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READ & RECYCLE!

FREE



Whether you have only just arrived or lived in Marcham for years ... come and meet your new neighbours! 6 - 8pm 21 May at The Crown - see page 13
Everyone welcome



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▲ Little Angels
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Holiday Waste Collections

Normal day	Revised day	Which bin?
Mon 2 May	Tues 3 May	Green, food, brown
Tues 3 May	Wed 4 May	Green, food, brown
Wed 4 May	Thurs 5 May	Green, food, brown
Thurs 5 May	Fri 6 May	Green, food, brown
Fri 6 May	Sat 7 May*	Green, food, brown
Mon 30 May	Tues 31 May	Green, food, brown
Tues 31 May	Wed 1 June	Green, food, brown
Wed 1 June	Thurs 2 June	Green, food, brown
Thurs 2 June	Fri 3 June	Green, food, brown
Fri 3 June	Sat 4 June*	Green, food, brown

Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.
* Please note on these days collections will start from 6am, an hour earlier than usual, so remember to put your bins out the night before.

Diary for May

1 Sun	Abingdon Air and Country Show, Dalton Barracks, 10.00-17.30	7	14 Sat	ISIS Concert, All Saints' Church, 19.30	9
5 Thur	Mobile Library, Sweetbriar 14.35 – 15.00		15 Sun	Flexicare Annual Fundraising Walk, East Hendred, 09.00	7
7 Sat	Plant Sale, East Hanney, 10.00 – 13.30	13	17-22	Abingdon Jazz Festival	15
7 Sat	Milton Hill Bowling Club Open Day, 14.00	7	18 Wed	Dementia Lecture, Brookes University, 18.00 – 19.00	17
8 Sun	Cream Tea Garford, 14.30 – 16.30	5	18 Wed	Planning Committee Meeting	5
9 Mon	Red Cross Week begins	7	19 Thur	Mobile Library, Sweetbriar 14.35 – 15.00	
10 Tues	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14-15.30	11	19 Thur	Marcham WI, Denman College, 19.30: Resolutions and Hair Solutions	7
10 Tue	Marcham Society, All Saints' Church, 19.45: History of Witney Blankets	9	20 Fri	Deadline for June MADNews, 17.00	
11 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 19.30	3	21 Sat	Welcome to Marcham Meeting in The Crown, 18.00 – 20.00	13
12 Thur	Midweek Walk: Sturdy's Castle, 12.30 lunch / 13.30 walk	7	24 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14-15.30	11
14 Sat	RDA Plant Sale, Southmoor, 10.00 – 13.00	7	25 Wed	Marcham Annual Parish Meeting, Marcham School, 19.30	5
14 Sat	Spring Plant Sale, St Helen's Church, Dry Sandford, 10.00 – 13.00	11	27 Fri	Quiznight, MSSSC, Anson Field, 20.15	7
14-15 21-22	Artweeks: Emma Louise Corry, Contemporary Textile Art, Dorchester, 11.00 – 18.00	11			

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

Dear Readers

On 21 May there will be the third "Welcome to Marcham" event at The Crown. These events are terrific - I have met some new villagers ... and some who have been here for years! If you can make it to the next one, you may just find your new best friend!

Keep an eye out for the date and time of the planning application for our new community facilities - see page 5 for more details - it would be a great support for the application if we can show the Vale that we all want this. This time next year ... ?

Until next time



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MARCHAMPARISHCOUNCILNEWS

Virgin Media

Virgin Media is currently in the process of delivering a £3 billion nationwide expansion of ultrafast broadband services across the UK. The Council has been advised that the services of Virgin Media could be brought to Marcham. The network expansion will be brought first to those areas where registered demand is highest. Virgin has a website Cable My Street where more information is available and where registration can take place for those who may be interested.

Dog Fouling

Complaints are being received regarding dog fouling again. Would dog owners please note that there is a legal duty to clean up after your dog, and can face fines and prosecutions if you do not. So please carry a poop scoop and bag with you when out walking.

