

Bank Balance
£9701

5p Coins
2697

Is a bird in the hand worth two in the bush?

It was clear to many of those who went to the Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire (TWO) exhibition that the 'bird in the hand' on offer still left a lot to be desired and that the layout of the proposed community building needed to be reworked to reflect the needs and convenience of potential users. Unless you get your MADNews very early, by the time you read this the Users Forum on 29 February (arranged by MCG to facilitate the consultation process) will, we hope, have discussed and commented on the revised plans for the proposed building. However, at the time of writing, this phase of the consultation has not yet started because the new plans we had expected to see almost two weeks ago are not yet available. We understand from TWO that the consultation period will now continue into March. Meanwhile, MCG's own Open Meeting on 23 February will have discussed the wider issues around the proposed new facilities and come to a view on how MCG, as an organisation, should respond to the imminent Anson Trust/TWO planning applications.

It is a pity that the proposed new village facilities are being commissioned by two organisations that have only a small stake in how they would work for the community: TWO needs to provide them only as a passport to planning permission for the houses it wants to build, and the Anson Trust has said it does not wish to run them. But we have to recognise that TWO might get planning permission and, if it does, the village will have to live with whatever community hall is built.

There will be chances to make your views known after TWO submits its planning applications. Everyone will be asked to take part in the village 'referendum' being organised by our District Councillor, Jane Hanna, and the Parish Council, and anyone can comment as an individual on the applications. More on this next month.

MCG has always said that there are alternatives to the present Anson Trust/TWO proposal. This 'two birds in a bush' approach would take longer to realise and would involve a major commitment in time and effort but, if planning permission for the Anson Trust/TWO scheme is refused, MCG will continue to work for leisure facilities for everyone in the village, based on what the community wants.

MCG is very grateful to Denise Asher for organising the Burns Supper in the Sports and Social Club as a fundraising event, and to her and all her team of helpers for making it such an enjoyable evening for the 82 guests. The event raised over £1700.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22 April
2-5 pm

Great Marcham Garage and Plant Sale

Includes Arts, Crafts, Cakes, Unwanted valuables, Toys, Games, Tools & equipment, Bicycles, Garden furniture, Garden ornaments, Plants, Books
Register now as a seller and get your garage on the map!
Fee £5. Phone 391439 (Sheila) or email mail@marcham.org
Free address lists and maps available from 1.45 pm on the day at the Post Office.

Monday 4 June

Marcham Jubilee Games

This will be part of the Great Marcham Jubilee Weekend. More details in next issue.

Is a bird in the hand worth two in the bush?



Marcham WI March 2012

At the February meeting the members enjoyed an illustrated talk by David Marsh, entitled "On Safari". David showed us spectacular photographs he had taken himself of wildlife – some at very close range, accompanied by amusing anecdotes of his many trips to Africa.

Our meeting on 15th March is our Annual General Meeting, followed by Stuart Philip who is going to tell us how to grow vegetables in small gardens and containers. The meeting starts a little earlier than usual, at 7.15pm.

Other forthcoming events include: Trips to "Dickens" London, Worcester, and a theatre visit.

NEXT MEETING

7.15 pm Thursday 15 March 2012
Denman College
AGM

Please note earlier start time

Contacts for: Sonia Edwards 01865 391442
new members Christine Whild 01865 391270
Visitors and New Members made very welcome
Come and join us - We are a very active Group!

HELP WHEN IT'S NEEDED!



The need to offer greater peace of mind to the elderly prompted a new business to be set up last year in Oxfordshire. Age Content

now provides a modern telecare solution across the county, offering much more than just a pendant which simply allows someone to call for help.

RESPOND:24 has the enormous benefit of real people who will come to your aid and has already been described as the sixth emergency service. The business aims to provide homeowners with access to the sort of additional support which can allow them to continue living independently in their own home. In so doing, it helps provide the elderly and the families who care for them, with a positive quality of life and greater peace of mind.

When a situation arises that does not need or warrant a paramedic, an area car can be despatched to the customer's home. So far it's helped find keys that have been dropped and re-set fuses that were high up. With a call centre operating twenty four hours a day, the team can help with reminders to take medication and arrange regular well being visits. They even offer add on services such as smoke alarms that detect extreme temperature changes or sensors that monitor lack of movement – as well as other features which can all be added to meet the needs of the

individual.

