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Sorry: I made an error on the last issue about the next holiday collection, this is the correct bin - thanks Jean!

Holiday Waste Collections		
Normal day	Revised day	Which bin?
Wed 31 Aug	Thurs 1 Sep	Grey bin, food waste bin

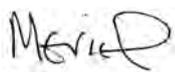
Details of events may change after publication, please check with the relevant organisers before attending events.

Dear Readers

So summer is over and MADNews is back! I hope you have all managed to spend some time relaxing in the sun...!

There is a very serious lack of blood and platelet donors and numbers are still dropping. If you can donate, just call and make an appointment - blood donation takes less than 15 minutes (but there is a bit of admin time too) and you get a lovely cup of tea and a biscuit! The nearest centre is Abingdon, but call 0300 123 23 23 and make an appointment. And if you currently donate blood, have you thought of platelet donation? It takes a bit longer but the differences it makes are dramatic. www.blood.co.uk

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to new Parish Councillor Jane Fabes

Jane Fabes, who lives near St. Peter's crossroads, has been co-opted to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy that had occurred. Jane has lived in the parish for quite a few years and has been a councillor previously. Not residing in the main built up area of the village she will be able to represent the outlying areas of the parish. The Council welcomes Jane back to the Council at what is a very busy time for local government.

Mobile Library

Reminder that the last round of visits for the mobile library will be from Monday 5th September and the final day of service is Friday 16th September. (see also page xx)

Parkside Allotments

At the corner of Parkside and New Road, there is an area of the allotments which is increasingly becoming more and more untidy owing to overgrown shrubs and suckers. There are also some invasive and undesirable species such as Elder, and also Elms which have fallen victim to Dutch Elm Disease. The Parish Council has therefore agreed to clear the corner, and restore the land to allotment use. Other general clearing will be taking place such strimming work and removing the ivy from the wall. The work is expected to start next month.

Parking on footways

Comments are being received by the Parish Council that an increasing number of vehicles are being parked on the footways, making it difficult for pedestrians to pass, particularly disabled people with wheelchairs and motorised scooters, as well as people with pushchairs. As a result they are having to walk in the road. Would motorists please be considerate where they park, and not cause an obstruction by blocking pavements. Should anyone experience a vehicle committing a parking offence and which is causing a significant obstruction, then please make a note of the registration number and report the matter to the Police via the 101 telephone number.

Comet - Transport

A new door to door transport service for those without access to suitable public transport has been launched by Oxfordshire County Council. The Oxfordshire Comet uses vehicles that normally take children to school and adults to day care centres. It therefore can only be booked for other uses between 10.15 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. It is available for individuals and groups either exclusively or with shared travel. For further information please see www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/comet.

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust– Public Governor Vacancies

An event focusing on what is involved in being a Governor of the Trust and the election process for Governors is being held on Wed 7th September, 2016 at 6.00 p.m. at Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury RG14 2DR

Planning Applications considered by the Council

P16/V1662 single storey rear extension at 2 Fettiplace Road. The Council had no objections.

P16/V1686/LB Alteration to barn at 12 Frilford Road to form annex. The Council objected, whilst having no concern with the proposal itself, it did have worries with likely car parking problems.

P16/V1907 Extension at 3 Morland Road. The Council had no objections.

P16/V1979/LB Erection of conservatory at 44 North Street. The Council had no objections.

P16/V1383 Change of use from C3 to C1 33 North Street. Council had no objections.

P16/V1442 Extension and alterations 4 Priory Lane. Council had no objections.

P16/V1420 Demolish and rebuild wall at 7 Packhorse Lane. Council requested that adequate footpath remain for pedestrians.

P16/V1639 Extension at 28A North Street. Council had no objections..

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 7.30p.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

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.

ANN GREENOUGH

Rache, Samantha and Brian would like to thank everybody for their kind wishes and condolences in our recent sad loss of our Mother, **Ann**.

Personal adverts in MADNews are free so if 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.

Annual Royal British Legion "Poppy Appeal"



The above appeal will be running from Saturday 29th of October through to Saturday 12th of November 2016
 Marcham and District has always been a great supporter of this charity and we again look forward to the generosity shown by the village every year.

To ensure we cover the village and local area comprehensively we would appeal for some more volunteers to do house to house collections and we are anxious to have new collectors from the village and especially the new developments in the village. Please contact us on the number below.

We are also starting a new initiative this year and we would like to offer any households that are prepared to fill a box with loose change during the year a "Poppy Appeal" Money Box. This can be collected from our house or we will deliver. We also have money boxes that can be placed in places of business.

May we thank you all in advance for the support you give us and we look forward to a sterling effort from Marcham and District this year.

You can contact us on 01865 391497 or e mail. malcolm_denton_954@msn.com
 Christine and Malcolm Denton, 10 Kings Ave, Marcham

Free leaflets delivered by the Royal Mail 

If you don't want leaflets from various companies through your letterbox, you can contact the Royal Mail at myroyalmail.com and they will stop delivering them to you.

