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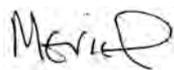
Dear Readers

I wasn't able to go to the presentation about the possibility of developing a new village hall for Marcham but things are looking quite positive. You can read more about the proposals on page 5.

If you have never seen any of the finds from Trendles Field (or even if you have), the display in Abingdon Museum is worth a visit. There is a shoe and even a basket along with more personal objects.

I hope you all have a great summer, there is so much going on.

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Best Kept Garden Competition**

The first round judging has now taken place. The village has been divided into 7 zones, and 3 selected gardens from each zone will go forward to the final round judging. It is planned to present the prizes at the beginning of the September meeting of the Parish Council, to be held on Wednesday 9th September, so all first, second and third place winners will be notified in good time.

**Grass Cutting – Howard Cornish Road/A415 junction**

Several complaints were lodged with the Parish Council regarding the length of grass at the junction of Howard Cornish Road and the A415. This was in places 1.2m tall and was severely restricting visibility for motorists trying to join the main road. It is the County Council that is responsible for that area, and they have said that this year hard decisions have had to be made with an ever tightening budget. The grass cutting has been reduced to two cuts per year, however where there is a need for road safety reasons, additional mowing will take place at road junctions. The Parish Council has asked them to review its schedule and to ensure that next season there is an increased number of cuts, with the first cut of the season being much earlier than it was this year.

**Community Defibrillator**

An approach was made to the Parish Council a little while ago, to enquire whether a community defibrillator could be located in the village. Substantial thought was given to this idea, and discussion took place with the community shop who took over the project. The Council's thanks must go to the shop and the landowner for agreeing to locate the defibrillator outside of the shop in North Street and particularly for fully funding it to date. Although defibrillators are easy to use, and require no first aid certificate, training is available in their operation. Should there be anyone interested in learning more about the village defibrillator and in specific training in its use, then please contact the clerk.

**Mobile Library Times**

Last month the new mobile library times were published. For Marcham these are from 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. One addition to note, is that as the mobile library will go onto school premises, the pre-school stop is for the pre-school children only. Any members of the public wishing to use the mobile library can do so at its North Street stop outside of Sweetbriar.

**Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications considered at the June meeting of the Council.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 8th July 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place.

**Clerk to the Council:** Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833  
[clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**GRAHAM HILL:**

**2 SEPTEMBER 1955 – 21 JULY 2010**

Over 100 family and friends gathered in the Anson field on Friday 22 May to pay their respects for everything that Graham did for sport in the village, and particularly the thousands of hours he spent over many years in making the cricket ground one of the best in the Oxfordshire league.

Those present witnessed the unveiling of a bench in Graham's memory, which was expertly made by Tom Ricketts. The seat includes Graham's initials on each end with his bat, ball and photograph enclosed in a glass casement. Barbara, Gemma, Lewis and the family will be eternally grateful to Tom and his parents, Chris and Nigel for producing such a wonderful memorial, which everyone in the village can enjoy, whether watching sport or just relaxing in a tranquil environment.

The seat also contains the words `After 500 + matches and thousands of hours of toil, this is my heaven, my pride and joy`. This encapsulates everything that the field and the social life pertaining to the club meant to Graham for over 40 years of sport and enjoyment there.

Everyone raised a glass or two (or more) to Graham in the club house, which included his preference of a `real ale` and the occasional favourite tippie of a `Jamesons`.

Thanks to everyone who attended, it made it such a special night for Barb and the family. It will, like Graham, always be with us.

**HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS**

Normal day	Revised day	Which bin?
Mon 31 Aug	Tues 1 Sept	Grey
Tues 1 Sept	Wed 2 Sept	Grey
Wed 2 Sept	Thurs 3 Sept	Grey
Thurs 3 Sept	Fri 4 Sept	Grey
Fri 4 Sept	Sat 5 Sept*	Grey

**JIM METCALFE**

Glyn Metcalfe and her family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and cards received after the sad loss of Jim. Thank you to all those who attended his funeral which we hope Jim would have enjoyed! A special thank you to Nigel and Paul Carter for their care and respect shown to our family. We would like to also pass on our thanks for the donations totalling £591.05 for Sobell House Hospice who gave Jim excellent care and enabled him to have such a peaceful passing. Your support and kind wishes was greatly appreciated.

Dear Editor

PLEASE, NO BONFIRES!

On a fine evening recently, the unpleasant smell from a burning bonfire not only invaded my garden but also succeeded in finding its way into my house, even though I had hastily closed the windows. Unfortunately, as most of us live within a short distance of one another, this is an inevitable consequence of lighting bonfires.

