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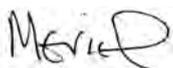
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Dear Readers

I hope that you have all had a pleasant summer – whether sitting in the sun or sheltering from the rain ... or both!

We have made the decision to try a different printing method for MADNews this month to make it easier for us all, no collating around the dining table this time! So I am writing this without knowing exactly how it will look. I am hoping that we will hardly notice the difference.

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Best Kept Garden Competition

Judging took place in July for the garden competition. This year the village was divided into 4 zones. The results are as follows:

First Place winners:

17 Kings Avenue, 1 Parkside, 8 Hyde Copse and 8 Pointer Place.

Second Place winners:

2 Abbots Grange, 7 Mill Road, 36 Fettiplace Road and 15 Harding Way

Third Place winners:

Rafters Abingdon Road, 2 Parkside, 20 Fettiplace Road, and 17 The Farthings

Overall Winner: 17 Kings Avenue

Prizes and Certificates will be presented on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place. Would all prize winners make every effort to attend or please let the Parish Clerk know if you are unable to be present. The Council would like to thank W. Cumber & Son (Theale) Ltd, Slade Estate Services Ltd., and The Crown Public House, for their sponsorship and generous donations for the prizes.

Recycling Food Waste

Residents in the Vale of White Horse district can now use thin plastic bags in their food kitchen caddies and food waste bins. These include pedal bin liners and bread bags, as well as newspaper or other paper wrappings. Compostable bags are also still acceptable, as well as putting food straight into the food bin without a liner. All food waste collected is taken to Agrivert's anaerobic digestion plant near Wallingford to be recycled.

Vale of White Horse District Council – Council Tax Reduction – Single person reduction

All those claiming the single occupancy reduction in Council Tax are asked to check their position and notify the District Council if their circumstances have changed. The Council is carrying out checks to ensure that only those entitled to the discount are receiving it in order to protect the public purse, and to update their records. Equally anyone who thinks they are eligible to receive the Council Tax reduction and are not currently claiming it, should get in touch with the Council at VOWH.counciltax@secure.capita.co.uk or telephone 0345 302 2315.

Vale of White Horse District Council – Planning Training

A parish partner scheme has been created by the Vale of White Horse District Council in response to parishes asking for the Council to look at different ways of communicating with Parish Councils, sharing information on planning matters and providing training. Michael Hoath from the Parish Council and the Clerk will be attending a training event later in the month, to hear specialists from the planning service give a presentation on the support offered to Parish Councils, and how to be more effective when commenting on planning applications.

Planning applications

The Council has considered the following applications:
P17/V1802/LB and P17/V1803/HH Variation of conditions of P16/V0546/HH to demolish previous extensions on western aspect and bay on eastern aspect and to extend the dwellings and former barn at Marcham Mill.

Council requested that the walls and gates remain as shown on the drawings to ensure that an open aspect be retained.

P17/V1622/O Erection of 5 bed detached dwelling and single garage at Greystones 8A The Gap. The Council objected on ground of overdevelopment and difficulties with parking and vehicular movements.

RW.005/17 Erection of temporary single classroom at Marcham Primary School. The Council had no objection provided the temporary building did not become permanent.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 13th September 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 in case arrangements change.

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.

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Dear Editor

A quick update on my retirement from my rounds in Tubney: I am enjoying my lie ins, and getting up when I like. I'm being kept busy at home looking after Jane. The gardens never looked so tidy! It's good we can do whatever we want when we want. the highlight so far has been an invite to one of the Queen's garden parties. I'm not sure who nominated me for the occasion but Jane and I really enjoyed our day at Buckingham Palace - thank you very much. I must finish by thanking you all for your warm sentiments, kinds words and lovely cards. Your generosity and gifts on my retirement completely overwhelmed us.

Thank you all so very much.

With all our best wishes

JANE AND PETE 'THE POSTIE'

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 5pm on the 20th of each month ... *looking forward to hearing from you.*



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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

Preparations are being made in advance of building work next spring on the new community facilities. These include the felling and removal of one further tree on the field at some time over the coming months, to allow for the re-positioning of pitches on the field. The trees were at the end of their natural life with evidence of disease and risk of dropping limbs. New trees will be planted in the field after the main pitch and building work is completed.