However, bear in mind that the Royal Mail get paid to deliver them and even though they are not publicly owned anymore... every little helps!



Abingdon-on-Thames Chamber of Commerce

The Abingdon Christmas Extravaganza will this year be held on Saturday 26th

November. This year we will be joined by Tina, Jo & Bradley from S Club 7 who will be performing a number of hits, and then switching on the Christmas lights. We are offering 1 lucky competition winner the chance to join them on stage for the switch on. To enter, just test your knowledge of Abingdon with our quiz which can be downloaded at www.abingdonchamber.co.uk and don't forget to like us on Facebook / follow us on Twitter for all the latest updates.

SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!
2.00-3.30 pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Tuesday 13th and Tuesday 27th
September
 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*



URGENT LODGINGS REQUIRED

I am looking for a house to lodge in within the Marcham area because I work in locally and am very involved the Marcham community. Preferably with people under the age of 30. I am looking to move in as soon as possible so if you know anyone who might be able to help please contact me on 07880 493177 or by email amyLou.102@hotmail.co.uk. Many thanks, Amy.

LOCAL CRIME

As you may have heard a quantity of lead has been stolen from Denman College. If any one sees suspicious behaviour around any of the old buildings around the village that may have a quantity of lead or vans patrolling the area slowly can you please note the reg. number and details and report it to the police.

You can call the police on phone number 101 to report any non-urgent matter - suspicious vehicles, speeding, anti-social behaviour, or if you have any information to pass on to the police. See page 3 for our PCSO's details.

DO YOU RECOGNISE ANY OF THESE PEOPLE?

The photo on the cover was given to Marcham Society by someone called Chris who lives/lived in 1 Sweetbriar. The only information we have is that he/she thought it was taken in the 50s and the cub leader was Margaret Tyrrell who lived in Mill Cottage. If anyone can recognise the cubs or cub leader, please contact Sheila Dunford sheila.dunford@btinternet.com

Marcham Village Shop and Post Office
Opening hours

Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 17.30
Sat - Sun: 08.00 - 12 noon



Travel money and insurance offer:

If you're going away don't forget you can order your foreign currency from Marcham Post Office. Euros are usually in stock but you can also order before 1pm and collect the next day. And if you order before 18 September, you can get a special offer on travel insurance too - come in and see us.

The new plastic £5 note will be issued on 13 September - keep an eye out for it!
Why not go back to school with some licorice allsorts - only 50p a quarter



The
Marcham Society

All Saints' Church
Tuesday 13th Sept 7.45pm
Non-members £2

Evening Meeting & AGM
A Short History of the GWR Abingdon Branch
Ivan Cadge

Further details: Judith Fontaine (391275)

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

**MARCHAM SOCIETY MID-WEEK WALK:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST.**

For this month's walk we will meet at The Plough Hotel in Burton Road, Clanfield, (Map Ref: SP284021, Post Code OX18 2RB) at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for a gentle walk of 4½ miles in the Thames plain along part of the D'Arcy Dalton Way and visiting the remote hamlet, Little Clanfield. No hills!



Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts, further details and to check for any last-minute changes. Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers.

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The remaining OCA Fixtures for the Season are all in September and are as follows:

Sept	1st XI	2nd XI
3rd	Tetsworth (Home)	Chalgrove (Away)
10th	Fringford (Away)	Sunningwell (Away)

Earlier in the Season, both Marcham XIs had a free date in the OCA Fixture List and this provided an opportunity to invite a touring XI to play in the Village.

Accordingly, Rusthall CC visited Marcham as part of their Cotswold Tour from Royal Tunbridge Wells.

The Visitors proved to be an affable group and, after a good natured game, apparently enjoyed the barbecue and hospitality provided as they did not leave until about 11 pm.

During the Summer, discussions have been taking place regarding some form of merger of the OCA and the Cherwell League.

There is much to be considered and discussions are proceeding.

It is intended to report progress on this matter in due course.

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

And finally ... after the end of his playing days, the cricketing legend Richie Benaud became a noted commentator.

Here are a few of his observations:

"The slow-motion replay doesn't show just how fast that ball was really traveling."

"Laird has been brought in to stand in the corner of the circle."

"His throw went absolutely nowhere near where it was going."

His relaxed reporting style was also in evidence when a stalker jumped over stumps at Lord's and Benaud observed:

"There was a slight interruption there for athletics." *CSB*



Marcham WI

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, 15th September

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Denman College



Although we've had a break from our regular meetings over the summer, we've still had plenty of activities organised over the last month, including a garden visit with cream tea, a trip to Oxford Castle and a very successful garden party hosted by one of our members which raised over £200 for the Denman appeal. We start our regular monthly meetings again in September, when we will be welcoming our speaker, **Chris Lowe**, who will be telling us about the **RNLI**.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

For further information, please contact:

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Free Information Sessions hosted by Sovereign's Independent Living and Communities Officer

**taking place in the Lounge at Duffield Place, Marcham
10.15am Tuesday 6 September:**

Guideposts Trust Independent Living Centre.

