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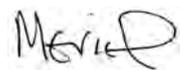
Details of events may change after publication, please check with the relevant organisers before attending events.

Dear Readers

Over 70 years ago, a tiny horse chestnut tree was planted in Marcham to mark the coronation of HM King George VI. In May we re-celebrated the event with a town crier and new plaque created by sculptors from Gloucester. See the cover for pictures.

If you have an event you want to celebrate, why not have a town crier? Ask the editor for more details.

Until next time



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June 2015

**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
Annual Council Meeting**

At the annual council meeting held on 13th May, Miss Ruth Mander was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and Mrs. Sandra Hill as Vice-Chairman. Mr. William Cumber will represent the parish on the Hills Aggregates Liaison committee. This Committee acts as a forum for discussion on the operation of the sand extraction site at the northern end of the parish. Mr. David Walton will be the parish transport representative at meetings with the county council on public transport issues. Mr. Malcolm Denton and Ms. Ruth Atkins will represent the Council on a working party meeting with representatives appointed by the PCC to discuss matters relating to Churchyard maintenance. Various other appointments were made to internal working parties and to other outside bodies. The contact details of the Council members can be found on the Council's noticeboard outside the Institute.

Mobile Library

From 6th July, 2015, there will be a new mobile library timetable for Oxfordshire. Marcham is on a week 1 basis so its new timetable commences on Thursday 16th July and the library will visit fortnightly stopping between 14.10 – 14.30 at the Marcham pre-school and from 14.35 – 15.00 at Sweetbriar, North Street.

Bus Service Review

The Oxfordshire County Council has been reviewing its subsidy for the local buses. Some of the evening 31 services will no longer receive financial support from the County Council, but will run commercially, so there will no reduction in level of service through the village. Slight timetable changes occur from 31st May, 2015.

Revised timetable for the 31 service can be found at [https://www.stagecoachbus.com/uploads/service3131stmay2015\[0\].pdf](https://www.stagecoachbus.com/uploads/service3131stmay2015[0].pdf) and the revised timetable for the X30 service can be found at <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/uploads/servicex3031stmay2015.pdf>

Best Kept Garden Competition

A reminder that the Parish Council is organising a Best Kept Garden competition again this year. Judging for this year's competition will take place between 30th May and 13th June. This will be front gardens only.

Planning Applications considered by the Council

P15/V0697/LB Alterations to existing west window at 15 Church Street. Council had no objections.

P15/V0682 Construction 4th bedroom and ensuite above existing kitchen to the rear of the property. Install two matching dormer windows to front at 28 Parkside. Council had no objections.

P14/V2363/RM Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Reserved matters at Willow Farm, Packhorse Lane. Council was concerned that there was no link

with the adjacent development site, that parking at the North Eastern corner was insufficient, that vehicles would be able to park on the main A415. The height of the houses too was cause for worry.

P15/V0612/FUL Residential development comprising the erection of 61 dwellings on land west of Hyde Copse, including associated amenity space, access, parking and ancillary development. The Council objected to this application. Council objected to the access to the site through Longfields, the housing mix and layout, the planned open space being at the north of the development, the 2½ storey height of dwellings, lack of updated surveys and reports, and lack of community benefit, plus concerns for the capacity of the school. It required joined up thinking, should the development be granted permission, to create an acceptable access footway/cycle path to link this site and Kings Field sites to Howard Cornish Road.

P14/V2373/O Erection of 40 dwellings with associated means of access, car parking, new footpath links, amenity space and landscaping. (Amended plans). The Council commented that the public open space had not been relocated, nor was there a footway alongside Sheepstead Road as requested previously. An adequate drainage, and sewage system was a concern.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 10th June 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place. This will be the first meeting of the new Council.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833 clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Any member of the public is most welcome to attend any of our meetings. There is a section near the start of each meeting for public participation, where any member of the public is able to speak about any topic which is relevant to the work of the Parish Council (for a maximum of three minutes). Members of the public are also welcome to observe some or all of the rest of the meeting.

www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

CATS

Two cats have recently been involved in accidents in Marcham:

25 May: A small fluffy black cat was knocked down near the pedestrian lights on the main road near Howard Cornish Road at approx 12:45pm. The cat was kindly taken to Fraser Veterinary Practice in Abingdon. (01235 528177) They will check the cat for a microchip. The cat is injured and will probably need treatment.