Marcham Community Group (MCG) will take on the future role of overall management of all the community facilities under a lease agreement now being drawn up and will be recruiting new trustees to help deliver this role (see page 17). In the short term, there will be a change to the management of the existing building on the field through to next spring. This will be managed by the Marcham Scouts, Sports and Social Club on behalf of MCG and we are informing users of the new arrangements.

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).

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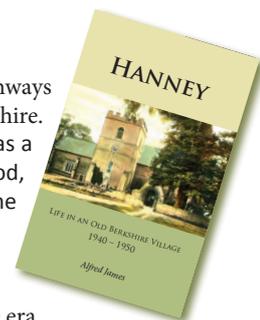
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Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, 21st September

Time: 7.30pm

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Next Meeting: Andrew Hall on 'The Philosophy and History of Hair'



Although we've had a break from our regular meetings over the summer, we had a fascinating and most informative visit, along with some husbands, to the energy recovery facility at Ardley. Here we learnt how our non-recyclable waste is turned into electricity and after a talk in the visitor centre, had an extensive tour of the works where we were able to see the actual process.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in September, when we start our regular monthly meetings again. At the next meeting on 21st September, we will be welcoming **Andrew Hall**, from **Idlewild** (Philosophy) Hairdressing. So, come along and enjoy picking up some hairdressing tips from our speaker.

For further information, please contact:

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Christine Whild



MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

At our July Meeting, held on 27 July, our committee provided a good array of sandwiches, savouries and cakes, together with trifle and jellies. Members present joined in a lively conversation about anything and the background noise was quite considerable. Most members took a doggy-bag home with enough for tea.

On September 28th our meeting will give members a chance to talk about their favourite books, poems, plays etc. We meet in the lounge at Duffield Place at 2.30pm on the last Thursday of the month.

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME

For more information contact

John Woods (Secretary) 391705

Marcham Sports, Scouts
& Social Club – Anson Field



QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 8.15pm

A QUIZ NIGHT is being held this month on Friday 29 September in the club room. As usual teams of up to four persons. Everyone welcome. Don't worry if you are on your own or just a team of two, we will make sure that you join another team!

We have a wide range of questions to suit everyone



- which are not too difficult!!!!

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We meet on Mondays at 2 o'clock in The Residents' Lounge, Duffield Place. Any new members will be very welcome. We play some games of bingo, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits and finish off with a raffle about 3.30pm.

Any further information, please contact me on 391384 or just come and join us on a Monday afternoon at 2pm for a social afternoon.

ALL WELCOME

JEAN DIX

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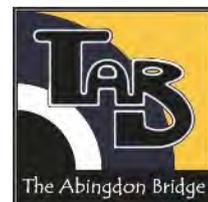
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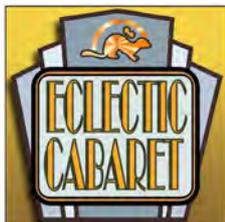
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2	Brill Away	Steventon II Home
9	no match	Dorchester II Away

Clive Bennett is unwell and we send him our best wishes.



Eclectic Cabaret

You may have heard about a new bimonthly event in Wootton near Abingdon? **Eclectic Cabaret # 3** will be on **Friday 1st September**, 8 – 11pm, **free entry** and **four great acts** including painfully funny poet **George Chopping** (a man John Hegley describes as “the cream of Devon poets”), one of Oxfordshire’s most accomplished folk musicians **Andy Turner**, talented singer-songwriter **Mike Land** with a blend of pop, hip-hop and soul, and the ever-entertaining **Wood’n’stock** with their own original songs. Hot food by *Simply Foods to Go*. There is no bar although the venue is licensed, so bring your own drink. Collection in aid of Wootton and Dry Sandford Music, Beer & Classic Transport Festival 2018. The Eclectic Cabaret is held at Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre, OX13 6DA. Plenty of parking at the Centre. www.facebook.com/eclecticcabaret



**Abingdon Traditional Craft Fair
3rd-5th November**

Friends of Abingdon are looking forward to staging a truly traditional Craft Fair in the Abbey Buildings this November (3rd to 5th). This annual event has been taken back under the direct control of the building owners again and this year there will be a great range of genuine, hand-picked craftworkers showcasing a fantastic selection of ceramics, textiles, glass, jewellery and other crafts. The event also aims to encourage visitors to have a go at crafts themselves so there will be experienced craftworkers demonstrating their craft techniques and offering taster sessions, which can be booked in advance.