Tree Felling - Tower Close / Orchard Way corner and Fettiplace Road

Oxfordshire County Council undertook tree felling in March without prior notice to anyone. An apology has been sent to the Parish Council for not notifying the Council in advance of the work, but owing to the condition of the trees the work had to be completed on a high priority basis. The Parish Council has been advised that further minor works are planned to other trees within the village and in the Faringdon Road.

Planning Applications

The Council has considered the following planning applications:

P16/V014/FUL Variation to condition for demolition of existing house and garages and erection of new dwelling and detached garage at Beechfield House, Frilford Heath. Council had no objection

P16/V0644/O Variation of condition 2 of consent P14/V1976/O for 37 dwellings at Priory Park. This sought the release of the time limit imposed on the applicant to have reserved matters approved within 9 months. Council objected. The timetable was imposed to ensure quick delivery to meet the needs of the shortfall in the 5 year land supply. Allowing the developer to land bank would defeat the purpose of the original condition.

P16/V0546/HH and P16/V0547/LB Demolish previous extension on western aspect and bay window on eastern aspect and extend dwelling and former barn with both single and two storey additions. Alterations and repairs to external and internal building fabric. Watercourse re-alignment at Marcham Mill. Council supported the application believing it would bring the property back in use as

a residential dwelling. It did however, have concerns about the diversion of the watercourse and asked that the Environment Agency be consulted.

P16/V0694/HH Single storey side extension to form study at 68 Howard Cornish Road. Council objected on the grounds of loss of open character of the street scene, potential for a 2 storey building, loss of existing parking, and suggested a dropped kerb off Howard Cornish Road be installed if permission was to be given.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place. This will be the annual meeting of the 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

BLACK CAT

A large black cat was run over in Fettiplace Road on 14 April. Unfortunately the cat died but was taken to The Boundary Vets to check for a microchip.

Their contact details are Boundary Veterinary Centre 67 Oxford Rd, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 2AA 01235 538721.

All dogs are now required by law to be microchipped and it makes sense for cats too.

<p>FOR SALE 110V cement mixer £40 ono Call 01865 391029</p> <p>-- oo OO oo -- Small Homebase Flymower – used twice £15.00 AND 3 packets (5 tiles in each) Kitchen Floor Tiles Cream/Beige £20 Call 01865 391867</p>
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FREE TAPPINS COACH SERVICE TO MILLETS TUESDAYS ONLY

This service comes along the main road from Abingdon and can be caught by the wayside Cross (War Memorial) in Frilford Road on TUESDAYS at 10.20am. It returns from Millets at 12.15pm.

There are timetables near the drinks machines in Marcham Village Shop.

Dear Editor

A quick but VERY sincere thank you to all the people who called, visited, helped, cooked and hugged when I was ill recently. This must be the one of the most caring village communities in the country.

Bless you all.

JEAN CREASY

Personal adverts in MADNews are free so if you want to put in a notice or have something to sell, call the editor on 391725 or email editor@madnews.co.uk
The deadline for all personal adverts is 20th of the month.

Marcham Summer
Dance
Marcham Sports
and Social Club
Saturday 18th June
7.30pm - Midnight

Dancing to "Nevada"

Tickets £7.50 each
Available from
Marcham Pre School
Chris Ricketts 01865 391329
Hayley Cousins 01865 391024

There will also be a raffle
and food
available on the night

Please support this event as
this will be the last one
in the social club that has
supported the
community for several yearsh



Have you got a view on recent events or future plans? Write to MADNews and share your ideas. You can send an email to editor@madnews.co.uk, put a letter in the envelope in Marcham Village Shop or drop a note through the door at 8 Orchard Way, Marcham. Deadline is the 15th of each month ... *looking forward to hearing from you.*

Community Facilities Steering Group

Although we understand that the planning application to the Vale for new community facilities is likely to be heard at a Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 18th May, we have not yet had positive confirmation from the Vale that it will be on the agenda for that date. It will be good if we could have a turn-out of people from Marcham at that meeting to underpin our application and show the community support for this plan. Please let us know if you may be able to come to the meeting (email: jim.asher@btinternet.com) and, we will let you know when the date is confirmed.

CFSG will be working through various details relating to the new community building. The internal layout of the hall is still to be designed and soon after planning consent, we will develop a functional specification for these requirements, so that we can brief the architect to develop an internal plan for the building.