Fortunately there are other ways of getting rid of our garden rubbish. Not only can we have a compost bin but also a brown bin which the council empties every two weeks. If these are not sufficient, then a second brown bin or a drive to the waste disposal facility at Drayton should solve the problem.

**Are you a good neighbour?  
NORTH STREET RESIDENT**

Dear Editor

Here at Little Angels we are more than happy for your little angels to enjoy our garden when they are watching cricket or football with their family. **However please treat our garden with respect**, we have had broken chairs and toys left in the garden. Also please make sure you return items where they belong. The items in our garden are for all our little angels, if they are broken it is all them who lose out. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**LITTLE ANGELS**

Dear Editor

It was so good to see in the May edition of the MADNews that the Baptist Church page at last had a heading, (in bold type too!), AND an understandable headline!!!!. It was very disheartening to see however, that after 2 years of campaigning for a more "in your face" advertisement for MBC's presence here in the village, all that was presented was the Church's imminent closure next month - Just this after 143 years of administering

to the evangelical and spiritual needs of the community here in the village and environs, which over the years must number hundreds, (counting adults and their children), passing through its doors! Yes, the page did contain many details of its glorious past, but as a Church it now no longer has a future. What a great shame!

**TONY BLACKLER.**

**Marcham Village Shop and Post Office**

The first week of June was **Volunteers Week**. We are always looking for more volunteers so if you can spare a few hours leave a message for Tash, Shop Manager, on 391993. The same week was also Heart Rhythm Week. Have you noticed a green defibrillator box appear outside the shop? This piece of life saving equipment was suggested to the Parish Council by one of our Post Office volunteers. Everyone thought that a defibrillator (heart starter) would be a great idea for the village. The chosen location was the shop, and the Shop Committee then kindly offered to install and pay for it on behalf of the community.

We shall be holding a **raffle** with a prize of a lovely summer **Pimms Hamper**. The draw will be held on our **third birthday**, Thursday 30th July. Tickets on sale NOW!

**Marcham Village Shop and Post Office**

**Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 18.00**  
**Sat: 07.30 - 13.00**  
**Sun: 08.00 - 13.00**



OUR **MVS**  
MARCHAM VILLAGE SHOP

**POST OFFICE**

**Community Facilities Steering Group**

As was announced in the last MAD News, a presentation and discussion was held on 13th June at the church, led by Chris Brotherton (Thomas Homes) and Neil Rowe (Anson Trust) regarding a new approach for the provision of community facilities in Marcham. This involves some housing development, but much more limited in scale than previous plans.

The proposals include:

1. redevelopment of the Institute site for housing;
2. building a small number (2-10) of houses on the eastern border of the Anson Field. The more money we can raise, the fewer houses would need to be built on the Field; and
3. reconfiguration of the sports pitches and creation of space for a village hall and nursery on the Field.

Helpful discussion points were raised by the audience of about 100. Altogether the response was positive and supportive towards these proposals. We will see more detail of the proposed plans later this summer.

*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 FETE**

Marcham School PTA invite you to come along to the Summer Fete.

**Friday 3rd JULY 6-8 pm**

**Entrance: Adults £1, Children FREE.**

**BBQ and Bar**

**Balloon Sculpting, Hook-a-Duck, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and lots more!**

Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there...whatever the weather

## Possible cuts to bus services

90% of bus routes in Oxfordshire are run commercially. However, the County Council currently spend about £3.7million per year paying the bus companies to provide extra routes and extra journeys which otherwise would not exist. In Marcham's case, the 31 route is now entirely commercial, but the X15 service only runs as a result of Oxfordshire's annual subsidy.

Oxfordshire County Council is now consulting on three proposals:

- 1) to cut the bus subsidy completely, so that all subsidised services would stop, including the X15 route.
- or 2) to cut the annual bus subsidy by £2.3million, and use what is left to subsidise some off-peak services. There is a 'medium' risk that the X15 service would be cut.
- 3) to stop completely the Dial-a-Ride service (which is used by people who have mobility problems).

All of these proposals would take effect from April 2016.

If you would like to comment on any aspect of these proposals, you can do so online at <https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk> or you can send your comments by post to County Hall. There is also a public meeting to explain the proposals on Wednesday 8 July between 4.00pm and 5.30pm in Abingdon Guildhall.

David Walton, Marcham Parish Council

## Marcham WI

### Next Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, 16 July

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** 24, The Farthings

The next meeting on Thursday July 16th will be our **Garden Party**. We will be having a 'bring and share' supper, so please bring along a plate of food to share and a garden chair. Please also come along wearing a fancy corsage/button hole. Let's hope for some nice weather and we look forward to seeing you all there for an enjoyable social evening.