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CROSSWORD BY ALISA

Answers to the summer crossword

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10. Else 11. Trent 13. Bothy Vineyard 14. Eagle
15. Reed 17. Atom 18. Sandleigh 19. Disturb 20. Aspen

Down: 2. Ends 3. Gardening club 4. Fuse 5. Raspberry
6. Attitudes 7. Elizabeth 8. Aerodrome 11. Thyme 12. Theme
16. Dart 17. Ages



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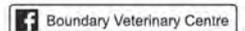
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ED VAIZEY WRITES...

Regarding the A34, as many of you will know, I initially brought the issue to Parliament by securing a Westminster Hall debate last October. This resulted in a commitment from the Roads Minister to commission a safety review. This was followed in November by the Chancellor confirming £50 million for the area as part of the 2015-20 Road Investment Strategy.



Highways England presented a first draft of the safety review in April this year. While statistically this proved that the A34 was no more dangerous than other roads, it did acknowledge the particular issues on the stretch by East Ilsley. It also recognised the huge economic impact caused by hold ups and collisions, given the increasing importance of the road as a major north-south transport link.

Additionally, I am pleased that last month Communities Secretary Sajid Javid pledged more than £9 million of Government funding to a major upgrade to the A34. Two new south-facing slip roads at the Lodge Hill Interchange will help end years of congestion and pave the way for up to 1,700 new homes in Abingdon. Oxfordshire MPs will now meet with Highways England in the coming weeks on completion of the safety review and I look forward to working with stakeholders to implement the results.

Last month, I also began a campaign to urge the government to retain our membership of Euratom after we leave the European Union. Euratom is a sixty year old treaty that allows the UK to trade freely with its European partners in the nuclear industry. It's vital for our local area, as hundreds of millions of pounds, and many thousands of jobs, are centred around Culham, the home of nuclear fusion research.

Since the start of the campaign, this issue has grown in prominence. I am pleased that the case for remaining in Euratom is increasingly gaining support from across parties and from prominent voices outside of Westminster too. Retaining membership will best serve the national interest – as has been unequivocally stated by representatives of the UK nuclear industry – and I hope that ministers are listening to the genuine concerns being raised.

In other news, I am pleased to hear that Oxfordshire County Council placed third in the country for tackling anti-LGBT bullying in schools in Stonewall's 'Education Equality Index 2017'. The council has developed nationally recognised strategies to tackle anti-LGBT bullying and has a huge array of online resources and guidance for schools and young people. Stonewall – Britain's foremost lesbian, gay, bi and trans equality charity – paid tribute to the progress made in our local area and I am proud that our schools are at the forefront of addressing this issue.

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, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 01235 768 888. 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. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. 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://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>."

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Air Quality / Traffic and Infrastructure

Whether or not you live in Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay, Drayton, Marcham or Shippon, you will be aware of and affected by the number of housing developments in our area. The expansion of Didcot and Abingdon and the threat of coalescence of our villages are going to affect us all, if it has not done so already.

Most of us accept that the country needs more houses and that our part of Oxfordshire, with its high employment and thriving economy, is an obvious prime target if houses are to be close to jobs.

Unfortunately, in the keenness (some might say desperation) to get houses built, the problem of lack of infrastructure (particularly adequate roads) has been playing second fiddle. Our road system is beginning to reach capacity. Every new development has an impact on every other. There are increasing traffic jams on major roads through our villages; even the rat runs are filling up, and air quality is becoming a major problem in many areas.

It is hard to see a solution to this, without a large-scale investment in new roads. Housing developments do not, in themselves, generate enough money to pay for this, so we depend on Government money to make up the shortfall.

And Government is beginning to address this problem. In north Abingdon, a pot of £9m is to be provided to make the Lodge Hill interchange 4 way to allow for over 1,000 more houses. If Marcham is to take another 500 houses, Shippon another 2000, and Sutton Courtenay any more at all, even more investment is needed. OCC transport officers, who have the unenviable job of trying to make our road system work, are pointing out the problem to government and District planners with the result that we can expect many more objections to planning developments. The message is stark, but clear – "Without more infrastructure, we cannot take more houses".

