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## Diary for July / August

July		
7 Fri	Marcham School Summer Fete, 18.00-20.00	15
8 Sat	Alzheimer's Society Fund-raising Sale, Abingdon 09.30 – 12.30	9
8 Sat	Village Family Barn Dance, All Saints' Church, Marcham, 18.00-22.00	7
8 Sat	Wantage & Grove Lions Bingo & Raffle	11
9 Sun	Dawn Chorus Sensory Walk, Clue Hill Farm, Brill	3
11 Tue	Flood Alleviation Consultation, Botley Library, 09.30 – 14.00	11
11 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 - 15.30	7
12 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 19.30	3
13 Thu	Midweek Walk: The Fox, Peasmore, 12.30 lunch / 13.30 walk	7
14 Fri	Marcham School Disco	15
15-23	Heartstone Arts Exhibition, Upper Lambourn	9
15-30	Scarecrow Trail, all around Marcham	11
17 Mon	Marcham Guides Open Evening	15
18 Tue	Marcham School Sports Day	15
18 Tue	Wiltshire Farm Foods Taster Session, Duffield Place, 10.00	9

20 Thu	Marcham WI: Garden Party, 19.30	7
21 Fri	MSSSC Quiz Night, Anson Field, 20.15	7
22 Sat	Music in the Vale: La Belle France, Stanford-it-Vale, 19.30	7
25 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 - 15.30	7
30 Sun	Marcham Village Shop's 5th Birthday	5
August		
2 Wed	Music at the Unicorn: Mancunia, 19.15	11
3 Thu	Midweek Walk: The Crown, Church Enstone, 12.30 lunch / 13.30 walk	7
5 Sat	Thames Valley Police Open Day, Sulhamstead, 10.00-16.00	11
8 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 - 15.30	7
20 Sun	<b>Deadline for July MADNews, 17.00:</b> <a href="mailto:editor@madnews.co.uk">editor@madnews.co.uk</a>	
22 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 - 15.30	7
25 Fri	MSSSC Quiz Night, Anson Field, 20.15	7
29-1 Sep	All Saints' Marcham, Holiday Club	13

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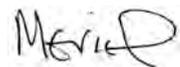
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Enjoy your summer



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS  
Annual Meeting of Electors – 24th May, 2017 – Vale of White Horse District Council – Local Plan part 2**

The annual meeting of electors took place on 24th May. Reports were given by the Parish Council on its activities over the last year, parochial charities and Marcham Primary School. The guest speakers were the Vale of White Horse District Council who outlined the proposals for the Local Plan for the area, including possible new developments to the Eastern side of Marcham. It also included proposals for the Dalton Barracks site. The Plan was at an early stage and once initial comments had been considered, a draft document which showed the final sites selected would be sent out later in the year. Further consultation would take place and comments on these sites would then go the planning inspector.

**Grass Cutting**

Like last year, the County Council, owing to its budget restraints, has had to restrict the number of times the grass verges alongside the roads are cut. This is only twice in the season. The Parish Council expressed great concern to the County Council that the sight lines, when leaving Howard Cornish Road and joining the A415, had effectively disappeared owing to the length of the grass, and the junction had become very dangerous. At the Parish Council's request this junction has now been given an extra cut as a one off arrangement.

**Best Kept Garden Competition**

The first round judging has now taken place. The competition this year has been slightly re-ordered and there are now 4 zones rather than the previous 7. Three gardens from each zone will go forward to the final round judging, which is taking place at the beginning of July. It is planned to present the prizes at the beginning of the September meeting of the Parish Council, to be held on Wednesday 13th September, so all first, second and third place winners will be notified in good time.

**Defibrillator Training**

The Council apologises to those who had booked a place on the CPR/ Defibrillator training course on 17th June. Unfortunately, at the very last minute the trainer provided by the South Central Ambulance Service, owing to unforeseen circumstances, was unable to attend, and a replacement was not available. It is hoped that a new session can be organised, but it will not be until the Autumn. If it is possible to rearrange, then any future date will be advertised.

**Overhanging Shrubs**

The Parish Council has had reports of footways and paths being difficult to walk owing to shrubs and hedges that are overhanging. Where growth overhangs a public path or highway, it is the landowner's responsibility to cut it back. The Council would ask for assistance from landowners to cut hedging back, if you find your property is one of those causing problems.

