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READ & RECYCLE!

FREE



▲ Ride to the Somme: Flt Lt Little and over 150 riders cycled a route covering Arras and The Somme, visiting battlefield sites of The Great War, before culminating at The Tyne Cot Memorial page 5.

▼ Trish Does it Again! page 19



▲ Little Angels celebrate Diwali page 15



Guide Bake Off Runners Up: Helen and Eva, ▲ and the winner is ... see page 19

## Diary for November

2 Thu	Midweek Walk: The Fox and Hounds Inn, Christmas Common 12.30 lunch / 13.30 walk	7	16 Thu	Marcham WI: Denman College, 19.30	7
2 Fri	Music at the Unicorn: Edwina Hayes, Abingdon, 19.00	9	18 Sat	Little Angels' Messy Play, 09.30-11.00	15
3-5	Abingdon Traditional Craft Fair, Abbey Buildings, Abingdon Fri & Sat 10am-6pm Sun 10am-4.30pm	9	18 Sat	Defibrillator Training, Marcham School, 10.00	5
4 Sat	Little Angels' Messy Play, 09.30-11.00	15	18 Sat	Christmas Bazaar, Hanney WM Hall, 10.00-14.00	9
6 Mon	LPP2 Exhibition and Public Meeting, Abingdon & Witney College, 16.00-20.30	11	20 Mon	<b>Deadline for December MADNews, 17.00:</b> <a href="mailto:editor@madnews.co.uk">editor@madnews.co.uk</a>	
8 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 19.30	3	23 Thu	MCG Public Meeting and AGM, Marcham School, 19.30	13
9 Thu	Sunningwell Gardening Club, Sunningwell Hall, 19.30	15	25 Sat	Great Marcham Clothes Exchange, All Saints' Church, 10.00-12.00	7
10 Fri	Eclectic Cabaret, Wootton Community Centre, 20.00-23.00	2	26 Sun	Marcham Dog Walking Group, Marcham Village Shop, 09.30	3
11 Sat	Welcome to Marcham – Meet your neighbours, The Crown, Marcham 16.00-18.00	5	28 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00-15.30	7
12 Sun	Remembrance Service and Parade, All Saints' Church, Marcham, 10.00	5	30 Thu	Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch, The Crown, 12.30	7
14 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00-15.30	7	<b>December</b>		
14 Tue	Marcham Society, All Saints' Church, 19.45	20	1 Fri	Marcham School PTA Christmas Fair, 18.00-20.00	15
			2 Sat	Women's Christmas Craft Morning, All Saints' Church, 09.30 – 12.30	2

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

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Wednesday 14 February 2018

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### Eclectic Cabaret

8 – 11pm Friday 10th November

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And, just because it's The Eclectic Cabaret and we like doing this sort of thing, we will have an artist in residence for the evening. Jane will be creating original abstract art as the evening progresses, inspired by the artistes performances and the reactions of the audience.

There is no bar although the venue is licensed, so bring your own drink, food on sale. Collection in aid of WADS-Stock 2018. The Eclectic Cabaret is held at Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre, OX13 6DA. Plenty of parking at the Centre.

*You get your money's-worth at an Eclectic Cabaret  
(and that's saying something as it's free entry)*

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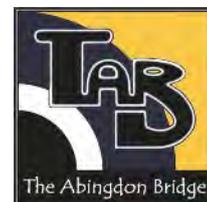
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Heartstone Fund

## Women's Christmas Craft Morning

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

9.30am – 12.30pm

All Saints' Church

Come along and have a go at making a wreath for your door, a table decoration, candle holders and more. You do not need to be artistic or crafty—there will be people to help you create something amazing!

All are welcome.

Refreshments will be provided.

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Dear Readers

I have had a lot of positive comments about the new style MADNews and it means that Judith and Peter have got their dining table back! I can't thank them enough (along with Sandra, Marg and Jackie who helped out when needed) for all their collating and stapling work over the last 14 years!

They will continue to oversee distribution to the amazing band of deliverers – MADNews is really a team effort!

The only downside we have found so far is that I have to get started a bit quicker to produce the files to send to the printer – so the deadline has to be strictly enforced!

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS  
Changes to Bus Services**

Stagecoach Oxford/Wantage bus services, the 31 via Marcham and X30 which runs along the A338 have been rebranded as Stagecoach Gold S8 and Gold S9. There are slight variations on the routes, and therefore slight changes to the timetables. The timetable is very similar to the current one but the 'fixed' time bus-stop will now be by Duffield Place (on Howard Cornish Road), and the service to Oxford will run about 3 minutes later. The new bus timetable can be found at <https://tis-kml-stagecoach.s3.amazonaws.com/PdfTimetables/XOAS008.pdf> and printed copies in Marcham Shop.

**Remembrance Sunday – Road Closure  
A415 Frilford Rd, Church St, New Rd**

A Road Closure Order for the section of Frilford Road between Church Street and North Street, Church Street itself and New Road has been obtained for the latter half of Sunday morning 12th November. This is to allow the parade from the Church, after the Church service, to the War Memorial in Frilford Road, in order to lay wreaths. Please note that the diversion will be along North Street to St. Peter's cross roads, then left to the junction with the A338, and left again to the Frilford Service Station.