But is the solution simply building ever more roads? We know that more roads generate more traffic. Would the major investment be better spent on better bus services and cycle ways?.

RICHARD WEBBER CLLR OCC SC & Marcham Division.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Newly-refurbished Abingdon Abbey Meadow.

Like many of you this Summer, I had some of my grandchildren to stay and needed to find "occupations" to keep them happy. Hence, we visited the newly refurbished Abingdon Abbey Meadow one hot, sunny afternoon. What a wonderful facility it is ...one for which we have been campaigning for many years, incidentally. My two tried every play facility, ranging from the massive wooden climbing/sliding castle structure to the spinning swing, the rocking animals, the death slide, climbing frames etc which are all cleverly arranged in a garden style in a large, open space. Each item sits in its own spacious area. Furthermore, there are musical challenges, alphabet challenges and jigsaw puzzles and even a small arena for those keen to show their acting talents. This facility is well worth visiting if you haven't done so already.

However, there is one issue with it. The toilets. I had an email the other day from a member of the Abbey Meadows Consultation Group expressing her concern about the inadequacy of the new toilets, which are about to be built. At present, there are six toilets, but the new toilets will not have a disabled facility and will be "unsafe individual unisex loos". If you feel this is wrong, please contact the Vale to register your concern.

Open Air Swimming Pool

To complement the other improvements in Abbey Meadow, a £1.3million project is about to start at the end of August to refurbish the outdoor swimming pool. The small pool combined with a larger pool will create a beach effect, allowing easy access to the shallow water for small children and those with disabilities, but giving more experienced swimmers a deep-water area. Two improved features of the pool will be newly refurbished changing rooms and a new energy efficient system to run the swimming pool. The work is expected to last for 28 weeks and will open in time for the Summer season 2018.

I wonder if any of you have ideas of how we can use this pool area during the Winter months?

CATHERINE WEBBER Cllr VWHDC

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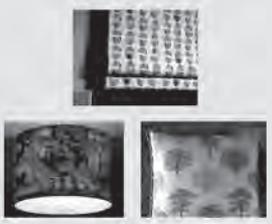
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We are now full for 2017 and would welcome applications from any families wishing to join us from September 2018 onwards - it's really never too early to get in touch - we don't charge a registration fee and there is no obligation should your circumstances change, so please do contact us (whatever age your child!) so we can register your interest. We take children from 2 years of age until they start school. Please email marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk for more information

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EarthWatch have volunteered to handle the data and map all results on their global water-hub with the resulting data available to everyone involved.

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A ragged teddy bear given to a grandparent decades ago, a damaged sleigh that once decorated the town square, a favourite train set a parent would like to pass on to their child Christmas morning, anything of personal sentimental value or importance to a community can be repaired and preserved for generations to come. The team is especially eager to restore a sleigh that could decorate a town at Christmas time.

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This year marks SuperHomes' 10th anniversary. To celebrate, three of the UK's most eco-friendly SuperHomes will be hosting free Open Days this September in Wallingford (Sat 09), Henley-on-Thames (Thu 07, Fri 08, Sat 09, Sun 10) and Faringdon (Sat 09). SuperHomes are older homes refurbished by their owners who enjoy greater comfort, lower energy bills and at least 60% less carbon emissions.

Wallingford is home to Dr Roberts and Professor Harding's 1960s detached home which features stunning external wall insulation that makes most visitors assume the property is a new build. Recent additions include a natural swimming pool for their leisurely use without harming the environment. Their passion for reducing their carbon footprint motivated their retrofit whilst increasing the comfortability of their home. In Henley-on-Thames you will find, Ian Petrie who lives in his 1940s semi-detached home. Ian's property includes a 400 litre heat store fed from his energy efficient gas boiler, solar thermal panels and wood burner which feeds pre-warmed rainwater to the washing machine along with a 5000 litre underground rainwater tank. Zoë Williams' 1950s bungalow in Faringdon uses a range of measures to keep it as eco-friendly as possible and minimising her household bills comes as an added bonus. Her home is fitted with a boiler powered by wood pellets and a sun oven which runs on solar energy - meaning her house is free from fossil fuels from heating to cooking.