19 May: Tortoiseshell cat with four white paws found dead near The Croft - it has been taken to AbiVale vets (01235 524777) where it will be kept for one month. It wasn't chipped.

PLAQUE UNVEILING

On 16 May a small group gathered on Marcham Green to witness the unveiling of a new plaque commissioned by the Marcham Society. Sheila Dunford, Chair of Marcham Society, spoke about the history of the tree and the renovation of the railings, and introduced the sculptors of the new plaque, Yuko Motoi and Neil Marchant, who pulled the cord to reveal the new stone and it was all announced by Jon Crowley, Town Crier from Abingdon - here is his cry:

OYEZ OYEZ OYEZ

On behalf of the Marcham Society, I bring greetings and a welcome to all good citizens here gathered for the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the planting of this noble tree on the occasion of the Coronation of His Royal Majesty King George VI. The railings around the tree have been renovated voluntarily, and at great personal effort, by Mr Robert Hall, Gentleman, of the Village of Marcham, and the unveiling ceremony will be carried out by Yuko Motoi and Neil Marchant, Sculptors of the City of Gloucester.

**God Bless the Village and
People of Marcham
God Save the Queen**

Cried by Mr Jon Crowley, of the Abingdon Guild of Town Criers 16 May 2015

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY
BRIDGE ??**



Did you once enjoy a game of Bridge, but have not played for a number of years? Do you still play the occasional game, but would like to play more often? Would you like to learn to play this exciting and absorbing game? If so, why not come along to Marcham Bridge Club on Monday evenings?

There is an annual subscription of £5 plus £1 per evening, which includes coffee. If you would like more information ring Joe Featherstone on 391426 or Rob Hall on 391626.

Community Facilities Steering Group

The Anson Trust has advised the CFSG that it is currently working with a local house builder, Thomas Homes, to put together a scheme to revitalise community facilities and will hold a consultation event for everyone in the parish at All Saints' Church at 11am to 1pm on Saturday, 13th June 2015.

The proposals include:

1. redevelopment of the Institute site for housing;
2. building of a small number of houses on the eastern border of the Anson Field; and
3. reconfiguration of the sports pitches and creation of space for a village hall and nursery on the Field.

The Anson Trust and Thomas Homes will publish more details in next month's MAD News (including initial feedback from the consultation) and, in relation to points 2 and 3 above, are continuing to explore alternative solutions in conjunction with the CFSG and discussions with landowners that may yield additional benefits for the provision of community facilities in the village. In the meantime, the Anson Trust and the CFSG urge you to attend the consultation next month and contribute your views to the Anson Trust's proposals.

The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) has been set up with the clear objective of developing plans for new community facilities in our village and is made up of representatives from Marcham Parish Council, Marcham Community Group, Marcham Parochial Church Council, Marcham Baptist Church, Marcham Scouts, Sports and Social Club and the Anson Trust. If you wish to have more information on the CFSG, please contact Jim Asher (391727).. If you wish to have more information on CFSG, please contact Jim Asher (391727).

CFSG - Opportunities without Obstacles

**Marcham School
Summer Fête
Friday 3rd July 2015
6-8 pm**

Everyone welcome!
Free Entrance for Children
BBQ and Bar
Bouncy Castle - Raffle - Tombola
Balloon Sculpting - Games

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Available for rent

Cow Lane Pony Paddocks
Anyone who is interested in renting these paddocks should contact the Clerk for further information.
Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin
90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham,
OX13 6PU 01865 391833

**Marcham Village
Shop
and Post Office**

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Sat: 07.30 - 13.00
Sun: 08.00 - 13.00



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- 7 acres
 - 30 artists
 - 200 artworks
- 11am - 6pm**
23 May - 7 June
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Mon 1 and Tues 2 Jun)
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LITTER BLITZ

We will be holding a Spring Clean Litter Blitz on **Saturday 6 June** commencing at 09.30. Meet in the car park by the Scouts, Sports and Social Club. Protective clothing and litter picker sticks will be provided.