With customers across the area, the business has recently entered into a joint venture with Hedges Solicitors that has prompted an increase in local activity and gives the added benefit of a link to all the legal services offered by this long established Wallingford firm.

Those with an existing system installed can add RESPOND:24 to ensure when a little help is needed, someone will always be available to come. Or if you bought your base unit outright; we can even re-connect you over the telephone, or upgrade you to one of the latest discreet pendant units. These can be worn under a shirt or blouse without anyone ever knowing you have the protection of a sophisticated telecare system. Do you know anybody who might benefit from this service? Do you have a family member struggling to balance their work commitments with an aged relative? Please tell them about this service or for further details go to www.agecontent.co.uk or call 0843 289 6070 to arrange a free consultation!

MARCHAM PLAYERS

We held our Annual General Meeting in the Board Room at Manor Farm on Friday 17 February. Our thanks to Will and Janey Cumber for the use of this facility. Although somewhat depleted in numbers due to illness it was a lively meeting at which the officers and committee were re-elected.



We are currently exploring the possibility of a theatre trip by hired coach to a West End show in May this year. We have earmarked the highly acclaimed and newly opened "Singing in the Rain" at the Palace Theatre as a favoured option. To help us gauge possible numbers would anyone interested in receiving further details regarding this please let Tina Hill (01865 391802) have their contact details as soon as possible. We intend this trip to be available to everyone ie NON MEMBERS very welcome.

We are following with much interest developments concerning the proposed new community facility. In that connection our views concerning the essential need for the provision of a stage and appropriate storage facilities were aired at the most recent meeting attended by our Chairman and Secretary.

Our Chairman Dave Hutchinson and Secretary Cheryl Sewell can be contacted on 01865 391964 and 01865 391200 respectively regarding any matters affecting Marcham Players, including membership. All are welcome.

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, March 8th

For this month's walk we will go to The Lamb and Flag (Map Ref SP354127) on the Witney to Charlbury road in Hailey at 12.30pm for lunch and 1.30pm for a four mile walk in gentle Cotswold countryside, taking in hamlets with the delightful names of Delly End, Poffley End and New Yatt.



Members free, non-members £1. New walkers always welcome. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details.



The
Marcham
Society

Following meeting 10th April 2012
Cholera in Oxford - John Gibbs

Wytham Woods

The University Environmental Laboratory

Nigel Fisher

All Saints' Church Tuesday 13th March 2012, 7.45pm

Non-members £2

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

Further details: Judith Fontaine (391275)

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Like most of the village, the Pre-school children welcomed the snow and enjoyed a morning mixing with the primary school on the school field, playing in the snow!



It was great fun as you can see and wonderful to watch the whole group donning our waterproofs to stay dry if not warm!! We are taking applications for September 2012 and beyond so if you would like to join us please phone for an application form on 01865 392101 or contact us through our website at www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com.

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NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

Owls Class: 8th February 2011, Mrs Rook

The Owls class have been learning all about rivers in their topic this term. They have enjoyed a walk down Mill Lane to get a better understanding of rivers at The Mill. The Owls have also been lucky enough to visit Hill End and enjoyed a 'river day'. They learnt about the different sorts of rocks in rivers and they walked down the stream, they looked at a braided river and even saw the river bubbling under the ground!

The class are fortunate to have a program in place called Larkmead Link. Mrs Wyatt from Larkmead comes to Marcham School to undertake a creative project for Design and Technology. Recently Mrs Wyatt got the Owls to make creative masks and they then went on to do a special PE session whilst wearing their own masks.

The Owls were given a home project to do recently. Mrs Rook gave them the title of 'Owls' and the class had free rein to complete the task. The class created some wonderful pieces, including an owl picture frame, owl models and even an owl documentary!

