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THINGS TO DO



An invitation to help us celebrate!

The Arts Society (formerly NADFAS) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year and now has 90,000 members worldwide. Our aim is to encourage interest and appreciation of the arts in its broadest sense, primarily through a programme of monthly lectures and regular visits. We also support Young Arts and our volunteer groups record church histories and do practical conservation work.

The Arts Society Abingdon's celebration of the Jubilee will be on **Wednesday 18 July 2018 in the Amey Theatre at Abingdon School**. There will be a Reception in the adjacent Jekyll Garden with drinks, canapés and music – harpist Pervin Shahin will perform music from Baroque to Jazz - followed by what promises to be an interesting and entertaining lecture by **David Phillips on 'Who Says? Can we trust the experts on good and bad art?'**

Wednesday 18 July, 6.30 – 8.45 pm, Amey Theatre, Abingdon School, Park Road, Abingdon OX14 1DE.

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It's summer! And so many events to try and fit in, school fête, bowls, bingo, lots of music, a holiday club for the children and the usual café, walks, singing, WI, Marcham Society – for a small village we really have a lot going on.

We are looking forward to a month away from MADNews, but please take some photos of what you get up to over the summer and we can have a "What we did in the holidays" page next time!

Until next time



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July & August 2018

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Meeting of Electors – 23rd May, 2018 – Emergency Planning

The annual meeting of electors took place on 23rd May. Reports were given by the Parish Council on its activities over the last year, Viv Hutchinson, Head Teacher at Marcham Primary School outlined what the school had achieved. Cllrs. Richard and Catherine Webber, who represent the parish on the County Council and District Council, also gave their reports. The guest speaker was Andrew Brett, Emergency Planning Officer from Oxfordshire County Council. Mr Brett explained the role of the County Council in emergencies and how they linked with the other services, such as fire, police, ambulance etc. He summarised various cases in which the County Council had been involved. He recommended that villages have a emergency plan in place, in case of any problems that arise. This is something that the Parish Council will be considering at future meetings.

Grass Cutting

As in previous years, the County Council, owing to its budget restraints, has had to restrict the number of times the grass verges alongside the roads are cut. This is only once in the season. The Parish Council expressed great concern to the County Council that the sight lines, when leaving Howard Cornish Road and joining the A415, had disappeared owing to the length of the grass, and the junction had become very dangerous. The Council too has received comments about the length of the grass at the junction of Harding Way and Sheepstead Road, which was causing visibility problems. The Parish has managed, to persuade the County Council to cut these areas. In some parishes, the Parish Council has taken on the grass cutting of the County Council's verges on an agency basis. Marcham Parish Council is currently obtaining details of all the County Council's grass within the village, and seeing whether this might be a possibility, as that might be a way forward to ensuring better sight lines at the junctions.

Parking on Village Green

The Village Green is the open grass area at the junction of Mill Road and A415 opposite The Crown public house.

Residents often want to be able to park close to their houses and the Parish Council is receiving reports that cars are now being left on the Village Green. You may not realise, but Village Greens enjoy statutory protection under two very old pieces of legislation. They should be used for open recreation and enjoyment, and anything placed on the green to interrupt such use

is illegal, as a result action can be taken in the Magistrate's Court, which could result in fines for those committing offences. Parking on the Green will result in damage to the grass, leaving ruts where vehicles regularly go over the same area. Grass cutting becomes more and more difficult. The Council would kindly ask that cars are not left on the Green.

Planning applications

The Parish Council has considered the following applications:

R3.0043/18 Retention of temporary classroom for one year to July 2019 at Marcham Primary School, Morland Road. The Council had no objections..

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 7.30p.m. in the residents' lounge, 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

www.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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Marcham WI

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, 19th July

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: see *News and Views*

Garden Party

The last meeting before the summer break will be on Thursday 19th July when we will be having a **Garden Party** with a 1970s theme. *Do come along wearing something from the era.*

To celebrate Marcham WI's 70th anniversary, there will be birthday cake for us to enjoy. We will also be having a 'bring and share' supper, so please bring along a plate of food to share and a garden chair. Let's hope for some nice weather and we look forward to seeing you all there for an enjoyable social evening.

Details of the venue will be sent out with the members' *News & Views* magazine, or contact us as below.