All Welcome

Where Litter Lies, Beauty Dies

Marcham WI

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, 18 June

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Denman College

Our next meeting is on June 18th, when **Muriel Pilkington** will be telling us about the 'Lost Villages of Oxfordshire'. We look forward to seeing you all there.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

For further information, please contact:

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com



MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The Club's OCA Fixtures for for June are as follows:

| June | 1st XI | 2nd XI |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 6 | Stanton Harcourt Home | Risinghurst II Away |
| 13 | Dorchester Away | Dorchester II Home |
| 20 | Britwell Salome Home | Chesterton II Away |
| 27 | Kilkenny Away | Kilkenny II Home |

Regarding Fixtures played so far this Season, at the time of writing, the 1st XI has played 3 and won 3. The 2nd II has played 2 and won 1. Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for all information relating to the Club - including playing or umpiring for Marcham. **CSB**



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Have you made plans for your dog while you're on holiday? Would you feel happier leaving them if you knew that he or she will get the same love, fuss and care that they get at home?

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See the advert on page 10

Blooming Great Tea Party between 20 and 29 June

Last year across the UK the Blooming Great Tea Party for Marie Curie raised £667,000, which pays for 33,350 hours of vital nursing care. With your support we can do more, for more of the people who need us.

For more information and to sign up for a free fundraising pack to host your own Blooming Great Tea Party, visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teatime or call 0845 052 4184.

Please do share your event details, photos and follow updates on social media using #BloomingGreat.



MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK.

Thursday, June 11th

Join us for another summer walk in the Cotswolds. We will meet at 12.30pm for lunch at The Plough Inn (Map Ref SP363162) in Finstock, south of Charlbury. We will start our walk of 4 miles at 1.30, BUT STARTING FROM Ramsden crossroads, near the church (SP357153). Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and to check for any last minute changes.



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

Quiz Night ALL WELCOME FRIDAY 26 JUNE

This month's quiz will be held on Friday 26 June in the Sports and Social Club on the Anson Field, starting at 8.15pm. Questions are on a range of subjects and aimed at everyone's ability! The quiz nights run on the last Friday of each month. Teams of up to four people are invited, but if you are alone or a couple, come along, and we could fit you into an existing or even new team!

Everyone welcome, members and non members. Just turn up on the night for a friendly evening of fun and banter.

Further details from Trevor Hill – 01865 391321

Everyone welcome - members AND non-members

We look forward to seeing you at the club

SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

2.00-3.30 pm Tuesday 9th June

2.00-3.30 pm Tuesday 23rd June

We meet in the common room at Duffield Place. Come and join us, you will be sure of a warm welcome ... and tea and cake!

Phone 391270 for more details Christine Whild



Summer Dance Saturday 27th June

7.30-12.00pm

Marcham Sports, Scouts and Social Club

Dancing to the sounds of **Vinyl Daze**

Raffle :: Food will be available

Tickets will be on sale from April, available at Marcham Village Shop, Hayley Cousins (391024), Chris Ricketts(391329) or Peter Kidd (391515)



SEATED EXERCISE CLASS

specifically designed for those who would like to improve their fitness, balance and strength.



- The exercises can be done standing or sitting to suit everyone
- No special clothes required, just wear something comfortable and non slip shoes.
- It will improve your fitness , strength and balance
- There's no age limit so it's never too late to start!

Marcham Sports and Social Club

every Thursday at 10:30am to 11:30am

For further details contact AGE UK Oxfordshire on 01235 849403.

Bank Balance
£18,905

Local Events
£11,830

Donations
£8,119

2014 - 2015 Membership
Voting: 72 Junior: 18

5p Coins
6028



It's that time again...

Marcham Community Group continues to play its part within the Community Facilities Steering Group (see page 5 of this month's MADNews), to find a way forward to develop new community facilities for Marcham, and this will be the main focus of our efforts to help make this happen.

In the meantime, we are coming up to our membership renewal time. We are very grateful for the continued support of our members since we were formed and we are inviting you to renew your membership again from July. So, why renew? MCG has been working, along with other local bodies, to find the right solution to providing community facilities for Marcham. We can only do this with your help and support. We continue to fund-raise, so that when we have a viable plan, which we hope is getting closer, we will be ready to provide financial support where it will be needed. Please help us to do so!