Take a tour of a SuperHome and you will come away with a number of energy saving tips for your own home. You can also expect to hear first-hand from the owners of their journey to becoming a SuperHomer and honest reviews of the process of improving your home sustainably.

The free events are co-ordinated by the National Energy Foundation and as it's our 10th year we have more SuperHomes open across the country this September than ever before and 100 events across the country.

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THANK YOU for all the support received for Marcham’s first Scarecrow Trail. 13 Scarecrows entered, 43 Maps were sold raising a total of £151 and after prize money, £111 goes to the New Marcham Community Building.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRIZE WINNERS:

- £10 Prize for the Highest scoring trail map goes to Charlotte and Daniel Wilson
- £15 Best Scarecrow First Place goes to Winnie the Pooh by Marcham Youth
- £10 Best Scarecrow Second Prize goes to Gru by The Wright Family
- £5 Best Scarecrow Third Prize goes to Inspector Gadget by The Warwick Family

The trail answers are:

1	Friday Club, All Saints Church	Caterpillar	Bug’s Life
2	Friday Club, All Saints Church	Zazu	Lion King
3	9 Parkside	Inspector Gadget	Inspector Gadget ▶
4	13 Parkside	Gru	Despicable Me
5	10 Abbots Grange	Charlie and Lola	Charlie and Lola
6	35 Willow Farm	Elsa and Olaf	Frozen
7	42 Howard Cornish	Frankenstein	Frankenstein
8	4 Morland Road	Pooh Bear (Winnie the Pooh)	Winnie the Pooh
9	After School Club, Anson Field	Winnie the Witch	Room on a Broom
10	Little Angels, Anson Field	The Gruffalo	The Gruffalo
11	9 Tower Close	Fireman Sam	Fireman Sam
12	24 Tower Close	Simba	The Lion King
13	6 Orchard Way	SpongeBob SquarePants	SpongeBob SquarePants



NATURE REALLY DOES HEAL

Stress some researchers reveal is relieved by nature and some even state that environments can increase or reduce stress levels, which clearly can have a cumulative effect on our bodies. What you are sensing with all your key senses at any moment is changing not only mood, but how your body and internal processes are working. It’s often unseen but we can still feel it.



Unpleasant environments can cause us to feel anxious and a multitude of other emotions and feelings. Blood pressure, heart beat, tension can often then follow. We all know a nice environment reverses that.

Regardless of who or where we are, we find nature relaxing and healing on some level. So being out in your wildlife garden, see how it affects your mood. Does it reduce anger and fear? How long does it take for an increase in pleasant feelings to appear again?

Being out in nature not only helps us on an emotional level but on a physical one too. Research being done in classrooms, hospitals and even offices seems to show even one plant, well positioned, can have an impact on stress and anxiety.

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See cover for photo



RIDE AND STRIDE 2017 is taking place on 9th September and we are looking for local families to take the challenge and join us.

Ride and Stride is a sponsored event whereby participants travel between our wonderful churches, enjoying their architecture and history which, let’s face it, we often take for granted. The funds raised ensure their beauty can be appreciated by future generations. So why not get on your bike, feet, horse, tractor or any form of transport you choose to search out and support all the finest church architecture Oxfordshire has to offer?

Believe it or not, churches do not mend themselves, they need constant repair, maintenance and improvements. Our churches are not only places of worship, they are community focal points, providing a venue for playgroups, events, celebrations, festivals as well as being a place of peace and sanctuary.

Our Ride and Stride event is the perfect opportunity to get outdoors as a family, get some exercise, give back to your community and seek out some of our hidden treasures. Why not check out the glorious fan vaulted chapel at North Leigh or count the gargoyles in St Mary’s at Adderbury?

Thanks to over 500 participants we raised £115,000 last year but that isn’t enough to help our churches and communities in need. Why not take the challenge and help us to reach our 2017 target of £140,000. Over 500 churches in the county will open their doors to participants between 10am and 6pm. Age is no excuse, our youngest participant last year was just a few months old and our eldest ninety one!

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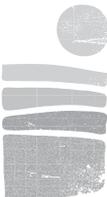
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New Community Facilities – we need your help now

As Marcham Community Group is preparing to take on the management of the new community facilities and entering discussions on the lease, we need to expand our core team to cover our needs for additional skills and experience. We will be looking for people with a range of skills to become trustees on the board.