**Virgin Media**

Virgin Media have announced that they have encountered unforeseen challenges getting the new network to Marcham, and as a result do not have any current plans to bring the network to the village. The area is under investigation to see if the challenges can be overcome. An apology for any disappointment has been given by Virgin Media, and it is hoped that their planners can successfully resolve the issues that they face. If you wish Virgin Media to try and provide a service in Marcham, then go to [my.virginmedia.com/customer-news/articles/cablemystreet.html](http://my.virginmedia.com/customer-news/articles/cablemystreet.html), and register your interest.

**Sheepstead Road – Closure**

By the time the November MADNews is out, the closure should have been operative and the road newly re-opened. The closure was to allow for essential carriageway resurfacing, drainage works and a new lamp column.

**Fireworks**

Please be considerate for neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when letting off your fireworks. Please notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

**The following planning applications have been considered :**

P/V2446/LDP Single storey rear extension at 3 Abbots Grange. Council expressed concern regarding the accumulative effect of loss of drainage should each property undertake extensions.

P17/V2492/HH Proposed rear extension, access road, hardstanding for car and conversion of side brick store into utility room at 2 Parkside. Council maintained its earlier objection owing to the loss of public amenity land and felling of trees.

P17/V2495/HH Single storey front extension with alterations to existing porch at 50 Howard Cornish Road. Council had no objection

P2592/HH Extension and alterations to form first floor accommodation at Hyde Farm Bungalow, Abingdon Road. Council had no objection provided it did not affect the grade II\* listed farmhouse.

P17/V2579/SCO Scoping opinion request for the development of up to 700 homes, an eastern link road between the A420 and the A415, a two form entry primary school, a local centre and associated open space and landscaping at Kingston Bagpuize. Council asked that the effect on the air quality and traffic volumes through Marcham be taken into account in any Environmental Impact Assessment that was carried out.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 8th November 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  
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**FRILFORD NOTICES**

**Parish Email & WhatsApp Group**

If you would like to be added to the contact list, then let Shaun know at the Parish Meeting email address, [frilfordparish@gmail.com](mailto:frilfordparish@gmail.com)

**Planning updates:**

**P17/V2702/FUL:** Composting toilets at Frilford Heath Golf Club

**VoWH Local Plan 2031 Part 2**

publicity period is now live at <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2>

**KEY FOUND**

I found a key (looks like a house key) on Friday 6th October in the alley way between Haines Court and Howard Cornish. If anyone has lost one please contact me on Facebook or 07816595236

**LISA NEWPORT**

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**RAFFLE TICKETS**

I would like to thank everyone who brought raffle tickets from me for the Abingdon Community Hospital League of Friends winter draw - good luck to you all.

**RUTH MANDER**

**DOG WALKING GROUP**

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**RIDE TO THE SOMME**

The ride for me began when I found the list of names that I have read several times at the remembrance service in Marcham Church. I have always been curious about their history and where they lost their lives. Ride to the Somme gave me a wonderful opportunity to both get fit and to gain more information of where these local men fought and died so bravely.

Whilst training my husband and I cycled past so many local village memorials including Marcham's which made the challenge more real. I took Flt Lt Ted Little with me, who is the mayor of Carterton's SSAFA teddy bear which also brought a local element to today's local service men and women.

The cycle took on an additional challenge when my bike arrived in Arras broken, however I'm sure in the war that would not have been an issue, so when offered another spare one I jumped on and made good a disappointing situation. When having a slight stop, the organiser pointed out to me it was the bike ridden by last year's CountryFile rider, Ellie.

At each cemetery the pure enormity of the numbers became very overwhelming, and on the road, we passed thousands and thousands of graves with names on but 'Known Unto God' became all too familiar. Soldiers from Marcham were part of a much greater formation, and while I stood in Ypres at the Menin Gate taking part in the daily Last Post ceremony, I knew that among the names on the walls were those of brave men and boys from Marcham. This brought it all so close to home and my mind took me back to standing both in the Church reading out their names and at the War Memorial.

The Route The Ride offered two routes options of approximately 160 miles or 230 miles in the Somme area. We were based in Arras and the routes were enjoyable for both the regular cyclist and for the less experienced rider.

**29th August 2017 – Day 1** We reported to the Ride to the Somme Recruitment Centre – The Imperial War Museum, London at 1pm. We then travelled to Arras for our first overnight stop to meet with other enlisted cyclists.

**Day 2** Early in the saddle for the first riding day. The Somme region saw some of the bloodiest fighting of the Great War. We explored the key historical sites having time to learn more about the history of the area.

**Day 3** After a good night's rest and a good breakfast we returned to the Somme where our stops included The Memorial to the Missing at Thiepval.