*New members and visitors are always welcome.*

*For further information, please contact:*

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com



## MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK.

### Thursday, July 2nd.

For this month's walk we will walk short sections of both the Icknield Way and the Ridgeway as well as the Aston Rowant Nature Reserve. We will eat at The Shepherd's Crook (Map Ref SP744997), The Green, Crowell at 12.30pm for lunch, starting the walk of 4½ miles at 1.30. Crowell is on the B4009 2 miles NW of Junction 6 on the M40.



### Thursday August 6th.

For this month's walk we will have a second attempt at walking across the Downs to the Seven Barrows Nature Reserve and back through horse racing country. We will eat at The George, (Map Ref SU327788), High Street, Lambourn at 12.30pm for lunch. However we will be walking from the Malt Shovel (currently being refurbished) in Upper Lambourn (Map Ref SU317799, just off the B4000 a mile out of Lambourn), leaving there at 1.30pm for a circular walk of about 5 miles..

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.

## MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing the 1st XI has won 3 and lost 2 of Fixtures played and the 2nd XI has won 1 and lost 2 of Fixtures played.

Each XI has missed one Fixture due to bad weather.

The 2nd XI was successful in the Centenary Cup and now moves into the Quarter Finals. The 1st XI was unsuccessful in the Telegraph Cup. The fixtures for July and August are:

July	1st XI	2nd XI
4th	Deddington (Away)	Sunningwell II (Home)
11th	Hailey (Home)	No fixture
18th	Swinbrook (Home)	Eynsham II (Away)
25th	Kidlington (Away)	Hanney II (Home)
<b>August</b>		
1st	Uffington (Home)	No fixture
8th	Stanton Harcourt (Away)	Risinghurst II (Home)
15th	Dorchester (Home)	Dorchester II (Away)
22nd	Britwell Salome (Away)	Chesterton II (Home)

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

And finally...some years ago it was reported that the American comedian Groucho Marx visited Lords to attend his first cricket match. Play was a little slow and someone asked him what he thought of Cricket. "Great! Just great!" he responded. "When is it going to start?"



CSB

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

### Quiz Night ALL WELCOME FRIDAY 31 JULY

This month's quiz will be held on Friday 31 July 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**

## MORE BUS NEWS

There is a new X30 / 31 bus timetable. Savvy early shoppers should particularly note the 09.28 departure from Marcham to Abingdon and Oxford on weekdays. (The Saturday bus goes at 09.33 as usual.)

RJM

Bank Balance  
£19,048

Local Events  
£11,830

Donations  
£8,260

2014 - 2015 Membership  
Voting: 72 Junior: 18

5p Coins  
6071

Marcham  
Community  
Group



## Progress with a new concept...and a plea for help

Marcham Community Group continues to play its part within the Community Facilities Steering Group (see page 5 of this month's MAD News), to find a way to develop new community facilities, and it seems like there may be some progress at last.

We are inviting you to renew your membership again from July to support our efforts and we are looking for help with fund-raising. The more money we raise, the fewer houses have to be built to fund the project, and we will need much help from you to achieve this.

We propose to organise a community family event in the autumn to bring together local people again and raise funds - with a barbeque, bar and a barn dance, but we really need your help to form a team to make it possible. Please contact Denise Asher (391727) as soon as possible if you are able to help in any way—the more people help, the less each person has to do!

Our next AGM and Open Meeting will be held at the school at 7:30pm on 30 September 2015 and there will be a further opportunity to discuss facility progress at that meeting. Please put that date in your diary!

Progress...and a plea for help

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391727 (Jim)

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## THE MARCHAM PLAYERS

On 21st May, the Marcham Players were pleased to gather in the Boardroom at Manor Farm to entertain each other with readings on the theme of Journeys. The selection of extracts was diverse – we heard about Shackleton's amazing feats in the Antarctic; travelling to the Weetabix factory at Kettering; Nineteenth Century Cheltenham; the Trojan wars; a missionaries adventures in rural China; travelling with a Donkey in the Cevennes and the Lord of the Rings (to name just a few). Liz had even written her own account of an eventful car journey taken one Christmas in her childhood!



The Players were sad to say goodbye to Dave Hutchinson, who has served them faithfully and well in recent years. To quote Dave, "leaving the village was the only way out". He was presented with a beautiful painting of the Institute by Deidre Maton and goes with our best wishes for the future.

Our next event is likely to be in the autumn – further details to follow.