**Planning Applications**

The Council has considered the following applications:  
P17/V1549/DIS Discharge of conditions – archaeology, landscaping and tree protection for new development at 6 Mill Road. The Council has requested a meeting with the

developer as trees in its ownership, on the village green, were affected by the proposals. P17/V1577/FUL Resurfacing of 2 car parks with tarmac at Denman College. The Council expressed some concern regarding the surface of the car park, water run-off and drainage.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 12th July 2017 at 7.30p.m. in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place. Please check noticeboard outside the Institute and/or the Council's website [www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk) in case arrangements change.

**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)



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**Planning Applications This Month** - which can be viewed and commented on at VoWH website

Stonepitt Barn, Kingston Road - application P17/V1623/CM for change of use to allow concrete crushing on site  
 Silvertops, Oxford Road - application P17/V1489/HH for extensions and alterations P17/V1489/HH

**WhatsApp Group**

Christine has set up a WhatsApp Group for Frilford Residents - if you would like to join, then send an email to the Parish Meeting email address and Christine will add you.

**Social Events**

Watch this space - we are planning on organising social events via the email and WhatsApp groups.

*Suggestions welcome!*

**Community Facilities Steering Group**

**Progress on new community facilities**

After detailed and protracted work behind the scenes, contracts between Thomas Homes and Anson Trust for the building of community facilities and a new nursery were signed and exchanged in mid-June, so the project is now moving up a gear. Marcham Community Group will be re-constituted to take on the role of overall management of all the community facilities under a lease agreement now being drawn up.

The anticipated timetable is for a full start on site at the end of the football season in April 2018. There will be some preparatory works over the next few months on both the Institute site and the Anson Field. We currently anticipate completion and occupation of the new facilities around Summer 2019.

As the project moves forward we will keep you posted on progress and next steps.

*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*

**PACT calls for caring professionals to consider adoption**

FAMILY support charity Parents And Children Together (PACT) is appealing for people from caring professions to consider adoption.



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PACT holds regular information events where anyone considering adoption can find out more about what's involved. To find out about events coming up see <http://pactcharity.org/adoption/about-adoption/information-events>

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### Next Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, 20th July

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Carole Sands' house

### Garden Party

The last meeting before the summer break will be our **Garden Party** on Thursday July 20th, hosted by Carole Sands. We will be having a 'bring and share' supper, so please bring along a plate of food to share and a garden chair. Wear a bonnet Jane Austen style, to mark the Jane Austen bicentenary. Let's hope for some nice weather and we look forward to seeing you all there for an enjoyable social evening.

*For further information, please contact:*

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com



## MARCHAM SOCIETY MID-WEEK WALKS: THURSDAY JULY 13TH

For this month's walk we will be exploring some quiet countryside in the Berkshire Downs south of Wantage on either side of the B4494 Newbury Road. We will eat at The Fox (Map Ref SU454774), Hillgreen Lane, Peasemore at 12.30pm for lunch, starting the walk of about 4 miles at 1.30.

## THURSDAY AUGUST 3RD

(note this is 1st Thursday in August).

For our second summer walk we are going back to The Crown in Mill Lane, Church Enstone (Map Ref SP378250), OX7 4NN. This is just off the A44 north of Woodstock. 12.30pm for lunch, and 1.30pm for the walk. We will be walking along a lovely stretch of the River Glyme, going through Cleverley, just over 4 miles Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details, especially if you are not on our email list as sometimes late changes have to be made. Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers.



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

### Quiz Nights

**Friday 21 July (note change of date for July)**

&

**Friday 25 August  
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Further details from Trevor Hill – 01865 391321

**Everyone welcome - members AND non-members**

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## DUFFIELD SUNSHINE CLUB

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Christine Whild



## MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Our May meeting included a general knowledge quiz with each member attending asking at least one question. Many stumbled at some of these questions but it was a good fun time finding out the answers. The meeting ended with our usual tea and biscuits and our raffle.

The July meeting will be our Summer Party with cakes, sandwiches and desserts prepared by committee members. All members are reminded that there is no meeting in August. Our September meeting is planned to be a discussion of members' favourite books, poems and films.