**Day 4** We concluded our Ride by cycling  
*November 2017*

into the forest near Compiègne and visiting Tyne Cot where the cycle ride concluded. We paid our final act of remembrance at the Menin Gate in Ypres where the names on the walls include regiments from Oxfordshire.



**Day 5 Return home** I came home to Marcham where my family were very pleased to see me back fit and well. Our local men and boys did not all return and families were left grieving and coping with their changed roles. My first visit the following day was to Marcham's War Memorial with my list of names where it all started.

The ride was in aid of The Soldier, Sailors Airman's Association which is the oldest armed forces charity supporting both those personnel currently serving and retired veterans and their families.

If you are in need of support or know someone who does, please do not hesitate to get in contact with SSAFA  
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**SUSAN DORAN**

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
"POPPY APPEAL" 2017**

This year's appeal continues until 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017.  
Collecting boxes will be available around the area and there will be a house to house collection wherever possible.  
This is a very important charity and we urge you all to give as generously as you feel able. In addition to the traditional poppies there will be large silk poppies, wrist bands, badges and remembrance crosses available and we urge you to support these items with an appropriate donation.  
We would like to thank everybody in advance for the generosity you show  
**Malcolm and Christine Denton,**  
**01865 391497, 07516761040**



Remembrance Day Service  
10am Sunday 12th November,  
All Saints' Church, Marcham  
Followed by wreath laying

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Thank you very much to everyone who attended the coffee morning organised by 7-year-old Isla Cousins. Isla worked very hard and was overjoyed to raise a massive £481. Thank you also to everyone who helped on the day and made cakes to sell. Special thanks to both men's football teams for contributing and helping clear away.  
**ANNE COUSINS**



**SOUTH CENTRAL  
AMBULANCE SERVICE  
DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

**10am Saturday 18th November  
Marcham School Hall**

South Central Ambulance Service will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillators installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of sudden cardiac arrest.

Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency  
If you wish to attend then please contact Linda Martin to book your place  
Email [clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk) or telephone 01865 391833.  
*The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillators installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving a life.*



**If you are new to the village or have lived here for years, you are welcome to come along and meet your new neighbours!**  
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Wednesday 13 December	Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland
Thursday 14 December	Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA
Friday 15 December	Austria, Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland
Saturday 16 December	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg
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**Marcham WI**

**Next Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, 16th November

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Denman College

**Make your own Mosaics - Marcella from Pottering About**

Following last year's very successful evening, when we all had great fun painting pottery, we are going to welcome **Marcella** back to our November meeting for what we hope will be an equally enjoyable evening. This time, we will all be having a go at making mosaics, so please come along and create a masterpiece.

*New members and visitors are always welcome*

*For further information, please contact:*

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com



**MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2ND**

For this month's walk we will meet at The Fox and Hounds Inn in Christmas Common near Watlington (Map Ref: SU714932, OX49 5HL) at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for the walk of about 4 miles in the Chiltern woods, which may still be in their autumn colours, and along some of the Oxfordshire Way.

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The October meeting was a discussion of members favourite Films, Books, Plays etc.

Our Christmas Lunch will be held in The Crown at 12.30 on Thursday 30th November. Transport will leave Duffield Place at 12.15. Members are reminded that menu selections need to be passed to the Secretary before 22nd November so that The Crown knows what to provide.

New members are always welcomed. Please call the Secretary, John Woods Tel 391705.

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**MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB**

The club held a successful end of season presentation night at the Dog House in September. The season had not been the best as far as results were concerned, but the first team nonetheless finished a respectable fourth in its league, whilst the seconds only had two teams beneath them in theirs.



However, there was much to be pleased with during the season, as reflected in the captain's presentations. The most notable was probably the development of younger players, with Ethan Davie and Harry Phipps excelling. The club is blessed with a good number of 'vets', or those close to it, so some much needed 'young blood' is very welcomed. Indeed the club will be encouraging youngsters to become involved when thoughts turn to the 2018 season.

The awards were presented by Richard Whittaker, as Chair of the club. This duty is normally undertaken by the President, Clive Bennett. Clive has been president for many years, but unfortunately due to being in hospital, missed this occasion, which is one of his most important diary commitments. Needless to say, we all raised a glass to him. **Award winners were:**

	1st XI	2nd XI
<b>Batsman</b>	Stuart (Geordie) Armstrong	Steve Hill
<b>Bowler</b>	Stuart Armstrong	Richard (Tricky) Wightman
<b>All Rounder</b>	Stuart Armstrong	Ethan Davie

**Young Player of the Year** Harry Phipps

**Clubman of the Year** Jim Pike

In addition there was a gift presented to Jim Pike for his countless hours maintaining the cricket square. Due mainly to Jim, the ground this year was rated in the top 10 of 60 in the OCA league. Unfortunately for the club, this is Jim's last in his groundsman's capacity, but we expect him to make an occasional visit to check our progress as 'trainee groundsmen'!