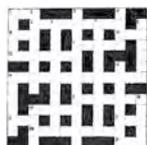
For details about joining in with the Marcham Players, call Simon Blackmore 391922

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

## CROSSWORD BY ALISA ANSWERS

Across: 1. Tea 5. Distrusts 9. Leo 10. Ivy 11. Mumps 12. Prairie 14. A place to relax 15. Plateau 17. Trump 8. Car 19. Apt 20. Insurgent 21. Ear

Down: 1. Tulip 2. Adorable 2. Crimestoppers 4. Isis 6. Storm clouds 7. Summer dance 8. Syntax 13. Alienate 14. Alpaca 16. Utter 17. Trip



On Saturday July 11th the Lions are carrying out a collection called " Mile of Coins" from 10am till 2pm. We are doing this at the side of Sainsbury's in Wantage. Funds will go to good causes in Wantage & Grove & any cause we are told about. On 10th October 2015 we are hoping to have a Craft Fayre at the Mill Hall in Grove if there is anyone in the village who would like to know more about this event or have a table please contact Lions Nan & Ernest 01865 391257.



 **BritishRedCross**



### Red Cross Week 2015

Many thanks to all you donors for your contributions to the Red Cross Appeal in the village last month. The magnificent sum of £428.35p was raised and passed on to the District Co-ordinator for use wherever medical help or supplies are needed.

Our thanks too, we send to our collectors who spent many hours knocking on doors, often in inclement weather, (which happens even in May), for their time and efforts given so willingly year after year.

Unfortunately, this year could be our last in organising this local event, as sadly we are beginning to feel the effects of Anno Domini creeping up on us both. We would welcome any offers from current collectors, or anyone else out there, willing to take over this relatively straightforward exercise. Please contact us asap (but certainly before April 2016 !!!!) if you can help. Thanks again

Jo & Tony Blackler (391519)

**ED VAIZEY WRITES...**

The General election campaign was a chance to hear about a lot of issues that concerned you. It won't surprise you to hear that the main concern I encountered was about housing development. I was, therefore, extremely pleased to hear that the Vale of White Horse Local plan is due to go before the planning inspector in September. Once it has been adopted the Vale can take proper control of housing development again and prevent the speculative applications currently coming forward. It will mean we get more housing but it will at least be controlled.



Other problems that were reported to me, which are related to development, were the pressures on Primary School places and on GP waiting times. I intend to look into these very carefully. The issues are complex and include demographics, constraints on school sites and encouraging young medics to take up General Practice. I will campaign on behalf of my constituents to try to ensure everyone has access to the services they need, when they need them.

I have worked with my Parliamentary colleagues in the past, and will continue to do so in future on plans to improve the rail line between Oxford and Bristol which includes the reopening of the Wantage Road Station at Grove. This would remove some of the pressure on Didcot Parkway Station and would provide a much needed alternative way for local residents to get to Oxford. I will continue to lobby at the highest level for this.

The issue of IVF funding has also recently been brought to my attention by several of my constituents and I plan to campaign hard on their behalf. Many deserving couples lose out on funding in Oxfordshire because of local rules – but they would be funded if they lived elsewhere. I will also continue my work to raise concerns about the side effects of roaccutane, a drug which has had such tragic consequences for a constituent of mine.

This month my postbag has been dominated by the debate on whether the Hunting Act should be repealed or not. I fully appreciate that this matter raises strong feelings on both sides of the argument, and I have indeed received many emails from numerous constituents on each side. The Prime Minister has said that a majority Conservative Government will give Parliament the opportunity to repeal the Hunting Act on a free vote, with a government bill in government time. In the event of such a vote, I would vote to repeal it. In my judgement the Act does nothing to protect wild animals and, in many cases, is actually detrimental to animal welfare when other methods of control are deployed, several of which can be indiscriminate.

As ever please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@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 vaizeye@parliament.uk or sign up at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).

**ED VAIZEY**, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)

**COUNTY REPORT**

Here we are then. For maybe the next 5 years. If all goes to plan, with a recovering economy based on a philosophy of growth at all costs – more houses everywhere – in or out of Europe – with or without the Scots – we will all be wealthier and happier. However doubtful some of us may be about the over-riding philosophy, it is the role of us in local politics to try to help to make it all happen.

**Facing the challenges**

Oxfordshire County faces some major problems. As a smaller County, its very size is a concern. Could services be delivered more cost-effectively? Is our system of 4 small Districts and 1 city council all pulling in different directions fit for the 21st century? When

it comes to the Green Belt, Areas of outstanding natural beauty, agreeing and apportioning housing numbers, would we not carry more clout with central government together rather than the present ragbag of small self-interest groups we currently seem to be? And what about the A34 whose inadequacy blights the whole county and beyond? How do we persuade government to spend the billions necessary to sort it out when we work so poorly together? There is a duty of Co-operation under the Localism Act which seems to be being ignored in all of this – many would say along with Localism itself. The County cannot sort these problems out on its own. The Districts certainly cannot. We might, just might get somewhere if ALL our councils and maybe neighbouring Councils worked better together. As we are, our chances of delivering the infrastructure we will need to cope with economic growth look slim.