Are you an elderly or disabled person eager to preserve your own mobility? Would you like to know which equipment, aids and adaptations are available to maintain or increase your independence?

An Occupational Therapist of the Independent Living Centre in Abingdon will give a presentation on assessments, support and advice that can be provided to you, and demonstrate some sample products for daily living and mobility in everyday settings.

10.15 Tuesday 13 September:

Falls Prevention Service

Have you or someone you care for recently experienced a fall? Are you concerned about slip, trip and fall hazards in your home?

An advisor of the Oxfordshire Falls Prevention Service will give a presentation about how you can identify and reduce risks to prevent falls. She will also provide information about assessments, support and advice that are available to people who have fallen or feel they may be at risk of falling.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend these sessions - coffee, tea and biscuits are also provided free of charge.

Take a walk on the pink side and help us beat breast cancer!

Against Breast Cancer is pleased to announce that former British Gymnast Suzanne Dando is once again backing The Breast Walk Ever, our day-time walking full or half marathon which is open to everyone. This year on Sunday the 4th of September we even offer a 10 kilometer walk to boot. The full walk follows the beautiful Thames riverside from Abingdon to Beale Park. Those doing shorter distances will start in either Walingford or Goring. Against Breast Cancer is a charity dedicated to funding groundbreaking research to improve detection, treatment and increase survival after breast cancer diagnosis. So are your boots made for walking? Don't delay - take a walk on the pink side and help us beat breast cancer.



Sign up today at www.breastwalkever.org



**Planning a night out with friends?
A birthday trip with the kids?
A family trip to the beach?
Whatever your plans, why not use the
Community Minibus!!**

14 seats plus your driver, aged between 25 and 70
(you will need to ensure that your licence covers driving a minibus)
A standard donation is requested for each booking to cover diesel/maintenance.

We are also looking for more volunteer drivers to help with the weekly run to Tesco for any residents with transport difficulties.
Leaving Duffield Place at 10am and returning from Tesco at 12 noon.

Do you have a couple of hours free every few weeks
and would be willing to join our rota?

The more drivers we have the fewer trips you'll be asked to make!
Contact Marion Belcher on 07507 797757
to make your booking, volunteer as a driver
or for more information

A FRESH INTRODUCTION TO A MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast (MsB) in Marcham is a regular informal forum for men, living in or connected to the village to meet, chat, enjoy full cooked breakfast, and listen to an interesting guest speaker with discussion afterwards.

All Saints' Church greatly supports MsB with: venue, publicity, equipment and insurance and whilst half our very diverse members might attend Church, this was never the 'reasoning' behind MsB and all men are welcome to attend MsB, of any faith or none.

Recent and Planned talks include: Supporting Third World Civic/Political Leaders in Good Governance; The Future for Renewable's; Christianity in Human Rights Legislation; Posing the question of: Can Watching Seagulls be Good for You? and The Global Environmental NGO – EarthWatch.

Our next talk on (First Saturday of each month) 3rd September is from John Elliott, Director - Global Special Projects, who will talk on 'The 200 year Evolution of an Oxfordshire manufacturing company' about the 'Lucy companies' headquartered in Oxford. Those who know John will testify that plenty of humour is assured, from a man who has spent his working life in UK manufacturing.

We meet around 8.15m for breakfast at 8.30am, at the "Church Hall" by the very sharp bend in Packhorse Lane (A415), with suggested donation of £5 covering costs. Obviously it helps our catering to know numbers in advance and as our co-ordinator James Allan is currently away, please contact Tim Jack, on 01865 864900 who will be pleased to answer any questions, add you to the email notification list and welcome you to the Men's Breakfast in Marcham.

SOPHIE CUMBER IS THE FACE OF GREAT BRITISH BEEF WEEK 2016!

Great British Beef Week is an annual event organised by Ladies in Beef – an organisation of more than 150 female beef farmers – in partnership with R.A.B.I. (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution). The campaign aims to raise awareness of the quality and versatility of assured British beef.

Sophie said: "I'm delighted to have this opportunity to represent the industry that I'm so passionate about and help consumers get the best from their beef."

"I grew up on a beef and dairy farm. That, combined with my experience as a butcher, means I fully understand what goes into producing top-quality British beef."

"As this year's Great British Beef Week representative, I am telling consumers to look out for the Red Tractor logo so that they know their meat is fully traceable from farm to fork and encouraging them to visit their local butcher."

"As a child I tended to do my own thing and probably didn't take as much interest in the farm as I now wish I had. I always knew the importance of good quality meat though. I saw mum and dad constantly striving for quality and the processes they went through and when I went away to University I was always telling my friends off for buying Danish bacon."

Sophie is now a fully qualified butcher working in London - tough, physical work and in her first job Sophie found herself the only female alongside nine guys. She is passionate about what she does, however and wants consumers to take a much more active interest in what they are eating.