More information about 2018 season will appear in the next few months. TH

**HIDDEN HARM**

*New police campaign asks everyone to 'open your eyes to abuse'*

Thames Valley Police records three modern slavery crimes every week across Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. This statistic has been released as the force launches its new 18 month Hidden Harm campaign urging members of the public to 'open your eyes to abuse'.

It's a common misconception that slavery doesn't exist anymore or that it's a crime that doesn't affect us here in the UK but this couldn't be further from the truth. In the past two years, 120 modern slavery crimes have been recorded across Thames Valley with victims being tricked or threatened into work and feeling unable to leave through fear or intimidation.

It could be happening where you live so it's really important that you recognise the signs that could indicate someone is a victim of this crime. They aren't always obvious but there's some you can look out for. For example; someone looking scruffy or injured, acting anxiously or afraid, living in overcrowded or poorly maintained accommodation and working long hours or wearing unsuitable clothing.

We all have a role to play in keeping people safe. If you suspect something, no matter how small, report it. You can do this confidentially via the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700 or to the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

**For further information about the campaign please visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/hiddenharm](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/hiddenharm)**



**Community Facilities Steering Group**  
**Progress on new community facilities**

Work is progressing to prepare various things in advance of building work starting next spring on 'MarchamCentre', the new community facilities.

At this stage, we are keen that people support Marcham Community Group (MCG), which will run MarchamCentre, and that you come to the the Public Meeting being held on 23rd November (see page 13) to hear about the plans and arrangements, make your views known and participate in election of the board of trustees.

We look forward to seeing the project progress towards reality over the coming months.

*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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**ED VAIZEY WRITES...****Great Repeal Bill**

I have been receiving a lot of correspondence recently on the EU Withdrawal Bill, otherwise known as the Great Repeal Bill.

While I support the Bill at second reading, it is on the basis that it is improved upon in the committee stage. There has been much discussion around the so-called 'Henry VIII' powers that will give ministers the power to change or update EU laws without putting changes before Parliament. On a practical level this measure is sensible, as putting every change before Parliament would be an impossible task due to the volume of legislation. However, I feel that the proposed powers go beyond what is reasonable for the Government to achieve its stated aims. To this end I have put my name to three amendments, all designed to ensure that the powers given to ministers are proportionate and strictly focused on achieving the policy objective.

**Immunocore Visit**

Last month it was a pleasure to meet the team at Immunocore, based in Milton Park. Immunocore is one of the UK's fastest growing life science companies and an industry leader in the research and development of cancer treatments using T-cell receptors. I am immensely proud that our constituency homes some of the very best scientific researcher and engineers. As well as the brilliant organizations working collaboratively at Milton Park, we have over £1billion of world-leading research infrastructure at Harwell Campus - home to around 200 science and research organizations and 5000 of the UK's most innovative minds. Additionally, last month I also caught up with Sovereign - one of the main social housing providers in the constituency - and with Oxfordshire County Council to discuss a range of infrastructure projects.

**Political Studies Association Video Competition**

Are you or a family member an A-level student interested in politics? The Political Studies Association are asking students aged 16+ to enter their video competition on the subject "Fake news: Is this the end of facts?" Groups of students are invited to submit short videos on this subject, examining what fake news is, what effect it may be having on the political landscape and what it means for expert opinion and 'factual' knowledge.

The PSA exists to develop and promote the study of politics and it has never been more important to engage young people with politics and citizenship. This competition is a unique opportunity for A-level students to add their voice to an important discussion and more details can be found here: <https://www.psa.ac.uk/psa-communities/specialist-groups/schools/psa-schools-competitions>

**Countryside Alliance Awards**

Nominations are now open for the Countryside Alliance Awards - nicknamed the 'Rural Oscars'. They celebrate people going the extra mile to ensure that rural Britain's food and farming industry, small businesses, traditional skills and forward-thinking enterprises can flourish. Our constituency is home to a whole host of brilliant community champions, so please get involved and nominate at the following address: <http://www.countryside-alliance.org/campaigns/countryside-alliance-awards/>

**This month's mailbag**

This month I have received 485 items of correspondence (emails and letters) from constituents. Subjects raised with me included Brexit, Universal Credit and energy bills.

With regards to Universal Credit, this is a major reform that will transform the welfare state in Britain. At the heart of Universal Credit is a belief that work should always pay. Under the new system, benefit will be withdrawn gradually as claimants start work or increase their earnings, meaning their total income always goes up. Rightly for a programme of this scale, the priority continues to be its safe and secure delivery. The controlled expansion of Universal Credit started in April 2013 and I am pleased that significant progress has been made to date. Universal Credit is now available for single claimants in every jobcentre in the country.

You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, [dicksonce@parliament.uk](mailto:dicksonce@parliament.uk) or 01235 768 888. 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>.