We seek both individual nominations and proposals from user groups in Marcham for potential trustees, and also people to help on the committees running the community building and the playing field activities, as well as help seeking grant funding, finances and governance.

Amongst other things, we are looking more widely for help from people with experience and skills in business, marketing, communications, finance, IT, making funding applications, project management, legal expertise, and in running community facilities, youth and sports activities. If you have any skills such as these to offer, with fresh ideas, and you can give some of your time, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact Jim Asher (391727) if you have any questions. We plan to co-opt a number of new trustees very soon. Any such co-opted trustees would come up for election at the next AGM.

We are developing some changes to the way we run membership and the election of directors, which will be formally put before our members for approval at the AGM and Community meeting which will be held in November (date to be finalised). At this meeting, we will explain how it will all work and how you can play a part to make it successful. Please join us now to ensure that you have a vote at that stage.

Operation of the existing building on the field will change from 1st September. It will be run by MSSC on behalf of MCG, by agreement with Anson Trust, until the end of March next year, when it will be closed for the start of the new building works. Current users are being informed of the details and any private booking requests during this time should be made via the Marcham Scouts, Sports and Social Club.

I am delighted to let you know that the ISIS Chamber Orchestra gave us a donation of £572.38 after covering their costs, following their Marcham concert in May. We are immensely grateful for their generosity and support. If you have any ideas for further community fund-raising events, please let us know.

Next stages — we need your help now



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THINGS TO DO



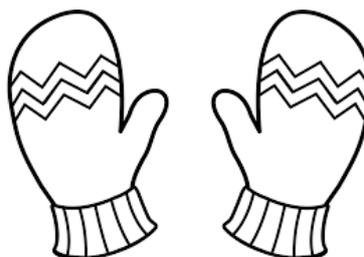
Give yoga a go!

Why not try a day class on 19 October or 2 November 2017 at Denman - 10am until 5pm with your biscuit breaks and delicious lunch included!

For more information or to book call 01865 391 991

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Lost Property
Have you lost anything around Marcham? A beret, some gloves, a key perhaps, what about some sunglasses or jewellery, a woolly hat with pompoms and pink mittens...or a transformer?



All these are just waiting to be re-united with their owners! Come down to the shop and claim your lost items!

Earth Trust Events

At the Earth Trust, we believe the best way to look after the places we love is to change the way we live. Our programmes of events, courses, children's learning and volunteering can inspire everyone to make a small difference and look after our local environment.



Discover and Play Friday 1st September, 10am-12pm

Forest School for the under-5s. Join us for a morning of play and discovery in our woodlands. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Sunday Drop-in: Fantastic Foraging Sunday 3rd September, 10am-1pm

Drop in to find out what food is growing around the Earth Trust Centre and learn what yummy things you can cook over the campfire. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Drawing from Nature Sunday 3rd September, 2pm-5pm

Take a walk around Little Wittenham Wood with your sketchbook and get top tips on how to perfect your drawings from artist Gareth Lloyd.

Gareth Lloyd is an Oxford-based artist working primarily in pencil and paint. His work is typically based around endangered and protected species, and he welcomes the opportunity to work with conservation organisations to help preserve the animal kingdom through art.

£20; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Bat Walk Saturday 9th September, 8.30pm-10pm

A guided walk with the addition of bat detectors to find out more about these marvellous mammals. £6 per adult, £3 per child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Children's Fun Run Sunday 10th September, 10am start

A 1km race around the Wittenham Clumps for kids! Please register online and bring a donation on the day. £2 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

10k Run Sunday 10th September, 11am start

After a break last year we're pleased to announce that the 2017 10K Run will take place on Sunday 10th September.

The Earth Trust 10K is a unique cross-country run that meanders through wildflower meadows, woodland, farmland, along the Thames and ends with a challenging hike up (and down!) the iconic Wittenham Clumps.

Whether you're a seasoned athlete, a novice runner taking on their first race or a Nordic walker looking for a new challenge, all are welcome!

This is a chip-timed race. Advance entry: £15 adult, £12 child (aged 14-17). On the day entry: £18 adult, £15 child (aged 14-17).