"Because I liked cooking, I was drawn to butchery as it's an important first step. I absolutely believe British beef is best. I spent four months in Argentina, a country with a reputation for producing top quality beef, but I never saw or ate anything better than what I could get in Britain. What Argentina does have is more quality beef, because there is so much grassland."

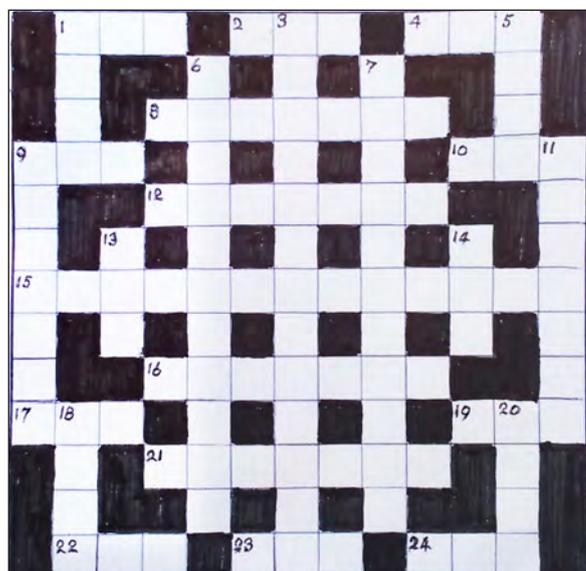
Beef up your Butty

The humble sandwich is increasingly becoming the meal of choice for time-pressed families so, Ladies in Beef show us how to make a proper butty! From using up the leftovers of your Sunday roast, to creating the sandwich of champions from new steaks on the block you'll find recipes, tips and a few behind the scenes sneak peeks of the 'Beef up your Butty' campaign at the Ladies in Beef website. <http://www.ladiesinbeef.org.uk/>

Our Great British Beef supply depends on our great British suckler herds, yet in the UK we've lost more than 140,000 beef-breeding cows over the last four years. Look out for the Red Tractor logo when buying beef, an independent mark of quality that guarantees your beef comes from farms and food companies that meet high standards of food safety, hygiene, animal welfare and environment protection.

Cumber Farm Shop is open 10am - 1pm Monday to Saturday and their meat is also available in the village shop.

CROSSWORD BY ALISA



ACROSS

1. It sometimes performs at the Ashmolean (3)
2. Millets has the farm sort (3)
4. Vehicle (3)
8. Under (7)
9. Call (3)
10. Haircut (3)
12. Discussed (7)
15. Job done by Greensleeves (8.5)
16. Waiter on a ship (7)
17. Sweet potato (3)
19. Suitable (3)
21. Protected (7)
22. Tree (3)
23. Tree (3)
24. River (3)

DOWN

1. Finished (4)
3. What brings pirates to Appleton? (5.8)
5. Alone (4)
6. Keeping back (11)
7. Hot man in a factory (5.6)
- 9 & 11. Village near W Hanney (7.7)
13. Girl's name (3)
14. Chimney sweep (3)
18. Too (4)
20. Walk on this side on the 4th (4)

Answers next month

CONNECTIONS – WILDLIFE AND OUR WELLBEING – WHAT WE CAN LEARN

The unpredictable weather can play havoc with wildlife in our gardens but somehow it always finds a balance. Weather can have a marked effect on us too, if we choose to allow it, unless we can see past it and learn from nature's adaptability.



Recently my wildlife gardening work has moved into this area, a subtle diversification it could be described as. I'm really exploring the connections between our gardens and our behaviours, individually and collectively. Searching for ways how we can use those insights and bring them into other areas of our lives.

Many of us relax when out in our gardens, taking in the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and textures. Especially if you've read other articles of mine that describe one of our most common behaviours as walking around like unaware zombies.

At work, if you are overrun it's often the hectic pressure that overwhelms us. At work try using what you do out in your garden to relax quite naturally, which is 360 degree peripheral sensing. When at work try using your peripheral vision to see the colour spectrum or those subtle movements and rhythms around you. Try listening to the soundscape of your workplace. The bass tones of the humming computers mirroring the buzzing bumble bee. The high pitched bleeps of the photocopier mirroring the chirps of a Robin.

Try this with all your senses and see the parallels with your workplace and nature in your own garden.

Many people find nurturing and tending to young seedlings every need relaxing when we grow them on in our garden, adjusting the watering as needed etc. Yet at work, when overwhelmed by all the work we forget to nurture and check on ourselves. Every couple of hours check on how you feel by picking one word that describes how you feel, no explanations just one word.

Then act on it like you would those seedlings needs. If you need some light go for a walk, if you are a bit warm, open the window for some air.

The biggest thing gardeners do that helps stress in the workplace is planning ahead. Do that at work to; try visualising upcoming problems, like you would out in the garden. Plan and prepare well and if that situation does arrive, you are poised and ready to adapt. If you visualise a challenge, when it comes, you often react well. Time seems to move slower and things are generally more calm if you've visualised it, as you've kind of been there before and it isn't a step into the unknown.