The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) was set up with the clear objective of developing plans for new community facilities in Marcham and is made up of representatives from local groups with an interest in village facilities. If you wish to have more information on the CFSG, or you think you can help, please contact Jim Asher (391727).

CFSG - Opportunities without Obstacles

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL - VACANCY

The Council has a vacancy for a councillor. It is the tier of local authorities closest to the people and provides local services within the parish. It acts as a consultee on many issues putting forward the views of residents. The Council meets 11 times in the year to discuss matters relating to the village and immediate surrounds. If you are interested in joining or just want to find out more about the role, then please contact Linda Martin, Clerk to the Council, on 01865 391833 or email clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year the **annual meeting** for electors will take place on **Wednesday 25th May at 7.30 p.m.** in the hall at **Marcham Primary School**. This is the meeting where residents of Marcham can raise issues about the village or wider parish. The guest speakers will be representatives from the Environment Agency who will talk about the Oxford Flood Relief Scheme, and proposals for Abingdon. Light refreshments will be served. Please make a note of the date in your diary.



**Royal Manor of Garford
Historic Themed Cream Tea, Garford Village Hall
2.30pm to 4.30pm Sunday 8th May**

Following last year's event, there is another opportunity to discover thousands of years of Garford's history and much newly discovered material including:

- 1820 Map and Terrier showing all 800 strips in Garford's medieval Open Field system
- 1775 Map and Survey of Garford for the Craven Family
- 1547 "Survey of the Royal Manor of Garford"
- 1381 Poll tax - names of Garford tax payers
- Bronze Age, Roman, Anglo-Saxon, Norman and more recent times
- Detailed maps from 1761 onwards

For information on history relating to Garford contact Mike Greig – 391915 mdgreig@gmail.com or if you are able to bake some scones or a cake contact Deb Treadgold – 391182

**MID-WEEK WALK:
THURSDAY, MAY 12TH**

For this month's walk we will go to Sturdy's Castle (Map Ref SP483193) which is on the A4260 Banbury Road at 12.30pm for lunch, leaving at 1.30pm for a circular walk of about four miles. This walk is a mixture of upland paths, and valley walking by the rivers Glyme and Dorn, with a nature reserve thrown in. Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details or check website, especially if you are not on our email list. Sometimes late changes have to be made.



MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

OCA Fixtures for May are as follows:

May	1st XI	2nd XI
7th	No fixture	Risinghurst II (Away)
14th	Kidlington (Away)	Eynsham II (Home)
21st	Eynsham (Home)	No fixture
28th	No fixture	Dorchester II (Home)

Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for information relating to the Club - including playing or umpiring for Marcham. And finally ... it is reported that during a Test Match involving Australia and a visiting Team there was an exchange of "banter" between Australian bowler Mervyn Hughes and a visiting batsman. The batsman observed that Hughes "looked like a fat bus conductor". Not much later Hughes got the batsman out and ran towards him calling "**Tickets please!**". **CSB**



**ABINGDON
AIR & COUNTRY SHOW**
10am - 5.30pm 1st MAY
Abingdon Airfield,
Dalton Barracks

Advance tickets available from
www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk

In aid of **THAMES VALLEY
AIR AMBULANCE**

Marcham WI

Next Meeting
Date: Thursday, 19th May
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Denman College



Resolutions and Hair Solutions

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Thursday 19th May when we will discuss this year's WI resolutions, followed by our speaker, Andrew Hall, from Idlewild (Philosophy) Hairdressing. So, come along for a lively discussion and then enjoy picking up some hairdressing tips from our speaker.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

For further information, please contact:

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com

MILTON HILL BOWLING CLUB

We are inviting you all to our open day on Saturday 7th May at 2.00pm. Try your hand at bowling on our all weather green at Milton Heights, behind the football club.

Bowls is for fun, friendship and fresh air.

Flat shoes should be worn, but don't worry as we can provide over-shoes. We also have various sizes of bowls suitable for all ages. We would love to see you on the day. If this is not convenient contact Colin, who can arrange to meet you at a suitable time.