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8	Uffington Home	Watlington II Away
15	Brill Home	Steventon Away
22	Garsington Away	Kennington Home
29	Deddington Home	Uffington Away
<b>Aug</b>		
5	Dorchester Away	Letcombe Home
12	Sunningwell Home	Sunningwell II Away
19	West Ilsley Away	Chalgrove Home
26	Bampton Home	-
<b>Sept</b>		
2	Brill Away	Steventon II Home
9	-	Dorchester II Away

At the time of writing the 1st XI is fourth in Division 4 and the 2nd XI is in the lower half of its Division, but having played less games than some sides.

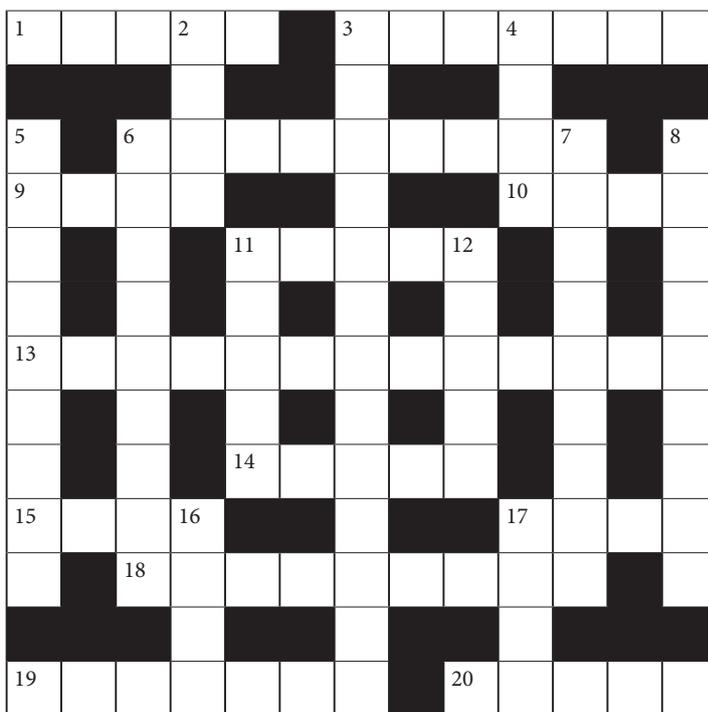
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Finally.....a village touring team was having more success than usual and the Captain was asked the secret of the apparent improvement in performance. He explained that on this tour a new strategy had been adopted. "I have insisted on this tour that team members leave the bar and go to bed before breakfast."

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**Across**

- 1. Big vehicles (5)
- 3. Village on the Ock (7)
- 6. Promote sales (9)
- 9. Performs (4)
- 10. Otherwise (4)
- 11. English river (5)
- 13. We can visit it at Frilford Heath (5.8)
- 14. Bird (5)
- 15. The vibrating part of a clarinet (4)
- 17. Big type of bomb (4)
- 18. Village near Wootton (9)
- 19. Agitate (7)

- 20. Tree with fluttering leaves (5)

**Down**

- 2. Finishes (4)
- 3. Sunningwell society (9.4)
- 4. Blend together (4)
- 5. Fruit (9)
- 6. Ways of regarding (9)
- 7. Queen (9)
- 8. Airfield (9)
- 11. Herb (5)
- 12. Topic (5)
- 16. English river (4)
- 17. A long time (4)

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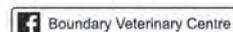
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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**On elections... generally**

It may surprise some to hear that I do not like the whole business of elections. I don't like cold-calling. I don't like trying to persuade people who do not want to be persuaded. I don't like invading people's privacy. I don't really like any of it and yet I have been doing little else since the beginning of February. So thank you to all those who voted for me on May 4th and thank you to the overwhelming number of people of all political persuasions who were pleasant and gave me some time on the doorstep.

Brenda from Bristol summed up the general election on day one, but where Brenda got it wrong was in assuming, as many of us did, that it was all going to be a bore and a foregone conclusion. However you may feel about the outcome, "boring" it most certainly wasn't.

Trying to predict the impact of the general election result on local politics is almost impossible. For example, how will it affect the likelihood of Oxfordshire going Unitary? And how will it affect the government's approach to austerity and the funding of local government? How will it affect the process of Brexit, the funding of scientific research and the position of Oxfordshire's EU nationals? How will it affect housebuilding and growth?

I fear that until the answers to some of these questions become clearer, local government is going to find itself in a state of semi-paralysis. As I write, it seems that one way out would be another general election. But as I said, I hate elections.