We are at the early stages of organising a community entertainment event in the autumn to bring together local people again - so watch this space in the next MAD News for more information.

Our next AGM/Open Meeting will be held in September 2015. We will have more details of this also in the next MAD News, and there will be a further opportunity to discuss facility progress at that meeting.

It's that time again...

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Charity No 1144407

www.marcham.org



**Gateway to the Gods:
The Roman Temple
at Marcham**

**25 April - 1 September
Abingdon Museum**

Between 2001-2011 excavations on Trendles Field, Marcham, unearthed evidence for ritual and religious practices beginning in the Iron Age. They continued into the Roman period when a temple and semi-amphitheatre were constructed. The site produced thousands of artefacts, many of them gifts to the gods, proving this to be a site of national importance.

Thanks to a 3-year National Lottery Heritage Grant, local people have been participating in post-excavation research, working with artefacts, animal bone and written records. This exhibition presents some of these findings, alongside previously unseen artefacts, as we begin to tell the story of Marcham's distant past.



WANTED
YOU THE AUDIENCE
Kennington Amateur Dramatic Society
Let's all go to the Music Hall

Dress up if you wish for Cowboys or Cowgirls or Edwardian Ladies or Gentry for American and British Old Time Entertainment at Kennington Village Centre

June
Friday 26 at 8pm
Saturday 27 at 2pm and 8pm
Sunday 28 at 2pm

Box Office 01865 739025
Adults £8 and Concessions £6

Table Top Sale

Hanney WM Hall
Sat 27 June 10 – 2
Raffle drawn 1.30
Refreshments
Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research UK



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To find a session contact
www.blood.co.uk 0300 123 23 23
If you are already a donor, why not take a friend next time!

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted to re-elect me MP for the Wantage and Didcot constituency in the recent General Election. I cannot tell you how thrilled and honoured I feel to have been returned with an increased majority, and I will do everything in my power to repay the faith you have shown in me. It goes without saying that I will work for everyone who lives in the constituency regardless of how they voted.



The main issues I came across while out canvassing and at the many hustings I attended relate to concerns over housing developments. It is inevitable that we will get additional houses, I have always been very honest about this, but it is crucial that we get the relevant infrastructure to support development. I will try to ensure that this is delivered in full and on schedule by the council and developers. Other related issues that I shall be looking into are the provision of local Primary School places and concerns over GP services.

I am also delighted to have been given the opportunity to resume my Ministerial roles at the Department of Culture Media and Sport and at the Department of Business Innovation and Skills. These are portfolios I particularly enjoy and aspects such as the roll out of broadband expansion are extremely important to many of my constituents, particularly those who live in the villages.

Congratulations are also due to all the newly elected District, Town and Parish Councillors – I look forward to working with those in the Wantage and Didcot constituency. My thanks also to all the Councillors who either chose not to stand again or were unsuccessful at these elections, for the work they have done for their communities over the past years. It is much appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my fantastic team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or atkinsl@parliament.uk. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please do email me at badyaljb@parliament.uk or sign up at www.vaizey.com

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)

COUNTY REPORT

After a hectic 2 months with Elections, things are now getting back to normal with Annual Meetings and briefings. Please forgive a brief report this month.

I am pleased to announce that I have been elected Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on the County Council. This will give me better access to all that the Council does, which I hope will be to the benefit of everyone.

RICHARD WEBBER CLLR OCC

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DISTRICT REPORT

First of all, can I thank all those of you who voted for me as your District Councillor. Not only did I get back in, but I increased my majority, bucking the trend set by the Tory tsunami. So again, a big thank you.