Above all you give your plants space, time and air to flourish. Do the same for yourself at work. Take a deep breath, get the oxygen into your lungs and then into your blood stream as more oxygen circulating is good for concentration.

As you can see, my mind is expanding the wildlife gardening theme, as I think there is much we can learn from Mother Nature in our gardens.

Have a look at your own behaviour in your own gardens and see what can be adapted and replicated back in the workplace.

Happy Gardening STUART MABBUTT

Wildlife Gardening Specialist

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www.wildmaninspires.co.uk

Other resources to help you be a wildlife champion

www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk

www.hedgehogstreet.org

www.rspb.org

ww.ptes.org

MOTHS AND BATS ON TOUR – APPEARING LIVE

After touring Wales, this Roadshow hits England with a first performance in Marcham on Friday 30th September. Supporting acts include: Local Naturalists', All Saints' Church and Marcham School and there is no need to book beforehand.

Action packed indoor evening includes making finger puppets, Challenging Moth and Bat quizzes, Echolocation games, Meeting live moths, Jokes, Puns, Banter and other activities. Finishing with a short walk in the dark to discover where and how Bats hunt Moths and insects around Marcham, using incredibly loud ultrasound.

Quite literally enjoyment for ages 5 to 95 and the more that join, the merrier the performance will be. So put "6.30pm All Saints' Church, Moths and Bats on Tour" in your diary now and be prepared to smile, laugh and wonder at the creatures emerging into our village airspace as darkness descends about us.



WASP SPIDER

The very brightly striped Wasp Spider is slowly colonising Britain with climate warming. This specimen (photo on cover) was found by Judy Webb, one of the ecologists making the annual count of rare Wild Celery plants just off Mill Road, on 13th August.

The spider is well known from the Reading area and one was seen just SE of Abingdon last September. This Marcham sighting is now one of the most north-westerly UK locations recorded to date. Strikingly marked, highly coloured and large (2cm long body, without legs), it's habit of building a web low down in rough grassland, in areas that often flood, helps to keep it away from people. This female has lost one leg but it is probably not the half leg remaining in top left of web, which could be the result of an amorous encounter, as female spiders often devour the males after mating!

The spider is not poisonous but is using 'warning' markings to deter predators that might be looking to eat them – in the fields where this one was found, probably a partridge. Harmless species can take advantage of colours /markings that might be associated with other species that DO have strong defences for example the caterpillar of the cinnabar moth which is poisonous if ingested or our common wasp with its sting. This behaviour is called Batesian Mimicry. Large UK spiders, e.g. the common house spider, are usually very dark coloured and secretive, as they rely upon being hidden for their defence.

It is without doubt our most colourful large spider and lives out in 'plain sight' (but very low down) and is to be admired rather than feared.

IAN SMITH

VOLUNTEER FOR OXFORDSHIRE'S WATER-BLITZ

Wild Oxfordshire

Volunteers needed for one day only!

Schools, local groups and individuals are invited to take part in the county wide water blitz. Check the water quality of your local stream, pond, ditch or river and help build a water quality picture for Oxfordshire. For your free sampling pack register today by emailing hilary@wildoxfordshire.org.uk and join in on 3rd October. EarthWatch have volunteered to handle the data and map all results on their global water-hub with the resulting data available to everyone involved.

FREE fortnightly Environmental Email Bulletin

For the latest conservation news, evening talks, or an afternoon of volunteering, plus jobs and training SIGN UP to Wild Oxfordshire's email bulletin.

Just click on their website www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

The last month saw a continuation of the fall out of the EU referendum. We now have a new Prime Minister, who has set the gears in motion for the EU renegotiation. We now have a Department for Brexit, and a Department for International Trade, who will take the leading role in these negotiations.



I am also returning to the Backbenches, where I will continue to support the Government. I first took up the role as arts minister in Opposition, in November 2006, so I had almost completed a decade covering the brief. It's a job I thoroughly enjoyed, and I intend to continue to take an interest as a backbencher. Change is unsettling but also exciting, as a Minister I couldn't take part in parliamentary debates which weren't in my policy area. Now I can apply for debates that cover issues that affect my constituents locally and nationally, and question Ministers on specific areas. I can spend more time in the constituency, as I have done in recent days hearing the concerns of scientists and businesses about Brexit. I'm delighted to have had the chance to have been a Minister, but more delighted to carry on with my main job of representing my constituency. There's another silver lining – my fabulous colleague Nicola Blackwood is now a Minister in the Department of Health – so Oxfordshire maintains its representation in government.

Like many of you I am also enjoying some time with my family over the school summer holidays and have been thoroughly impressed with the amount of activities available throughout the constituency. There are many local museums open throughout the summer which are putting on special events. The Vale and Downland Museum in Wantage is hosting 'Free Summer Fun for Families' every Tuesday during the summer holidays, with each Tuesday based on a different theme. The Wallingford Museum is holding a William the Conqueror day on the 20th August, free for both adults and children, where you can see a Norman knight, help create the Museum's own Bayeux tapestry and dig in the archaeology sandpits. Didcot Railway Centre is open throughout August, with Steam Days on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays where you can ride the steam locomotives. They are also holding a Steam Train Event on the August Bank Holiday weekend. Faringdon Folly Tower and Woodland is a beautiful place to visit, and the Tower is open on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, with children under 11 getting in free.