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**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**Customs Union and the Single Market.**

Are you all sick of elections? I certainly am! In the last couple of months we have had County Council elections, which were suddenly interrupted by the totally unexpected announcement of a General Election. And now there is the vague threat of another election. It's an extraordinary time for all of us. And in amongst all this is the "elephant in the room"...Brexit. Brexit which is going to affect every one of us for many generations to come.

With this in mind I decided to research two of the most controversial issues of Brexit and how it will affect all of us in the Vale. Firstly, the Single Market. This concerns the inner workings of the market and ensures that everything that is produced in all 27 countries meets the correct standard. Nobody can cheat with sub-standard products. So here in the Vale we are assured that all products are of a high quality, as decreed by the EU.

The second is the Customs Union. This concerns what happens at the border of each country. Belonging to the Customs Union means that loaded lorries rolling up at a border in the European Union can pass through quickly, as all the paperwork shows that everything on board each lorry has already been passed as bona fide. On average, a lorry can pass through Dover customs in a minute. But add on an extra 20 seconds and roughly a five mile queue will develop. Add on 40 seconds and about a 20 mile queue will develop. And so on. It is a miserable picture that brings to mind what my family experienced last August 2016, when we were caught up in the French ferry strike. We aimed to arrive at Dover early in the morning, in plenty of time, or so we thought. Ten miles out of Dover we were met by a long queue of cars. We had already passed a separate queue of lorries which backed up as far as the motorway, and later we discovered that hundreds of those lorries had already spent all night queuing! To cut a long story short, we spent all day inching slowly along the road and eventually got onto a ferry at midnight! It is not an experience that any of us would like to repeat. But is this going to be a familiar experience once we are outside the Customs Union when every lorry will have to be checked far more thoroughly, whether leaving or arriving in the UK? And how will it damage trade? Food for thought.

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**NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS**

The glorious sunshine has brightened up Little Angels this month! We have been spending a lot of time out in the sun enjoying it while it lasts with our new Deputy Manage Dan! Dan has joined us recently and hit the ground running with lots of water play and fun outdoors.

**Baby Room** This month our Babies have spent time exploring their senses, we have been discovering new ways to see, touch and hear everything around us by using lots of new materials like spaghetti, paint and glue showing that we really know how to get stuck in and get messy! We have been gaining confidence and have started to explore parts of the main room as we get ready to move through and continue our little angels experience. We also took the time this month to create some fantastic Fathers' Day cards for our special Daddy's using glue, paint and glitter to make rocket cards!

**Pre-School Room** In the Pre-School room we have been practising and building on all the skills we will need at school, writing letters in our names, using numbers all around the Nursery and using our great listening skills building on our brilliant communication. Soon we will be visiting school to have a look where we will be going next year and we're all VERY excited! We are growing very fast and are very nearly at the end of our Pre-School year so we are looking forward to our graduation, celebrating with all our friends and family next month! We also worked really hard to make some brilliant Father's Day cards for our Daddy's using some crazy new painting patterns.

There are a lot of us in the Pre-School room who are trying really hard to learn how to use the grown up toilet! We are doing really well at Nursery and need to carry this on at home, we also need to make sure we bring in lots of spare clothes so that we can keep trying even when we have a little accident.

**Breakfast and After School Club** At Breakfast and After School club we have been out in the sunshine every day, making the most of it before it's gone! We have done lots of water play to keep us cool while it's been so hot but this hasn't stopped us playing football as usual! We have been looking at a lot of books trying hard to practice our reading skills as well as using lots of new writing skills we have been learning at school.

To find out more and see what we have been up to follow us on Facebook- [www.facebook.com/littleangelsmarcham](http://www.facebook.com/littleangelsmarcham) and take a look at our new website: [www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](http://www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk)

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**NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL**

Time flies so quickly: it's hard to believe that another school year has come to a close. We look back and are amazed by the breadth of things we have done.

We still strive to provide our children with exciting events and activities both in and outside school. We relish opportunities for our children to learn beyond the school gate and they have either

visited: The Victoria and Albert Museum; Youlbury Scout activity centre; Chedworth Roman Villa and Manor; Abingdon Hospital; Waitrose (to interview the manager); Abingdon Foodbank (to help deliver and sort food); Kilvrough Residential Outdoor Learning Centre; Rutherford Science Laboratories; Warwick Castle - and the Chipping Norton Theatre for a whole school trip to the pantomime. In addition to these, we have also been visited by Abbey Baptist Church; "Tattybumpkins"; the Fire and Rescue Service; Chris Frost and colleagues who have worked with classes and the whole school on a number of exciting scientific explorations – much to the delight of pupils and staff-; a Planetarium, IGNITE sports coaches; Cotswold Birds and Amate Animalia.