Whilst canvassing over the last few weeks, I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet and chat to very many of you, and various issues have been highlighted, particularly centred round traffic; the youth; the expanding village with its overburdened infrastructure, particularly the school and water/ sewage issues; the need for

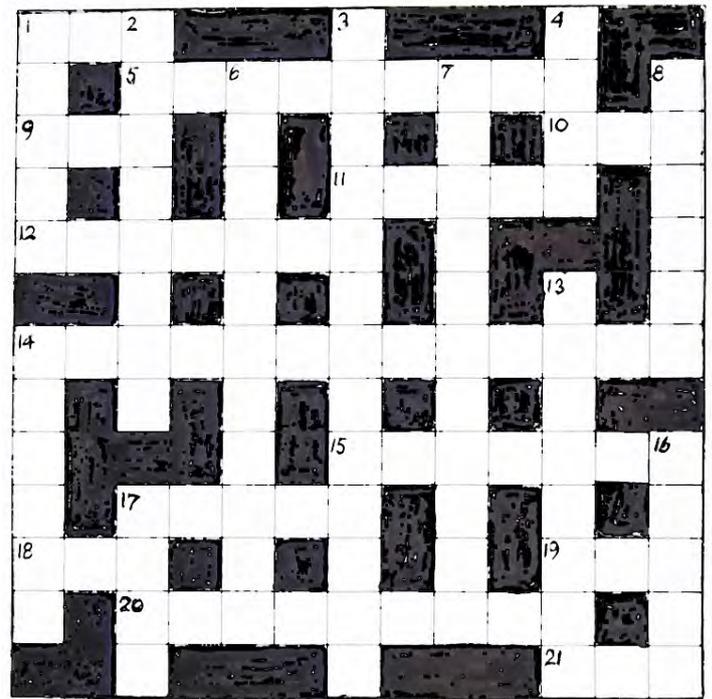
smaller houses/ bungalows for first time buyers and those who want to downsize; the future of the Institute and the Anson Field. Most of these are being addressed in some ways and I foresee Richard, your County Councillor, and I will be kept busy trying to get some happy resolutions.

Please forgive this brief report. Back to normal next month.

CATHERINE WEBBER Cllr VWHDC

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CROSSWORD BY ALISA



Across

- 1. Meal (3)
- 5. Considers unreliable (9)
- 9. Zodiac sign (3)
- 10. Climber (3)
- 11. Disease (5)
- 12. Area of Grassland (7)
- 14. Description of B&B Rafters (1.5.2.5)
- 15. Area of high level ground (7)
- 17. Useful playing card (5)
- 18. Vehicle (3)
- 19. Suitable (3)
- 20. Rebel (9)
- 21. Organ of hearing (3)

Down

- 1. Flower (5)
- 2. Lovable (8)
- 3. Law breaking is reported to them (13)
- 4. Thames (4)
- 6. They precede bad weather (6.5)
- 7. Event on the 27th (6.5)
- 8. Word arrangement (6)
- 13. Make hostile (8)
- 14. Animal seen near Boars Hill (6)
- 16. Say (5)
- 17. Excursion (4)

Wantage & Grove Lions club are holding a "Cash Bingo Session" on Saturday 6th June at Grove Village Hall doors open at 6-30pm. We are raising funds for "The Mikayla Team", this is a girl suffering from cancer who wants to do something for other children suffering as she is. We are hoping the little girl will be there so that we can present her with a donation. We would like as good attendance as possible please if you can come and join us.



LION: NAN DRAPER 01865 391257

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

This term the children have been exploring a range of minibeasts by making a bug hotel, catching bugs, cooking bug biscuits, moulding clay bugs, painting, drawing, playing and watching! We've all had a great time, learnt lots and even watched our own caterpillars change into butterflies before releasing them into our garden. Sessions have been allocated for September 2015 and we have only a few spaces left. Did you know.....



- We take children from 2 years old
- We take children wearing nappies/pull ups
- We have facilities for sleep and rest through the day
- We were awarded **OUTSTANDING** at our last OFSTED inspection

We would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining us. Please ring 01865 392101 or email marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk

CUB VISIT TO HENDON AIR MUSEUM

where they completed their Air Activities Badge.

Written by Chloe Nicol.

The Cubs went to Hendon air museum on Saturday 25 April. It was really fun, we all enjoyed seeing the aeroplanes and afterwards we went to see a short clip on the bouncing bombs. I was fascinated. We had lunch and then went to go on a fighter plane simulator. It was awesome but I was nearly sick! My friend Meg was shouting to press the stop button on the ceiling! A while later when we had all calmed down we went into a 4D cinema. There was water, smoke and flashing lights. When the experience had finished we went to the shop. I bought an RAF dog with a coat. Most of us bought sweets and some bought books. Some of the children had £1.01 left so they pressed a penny. Some pennies had fighter planes on them. We had a great time, thank you to Chris, Mick and Clare!