Colin Trinder: tel: 01865 391718

Red Cross Week

Look out for the door-to-door collection for this very deserving cause (using donations to help less fortunate people both here and abroad with medical aid etc), which starts this year on Monday 9th May for just 6 days.

Please give generously



FLEXICARE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING WALK

Join us for our 19th annual fundraising circular walk on Sunday, May 15th. Start at Snells Hall, Church Street, East Hendred OX12 8LA. Booking in from 9am-10am.

Your support raises funds for Flexicare, a small Oxfordshire Children's Charity which provides help and support to families with a severely disabled child in the Oxford, Wantage and Grove areas.

For further details, please visit our website www.flexicare.org or phone us 07342 041388 or 01865 321881.

Homemade refreshments will be provided!

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

Quiz Night

FRIDAY 27 May

This month's quiz will be held on Friday 27 May 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



**Plant sale and
craft stalls**

10am to 1pm
Saturday 14 May 2016

Lower Lodge Riding Centre, Charney Road,
Southmoor, OX13 5HW
In aid of the Riding for the Disabled Association,
Abingdon Group

All donations of plants welcome, contact
sarahwilkinson123@gmail.com



Bank Balance
£20,193

Local Events
£11,830

Donations
£8,260

2014 - 2015 Membership
Voting: 72 Junior: 18

5p Coins
6892

Marcham
Community
Group



Community events - Keep the dates free!!

Sunday 12th June

Q90B—Sunday 12th June: we are organising a community-wide event for all the family, to mark the Queen’s 90th birthday on the same day as the big lunch on The Mall in London. The plan for Marcham involves an open-air service, closing Morland Road for a village street party, with a bring-and-share lunch and a range of activities in the afternoon for all ages — full details will be in the next MADNews. We would like as many people as possible to come out for this special day and to bring all the family.



Isis Chamber Orchestra concert in All Saints’ Church, Marcham—Saturday 14th May 2016: 7:30 pm

Handel - Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, Boyce - Symphony No. 8, Respighi - Ancient Airs and Dances Suite No. 3, Handel - Concerto grosso, Op. 3. Rodrigo - Concerto ‘Fantasia para un Gentilhombre’ for guitar and orchestra, Bach - Chaconne for solo guitar.

MCG will provide food and refreshments, with proceeds from the evening going to support community facilities. Please come and enjoy this evening of great music - tickets available from Marcham shop.

Apple Day—Saturday 15th October: a fun event for all the family.

We will be looking for volunteers to help in preparations for these events and on the day—please contact Jim or Denise Asher on 391727 if you can help. Watch this space in future MADNews issues for further details, and read about these events on the MADNews Facebook pages www.facebook.com/MADNewsUK.

Community events... coming soon!

Marcham Community Group: Company No 7470307 Charity No 1144407
391727 (Jim) admin@marcham.org

www.marcham.org



IT MAY NOT BE A SPORT BUT IT IS STILL GREAT FUN!

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.



Marcham Village Shop and Post Office
Call us...

Shop: 391 993
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Opening hours

Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 17.30

Sat - Sun: 08.00 - 12 noon

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Spoil yourself on the May bank holidays with some vanilla fudge - only 50p a quarter!



The
**Marcham
Society**

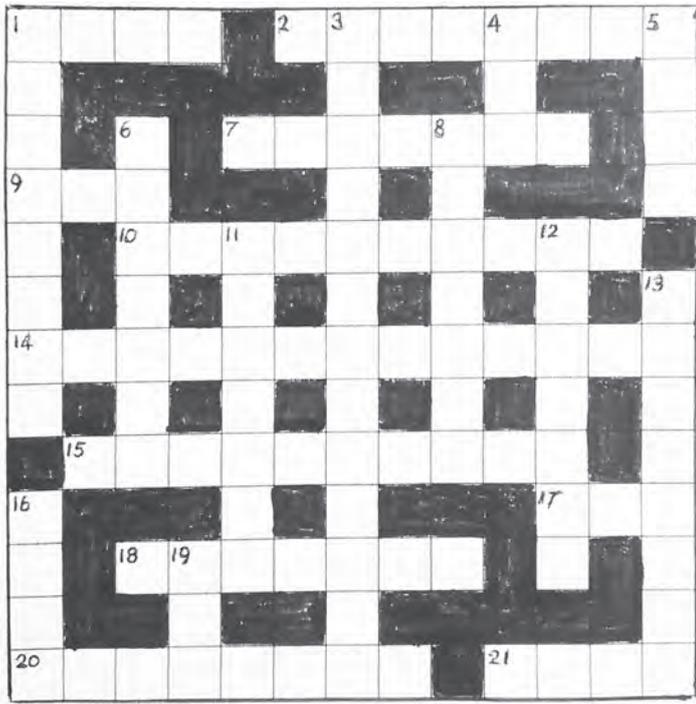
All Saints’ Church, Marcham
7.45pm Tuesday 10th May