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**A34** Carving its way through the middle of our county, separating the West from the East, packed with traffic, noisy, too narrow, accident prone, the A34 affects the lives of all of us. Built in the early 1970s to connect the South Coast docks with the Midlands, the concerns of Oxfordshire residents were never the highest priority for the road. We would have the "benefit" of access to a new high speed connection to North and South but it was never planned to be a means of relieving congestion in Oxfordshire towns and villages. As the road has steadily filled up with more and more traffic (as roads do), the high speed "benefit" has become a thing of the past. Under the sole control of Highways England, Oxfordshire has had little say in how the A34 is organized. As the volume of traffic has increased, there have been more accidents, breakdowns and hold ups. Roads assigned as "Relief roads" only to be used for diversions in emergencies when the A34 was blocked, are now used many times a year causing long tailbacks through villages, towns, and even Oxford City. The A34 now seems to be much more "a pain" than "a benefit".

The problem of noise blighting the lives of nearby residents in Steventon, Drayton and Abingdon has been partly addressed by resurfacing with high density tarmac. The trouble faced by Highways, England and necessarily picked up by Oxfordshire Highways department is that improvement works to the A34, however great or small, involve closing the road while work is done, and diverting traffic through places and on roads not designed to take it. This is annoying enough for those on the official diversion routes as their sleep is disturbed by heavy traffic pounding past them in the early hours. OCC Highways does its best by trying to ensure that a minimum number of people are affected. But it is particularly annoying for the dozens of people in villages and towns not on the diversion routes as HGVs ignore the signs, follow their SATNAVs and plough through the main roads and high streets.

Surely we can solve this? Apparently it is not easy. The police say they do not have the resources to police the villages and towns all night. There is no law that says it is illegal to ignore a diversion route, and how would you enforce it? OCC is obliged to keep the roads open for all the normal traffic so can only put up notices to try to direct the diverted traffic down the right routes. Highways England agree it is a problem all over the country but are unable to offer a solution beyond getting the work done as quickly as possible. It seems the only solution is to improve Satellite Navigation. HGVs should have SATNAV systems whereby Highways England and local Highways can feed in official diversion routes.

The good news is that I am told the A34 work is all but complete for the next few months at least. The not so good news is that with all the infrastructure work in the pipeline, many more diversion routes will be in operation for the next few years. We can only pray for plenty of patience and plenty of creative thinking.

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**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT****Some Good News**

As you will have heard, the second part of the Local Plan (LPP2) allocated 500 more houses to Marcham to be built along the east edge of the village. However, the good news is that now this number has been radically reduced to 90 houses only. Why? Because the transport section of County Council could not support this expansion because of the large number of cars the developments would spill out into the AQMA of Packhorse Lane. The traffic would exacerbate pollution to a wholly unacceptable level. This is excellent news and shows that at last the AQMA has teeth. However, we have heard that Savills are challenging this ruling on behalf of one of the developers but we hope that good sense will prevail.

A second piece of good news is that the air quality officer at the Vale has looked at the figures from our traffic survey earlier this year and endorses our main conclusion.... that removing HGVs, the biggest culprits of air pollution, from the AQMA of Packhorse Lane would radically reduce the pollution levels there. Now it is up to County Council to look at the air quality officer's study and to let us know what they would recommend. So, watch this space.

**LPP2 Publicity Period**

You have an opportunity to see an exhibition of the Vale's Local Plan Part 2 at the Abingdon and Witney College in Northcourt Road on Monday, 6th November between 4.00pm and 6.30pm. You can then join a public meeting between 7.00pm and 8.30pm to ask questions and to raise any of your concerns.



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## Public meeting and AGM—Thursday 23rd November 7:30pm

Marcham Community Group is preparing to take on the management of **MarchamCentre**, the new community facilities, on behalf of the community, with the support of the Parish Council and the many community groups in Marcham. MCG is determined that its activities will be fair, open and transparent to our community. It is important therefore that local people have a real opportunity to see how this project is moving ahead and to have a say in the make-up of the board of trustees, who will have the prime responsibility for running MarchamCentre under the terms of the formal lease being negotiated.

We are holding a **Public meeting and AGM** at Marcham School at **7:30 pm on Thursday 23rd November** — please put this date in your diary now! We strongly encourage you to support this and we will welcome your participation in the meeting.

We will share details of the current progress with the project, plans and new arrangements for operating the facilities at the public meeting, and you will have ample opportunities to ask questions about the new arrangements and plans and to elect the new trustees.

To ensure that MCG is in the best possible shape for its new role, we are proposing some formal amendments to the articles of MCG, which have been designed to fit the new arrangements. We are sending details of these to current MCG members in advance of the meeting. We will put these formal amendments and how we will run membership arrangements to a vote of a brief Annual General Meeting, which we will hold during the public meeting.

MCG members will be able to vote on the proposals to amend the MCG articles and in the trustee elections. Given the importance of MarchamCentre to the community, **we strongly encourage you to join MCG or renew your membership now** (you will be able to do so before the start of the meeting) so that you can participate in the votes and play a part in keeping MCG on a firm and democratic footing. This is your best opportunity to shape the way that MarchamCentre is set up and run in the future.