"I've really enjoyed the rivers topic. I especially liked going to Hill End and seeing all the different parts of the river in person. We learnt about the different rocks you find in a river and Mr B spent lots of time talking to us and answering our questions." *Emily Wiseman, age 11:*

"I really liked doing my home project. I like the fact that Mrs Rook left it open and told us we could do whatever we wanted about owls. I made a life size nesting box from an old cupboard which I really enjoyed making. I'm enjoying the river topic and have especially enjoyed doing some water experiments. I had some guttering with supporting beams and I timed how long it took for water to run down the gutter at different gradients!" *Ashley Withers, age 11:*

PARENTS ASSEMBLY: 22nd March Kangaroos Class.

MARCHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet on Tuesdays at the back of the church, 10 - 11.30am. The first visit is free, then just £2 per family each week. There is a drink and biscuit for the children and a warming cup of tea or coffee for the grown-ups, and a friendly welcome for all. **Do come and join us!**

**Lower Sixth M.C.S Pupil (female)
 available for Baby sitting.
 References can be provided.
 Please phone 01865 390777**

ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS

The Little Angels have had another productive month with our topic of Disney, we have looked closely at four stories in particularly and the meanings behind them, The Lion King (death/circle of life) where we looked at animals and their behaviour along with creating our own safari in the nursery with cuddly toy animal and painting and creating our own safari car. Next we looked at Pinocchio and how important it is to be truthfully and be nice to others, we made puppets and danced to "I've got no strings" pretending to be puppets. This was followed by Dumbo (bullying) learning and understanding how it feels to be sad when we people are not kind to you. We made large elephant ears and pretended to fly flapping our ears great fun. WE finally concluded the topic with Pocahontas which gave the children a reflection on people being different and how we should appreciate and respect every bodies culture and beliefs.



We did have fun in the snow when it arrived and had great fun out on the field sledging, with only 3 sledges it was great to see all the children sharing and turn taking pulling the sledge, riding the sledge or waiting for their turn, well done angels.

AFTER SCHOOL/HOLIDAY CLUB

The after school and during the Holiday club the children have been looking at new buildings and produced their own construction site with hard hats, designing their own houses and building with large blocks, They also visited some new houses in the village and discussed various types of houses and building around the village. The children have produced a variety of drawings designs and particularly intricate houses containing rooms with Lego. Well done Big Angels
 If you would like any further in formation about Abingdon Little Angels please feel free to call in or telephone us on 07516 474287 or at info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk.

MARCHAM AND DISTRICT

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MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

In preparation for the 2012 Season, Nets are being held at Radley College from 21.00 to 22.00 on the follwing Friday evenings: 30th Mach & 13th April. All levels of players are welcome to attend..

Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for any information relating to the Club - including Nets and playing or umpiring for Marcham.



TAG NEWS: OWL REPORT

The past few weeks at TAG (youth club for 11s – 14s), we have been making owl boxes to try to repopulate the barn owls around our area. Two Owl Conservation Volunteers came to talk to us about owls, their diets and habitats, and we all learnt a lot. The men left us with the materials to make 2 owl boxes. Some drilling, nailing and screwing later, our owl boxes were finished. They look like a rectangular box with a small CD case sized hole for the owls to get in and out. The next week we set out to put them up, down Mill road at the beef unit. We had to put them up high and to do that we were lifted up in a safety cage. It was cold on the ground, but once you were up higher it was bitter! One of the 2 boxes was put up by Alicia, Jess and Paul, on the back of a barn. As they were lowered down their smiles stayed as glowing as when they went up! It was my go next with Lawrence and Tom, with Paul. As I stepped into the cage I had butterflies in my tummy, because I had never done anything like it before. We then had the opportunity to be driven to the tree where we were to put our box. As we were driving it was like being on a rollercoaster because of all the bumps and dips, and the wind rushing past your face. After we got to the tree and put our box up we were all freezing and could well have been iceblocks! So we went back to the farm to get warm and toasty with cakes and biscuits.

EMILY RATCLIFFE

MARCHAM GUIDES: DAY OUT TO LONDON!