History of Witney Blankets
Valerie Burton

Non-members always welcome £2 www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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

CROSSWORD BY ALISA



Across

- 1. Musical instrument (4)
- 2. Sufficient (8)
- 7. Spoke ill of (7)
- 9. Small mythical male (3)
- 10. You get a licence for it at the Post Office (7.3)
- 14. Tidying service (5.8)
- 15. Song like verses (5.5)
- 17. Lodging house (3)
- 18. Where to buy a wheelchair (7)
- 20. Little parrot (8)
- 21. Oxford river (4)

Down

- 1. Tuition (8)
- 3. Marcham cul-de-sac (8.5)
- 4. Employ (3)
- 5. Way out (4)
- 6. In a friendly way (7)
- 8. Wealthy business man (7)
- 11. Assembly (7)
- 12. Leaves it out (5.2)
- 13. Lack of beauty (8)
- 16. Musical instrument (4)
- 19. Eggs (3)

Emma Louise Corry MA (RCA) BA (Hons)
Contemporary Textile Artist

Venue 199
Carrick Cottage
54 High Street
Dorchester on Thames
Oxfordshire OX10 7HN



Open: 14-15 May & 21-22 May 2016 11am - 6pm
Wheelchair Friendly - Family Friendly
Refreshments - On Street Parking

For Sale

- Girls Apollo Pure Mountain Bike,
Suit 6-9 years **£40.00**
- * 20" wheels, lovely condition
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Marcham School Summer Fete
6-8pm Friday 24th June

Price: £1 for adults, under 18s free

- Raffle
- Magician
- Balloon modelling
- Tombola
- Nail painting
- Fun tattoos

- Arts & Crafts
- Bouncy Castle
- Cakes & alcoholic refreshments
- Afternoon Tea
- BBQ

If you would like to advertise the fete by having a Breckon & Breckon advertising board in your garden, contact Vici North vici_north@yahoo.co.uk ... and look out for a competition in the June issue of MADNews



SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!
2.00-3.30 pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Tuesday 10th and Tuesday 24th May

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*

St. Helen's 2016



Spring Plant Sale
Sat., 14th May
10.00am-1.00pm

St. Helen's Church, Dry Sandford
Church Lane, OX13 6JP

VARIETY OF GARDEN & HOUSE PLANTS
In Support of St. Helen's Building and Grounds

Annuals, Perennials, Vegetables, Herbs,
Used Gardening Books,
Tea & Cake and More!




www.sthelensdrysandford.org



Welcome Event
 Everyone invited to
 welcome newcomers
 to the village

Saturday 21 May 6-8pm
The Crown

Come and share your knowledge
Come and find out about
your new community
Activities available for small children

Organised by the
'Welcome to Marcham Team'
at All Saints' Church

For more information contact
Ann Wilson 391141 / Grace 0780 7707925



National Carers Week
Help us build Carer Friendly Communities
The Big Event

To be opened by The High Sheriff of Oxfordshire
 Thursday 9th June 10.00-16.00
 Abingdon Health and Wellbeing Centre
 Audlett Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3GD

FREE
 Information Fair and Stalls
 First Aid Course
 Moving and Handling Course
 Pottery
 Mindfulness
 Meditation

Rally Round Launch

Rally Round is a **FREE** and easy way for Family & friends to come together and help a loved one stay safe and well at home.