Wildlife Photography Walk Saturday 16th September, 8am-10am

Join photographer Andrew Walmsley for a morning stroll around the nature reserve. Check out our beginner and intermediate workshops too. £20; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Foraging Walk

Sunday 24th September, 11am-3pm

Discover the autumn bounty in the local area and use what you find to make something delicious. £17; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Plenty more activities coming up, please see our website for details: www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson.

Unless otherwise stated all events take place at Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ. Booking is essential, call 01865 407792 or email admin@earthtrust.org.uk.

**FIRST EVER 'HEDGEHOG HOUSING CENSUS'
LAUNCHED TO HELP OUR POPULAR
UK GARDEN RESIDENTS**

The UK's housing crisis is often high on the news agenda, but this August a more rustic type of accommodation, home to the UK's smaller, spikier residents, is taking the spotlight. On 15 August 2017, the first ever national Hedgehog Housing Census was launched by Hedgehog Street, a nationwide campaign set up by wildlife charities the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) and People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), to help combat the ongoing decline in native hedgehog population numbers. This survey is in partnership with the University of Reading and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.



Between now and the 31st October 2017, the Hedgehog Housing Census will dig a little deeper into the world of hedgehogs, and aims to answer several questions about how they live and in particular their use of artificial hedgehog houses, which until now, have not been studied, despite thousands of people having one in their garden. The information will be gathered via an online survey, and the data then analysed by scientists at the University of Reading. The results will help the Hedgehog Street team find out what the best type of hedgehog house is and how they can be used to support the conservation of these animals, enabling wildlife enthusiasts across the UK to further help their spiky garden residents.

The loss of hedgerows and intensive farming in rural areas, along with tidy, fenced-in gardens in urban and suburban locations, are just some of the threats contributing to the demise of Britain's native hedgehog. It is estimated that populations have declined by up to a third in urban areas, and by at least half in rural areas since 2000, according to the State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2015 report, which was published by PTES and BHPS.

There are lots of ways people can help hedgehogs but in addition to making a small hole in your fence, providing the correct food and drink, and keeping areas of your garden untidy, if you are lucky enough to see hedgehogs in your garden you can further help these endangered creatures by having the right accommodation on hand ready for them when they need it.

The data collected will be analysed over the winter months, with the results due to be published in spring 2018.

To take part in the Hedgehog Housing Census, register as a Hedgehog Champion or for more information about hedgehogs, visit: www.hedgehogstreet.org/housingcensus

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Dear Friends,

As another autumn term begins I hope the summer has refreshed and re-energised you for the weeks that lie ahead. September, in my mind, always has a sense of new beginnings, probably linked to the new academic year, and to the run of early autumnal events that get going again after the summer break.

In All Saints' we have enjoyed another good Holiday Club week at the end of August, and it is so encouraging to see our younger ones enjoying a week of fun activities, with a gentle spiritual input to guide and stimulate their faith. Investing in our young people is so important, providing the building blocks that, in God's grace, will provide foundations for the rest of life. Jill, Rob, Gig and the team do such a brilliant job, and we are so grateful to them for their dedication.

With the thought of investment in mind, as a community it is so encouraging that we can, together, invest in the new community facilities being planned. Although still a long way from taking on an actual physical form in the community, work on the preliminaries will soon be underway, and we can begin to make plans for future use of the facilities. As a church community we are looking forward to being able to offer events and services in the new building.

Investment is also on God's heart for each of us. Our wellbeing and wholeness of being are high on his agenda, focussed in and through the person of his Son, Jesus Christ, and made constantly available through his gift of the Holy Spirit. God wants to invest himself in us, providing the power for change, for transformation, the 'dynamic' of his presence to bring about the actual and real resources we need, both for daily life, and the longer term challenges of being in community.

So, as this autumn gets underway, may we know the reality of the presence and power of the living God among us, avail ourselves of his investment in us, and look forward to all that lies ahead, both as individuals, as families, and as community.

With my warmest best wishes,

Richard

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For more information please see:

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HARVEST CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

10AM

FOLLOWED BY A HARVEST LUNCH

Regular Sunday services at 10am & 6pm

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Village Café Wednesdays from 11.30am at the Sports and Social Club

Men's Breakfast, Saturday 2nd September, 8.30am at the Baptist Hall

Changing Room (Women's breakfast), Saturday Sep 9th, 8.30am at the Baptist Hall

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