In preparation for this, we have been seeking individual nominations and proposals from user groups in Marcham for potential trustees, who will be prepared to stand for election at the AGM. Some people have already come forward. We will also need people to help with practical input on the committees running the community building and the playing field activities, as well as help seeking grant funding, finances and governance. There is still time to offer your help. We will be keen to welcome volunteers but, if necessary, we may need to be more persuasive!

If you have been collecting 5ps, or if you have any old £1 coins to donate, please bring them to the meeting.

This project has taken an extraordinary time to come to this point. We look forward to it becoming reality.

**Come and have your say on the 23rd—it really matters!**

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### SHMA figures

There has been some confusion over the SHMA figures on which the Vale has been basing all their housing figures in the two Local Plans. Many of us have felt that the figures have been over inflated and now the government appears to be agreeing with us by reducing the numbers by up to 50%. But the detail of this report suggests that although these new figures have been calculated in the usual way and includes affordable housing, they do not include economic

growth, unlike the old figures. Clearly to calculate economic growth in this present political climate is risky and uncertain, but to ignore it altogether seems extraordinary. As a result, the Vale has decided to continue using the original SHMA figures until they have more definite facts, so I'm afraid it is highly unlikely that there will be a big reduction in house building in the Vale.

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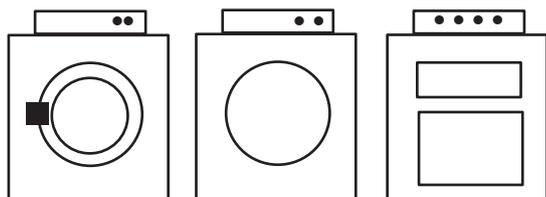
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**NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS**

**Baby Room:** In our Baby Room this month we have been looking at all our favourite stories and



nursery rhymes. We have loves playing all the different drums and shakers, we love being loud! We have spent lots of time singing our favourite songs, Baa Baa Black Sheep has been sung lots of times! We have also enjoyed lots of sensory play this month, we love getting messy in the Baby Room. We used our hands to make wonderful paint pictures of fireworks for Diwali using lots of bright colours. We have had lots of new friends join us in the Baby Room this month, the older children have loved helping the new babies to settle into our family here at Little Angels!

**Pre-School Room :** Autumn is upon us now, we loved going for a autumnal walk collecting lots of leaves and conkers! Our pre-school room has been very busy this month full of fun activities! Our under 2's have been learning all about babies and playing with the dollies, feeding them, changing their nappies and putting them to sleep. This was great practice for some of our children becoming big brothers and sisters! The over 2s have been learning about 'People Who Help Us'. They have been engrossed in our topic learning about firefighters, police officers, builders, teachers, nurses and many more. We have made the most out of the good weather and spent lots of time in the garden being firefighters putting fires out with shaving foam, being builders in the construction area and making buildings out of sand. Lots of fun! We celebrate diversity here at Little Angels, this month we celebrate Diwali together, we loved learning about the festival of light. We made Diya lamps, lanterns and even designed our own henna patterns!

**Breakfast & After School Club:** Our afterschool club have been back at school for a whole term now! The new children have been settling in and our Big Angels have made all the younger children feel welcomed into our family! Autumn has been kind to us so far so we have been out on the field playing football, tennis and much more. Coach James has been coming weekly who teaches us football skills and we are all getting very good and scoring goals! The Big Angels are great at helping each other out and have been helping one another with their reading and even their homework – well done! We built a polling station this month to vote for our favourite teacher here at Little Angels, we drove our cars and scooters to the station and posted our votes in private of course! With the new Lego film out this month, we have been Lego crazy, building big Lego constructions and drawing our own Lego families.

**Messy Play:** Our messy play sessions have been great fun here at Little Angels, fortnightly on a Saturday Morning 9.30am-11am. We ran a brilliant pirate session this month where the children made pirate hats, treasure paintings, ship wheels, sensory playdough time, went on a treasure hunt, dressed up and played in our pirate ship. It is a great session for families with children under 5 years old to come and join us in a range of messy activities and save the kitchen table! Next Sessions: **November 4th and November 18th.** Look out for news of our 10th Birthday Party on the **5th November** to celebrate us being here in Marcham for 10 Years this year!

**If you would like to be part of Little Angels Family, where our home is your home please contact us on 01865 819992 or [marcham@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](mailto:marcham@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk), see [www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](http://www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk) and follow us on Facebook: littleangelsmarcham**

**WE ARE RECRUITING**

We are currently seeking a Full time Manager/ Deputy Manager to join our family at Little Angels. For any more information please contact: [kaye@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](mailto:kaye@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk) See our website at [www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](http://www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk)

**MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

What is pre-school all about? One of our aims is to develop the social skills, movements and language needed for successful learning - and we have some inventive ways to ensure the children want to be involved! After unpacking some large equipment, we used the cardboard to create a 'drawing tent'. The children enjoyed some outdoor mark-making using crayons and pens before crawling inside! This was the best bit as they lay on their backs to draw... and work on those very important shoulder muscles - great for later handwriting tasks! Why not try it at home?



If you would like more information about Marcham Pre-school please do get in touch at [marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk) or 01865 392101.