We are continuing to take part in a range of activities including a number of sporting competitions, the Oxfordshire Maths Challenge and singing at Birmingham Symphony Hall – where a group of us performed as part of the Oxfordshire Massed Choir in the 75th Anniversary of Oxfordshire Music Service. We continue to encourage our young writers in our Janey Cumber Cup competition for poetry and performance. We were delighted to have won the "S" Factor Salsa dancing competition for the second year in a row. The cup is enormous!

Many of you will know that over the past year or so, we have had a focus on global citizenship in school, exploring with staff and pupils concepts such as interdependence, sustainable development, poverty and the role that images can have on our perception. We planned, organised and hosted a Global Learning Conference for pupils, in which 3 other schools took part, with students ranging in age from 7 – 15. A sustainable development project had also been undertaken at the end of the last academic year in conjunction with Larkmead School. Both these projects were presented by our pupils at an Oxfordshire Values Education conference to an audience of Headteachers and senior leaders. Consequently, Mr Codd and I were very proud to have been nominated for the Global Learning Programme's Global Teacher of the Year Award, in which we came second, receiving a Special Commendation. We want to our children to realise that the world is an amazing and diverse place and they can do something to help to make it a better place. I would like to thank the very many people who help to make our school the great school it is: governors and the PTA committee, the Church family at All Saints' and the many parents, community members and friends of the school who support the school in a variety of ways, from coming to fund-raising events to hearing children read or practise times tables every week in school. Marcham School wouldn't be the same without you.

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Any girls who are 10 or nearly 10 and want to give guides a try are welcome to come for a visit on **Monday 17th July**.

Contact Jill on 07811 165351.



## PTA Round-up

Our PTA Family Bingo Evening on Friday 16 June raised a total of £230 – a great result. Many thanks to Lisa Newport for organising the event, to the PTA members who helped run the evening, but most importantly many thanks to those who came along and supported the evening with your enthusiasm and wallets and purses.

This year's Summer Fete will be held on **Friday 7 July**, from 6pm to 8pm. Lots of fun for all the family, and this year we also have a plant stall, so if you need to fill some gaps in your borders, come along and pick up a bargain! The fete usually raises £2,000–2,500, but it would be great to go beyond the £2,500 mark this year. Please come along and join in the fun, all money raised going towards the education of the parish's children. Oh – did I mention there's a Beer/Wine Tent?

We have a couple of other dates for your diary. On **Friday 14 July** we'll be holding an end-of-year School Disco, and on **Tuesday 18 July** the PTA will be selling ice-cold refreshments at the School Sports Day. If you're coming along and the weather is anything like as hot as it is as I type, don't forget to bring some cash!

We're still looking for some new faces to join our committee. A number of our long-standing PTA members have children who are heading off to new challenges in September, and so their parents' time with the Marcham PTA is coming to an end. This will leave a BIG hole in our numbers, so we really do NEED some fresh faces to join us to continue the great work of raising funds to support Mrs Hutchinson and her team.

If you can spare some time – usually only a couple of hours or so once a month plus help on the day with the events we organise – we would love to hear from you. If you think you can help or would like to learn more, give me a call or drop me a line and I'll be glad to have a chat. Many thanks.

*See you on the school run*

**Peter Kidd, PTA Chair**

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Based in Didcot, **SOFEA** is a charity which offers educational programmes for young and disadvantaged adults in the local community. We use this programme to run our warehouse which provides good quality, nutritious food for other charities in the region. This food that was previously considered surplus due to the excesses of the food industry and would have been wasted.

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If you're interested in finding out more and how you may be able to help, please contact Jonny Mentor on 01235 510774.

**South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance**

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## Report from GARD - June 2017

### Thames Water to hold drop-in session on plans

As previously reported in the last newsletters, Thames Water's plan for New Water Source options for their 2019 Five-year Water Resources Management Plan includes, amongst others, a revival of their defeated 2010 plan for the massive 'Abingdon' reservoir to be sited on the land between Steventon, Hanney, Drayton and Marcham.