"The adventure awaits..."

**Come with us through the wardrobe
All Saints holiday club this year will be based on Narnia.**



**Keep the dates free
10am - 2pm
Tuesday 25th - Friday 29th August
£28 for the week (same as last year!).
Watch out for more details next month.....**

Please join us for a "Gig in the Garden" to raise money for a Ugandan mission trip
Live music, fun, food and a talent auction!
Fun for all the family.
When: Sunday 5th July, 4pm until 6.30pm
Where: Buildings Farm House
Suggested donation: £5 adult, £2 children
If you have a talent to share or favour to auction off then this is your chance.
Contact: becky.h.rowe@hotmail.co.uk
Don't miss out!
Becky Rowe, Lucy Hefford & Jessie Dipper

This month has seen us finish our refurbishment of the pre-school room and our outside area. The children and staff have been very excited playing with all the new furniture and equipment, the wobbly bridge outside has been a big favourite and the inside furniture is much brighter and allows us to use the room more flexibly.



The Baby Room has been a very busy month with several new babies joining us. We are very busy learning to crawl and climb anything we can find. May has seen us learning **All About Me** and how we grow. Our Little Angels have had great fun comparing family photographs and recognising their friends in each other's photos. We have been doing hand prints and comparing the size of each other's hands and have learnt that the staff have much bigger hands than the babies!!

The Pre School Room has been looking at **All About Me!** this month. Our Little Angels have been learning about how they are similar to each other and what makes them different. They have been comparing eye colour and hair colour. They made a height chart and enjoyed guessing how tall they are compared to each other. We have been looking at the different ages, babies, children, adults and older people. They have enjoyed running the baby clinic in the garden and taking their "babies" to be weighed by the doctor. The Little Angels have been looking at what jobs they think they might do when they become adults and dressing up appropriately!

After School Club - With the lighter evenings and the warmer weather the After School Club have been enjoying getting out and looking at nature. They have been looking up spring flowers and making daisy chains. Football has been particularly popular this month and even the younger ones have been joining in! We recently got a long skipping rope and the children have fully enjoyed playing Double Dutch even on the raining days. They have also enjoyed playing with tracing paper and they have been tracing anything and everything they can get hold of!

If you would like any further information about Abingdon Little Angels Nursery, After School Club, Holiday Club or Art Club please feel free to call in or telephone us on 07516 474287 or email info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk

Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club

Our friendly club welcomes new members of any age or ability. We play all year round with coaching and club sessions throughout the week and competitive matches in the Babolat Winter Summer leagues. We also have monthly indoor sessions during the winter.

Membership forms can be obtained from our membership secretary (864691), or downloaded from the Appleton Village website www.appletonwith Eaton.org.uk/tennis-club

Come and meet us and try one of our club sessions:
Mixed Sat 10-12 noon & Thurs 1.30 to 3.30pm,
Ladies Fri 9.15-11am.

**Mixed doubles tournament 26 July - all welcome.
£5 entry per person and bring a plate to share**

Junior Summer Camp: 17 - 22 August
More details on our website
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The Closure of Marcham Baptist Church



It is with great sadness that at the beginning of this year, the church membership made the decision to close Marcham Baptist Church (MBC). There was a time when MBC was a large and thriving church with quite a number of children each week coming to Sunday School but our church has gradually dwindled in size and our congregation now is mostly elderly, with some travelling in from other towns or villages. The painful decision to close was arrived at after much soul searching, agonising and prayer but it seems to be the right one for both the church and our community.

After looking through the historical record of the church, it seems that in the 1860's, there was a meeting of Baptists – the nucleus of a church, meeting in a cottage in a lane leading to what was known as Plum Acre, in the approximate vicinity of the current church premises. From the 1870's, MBC came under the umbrella of Abingdon Baptist Church, which in 1872 provided a 'tin tabernacle', where the church met. This steel building was positioned roughly at the entrance to the current MBC car park. The first Minister of MBC was Mr W Pontifex, who pastored the church for ten years from 1872. The church continued to be overseen by Abingdon Baptist Church, with a series of other pastors leading the church until the mid to late 1950's, when the church eventually became independent from Abingdon. Notable during that period was Mr George Deacon Shipley who pastored the church from 1896 to 1920. His photograph still hangs in MBC.