[www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com](http://www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com)

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**PTA Round-up**

Last month's disco raised just under £150, money that will go towards helping fund activities at the school. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.



Christmas is rapidly approaching, and on Friday 1 December, we'll be holding this year's Christmas Fair from 6.00 to 8.00pm. By the time you read this issue, we'll have held our latest meeting, but there won't be time to tell you any more about our plans in the next MADNews. So you'll have to come along to see what's on offer – rest assured, there will be fun for all the family, including a visit from Santa, and we hope to see many of you there.

We're still looking for some new faces to join our committee. 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 07708 251312 [peter.kidd61@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.kidd61@btinternet.com)

**SUNNINGWELL & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

Andrew Mikolajski will talk about Lamport House & Garden Thursday, 9th November at 7.30 pm in Sunningwell Village Hall New and non-members welcome Members £2 Non-members £3 [www.sdgc.org.uk](http://www.sdgc.org.uk)

**SUNSHINE CLUB**

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.

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**ALL WELCOME** **JEAN DIX**

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Dear Friends,

The recent change of our clocks to the winter settings makes a difference to the days that lie ahead, as the mornings become a little lighter and the evenings darker. Many of us will now commute to and from work in the dark, and the days can seem very short. Other things make a difference in our day to day lives, but most significantly other people do – constantly, for good or ill.

November is the month when we recall the incalculable difference that many hundreds of thousands of service personnel have made to our world through the ultimate sacrifice of laying down their lives for the peace and wellbeing of millions in every succeeding generation. Remembrance Sunday remains an important occasion in our nation's life, and indeed in the life of nations across the world.

Locally, this month provides an opportunity for some of us to make a difference within our community, as the Marcham Community Group [MCG] embraces new trustees to manage the new community facilities on behalf of the whole community. The MCG annual meeting is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, when the new trustees will be elected - an important occasion.

Later this month we remember another person who has made, and continues to make, a real difference in the lives of millions around the world. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the festival of 'Christ the King'! This festival is a prelude to Advent, an opportunity to celebrate the love and generosity of God in Jesus, and to renew commitment to serve under the Lordship of Christ in daily life. His living presence within and amongst us, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, makes a transforming difference to the whole of life, and is to be celebrated wholeheartedly.

The real and living difference made by Christ in the lives of countless millions across the world, also calls us back to earth, and the daily demands of everyday life. He calls us to make a difference ourselves by the ways we care for others, the ways in which we relate to one another with patience, understanding and shared concerns. You and I can make a real difference every day to those around us – for good or ill. We can enable the world to be a better place – one act of care after another, one kind word after another, one prayer after another – one day at a time.

May this November be a month with a difference – for good and wellbeing – for individuals, families and the whole community.

With my warmest greetings, Richard

## Baptist Hall Hire

Marcham Baptist Hall is available for hire by individuals or community groups.  
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£10 per hour for regular events  
For more information please see:  
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Or call 01865 391319

## Coming Up:

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10am:**  
**Remembrance Day Service**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 9-12:**  
**Craft Morning**

## Getting Ahead

### Mondays 11am-12pm, Duffield Place

- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Mindfulness and mental health (C Brown)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov - Sing your favourite hymn (C Whild)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov - How to have happy feet (Victoria North)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flower arranging in a teacup (Jane Belcher)

**Regular Sunday services at 10am & 6pm**

**Friday Club** for primary-aged children, 5.30pm on Fridays at All Saints'.

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

**Men's Breakfast**, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 8.30am at the Baptist Hall

**Women's Breakfast**, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 8.30am at the Baptist Hall

**Youth Drop-in**, Wednesdays after school in the Baptist Church Hall. Y7-9: 3.30-6pm, Y9+: 6-8pm

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## ABCD Film Society

Thursday screenings this month



ABCD Film Society's 2017-8 programme continues apace in November. Come to any one film for £6 (£3 full-time school and college students) or join for the season or half-season. And then join for a longer period, if you wish.

**Nov 2 I, DANIEL BLAKE** Ken Loach's moving tale of how the social security system works in practice. (UK, 2016, 100 mins, Cert 15). With brief introduction by Fran Bennett, former director of Child Poverty Action Group. Presented jointly with Abingdon Quakers

**Nov 9 THE HOUSE ON TRUBNAYA** – silent 1928 Soviet satirical comedy by Boris Barnet. (USSR, 64 mins, Cert E – educational). Introduced and discussed by leading film academic and broadcaster, Prof. Ian Christie, Birkbeck College, London.

**Nov 1 A SHORT FILM ABOUT LOVE** – a modern classic, “an absolutely masterly movie that yields equal parts of humour and wry emotional truth” – Tony Rayns, Time Out (Poland, 1988, 88 mins, Cert. 15).

**Nov 23 A FAREWELL TO ARMS** – superb early sound film adaptation of the Hemingway novel, starring the legendary Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes (USA, 1932, 85 minutes, Cert PG).