Tea and Coffee

We can help organise care for your loved one if you need it to attend - Bookable in advance
 Call 01235 520463 or traceydesmond@carersoxfordshire.org.uk

Activities for people aged 60+ in
Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor
and Longworth

Zumba Gold

Mondays, 11-12pm
 £5 per session
 KB & S Village Hall

Yoga / Seated Yoga

Wednesdays, 10-11am
 £5 per session
 KB & S Village Hall

Tai Chi

Wednesdays, 10-11am
 £5 per session
 Longworth Village Hall

Nordic Walking

Fridays, 11-12pm Starts
 6 May 2016
 £30 (6 weeks)
 Millennium Green

Walking Football

Date and time tbc (Please register interest)

To book or for more information please contact Luke
 on 07717 346351 or luke.horton@southandvale.gov.uk



St Lawrence Church, Tubney
Sunday Services in May

May 1st 6.00 pm

Big Question Evensong

A shortened Evensong 6.00 – 6.45 followed by a talk by Professor Jeff Burley on the "Environment, natural resources and conservation."

May 17th 10.30am

Holy Communion

The traditional service using the Book of Common Prayer.

All Welcome

Parking is available in the field opposite the church but do take care crossing the road or if you can then please use the Bus, there is a stop adjacent to the Church.



Unlock Abingdon's History
 Now over 100 topics
 People, Bulding & Streets,
 Special Features

www.abingdon.gov/partners/HISTORY

Abingdon Area Archaeolgoical and Historical Society



Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a plant sale on Saturday 7th May at East Hanney British Legion Hall 10 am -1.30pm lots of plant also second hand pots and garden tools get your summer plants here.



MARCHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group of parents, grandparents & carers who meet every Tuesday with our babies and toddlers at 10am in Marcham Church. Please join us for playtime, stories, crafts and refreshments. Only £2 per family and your first visit is free. We look forward to welcoming you. Contact Rebecca on 07876 598307 if you'd like more information.

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Marcham Pre-school News - a busy month as always, with news of school places and arranging sessions for September 2016, excitement fills the air. Lots of outdoor play, exploring mark-making in our sand kitchen!! If you have a child approaching 2 years or older and would be interested in joining us at Pre-school, then please read on for details ...



Why Marcham Pre-school?

PARTNERSHIP - we work closely with the Primary school, giving a smooth transition from pre-school to 'big-school', based within the school itself, we have a central location for the village children and families.

PLAYGROUND - we have a huge, well-resourced playground where children from pre-school through to year 2 can play and learn together. We also have a separate area for our own use when needed as well as supervised access to the school playing field.

PLAYING AS WE LEARN - children learn best through activities which interest and engage them. Our curriculum is child-led and built around children interests, needs and skills.

PROFESSIONAL - The team at Marcham Pre-school is dedicated, experienced and qualified, graduate-led and with a variety of skills to support the children as they learn.

Want to know more? Please contact us on 01865 392101 or marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk to arrange a visit and see for yourself.

Marcham Pre-school
producing effective learners since 1968 ...
www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com

BABY ROOM

The baby room has been very busy this month looking at how we are different at each stage- exploring our senses, hands and feet. We made pictures of our family, our mummy, daddy and any siblings we have Our current interest is in the most important learning- walking! So we are having lots of help and time ion a large open space to practice! The beautiful weather (when its not raining) has allowed us to be outside in the garden- on the rocking horses, climbing the bridge, going up and down the slide.



Looking at different animals and how they grow we really enjoyed the song Old MacDonald- and explores all the noises the farm animals made. In the garden we have been having fun making music with the rattles, making marks with paint and chalk.

PRE-SCHOOL ROOM

We have also been looking at how we grow, especially around the farm- learning all the new words for the baby animals we see. We also looked at how flowers grow, then we became scientists and watched daffodils change the colour of their petals depending on the coloured water they were in. We learnt new words for the parts of the plants and that they need sunshine and water to grow! We then looked at all the flowers that are growing around our outside garden, we took photos of them using the tablets then printed them off- we got to choose which ones were the best photos we had taken. The group also discussed all the rain we had been having recently which is why they were growing!