Following this realisation there has been considerable adverse comment in local papers, TV and radio, and well-received anti-reservoir GARD presentations at Steventon Parish Council public participation, at Hanney Parish Council's Annual Meeting and, most recently (12th June), at an open meeting in Hanney War Memorial Hall. Thames Water have realised that they have a problem convincing the local population of the need for a reservoir and to try to 'sell' their line that the reservoir would not be an imposition and a danger to our local area.

Consequently Thames have announced that they will be holding a 'drop-in session' in Steventon Village Hall on Monday 10th July from around 2pm to around 8pm (exact times will be confirmed). Local residents from Steventon and the other villages are advised to see for themselves and air their concerns with Thames Water staff. At this time it is not known if this event will be repeated at any of the other villages.

We remind our readers that even Thames Water's own figures show that there is enough water from the sources other than the reservoir to satisfy the South-East water deficit out to at least 2080. This demonstrates that there is no need for the reservoir in the foreseeable future. Also, we remind readers that Thames Water's leakage record is the worst of all large Water Companies, and they lose one-quarter of all their water supplied via leakage. Only recently, they have been fined £8.5M by the water regulator, OFWAT, for missing their own leakage target – so they are not at all improving. This must change to enable them to supply water securely in the future, but it will only do so by public pressure. If Thames cut their leakage rate to that of Anglian Water, it would save an amount of water per year equal to the output of the proposed Abingdon Reservoir! GARD's next activities in opposing the reservoir plans

As Thames Water continues to develop the designs of their water source options, GARD will continue its opposition.

GARD members and our expert consultant will meet the Environment Agency in the next two months. Two meetings are planned where we will explain our alternative for supplying the water for Oxfordshire's relatively modest predicted water deficit up to 2040 and beyond, and will press our concerns that the Environment Agency are not being critical enough of Thames Water's overall plan. GARD believes that 'indirect water re-use' schemes, returning treated water to the Thames above Farmoor and water transfers from the Severn to the Thames will supply enough for our local water zone. We also believe that London's predicted water shortages (which are more than 15 times larger than Oxfordshire's) can also be supplied by indirect re-use and Severn to Thames water transfer, and by an additional means, not available in Oxfordshire, that of desalination of Thames Estuary water.

GARD will also meet OFWAT at the end of July. OFWAT are important as they have to be convinced that Thames Water's plans represent best value for customers. GARD have asked to see the data behind the costings which Thames Water claim for the various water supply options in their plan. We are not convinced that Thames have fully and fairly costed the reservoir against the competing options of water transfer, water re-use and desalination. The reservoir is a whopping £1.5 Billion estimated cost by Thames, and we are concerned that they are skewing the costs of the other alternatives to try to make their overall costs appear comparable. GARD have asked Thames Water to reveal their costs, but Thames are hiding behind commercial confidentiality and refuse to reveal even limited data. OFWAT have not viewed this very kindly, and we are hoping for more support from them to try and expose any flaws in Thames's costings.

### Joining GARD

Our membership continues to increase, and we are recruiting members from the new housing developments. It appears that no-one buying a house on the new developments in this area has been informed of the possibility of a 9-year duration, £1.5 Billion construction project taking place (in the case of Steventon, East Hanney and the south part of Drayton) just over their garden fence!

You can contact me (email [chair@abingdonreservoir.org.uk](mailto:chair@abingdonreservoir.org.uk)) if you would like to help, or to join GARD (lifetime membership is only £5).

**DEREK STORK,**

Hon Chairman, Group Against Reservoir Development



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## New Community Facilities

We are delighted that the new community facilities project has moved into its delivery phase (see the CFSG item on page 5). Marcham Community Group will be taking on the management of the new facilities. To make this work, we will be bringing forward some changes to the way we run membership and the election of directors. You will hear more of this in the coming months.

## Fund-raising progress

We are aware that additional funding will be required to deliver the full requirements for the new facilities, including fitting out and furniture, for example. We are pleased to report, therefore two successful events held recently to raise funds for the facilities.

The ISIS Chamber Orchestra concert in May raised £168 in donations for refreshments—huge thanks to Suzanne and Joey who did the catering. We are waiting to hear about the donation from the orchestra after it has covered its costs. We are immensely grateful for the generosity of the orchestra (as well as their musical skill) and to all who came along on the night. We will let you know when we have a final total.