**Joint working...**

One result of all the work done by your District Councillor on the Air Quality Action Plan for Marcham, is that many of the possible actions arising from it fall on the County Council. As you will be aware, your County Councillor only lives on the other side of the breakfast table so communication is rapid and effective.

OCC has no money, so solutions involving by-passes and other high price tag items are not going to happen soon. Even getting reports on the feasibility of smaller scale solutions has cost implications. So here is where we are with the issue so far:

We are asking the Vale as originators of the AQAP to consider commissioning a feasibility report into some of the actions in the AQAP. OCC has been asked and has agreed seriously to consider HGV diversions as part of their strategic highway planning for Marcham village and the Frilford Crossroads. Such HGV diversions would ease traffic problems at the crossroads as well as help Marcham's Air Quality. Two birds with one stone, would make it easier to justify the costs.

None of this is going to happen quickly, but we will give you more news when we get it..

**RICHARD WEBBER CLLR OCC**

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**DISTRICT REPORT****Calling all Marcham Enforcement teams!**

I had a very interesting chat with a Vale officer about developments in Marcham, in which he admitted that the Vale cannot check that what is happening on any one site is always in accordance with what has been agreed. He stressed, therefore, that neighbours of new developments must watch and check the progress of their development and notify the Vale or me, as your District Councillor, of any deviation from the agreed plan. ( The plan is always available on the Vale website ). The neighbours of Kings Field Phase 1 have been very vigilant over the last year or so with the result that various conditions have been put in place when deviations from the plan were raised. New developments are either about to start or are waiting in the wings in phase 2 of Kings Field and the Priory development, the Willow Farm Development and the land off Longfields. So please make sure that you keep a watchful eye on their progress. Of course this also applies to all other developments, small or large.

**AQAP ( Air Quality Action Plan )**

As you will have read in my breakfast partner's article, the Vale has come up with three possible solutions for an AQAP, but all involve expenses for the cash-strapped County. The Vale is becoming more and more wealthy on the back of New Homes Bonuses, whilst expecting County to pay for much of the costs involved in our AQAP. Clearly nothing will happen, therefore, as we have seen with the Botley AQAP which was declared seven years ago! I intend to suggest to the Vale that it would show serious intent and faith in their Air Quality Action Plan by offering to pay for the feasibility studies, which will be necessary before any action can happen. The sums involved will be relatively small, and that will be the time for those people who want to express a view to do so.

**Social Housing**

You will all have heard of the government's intention to sell off

a vast number of Social houses to the sitting tenants at a much reduced price. Why, one wonders, if still we have not made up the numbers of social houses ( council houses ) since Margaret Thatcher's sell off? Indeed, the waiting list for housing in the Vale gets longer and longer. We have been told that only the most expensive houses will be sold, with the intention of buying cheaper ones to replenish the stock, but does this mean that we are encouraging the lowering of the quality of the stock? Furthermore, as the housing is not in The Vale's hands anymore but in housing associations, such as Sovereign, can the Government, via the Vale, demand these associations sell their stock? We wait to see..

**CATHERINE WEBBER Cllr VWHDC**

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**MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

In line with the children's interest in vehicles this term, we set up a car wash and the children had lots of fun cleaning our playground vehicles! What a transformation!! It's been a busy time as we prepare for our oldest children to continue their journey into Primary school, get to know our (large!) September intake and ensure that our other children are supported as they lose friends to school and work at making new ones. This school transition affects everyone and it is an important time in our pre-school life. We take this opportunity to wish all our 'leavers' good luck, but not goodbye as we will still share experiences in the playground and our planned joint partnership activities throughout the week.... Until September....



If you would like more information about Marcham Pre-school, funding opportunities, or how to register your interest in a place for 2015 or any time in the future, please do get in touch. Ring 01865 392101, Marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk or via our website www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com Have a great summer everyone!!



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



Little Angels have been very busy this month looking at all types of food and enjoying the chance to play outside in the sun.



The children were able to see the tadpoles growing and then safely released to a pond. Father's Day saw a flurry of activity as the children made their own cards.

Our main theme this month was fruit and vegetables, which was a tasty treat for all involved.

In the **Baby Room**, our Little Angels were learning all about different colours and made a rainbow out of fruit and vegetables! And very colourful it is to. The babies made lovely painted footprints and poems for their daddies. The nicer weather has meant that the Little Angels have been for lots of walks around the village, playing in their own garden and even visiting the playground.