All the guides from Marcham and Southmoor met up at Didcot station at 9:30 am. Our leader Jill, the Marcham guide leader arranged us into little groups of 6 along with a guide leader with every group. We then got a train from Didcot station to Paddington station which took 46 minutes to get there. After getting off at Paddington station we made our way to Hyde Park. There we saw some amazing sites such as the Italian gardens, the long water, the Serpentine, the Peter Pan statue and the Diana, Princess of Wales memorial fountain. After seeing the wonderful sites we walked over to Hyde Park corner underground station, where we then caught a train from the Hyde Park corner to St Paul's, to get off and have some lunch. After lunch we then got back on the underground train to meet our tour guide to tell us about the Olympics. We met up with our tour guide who told us some amazing facts about the Olympics such as; the whole Olympic area ground takes up about 500 Acres and that there are 5 main buildings together in the ground. Also England is having its 3rd Olympics this year and is the 1st country to have its 3rd Olympics. After the tour we visited London Olympic shop which was near by the Olympic grounds. The shop had a full range of amazing stock based on the Olympics. We took another train to Pax Lodge where we stayed for the night. We had a lovely meal there which was a chicken piece with potatoes, carrots and broccoli, and for pudding we had fruit salad. After dinner we met up in a meeting room where we had a quick quiz before heading off to our rooms for bed.



The next morning we got up, had breakfast which was a selection to choose from such as boiled egg, bread rolls, toast, cereal, coffee, tea or juice. Once we had finished off our breakfast we headed off to our rooms to pack. We came back down stairs to join the staff of Pax Lodge to join them for their flag ceremony. After putting up the flag we grabbed our bags and headed off to the train station. From the train station we went to Covent Garden and had a look around. After we looked around we took a bus off to the river Thames, where we walked down the side of the river where we saw *March 2012*

the Westminster bridge, the London eye and the Houses of Parliament. We then walked down the Westminster bridge saw the statue of Boudicca and up close to Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. From there we walked up to Trafalgar square where we saw the countdown clock for the Olympic Games, the statue of Nelson, then we wandered off to the St Martin in the Fields church underground cafe where we had lunch. After lunch we took a taxi in our little groups off to Buckingham Palace. Once we arrived at Buckingham Palace, we took many photos and looked at the palace as well as Queen Victoria's memorial. While we were there outside of the palace gates Charlie and Nicole got enrolled and made their promise. After the promise ceremony we headed back to Paddington station. Before we all got on the train our Marcham Guide Leader brought us all a Millie's cookie which was very kind of her and was very delicious. We got on the train once we had finished our cookies and headed back to Didcot station where we all got picked up. I had a wonderful time in London and learnt lots of things, thank you x
RACHEL P

MADAGRAMS by Jay

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Answers from last month...

**A WONDER = NEW ROAD
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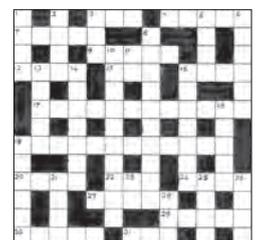
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rosemarykitto@gmail.com.
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HOME FROM HOME



On my recent journeys around the world in the company of Her Majesty the Queen's Royal Navy I had the pleasure of travelling to some of the Queen's domains. These British outposts have fascinating histories yet, due to their distance from us, people often forget they belong to Britain. Nevertheless, we are in charge of protecting these small and far-reaching British sovereign overseas territories and continually remind the world that the British armed forces (Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Marines)

constantly keep a vigil on Crown Dependencies.

Our journey begins by crossing the chilly Atlantic to sunny Gibraltar. Lying off the coast of Spain, Gibraltar is often known for its monkeys (Barbary apes) which are quite bold, cheeky little fellows where no food is ever safe. It is also home to duty-free products and contains the most bars in one place that I have ever seen. The drink of the day is JC's, a light green coloured, very acidic drink. Get past the first one and you will be on them all night. But all is not completely well here. On one occasion we were given notice to arm up and leave at some haste after we received intelligence that there was a threat to our and other British ships in port.

Malta is the most expensive place that I remember visiting. I took large amounts of money out of my bank account from the cash machine and yet was left with relatively little money to spend there. The people were very nice and our Captain was educated there, so we were all greeted and treated exceptionally well. For those seeking the comforts of home or maybe just suffering from having had a little too much to drink the night before, you will be pleased to know that there is a McDonalds in town (Valetta) to cater for that hangover breakfast.