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.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)

COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

I do not wish to spoil anyone's holiday, but...

The desperate need for more houses seems to have allowed planning and development to have gone mad. There are unwanted applications in Milton, in Marcham, in Shippon, in Drayton and, of course, in Sutton Courtenay. Why "of course"? Because that village has been worse hit by speculative planning applications than any other in the County. In Sutton Courtenay and in Drayton, there is a possibility that roads will be dug up, only to be dug up again months later. In Marcham, there are pavements being constructed which are too narrow to use. Yes, we need more houses but with drastic shortages of infrastructure – roads choked, schools full, air quality reducing, are we putting them in the right places? Worst of all the problems, our young people find it ever harder to

afford home ownership. It is tough, even for an optimist, to stay optimistic.

At some point, government is going to have to find a solution to the problem of building houses that people can afford. We are told that of a house costing £360,000, 1/3 goes to the landowner, 1/3 goes to the infrastructure (not enough, apparently) and 1/3 to the developer (most have fixed costs and fixed margins). It seems that it is land values that are at the heart of the problem and the whole problem has become tied up with the problems and challenges of agriculture.

Even the most ardent "Remainer" and supporter of the EU would agree that the European Agricultural Policy does not work well and is badly in need of revision. Well, out of the EU, we have the opportunity to design something better. Small and tenant milk farmers have been suffering for years – many have been forced out of business. It cannot make long term economic and environmental sense that any country should import vast quantities of food from all round the world when it is perfectly capable of growing its own. To maintain consistency of supply, it is reasonable that farmers are protected from the vagaries of markets. There is nothing inherently wrong in agricultural subsidies.

But food supply and land supply are not the same thing. I am all for subsidising farming. I am uneasy about subsidising land ownership.

RICHARD WEBBER CLLR OCC SC & Marcham Division.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

News from Abingdon

The Vale has announced that the Abbey Meadows is to undergo improvements costing £615,000. We wait to see what this means. Also, we have been reassured that the long term future of the open air swimming pool seems to be secure. The pools' opening times have been extended until mid September to help alleviate the lack of swimming facilities whilst the Whitehorse Leisure Centre is closed for essential improvements.

New Planning Procedure

All councillors have recently been undergoing training for the new planning procedures being introduced in August at the Vale planning committees. I attended my first Vale planning committee meeting, since my training, on Wednesday, 17th August, and was pleasantly impressed with the inclusiveness of the procedure. Resident representatives, Parish Council representatives, the ward member and developers of each application not only give their statutory three minute speech to the committee, but then they are allowed to stay at the desk whilst the committee questions them on issues that they have talked about, seeking clarification. I had to speak on a Shippon application, so, as ward member, I had to step down from the committee and speak from the floor with the other speakers, and I was not allowed to join in with the discussions or vote on that application. As part of the "audience", I was able to witness the discussion from the floor and I was impressed with the robust nature of the questioning and debate.

The new senior planning manager, Emily Hamerton, who has taken over from Brett Leahy, has expressed her keenness to meet local Parish Councils, to talk about planning and to answer any questions. I have already suggested that she comes to Marcham and now a date has to be found.

CATHERINE WEBBER CLlr VWHDC

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If you are holding an event within
or near the MADNews area,
please contact the editor for more publicity!
01865 391725 or editor@madnews.co.uk

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

Quiz Night

This month's quiz will be held on **Friday 30 September** 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

NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS

What a busy summer we have had. We have proudly said goodbye to all our Pre-school children who are joining their Reception class. Our graduation was fantastic and they all looked amazing. Good Luck Little Angels Pre-Schoolers!



Baby Room

Our babies have been enjoying the nice weather with lots of time out in the garden, on rockers, going up and down the slide, pushing cars around and using our range of walkers! Sand play has been very popular and the experience of touch and feeling the texture has been amazing in their learning. We have enjoyed making lots of noise in our great music circles, shaking the shakers, drumming the drums and imitating the adults' actions.

Pre-School Room

We have been really enthusiastic about the Olympics - we made our very own torch and passed it to each other to start our Olympic Journey. All the range of sports from diving to horse dressage has been performed and everyone was a great success. It was also interesting to look at the different flags of each country that joined in the Olympics.

However one of our favourite activities this month was gloop play- it was fantastic to watch science in action. The change of the water to gloop and using the magic dust to dissolve it (a new word we learnt).

Holiday Club

This year holiday club was fantastic we had the following: **Space Camp**- each day we took our space station to a new planet, learnt about it and how it was different. We walked and played golf on the moon and went on space buggies! A big THANK YOU to Dr Chris Frost for his excellent presentation and rocket launching with the club, it was great.