Thank you also to Sheila Dunford for organising her plant sale in May, which raised £250 for facilities—thank you also to all who came on the day to support this event.

If you have any ideas for further fund-raising events with a community angle, please do let us know.

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The Project Moves

## Introducing the 30 hours Government Funding Childcare

From 1st September 2017, the introduction of the 30 hours funded childcare will be available. This is estimated to be a great benefit to many working families across England, including those in Marcham and its parish.

### What is the 30 hours funded childcare?

A additional way to provide funded pre-school education to children, supporting them to be school ready.

If your child is 3 years old on or before 31st August they will be entitled to the 15 hours funded sessions at a range of childcare providers. However, you may be entitled to double the amount of funded sessions if you meet the following criteria:

You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £120 a week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage). If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.

You can't get 30 hours free childcare if you, or your partner, expect to earn £100,000 or more.

The criteria requirements are flexible in relation to self-employed and start ups, if you would like to receive an additional information sheet please contact [info@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](mailto:info@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk) or on 01865 819992

### How can I check if I am eligible?

If you believe you are eligible for the 30 hours funding, you must apply on the following website:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

This website provides lots of information about support for early years childcare, in particular the application process for the 30 hours funding. On completion, you will be sent an email with a code.

This code is very important, you must provide this to your childcare provider and on the parental declaration form. You will also be asked to confirm your eligibility 6 times throughout the year, ensuring the continuity of your 30 hours funding

### I am eligible, how will this work with childcare providers?

The funding is available for 38 weeks of the year and is available at participating:

- Full Day Nurseries and nursery classes
- Playgroups and pre-school
- Childminders
- Sure Start Children's Centres

The total amount of hours available are:

15 hours funding = 570 hours over a year period

30 hours funding = 1140 hours over a year period

The funding can be stretched over a year period and does not need to be contained to just the 38 termtime-only weeks.

For example, at Marcham Little Angels, we provide the funding throughout the year we open (we are closed between Christmas and New Year which is 50 weeks childcare).

You then have the option to increase the sessions, and pay for a Breakfast or Afterschool time. At Little Angels one of our values is flexibility and we aim to provide the funding to meet your needs. This is an example of the many ways funding can be adapted to meet your working requirements at one of several childcare providers in Marcham.

### Further Information

We understand that 30 hours funding entitlement can be confusing, therefore if you would like to receive an additional explanation leaflet or further information please contact Nicola or Kaye at [info@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](mailto:info@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk) or on 01865 819992.

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Dear Friends,

Our hearts go out to those who lost loved ones and all their possessions in the terrible tower block fire in London on 14<sup>th</sup> June. I have never seen anything like such a fire, apart from on block buster films. The aftermath of such a tragedy has raised lots of questions about the safety of such buildings which must be addressed with urgency.

However, the response of the community, not only in the immediate vicinity, but across the UK, has been really heart-warming. It is a powerful reminder that community matters, that we need one another, and that although we acknowledge our differences, these must not come between us. The community response to events in London and Manchester in recent months underlines this again, and again.

I believe that as human beings we all have a deep sense of needing to 'belong', to have roots, in order to help us find ourselves, to help us know our true identity. As a Christian, I believe that the deepest sense of belonging can be found in our relationship with God. Jesus was constantly referring to his heavenly Father, and encouraged his followers to do the same - hence the prayer that we know so well as 'The Lord's Prayer'.

Reference to God for a deep sense of being known and of belonging is not confined to the teaching of Christ. Psalm 139 states the most profound understanding of our rootedness in God, of our being understood and 'known' as individuals. As human beings we find our true identity in our relationship with God first and foremost, and it is this 'belonging' that can help us overcome all manner of shortfalls in other human relations, including our families.

Knowing that we matter to God is reassuring at the deepest level. Whatever life may throw at us, it is that knowledge that can help us overcome the hardest trials in life. In Jesus we can know the love and ever-present care of our heavenly Father, and be at peace in our souls. Peace is one of the great gifts that Jesus gives, and provides the 'still centre' to life, whatever storms may be blowing around us.

In these months of July and August, when often the pace of life slows down for many of us, may we experience the peace that passes all understanding, and find again our rootedness in Christ, and with our heavenly Father. It is a huge relief to many, including myself, that our belonging with God is not based on religion, but on a living relationship of friendship and trust.

With my warmest best wishes,  
Richard

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*\* Term time only - not during summer holidays*

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