Most importantly we looked at how we grow, we met a very young baby, ourselves and how we are all different, the adults who look after us and what our grandparents are like. It was very interesting seeing how different but at the same time we are all the same!

The most important event of this month was celebrating the Queens 90th birthday!! We all helped to make a birthday card, then walked to the post office and posted it to her! To celebrate her birthday we had a tea party with balloons and hats- we celebrated in style- happy birthday your majesty.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We also joined in with the Queen's birthday celebration buy having our very own tea party!! We have also been making our very own portraits of the queen! We have also been enjoying the field and playing outside, making dens (which is very important) and playing games. The homework corner has been used lots over the last month- with help and support for the children to complete their homework before they go home!!! We have also been looking at stories still and have been creating our very own ones! The next JK Rowling may yet be in Marcham!

The Easter holiday club had a taste of our Jedi training camp- where they learnt how use the force, lightsabre training and fly the Millennium Falcon!! Look out for more details of our Summer Holiday Jedi Training week that will be coming soon!.

If you would like any further information about Marcham Little Angels Nursery, Afterschool Club or Holiday Club please feel free to pop in or call us on 07516 474287.

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ED VAIZEY WRITES...

Flooding

I recently met with the Environment Agency to discuss their work across the constituency. An area of concern was that only 59% of the 1,578 properties at risk of flooding from rivers were registered to receive their Flood Warnings Direct service. The service is the Environment Agency's free 24 hour warning service for properties at risk of flooding from main rivers. You can find out if your property is at risk and sign up for the service: www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood/find-out-if-youre-at-risk.



The Environment Agency also offers support for community groups. For example, they can host a workshop if you want to know more about maintaining watercourses (they recently held one in Charney Bassett). The Environment Agency is keen to meet landowner or community groups, and if you would like to arrange a meeting their Operations Manager, Peter Collins, can be contacted peter.collins@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Open Cinema

I recently came across a brilliant organisation called Open Cinema. They basically seem able to show a film in any kind of venue, so it could be perfect for your village or neighbourhood. The equipment can be set up in a venue such as a village hall or library, and the equipment, licensing, programming, marketing and ticketing are all taken care of through the organisation. More information about this interesting project can be found at <https://opencinema.co>.

Launch of the Culture White Paper

Towards the end of March, I launched the Government's white paper for culture, the first in more than 50 years. It is the latest contribution to our approach to public support for art and culture. The white paper seeks to spread the gifts of our arts, heritage and culture to more people, and communities across the country and abroad and free the creative genius that can make a better world for all. You can read the white paper at www.gov.uk.

Where I've been and who I've seen

I've had several meetings with constituents this month to discuss national issues, such as Equitable Life compensation, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and the UKAid programme in Uganda. I also attended the opening of a broadband cabinet in Pusey and Gainfield, spoke with young people undertaking apprenticeship at Oxford Instruments, met with Oxfordshire MPs and the local NHS to discuss health matters, heard Milton residents' concerns about local development, met with local sculptor David Harber, was update on plans for Frilford Heath Golf Club, and caught up with Jane Hanna of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Action in Wantage. Following the Government's announcement on changes to VAT rules on sanitary products, I was able to update young students at Didcot Girls' School, who were campaigning on this issue, to advise them of the changes. Prior to the Easter weekend I attended services at Kingston Lisle church to celebrate its refurbishment, and St Mary's church Childrey to celebrate their new doors, installed in memory of Tom Marks, and their new kitchenette (and loo!), both of which were presided over by the acting Bishop of Oxford. Finally, over Easter weekend I was able to attend the Lockinge Point-to-Point..

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my 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 dicksonce@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 complete the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/EdVaizeyMP>.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)

BEHAVIOURS THAT CHALLENGE: LOOKING INTO THE WAYS OF REDUCING EARLY INSTITUTIONALISED CARE FOR DEMENTIA

Wednesday, 18 May 2016, 18:00 to 19:00

Who this event is for?: Everyone

Location: Chakrabarti Lecture Theatre, John Henry Brookes, Headington Campus, Gipsy Lane site

Details

Behaviours that challenge or behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD) are a core part of the syndrome of dementia. They include agitation, aggression, wandering, shouting, repeated questioning, sleep disturbance, depression and psychosis. The symptoms can cause significant distress and harm to patients and their carers which in turn can mean early institutional care for those exhibiting them. Medication treatment is associated with its own harms. In this lecture Brian will discuss how effective management requires a balanced approach using good assessment tools, pharmacological and non-pharmacological management.