The journey then continues thousands of miles further south; as many of the islands have no port we were often anchored-off and ferried across by rigid inflatable boat (RIB) or by local boats. Ascension Island is known for its key part in the Falklands War as a fuelling station for aircraft and continues to be so today, but for me it will always be home of the stale sandwich.

In St.Helena, famously known in history as the place of Napoleon's exile, you can visit the places that he went, all with many interesting stories – such as what Napoleon got up to with his gaoler's daughter! St Helena also has a number of other attractions. These include Jacob's Ladder – big steep steps that many people race up and down - and the oldest giant tortoise in the world which lives in the grounds of the Governor's House.



Tristan da Cunha has a claim to fame that a person can be both sides of the Equator at once there. It is here that we picked up a local girl and offered her passage to the Falklands. What a mistake! She did not like travelling by sea and did not cope well with a ship full of strangers, no matter how friendly the ship's company were.

Since the Argentinian invasion, the Falklands have been known as the "making" of Mrs Thatcher, and there has



been a strong military presence from then. A Royal Navy ship is permanently based down there; others are always visiting, as well as the RAF to aid air traffic and the Army to patrol. Port Stanley, the capital, has a series of huts which, as well as being homes, include two pubs, cake shop, church, supermarket, hotels and souvenir shop and is slowly becoming a tourist attraction. I say "slowly" because it's expensive to get there and at around 17 hours' flight each way it is not for everyone. MPA is the military base located the other side away from Stanley and invites the locals into its cinema, bowling lanes, gym and pool, cafe, bars and fast food emporium. Don't be too jealous. The pool is luke-warm, there are four small bowling lanes, a basic cinema showing films long after they have been released on DVD, and a church-run cafe serving a limited amount of food and drink.

South Georgia to the west of the Falklands is home to about a dozen scientists based there for up to six months a year. As well as breath-taking views and fascinating animals there is a church, souvenir shop and post office. The best idea should you be visiting is: bring a bin liner. Why? They are much easier to use than a sledge for tobogganing (but try and avoid the unexploded mines!)

From out of the extreme cold we travel to surely the hottest British overseas territories, the British Virgin Islands. BVI have been the home of Pussers Navy Rum for many years and 'painkillers' are the Royal Navy's favourite drink out there: 2, 3 or 4 shots of Pussers combined with a mixture of fruit juices (pineapple, orange, cream of coconut) and ice, stirred and served with fresh grated nutmeg. And you even get to keep the mug. There are beautiful sunny places to sit and eat in the capital, Tortola. Don't fall into a trap, though. Some locals carry machetes and aren't afraid to use them where money is involved, so don't try and cheat them or flash your cash.

There are many more that I have yet to see but as we make our way back across the Equator and head for home, it is worth remembering there are three more Crown Dependencies when we get to Britain. The Isle of Man in the Irish Sea and Guernsey and Jersey in the English Channel are self-governing islands bearing allegiance to the Queen. They are not in the UK or the EU, and are well known as holiday resorts and tax havens. They are proud of their respective histories, traditions and languages. Everyone speaks English, though, and a short crossing by sea or air gets you to them quickly and easily.

I have been very privileged to travel to many countries and seen and experienced a variety of places in such a short time that many will never see in a lifetime.

RUTH MANDER





All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

At long last the first signs of the spring are emerging from the cold ground and buds are forming on the bare twigs of the bushes and shrubs! At this stage in the annual cycle of nature in this country I am eagerly anticipating the warmer and longer days, together with the fresh colours of the spring flowers. Spring always speaks to me of new life and hope after the apparent 'deadness' of the winter months.

I read the following recently: 'Spirituality comes naturally to human beings. Made in the image of God, created for relationship with him, we are tripartite beings – we have, as every bookshop owner knows, a mind, a body and also a spirit.' Springtime 'lifts' our spirits, speaking to us of deeper longings, fresh beginnings, life out of death.

The article I was reading went on to say this: 'The Christian faith offers a coherent and fulfilling way of developing the spiritual side of our lives through the person of the Holy Spirit.' This is something I have known for a long time, and it is something many continue to discover for themselves today. But how about you?