In the **Pre-School Room** the children have been looking at lots of fruit and vegetables, some well known and some more exotic. We have used the theme to help with learning to count fruit segments,

writing fruit names and tasting skills! The children even made their own vegetable pizzas and egg muffins. They have been doing onion printing, making models of leeks, drawing and painting vegetables and learning what is a fruit and what is a vegetable. They have particularly enjoyed making their own obstacle courses outside and practising their agility and co-ordination skills. The Connect Four was also very popular! The **Pre School Room** also had the chance to make their own cards for Fathers Day, using lots of materials!

The **After School Club** have thoroughly enjoyed the food topic this month, cutting up their own fruit for picnics, making their own pizzas and exploring making onion prints. Always active our **Big Angels** have been letting off steam with skipping, running races and parachute play. When they calm down many children have been playing games and exploring tracing paper and copying anything they can find!

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

Since the start of the year, Marcham Guides have been very busy. We have made chocolate truffles, peppermint crèmes and other delights for the Confectioners badge, with a little help from Christina Berry.



**Girlguiding UK**

In their patrols, the guides completed a Go For It challenge badge, where they had to research, cook, play sports amongst other challenges. It also included visits from Douglas Donaldson representing the RSPCA; Zoe Barnes, a local PE teacher who gave the girls a good workout; Hayley Reynolds from the Royal Lifesaving Society, who spoke to girls about water safety; Neil Rowe gave an informative talk about looking after a herd of cows; and Julia Davies kindly took a group to Pets at Home, where they were given information about looking after pets, as well as being allowed to handle the rabbits and hamsters. As always, we are very grateful for all our visitors to give up their time in order to give informative talks, advice, and hands-on help!

Some of the older Guides organized a cooking evening as part of their Baden Powell challenge. Each patrol had to bring in or cook food relating to their chosen country. We had doughnuts (or should that be donuts) from America, noodles from China, and Curry and rice from India, and one patrol chose to make a healthy packed lunch from around the world!

Three of our girls entered the **Great Girlguiding Abingdon Bake Off** – our divisional heat of the Anglia Region competition. Unfortunately they didn't make it through to the next round, but had great fun baking and meeting other guides.

We have welcomed a number of new girls to our unit over the past few months, and we held an enrolment ceremony in the wind and rain, a few weeks ago. The girls were not at all disheartened by the weather, especially since hot dogs and hot chocolate were served. This term, with the lighter evenings and (hopefully) better weather, we meet at Buildings Farm. Last week we had our own Pooh Sticks competition, and also made boats – which, to our astonishment, floated upstream rather than down! The girls are looking forward to our annual Patrol cooking competition in a couple of weeks. This is always a favourite with the Guides, and tests not only their preparation and cooking skills, but also how to light a fire to cook on, select appropriate utensils, and most importantly, team work! We will round off the end of term with a garden party to celebrate the past year in Guiding.

Some of us are looking forward to the Quest County camp at the end of July. Quest is held every five years for Girlguiding Oxfordshire, and international guides from all corners of the globe! A full programme of activities and crafts has been organised, based around a carnival theme.

Yours in Guiding

**JILL, SALLY, TRISH**

**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 and 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.appletonwitheaton.org.uk/tennis-club](http://www.appletonwitheaton.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**

**[www.appletonwitheaton.org.uk/tennis-club](http://www.appletonwitheaton.org.uk/tennis-club)**

**Longworth Preschool**

School Close, Longworth,  
Abingdon, OX13 5EU  
[www.longworthpreschool.co.uk](http://www.longworthpreschool.co.uk)  
[info@longworthpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@longworthpreschool.co.uk)  
Tel: 01865 821921



Open Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm

We can offer wrap around care from 8am - 5.30pm for children of 3 years and above. This is through our Breakfast Club and After School Club.

We are now taking places for September 2015 and places are going quickly!

**OFSTED 'GOOD' - November 2014**

We take children from the age of 2 years and provide 15 hours free funding for over 3s and 2 year old entitlement funding.

Longworth Pre-School is a small, rural pre-school with a friendly atmosphere for children aged 2 to 5 years. We are a registered charity pre-school managed by a voluntary committee of parents.

We are situated in the village of Longworth located between Witney and Abingdon. We welcome children from all locations, local or further afield.

**Visitors always welcome!**



**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.

Alzheimer's Society in Oxfordshire is organising a sale in Abingdon Market Place on Saturday 11th July from 9am. The Society provides many services across the county such as Memory Cafes, Carers Support Groups, Singing for the Brain, one-to-one Dementia Support and Day Support in Abingdon. The sale will include cakes, produce, clothes, books and bric-a-brac.