In 1928, the tin tabernacle was sold and the current building erected, before being improved in various ways in 1950. The first full time pastor after independence from Abingdon was Mr Gordon Lewry, who led the church firstly in a lay capacity, as Secretary from 1972 to 1989, before then becoming pastor until 1994. Ian Millgate from Abingdon then pastored the church until 2002 and Claudette Oddy from 2004 until 2006. From then until 2011, the church had been led by elders, Mr Bill Dyer and the late Mr Ray Barrett, ably supported by other dedicated individuals from within the church. Over the last 143 years, there have been significant periods when the church has been vibrant but efforts to grow the church in recent years have not been fruitful and have gradually led to us coming to the difficult decision to close.

All Saints Church has increasingly grown in recent years and MBC has worked in increasingly close cooperation with them, friendships have been built and relationships greatly strengthened. The closer we have worked together, the more obvious it seemed that there was little, or nothing that separated the two churches in terms of theology, or style of worship and that we would be much more effective working together as one with our Christian friends at All Saints.

With all that is happening in Marcham at the moment, especially with moves being made for the building of a community building, it is obvious that the buildings at MBC could be vital in the next few years while this intended building work may take place. At present, Rainbows, Brownies and the Table Tennis Club meet in the Baptist Church Hall. All Saints Church has therefore applied for a licence from the Baptist Union Corporation, trust holders of the MBC buildings and land. This will ensure that in the short term, our buildings will continue to be available for use by the organisations that currently use them and also as a possible interim facility for the community during any development work. We are also exploring the possibility that the buildings and or land could in due course be obtained for future long-term use by the community in Marcham.

Our closure service will take place on the 5th July at 3.00pm. Do feel free to join us, to celebrate all that Marcham Baptist Church has been over the last 143 years

Keith Mersh, Pastor Marcham Baptist Church

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Speakers in June

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| 7 June | - John Fosker |
| 14 June | - Paul Revell |
| 21 June | - Wendy Manley |
| 28 June | - PRAYER MEETING |

Join us on Sundays at 10.30am, or call Keith if you want to chat about life and faith.



Dear Friends,

Towards the end of May we celebrated the wonderful occasion of Pentecost - the mysterious, yet life transforming gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the first Christians, and as a result the Church was effectively born. Today we continue to live in the era of the Spirit, and thus we have the joy of witnessing God, through His Spirit, continuing to meet us, effecting faith and equipping us for the challenges of following Jesus in our 21st century world. The Holy Spirit helps us know the reality of God's love in Christ - and the joy of His being 'in touch'. This month several of our young people will be baptised by full immersion, symbolizing the death to life transformation that is brought about when the Spirit comes. It is a joy to be part of the ongoing celebration of life that began those many years ago. Jesus said "I have come that you might have life - in all its fullness". It is gloriously true, and the Spirit continues to make this real.

Good news indeed! I hope you enjoy these early summer weeks.

Revd Richard Zair (Vicar)

Regular church services

Sundays: 10am & 6pm at All Saints'

Wednesdays: 10.30am at Duffield Place

SUNDAY 14th June - 10.30am at St Luke's, Garford

Prayer

We have regular opportunities for prayer:

Monday 1st June at 9.30 am @ 11 Sweetbriar
'Prayer for the persecuted Church'

Thursday Mornings at 9.30 @ 11 Sweetbriar is a chance to come together with others for prayer.

Parish People:

Give thanks for Ben who was baptized last month! Our prayers are with him and his family.

Village Café

Wednesdays during term-time

11.30am at the Sports and Social Club

The Village Café is open to anyone and provides a roast dinner every Wednesday during term time - at no charge (though donations to cover costs are welcome).

This is a great place to meet other people - it is very friendly and welcoming. If you would like to know more about coming along, or perhaps even helping out, please contact Jenny Allan on 391373

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