**Nov 30 CHINATOWN** – another classic, starring Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway and John Huston in a web of deceit, corruption, and murder. (USA, 1974, 134 minutes, **Cert X**).

All screenings at 7.45pm at Abingdon Health & Wellbeing Centre, Audlett Drive, OX14 3GD. Adjacent parking. Have a hot drink before the film – donation requested. More information (and a glossy paper brochure) from [www.abfilms.org.uk](http://www.abfilms.org.uk) or [info@abfilms.org.uk](mailto:info@abfilms.org.uk) or 01235 521976  
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## Artweeks

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Don't miss your chance to take part: Artweeks is non-selective and open to all amateur and professional artists and craft makers living or working in Oxfordshire. Artweeks is also open to artists that live outside the county but are members of an established Oxfordshire based art group, society or guild. Artweeks festival is organised by a not for profit members company.



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**SCHOOL NEWS**

In September 19 children joined the Panda's reception class at Marcham Primary School. All the children have settled in well and are enjoying school life. They are being taught by Kerry Hookham and Ellie Wright, classroom assistants are Monika Mahoney, Sam Kilbee and Gemma Thorpe. All staff are delighted to meet such wonderful children.



The children made kites this week to fly in the wind. They made them from plastic bags and string. The children went onto the school field and flew their kites. They screamed with delight as the kites went up high and flew. Some even escaped the children's grasp and flew for miles. The children watched with amazement.



At Guides we had a bake off and it was Pastry Night! The girls had to each make their own pastry and then produce 3 small apple pies. The 2 runners-up are: Eva and Helen and the winner is

**Lilly Barrett**

With thanks to the judge - Marcham's very own Apple Pie Queen, Sheila Dunford (and Eric). **JILL ROWE**



**TRISH WAGSTAFF'S PARAGLIDE**

So very many thanks to you all in Marcham for your wonderful generosity and compassion in sponsoring me to paraglide for the Alzheimer's Society. After a long wait due to the wrong thermals, wind and rain, I was called to meet the Instructor Lee Bligh at Warminster White Horse the following day.

Last week I happily took to the skies with an afternoon of great fun zooming above the lovely Wiltshire countryside chasing the thermals up and down which resulted in your superb sponsorship of £20,680 which will be put towards the research being carried out to pinpoint how and why so many of our loved ones are affected by that unkind and cruel affliction. Bless you all and again thank you

**Trish Wagstaff**



There is a new app for **Fix My Street** - which makes it really easy to pinpoint a problem and send it off to the council so they can then send it on to the correct organisation to deal with it. You can download it from their usual website for reporting problems: [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)



**MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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NAME OF CHILD	DATE OF BIRTH	MALE/FEMALE

**MARCHAM SOCIETY REPORT: OXFORDSHIRE AND THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR**

On 10 October, the Marcham Society welcomed back one of its most popular speakers, Liz Woolley, who has co-authored a book about the response of Oxfordshire to the Spanish Civil War.

In the summer of 1936 there was a coup by right-wing army officers against a democratically elected government. Although the coup failed, Spain was plunged into a 3-year civil war which took over 500,000 lives.

The British government signed a non-intervention pact, but there was concern about the suffering of the Spanish people and many demonstrations took place. In Oxford and the surrounding county, young people from all walks of life volunteered to join the International Brigade in support of the Spanish government, whilst others worked as medics. Reception centres for Spanish children were set up at Shipton-under-Wychwood, Aston and Thame. Lord Faringdon not only welcomed refugees at Buscot Park, but drove his Rolls-Royce to Spain to be used as an ambulance. Workers from Morris Motors made splints and converted Harley-Davidson motorbikes from the USA to as stretcher carriers. These were smuggled to Spain under cargos of potatoes. Porters' lodges at Oxford colleges collected food and clothing and Co-op customers bought 6d tokens to provide milk for Spanish babies. Mrs Carritt of Boars Hill organised knitting groups; one of her sons was killed whilst serving as a medical orderly.

Despite the efforts of government fighters and the International Brigade, the Nationalists were victorious and paraded through Madrid in April 1939; Franco remained in power until his death in 1975. Many of the refugees never returned to Spain. **JF**



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**Echoes from the Shop Floor at MG**

*Bob Frampton*

*Bob Frampton is a retired law lecturer and volunteers at Abingdon Museum. He was asked to prepare their Great War display in September 2014 and ended up writing a short history of Abingdon in World War 1. He has written a number of other books on local history which are on sale at the museum.*

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

**Oxfordshire County Council's DIY 1,2,3 for free scheme's changing**

The current scheme which has been running at their Household Waste Recycling Centres for 15 years allowed residents to deposit up to three DIY waste items for free before being charged a small fee of £1 for each additional item.

From the 1st October 2017 this changes to a small fixed fee per item of £1.50 for most non-household or DIY items.

Residents can still deposit household waste for free at their local Household Waste Recycling Centre.

More information about the changes can be found online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste)

**What can I dispose of for free, and what will I get charged for at Household Waste Recycling Centres?\***



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