Leading the fight against dementia

**Gateway to the Gods:  
The Roman Temple at Marcham  
25 April - 1 September  
Abingdon Museum**

**Festival of Archaeology week drop-in session**

**Date: Thursday 23rd July 2015**

**Time: 10:30-13:30, 14:00-15:00**

What else do archaeologists do apart from digging? Meet some members of the Trendles Project team and see for yourself. Why not try to identify different artefacts, all found during our local excavation at Marcham/Frilford. Learn how to record artefacts, or try drawing some pottery like an archaeologist. Don't forget to visit our special exhibition upstairs in the main museum gallery.

**Summer Holiday Family drop-in session**

**Date: Tuesday 11th August 2015**

**Time: 10:30-13:30, 14:00-15:00**

Archaeologists have many different roles including storytellers. Join members of the Trendles project and learn how different types of archaeological artefacts helped us to tell the story of our site at Marcham/Frilford as seen in our museum exhibition.



**Appleton C of E Primary School Fête  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2 - 5pm**

**Appleton Primary School, Church Road, Appleton**  
The Friends of Appleton School invite you to come and join us for our traditional summer fête at Appleton Primary School on July 5th. Loads of fun to be had by all ages including the famous Victoria sponge cake competition, tug-of-war, family team events, bouncy castle, plant stall, Pimms tent, cream teas, strawberries & cream, BBQ, tombola, hook-a-duck, fresh salads, judo demonstrations, guess the weight of the sheep and plenty more stalls, competitions and activities! All welcome.

Price: 50p entry friends of appleton school

**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.

**Would you like to work with children? There are five opportunities to choose from in Marcham**

**Marcham Primary School Vacancies**

**Lunchtime Supervisor** -Term Time only, with immediate start after references and checks.

Duties include supervising children in the lunch hall and outside.

Hours of work: 7 1/2 hours per week, 11:45am to 1:15pm per day, 5 days a week, £6.74 per hour

Experience not essential as training will be provided to the right candidate. Successful candidate is subject to Disclosure & Barring check.

**Lunchtime Supervisor** -Term Time only, from **Sept 2015**

Duties include supervising children in the lunch hall and outside.

Hours of work: 5 hours per week, 11:45am to 12:45pm per day, 5 days a week, £6.74 per hour

Experience not essential as training will be provided to the right candidate. Successful candidate is subject to Disclosure & Barring check.

For more information and an application form please contact Jane Jefferies in the school office **office.3235@marcham.oxon.sch.uk** or tel. 01865 391448

**Our lunch provider Food With Thought are advertising the following vacancy.**

**Marcham Primary School Catering Assistant**

Duties include setting up furniture, serving lunches and clearing dining hall

Hours of work: 10 hours per week, 11am to 1pm approximately

£6.69 per hour

Term Time only, experience not essential as training will be provided to the right candidate. Subject to D&B check

For more information and an application form please contact Lesley Squires on 07771 904890 or the school office.

**Little Angels are looking for**

**A Full-Time Apprentice in Early Years**

To work Monday to Friday, on alternative late/early shifts (7.45 / 8.45am - 4.45/5.45pm).

You will be involved in stimulating and providing personal care for children from 6 months - 5 years old, in our pre-school and baby room. Throughout your time you will receive mentoring and support to gain a minimum of a level 2 qualification in childcare. Experience with children is desirable but not essential, we are looking for someone who is friendly, approachable and able to work in a small team. A\*-C grades in English and Maths is essential.

**Part -Time Early Years Assistant**

To work from 12 - 6pm Monday -Friday

Ideally a minimum of level 2 qualification in childcare or equivalent is desirable, with experience of working with children. We are looking for someone who is reliable, flexible,friendly and able to work in a small team.

Here at Little Angels our most important role is to safeguard all the children in our care, therefore the successful applicants will require an enhanced DBS and identity checks.

Please contact Kaye Merriman if you are interested in either position at **little-angels@hotmail.co.uk** or 07516 474287

**Did you go to Marcham School? What have you been up to since you left – would you like to share your news with MADNews readers? Email the Editor – editor@madnews.co.uk and send a photo!**

Looking for local trusted services and events then please take a look at our new online directory and help support Oxfordshire mums in business

**oxfordshire.supermum.org**



**SPECIAL CONSTABLES NEEDED**

Thames Valley Police are running a series of information evenings for those interested in becoming a Special Constable.

Volunteering as a Special is a good way to take a stand against crime and anti-social behaviour in the community. Special Constables have the same powers as a regular officer and will work side-by-side with them to police the streets.

Come to our information evenings and find out more about the recruitment process, training and role of a Special Constable. This is a great opportunity to hear from serving Special Constables about what the role involves. There will also be an opportunity to talk to the recruitment team and ask any questions you may have.