Detective Club- Every day we had to solve a new mystery and we did! A big THANK YOU to the help of our local PSCO who came and showed us how to take finger prints!

Superhero Camp- we are pleased to say all passed the camp and are now fully fledged superheroes! Watch out you may see one flying over Marcham.

Coming up.. Wizzarding School in October Half term. Contact us for more information.

To see more about what we get up to at Marcham Little Angels follow our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/littleangelsmarcham

DIDCOT RAIL 2016

The Abingdon & District Model Railway Club will be holding a Model Railway Exhibition at the Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN.

Saturday 29th October 2016.

Opening Times: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Entrance Fee: £6 for an Adult.

Up to two children less than 16 years of age can enter for free, if accompanied at all times by a full fee paying adult.

The Exhibition will feature

Twelve Layouts and a Range of Traders
Demonstrations, Displays and Refreshments

Free Car Parking

Visit our Website: www.admrc.org.uk

SEWING WORKSHOP

On Saturday 13th August a small group of ladies gathered at the Baptist Church hall for a day of machine sewing under the expert guidance of textile artist Emma - from Emma Corry Designs. We had the choice of creating a cushion cover or bunting. It was fun to see each person's individual style come alive in their designs and for skills and confidence with the sewing machine to develop throughout the day. It was a hugely enjoyable time and many thanks for Emma's patience and enthusiasm as she guided us through our projects.

We are planning on doing another workshop in the Spring - for more information contact Rachel Gaisford 391432.



*Help us t fill
in the g ps*

Can you imagine a world without A, B, or O?

You may have noticed something strange happening recently ... All over the world, the letters A, B and O have been going missing.

These are, of course, the letters that represent blood groups – and, from the Gi_{nt}'s C_{usew}_y to the Sydney_{_per}_H_{use}, they're going missing to highlight the global importance of blood donation and component donation. Please don't leave it to someone else. Most people can give blood. You can give blood every 16 weeks, and it only takes a few minutes.

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!**

Do something amazing today – give blood
96% of us rely on the other 4% to give blood.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning in the Sports and Social Club on the Anson field. Between 10am and 12.30pm on Sunday the 2nd of October.

Please come along for a cuppa (feel free to donate some cake/biscuits.)

A raffle will be drawn on the morning with great prizes to be won, including tickets to the Oxford Playhouse to any show of choice, entry tickets to various attractions such as Cotswold Wildlife Park, Farmer Gow's etc, tickets to Oxford comedy club, wine, chocs and lots more. Tickets £1 each.

If you would like to purchase tickets please contact Jenny on 07805490911



MARCHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group of parents, grandparents and carers who meet with our babies and toddlers every Tuesday at 10am in Marcham Church. Come and join us for playtime, singing, stories, crafts and refreshments for only £2 per family. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th September. For further information please contact Rebecca on 07876598307.

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

Pre-school celebrated the end of a unique, challenging and exciting year with a fantastic Beach Party for all the children, followed by a Graduation Ceremony for our Leavers.... And we certainly went out with a bang! The children had a wonderful morning, playing in the paddling pool, enjoying ice-cream, dancing and singing with their friends. The Graduation was an emotional time as we said goodbye not only to the children but to their parents, we've all formed special friendships and relationships and we shall miss you all.... Thank you for such good memories over the last year!



This is also an ideal time to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hutchinson and the staff at Marcham School for their continued work with us in the Partnership and making us so welcome as part of the school community. Thanks also go to Jill Rowe for her regular story time, our Committee for enabling us to run successfully, all the parents and volunteers who have helped with those extra jobs (like recycling, cleaning and assembling!!), We can't do it alone and really value the support and help we continue to receive.

The last year has seen illnesses, accidents and operations (and that's just the staff!) but despite this, we find ourselves ready to start a new year in September with a fully qualified team, headed by an Early Years Teacher, many ideas and activities already arranged to see the children having a special and memorable experience at Marcham Pre-school.

Nicky, Marion, Katharine, Natasha, Louisa and Mon
 To join us, please contact
marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk now!
www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com

NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

Marcham School pupils say a fond farewell to Miss Carter

I would like to make a special mention of someone who has been a volunteer and an amazing supporter of the school for nearly 25 years. Joan Carter has listened to children read, supported individuals with their literacy and writing and encouraged children to have a love of the English language for over 24 years. She is extremely well-known and well-loved by the KS2 children of Marcham School and I know how much she will be missed by them. They look forward to reading with Miss Carter and enjoy the time of calm, warmth and enthusiasm that they have when they share their reading with her. She has decided that it is time for her to play a less regular role as a volunteer in the school – and after 24 years she has certainly earned the right to put her feet up! I did want to say how very much she has been appreciated by the many, many pupils who have read with her - I know that there are many young people in Marcham who have benefitted from her help - and we wish her the very best.

On Tuesday 14th June, 12 Year 5 and 6 pupils played 12 adults in a **Pro-Am Bridge tournament** in the school hall.