About the speaker: DR BRIAN MURRAY - Consultant Older Adult Psychiatrist and Associate Medical Director for Older People's Services, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Brian Murray qualified from the University of Oxford in 1992 and worked in general medical jobs before training in psychiatry in 1997. He has been a consultant psychiatrist since 2005 and has an MA in the Philosophy and Ethics of Mental Health.

This lecture is part of the NHS Health Matters series.

Book now: Phone: 01865 484864 Email: events@brookes.ac.uk

Earth Trust Events

Brilliant Bees: Sunday 1st May, 10am-2pm

This month's Sunday Drop-in is all about bees! Bees are pollinators which means



they're really important for growing all sorts of food. Give them a helping hand by making a bee hotel or diner to take home for your garden and bee inspired to create some wild art. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Dawn Chorus Walk: Sunday 8th May, 4.30am-6.30am

Set your alarm clock and join us to listen to the birds celebrating the season on the Wittenham Clumps. Learn more about identifying birdsong with Ben Carpenter. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865 407792.

Bats at Wallingford Castle Meadows: Sunday 8th May, 8.15-10pm

Local expert Dominic Lamb will lead a walk at dusk to find out more about the wonderful winged mammals, including how to recognise different species using a bat detector. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865 407792.

Sensory Walk: Sunday 15th May, 2pm-4pm

Escape the stresses and strains of everyday life and immerse yourself in a hands-on nature sensory experience, including identifying birdsong, silent walking and photography, and blindfolded tasting. With Stuart 'The Wildman' Mabbott and photographer William Mankelov. Bring your own camera. £12; booking essential: 01865 407792.

More details www.earthtrust.org.uk

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www.marcham-with-garford.org.uk

Dear Friends,

I recently came across the following quotation from the late Joyce Grenfell: 'We don't become spiritual *when* we die. We have always been spiritual and that, as I see it, is what life is for – to discover and rejoice in this. It leads to harmonious living now. It reveals what is actually *real* and *durable*.' [quoted in 'All in the end is Harvest' Ed Agnes Whitaker: DLT]

Being aware of our spiritual side of life is profoundly important. God's Spirit wants to make connection with our inner spirit – not through weird or extreme rituals or practices, or through anything occult, but directly. 'How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.' said Jesus [Luke 11:13]

This month of May includes the great Christian festival of Pentecost (May 15th), when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in direct fulfilment of Jesus' promise. Today we continue to live in the 'age of the Spirit'. What better time to recognise our spiritual side, and ask God to meet us again by his Holy Spirit, and to know the Spirit's transforming presence in Jesus' name!

With my warmest best wishes for May,

Richard
Vicar

Regular church services

Sundays: 10am & 6pm at All Saints'
Wednesdays: 10.30am at Duffield Place

SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday 12th June -



Open Air service to celebrate the
Queen's 90th Birthday.

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Men's Breakfast - May 7th, 8.30am, at the Baptist Hall

Taking leadership to a new level: helping leaders in Africa and Asia be more effective
John Rogers has been serving with DAI (Development Associates International) for the past 10 years and will talk about DAI's approach to leadership development in Africa and Asia. John has had a varied career, including running a radio station in the Indian Ocean, building international partnerships for Christian ministry and working with John Stott at the Langham Partnership.

Changing Room (Women's breakfast)

14th May, 8.30am at the Baptist Hall.
Helen Gilbert will be speaking on the title 'Seen and not heard'

Thy Kingdom Come 8-14th May



A call to prayer for the UK church.
There will be various activities and services on during the week at church. Please see the website for more information as it becomes available.

Parish people: This month we remember the families of those who have passed away - Dorothy Mayton, John Bunce, Leonard Hudson, John Scott and Tony Read. Also, our prayers are with Mila after her baptism.