Developing the spiritual side of our lives in a wholesome way, with God's help and in the company of fellow explorers and learners of Jesus, is fulfilling, and has the potential to set us free to be ourselves in ways previously only imagined. Being in relationship with God, with Jesus, is the adventure of a lifetime!

I hope you enjoy these early days of spring as much as I do. With my warmest greetings,

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer for the Month:

Almighty God,
Thank you for the first signs of spring, for the new shoots and buds, for the warmer, longer days. Thank you for the wonder of new life, for the spring in the steps of newborn lambs, for the joy of birdsong on a bright fresh spring day. Thank you, too, for creating us as spiritual beings, able to respond to You and to know Your love in Jesus.
Thank you!
Amen.

MARCH calendar:

Fri 2nd March: Women's World Day of Prayer
11 am at Marcham Baptist Church, service followed by a simple lunch.

Sat 3rd March: Men's Breakfast – 8.30 am at Carswell Golf Club House (joint with Kingston Bagpuize). Revd Andrew Wingfield – Digby will talk on Christians in Sport. Please RSVP to Ian Bensted on 390 955.

Our Annual Parish Meeting and APCM take place at All Saints' after the morning service on Sunday March 25th.

Parish People:

On 9th February, the funeral of **Jean Park** took place. Jean, who died aged 91, widow of Ray, had moved to Oakenholt House, Farmoor. A valued and loved member of our congregation, formerly a teacher at Marcham School and resident of Marcham.

On 17th February, the funeral of **Noreen (Norah Kathleen) McCrystal** took place. Noreen, of Howard Cornish Rd. was an ex-Parish Councillor and former landlady of the Crown.

We offer our sympathy and prayers to their families.

On 19th February, we welcomed **George Golding**, son of Louis and Lorraine, in Baptism.

Regular services:

Sundays at All Saints': 10 am and 6 pm
Wednesdays: 10.30 am Holy Communion at Duffield Place

Sunday at St. Luke's: **10.00 am on March 25th**
[Please note the changes to both time and date.]

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Marcham Baptist Church

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..... Galatians 6 verse 10

It was with regret that due to the threat of snow and ice, we made the decision to postpone my official induction as pastor of MBC. A good number of friends were travelling from Bedfordshire and Norfolk to be with us for the day and though it seemed that the weathermen slightly 'over-egged it' again, a delay was the right thing to do and the date has been rearranged for the beginning of April April Fool's Day I know but no comments please!!

For the last two weeks of February, I have been in India developing a project to help the poor in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh (UP). Indigenous Indian Christians there have set up many churches in and around their homes in villages in UP. As a result of the demonstration of love shown them by Christians, the Dalits (otherwise known as The Untouchables) experience acceptance often for the first time. All too frequently rejection of the Dalit community is the norm, with militant Hindus preventing them even from using the village handpumps, due to a belief that the lower caste Dalits would spiritually contaminate the water supply. Sadly, Christians even if they are not themselves Dalits, also face similar rejection.

Churches and individual Christians in this country support our work, known as Samaritan's Projects and to date around 68 wells have been installed on land owned by church leaders in the villages there, supporting the churches in their work of caring for the poor in both practical and spiritual ways.

All over the world, Christians are called to live out their faith in a twin track faith adventure. Firstly, we are called by God to show his love in reaching out to all but especially to the poor, the orphaned and the widows, a command that rings throughout both the Old and the New Testament. Secondly, Christians are called to share with others the faith that they have in God through Jesus Christ. This twin track approach is at the core of life for Christians and especially the pastors in the villages in India, who share this love with many, despite very often experiencing persecution including ostracism, beatings, imprisonment and even for some death.

For us in the freedom of the west, supporting the poor is an imperative and for those who support our project it is a joy to be able to sacrificially support the work of the churches in India. As we do that we see many given not only the simple but vital gift of water but also experience a large number putting their faith and trust in their Creator God, as they see his love demonstrated in practical ways.

What about you? What about living out the command of God in that "*as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people*"

Keith Mersh, Pastor Marcham Baptist Church

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**Join us for the induction of
Keith Mersh as Minister of
Marcham Baptist Church
Sunday 1st April 3.00pm
at Marcham Baptist Church**