The tournament was a very fun and social gathering. Though it was a slow-paced and thought provoking game it felt fast and exciting. 'I loved every minute of it'. *Luke*

'It was good, I came second'. *Bo*

'It was brilliant and I really enjoyed it'. *Chloe*

'It was fun and more people should play it. I came first'. *Alex*

We would really like to thank all the adults for giving up their time to teach us, especially **Dave Walton** who is very patient with us.

VIV HUTCHINSON.

September 2016

YOUNG PEOPLE, HAVE YOUR SAY

There is an open meeting for all secondary aged young people in the village on Tuesday 13 Sept, at the Baptist Hall from 4-4:45pm. This is a chance for all young people in the village to air their views about the issues that affect them and shape future plans.

The meeting is being called by **Rob Finch**, the new Youth Worker provided by All Saints' Church; you can contact him for more details **rob@marchamyouth.org**.

Moldova Holiday Club 2016

We would like to thank everyone who supported us financially, or any other way for our trip to Moldova in July.

We would like to invite you to church on Wednesday 7th September, 7pm (for about an hour, to see the photos and hear all about our adventures.

JILL ROWE



Marcham Moldova Lifeline



HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

The Mobile Library service will stop after September but there are some alternatives and in Marcham other ideas are being explored. We will keep you up to date with plans.

Help for people who are unable to visit the library themselves

The Home Library Service is offered in partnership with Age UK and the Royal Voluntary Service to people who are unable to visit the library themselves through frailty, infirmity or a disability and have no other means of getting access to reading materials. Full-time carers and those who might need the service on a short-term basis following debilitating illness or hospitalisation can apply too.

How it works

Contact us to discuss the kind of books, DVDs, music CDs or audio books that you like to read or enjoy. We then arrange for a library volunteer to deliver these to you in your home.

Our volunteers wear identification badges and provide a helpful and friendly service. Whenever possible, we try and arrange for the same volunteer to visit you each time.

Your library materials will be delivered and collected every 3 weeks. The Home Library Service is free of charge, and there is no charge for requests or late returns.

How to register

To register for this service or for further information call the Home Library Service on 01235 519201 or email **homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk**.

Volunteers are needed in all areas across Oxfordshire

If you would like to be considered for a volunteering role with the Home Library Service, your local library manager or one of our partner volunteer organisations will be delighted to see you.

You should be prepared to:

- Agree to a DBS check
- Undertake training
- Add volunteer use to your motor insurance policy if you will be using your car to visit your clients
- Commit to a regular schedule of visits
- Record the hours that you volunteer

How to become a volunteer

To register or for further information call the Home Library Service on 01235 519201 or email **homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk**.

All Saints' Church Page

www.marcham-with-garford.org.uk

Dear Friends,

As the autumn schedule of activity clicks into gear, in the Parish we look back with gratitude to an action-packed summer: welcoming our new youth worker Rob [and Jay and Felicity]; Jill, Rob and Jay leading a small team to Moldova and Romania for a children's camp; our group attending the New Wine conference; our children's holiday club at the end of August. And as we enter September there is a lot to look forward to: our 'vision Sunday' on 11th; the 'Pirates of Penzance' with Opera Anywhere on Saturday 17th, and our harvest Sunday services on Sunday 25th. We extend the warmest invitation to these events to you all – come and enjoy the fun! Details of these events can be found on our church website.

However, our Christian faith is not all about activity: God calls us to find important times of being still in the midst of activity, time to listen, time to focus again on the One who can be our 'still centre'. As the autumn begins I know I need to make that 'still time', to be with Jesus, the Lord of Life, to be close to Father God, to listen, to stop the 'much doing' – at least for a short while – and 'hand over' the way ahead to the Lord. God gives us a wonderful promise, that if we don't rely simply on our own understanding but in everything we acknowledge Him, then He promises to make the way ahead straight [Proverbs 3:6].

In the business and complexity of so much of 21st Century life it is vital we seek God's guidance, and that we allow Him to straighten out the way ahead. May we know that reassurance in what lies ahead, and look forward with expectation and peace.

With my warmest best wishes for September,

Richard

Regular church services

Sundays: 10am & 6pm at All Saints'

Wednesdays: 10.30am at Duffield Place

**Harvest Service Sunday 25th September,
10am at All Saints'**

YOUNG PEOPLE, HAVE YOUR SAY

4 - 4:45pm Tuesday 13 Sept

Baptist Hall

Air your views and shape the future
Organised by Rob Finch, the new Youth
Worker, contact him for more details
rob@marchamyouth.org.

**Men's Breakfast, 8.30am at the Baptist Hall,
Saturday 3rd September**

**Men's Night, 8pm Monday 5th September at
the Crown.**

**Marcham Motor Club, 8pm Tuesday 20th
September at the Crown.**

**Changing Room (Women's breakfast), 8.30am
at the Baptist Hall, Saturday 17th September.**

**Village Café restarts Wednesday 21st
September**

**Take a break, Monday 12th September,
10.30am at 14 the Farthings**

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