If you want to find out more and attend an information evening please visit our recruitment website to register or contact us on 0845 2 66 66 77 (option 4) or email us on RecruitmentSpecialCo@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Thursday 9 July 2015, 7pm Milton Keynes Police Station, 302 North Row, Witan Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 2DS

Tuesday 28 July, 7pm at the Police Training Centre, Sulhamstead, Berkshire, RG7 4DX

For more information on Specials please visit our website <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/> and



search for Volunteer Police Officer (Special Constable).

**10km Walk To Remember Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
Blenheim Palace**

**Walkers and Volunteers Required**

Marie Curie is staging a huge event to help fund the fantastic nurses working in Oxfordshire, treating terminally ill patients all over the county. The walk is £10 to enter and participants are asked to raise at least £100. **Sign up at [mariecurie.org.uk/walkoxfordshire](http://mariecurie.org.uk/walkoxfordshire)**

They also need **volunteers** to help make the event safe and successful event. If you can help by staffing stations along the route, with the registration of walkers or giving out T-shirts, please contact [walk@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:walk@mariecurie.org.uk).



**SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!**

**2.00-3.30 pm on alternate Tuesdays**

**14th and 28th July**

**11th and 25th August**

**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**





## An Encounter with Jesus...

Dear Friends,

From the earliest days of Christianity people of all ages and backgrounds have experienced encounters with Jesus Christ. Last month I had the privilege of baptizing four members of our community who have all come to a personal encounter with Jesus. This month, and through August, in our services at All Saints', we will be studying other people who met Jesus whilst he was on earth. They were from all walks of life, and in very different circumstances in life - and such encounters are as real and true today as they were those years ago.

I wonder how satisfied with life are you? On a scale of 1 to 10? If you could know God in a personal way, would your score go up or down? When I was 17, I, too, encountered Jesus, and he has changed my life, and continues to change it. To enjoy his presence every day, to know the inner peace and strength his Spirit gives, is life transforming. Perhaps this summer you can take time out to think on these things, and reach out in faith to trust the Lord of life.

Enjoy a wonderful summer!

Revd Richard Zair (Vicar)

## Regular church services

**Sundays: 10am & 6pm at All Saints'**

**Wednesdays: 10.30am at Duffield Place**

*Over the summer we will be looking at some of the people who had an encounter with Jesus - come and join us!*

## Prayer

We have regular opportunities for prayer:

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Hugo C, Hugo H, Avalon, Polly & Samuel who were baptized last month!

Please pray for Jack & Sophie getting married in August.

## Coming up..

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** - Men's Breakfast, 8.30am Sports & Social Club

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** - Changing Room (Women's Breakfast), 8.30am Manor Farm Boardroom

**July 5<sup>th</sup>**, - Garden Gig, 4pm @ Buildings Farm

**August 1<sup>st</sup>** - Men's Breakfast, 8.30am Sports & Social Club

**August 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>** - The Adventure Awaits (Holiday Club for primary-aged children)

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**, 8.30am - Changing Room

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** - Harvest Service at Manor Farm

**Alpha in the Autumn** - if you are interested in exploring the Christian faith and what it means, and would like to join this course, please contact the parish office.

# *Marcham Baptist Church – End of an Era*



*At the original 'Tin Tabernacle' in 1895*



*In the new building on its opening in 1928*



*After the 1928 building was brick clad in 1955*

Baptists began to meet in a home in Marcham at some time in the late 1850's but it was not until 1872 that the first building – a 'Tin Tabernacle' was erected. This was replaced with a more permanent structure in 1928, before being developed further in the 1950's. Sadly, on 5<sup>th</sup> July this year, after 143 years, Marcham Baptist Church is to finally close its doors.

However, the buildings are not being lost as an asset to the community. All Saints Parish Church is in the process of taking the license for the buildings and land from the trust holders, the Baptist Union Corporation. This will enable not only continued use by the Rainbows and Brownies but also will be available for the wider community, enabling an interim facility for other village groups, during any development of a village hall on the Anson Field.

Over the last few years, I have been delighted to see All Saints continuing to grow and develop as a strong family of believers and close relationships have been built between the churches. Virtually nothing now separates us: in terms of our understanding of the way that God has revealed Himself to us in Christ; in the ways that we personally demonstrate our commitment to Him; nor even in our expression of our worship of the One who created us. Consequently, I am delighted that a number of us from MBC will be joining with our Anglican friends at All Saints after MBC closes.

Why not join with us at All Saints too, to celebrate all that God has done for us in Christ and especially in bringing us together as one?

Every Blessing  
Keith Mersh 01865 391881

**Closing & Thanksgiving  
Service**

**5<sup>th</sup> July 3.00pm**