New members and visitors are always welcome

For further information, please contact:

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com



MARCHAM SOCIETY SUMMER WALKS:

Tuesday, July 10th. (note Tuesday, not Thursday)

For this month's walk we will be climbing up to the Ridgeway, walking past Rams Hill Fort and back to Kingstone via Margaret's Well. We will eat at The Blowing Stone Inn (Map Ref SU326878, OX12 9QL), in Kingstone Lisle at 12.30pm for lunch, starting the walk of just over 4½ miles at 13.30.



Thursday August 9th.

For our second summer walk we will eat at the Blue Boar in Tuck's Lane, Longworth (Map Ref SU389995, OX13 5ET) at 12.30 for lunch. However, we will be starting our walk of 4 miles at 13.30 from Duxford, which is just north-west of Hinton Waldrist. We will cross the Thames over Tenfoot Bridge and return over the footbridge near Shifford Lock. Roadside parking is limited so please car-share if possible.

Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for further details and car-sharing, especially if you are not on our email list as sometimes late changes have to be made. Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers.

SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

From 2 – 3.30pm

Tuesday 10th & Tuesday 24th July

Tuesday 14th & Tuesday 28th August

Come and join us in the common room at Duffield Place, you will be sure of a warm welcome ... and tea and cake! Phone 391270 for more details *Christine Whild*



Marcham Sports, Scouts & Social Club
Anson Field



QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 27 JULY - 8.15pm

A QUIZ NIGHT is being held on Friday 27 July 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!!!!



We look forward to seeing you,

For further information call Trevor Hill on 01865 391321

This summer, Natasha, Mark (from Manor Farm) and Mike are excited to be donning their walking boots to walk up the spine of England into Scotland, following the epic Pennine Way.



From Edale to Kirk Yetholm, hills (lots of them) and dales, moors (and bogs) beckon. It's a huge personal challenge for them all, and they are each walking for a charity that is close to their hearts: Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I.), Prostate Cancer UK, and Mind.

See their team page:

www.justgiving.com/teams/PennineWayChallenge2018, and follow the links to the individual fundraising pages. Any donation you can afford to give, to whichever of the three charities you choose, will help them reach the team target, and raise valuable funds for the work of



Thank you very much for your support. **TASH, MIKE AND MARK**

MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

The May visit to Chilton Garden Centre went well with many members purchasing plants and ornaments to enhance their own homes. The day was fine until we reached Marcham on our return. That day we had over 1 inch of rain between 2pm and 8pm and many members got rather wet.

The June meeting was a tea and chat meeting at the usual time of 2.30pm in Duffield Place lounge.

July meeting (26 July) will be our Summer party with sandwiches, cake, trifle and soft drinks. Tea and coffee will also be served.

There is no meeting in August.

In September we plan to hold a discussion on the new Westgate Centre in Oxford. The usual raffle and tea/coffee and biscuits will be served.

Hope to see you at these meetings!

New members are very welcome; just come along at 2.30pm on the last Thursday of the month or give me a ring.

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NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS

Baby Room

Our babies have been enjoying splashing in the water trays this month during the hot weather.



We love our open-door policy here at Little Angels and the same goes for our littlest Angels. During the hot days we have kept them in the shade and brought the water trays to them, they have loved emptying and filling the bottles and keeping cool. The babies have also enjoyed playing with the big water mats this month, with the pirate ships and sea animals It's been a very watery fun month!

Pre School Room

Our preschool children have been enjoying are aeroplane role play this month. We have turned our role play room into an airport and the children have been jet-setting off around the world! They have really enjoyed our new dark den where they can have quiet time with a book or go on an adventure. It's been a bear cave, a spaceship, a house and so much more, we love following our little Angel's imaginations. They have also been busy chefs this month, they made rice crispy cakes and fruit fridge cake! Cooking is such a great activity to incorporate communication, maths, physical development and the important skill of turn taking! Some of our older children then helped prepare the cakes and sell them to our parents to fundraise! Well done to all our Little Angels!

Breakfast and After School Club

The Big Angels really enjoyed their 'The Greatest Showman' themed week. They designed posters about 'What makes me special', made their own puppet circus and even held their very own circus show. The children performed songs, told jokes and danced on their very own built stage! The Big Angels are very excited about the upcoming 'World Cup', each day we have been learning about a new country that is competing and creating football tickets, designing our own trophies and learning all the history around the world cup! It's been a great month at the After-School Club.

It has been a very exciting month for us at Little Angels and we are proud to announce we were a finalist in the **European Business Excellence Forum Awards** in the community impact category. There were more than 350 nominations across all the awards and we reached the top five in its group at a ceremony in Liverpool earlier this month. We love being a part of our local community here in Marcham and we are so happy to be recognised for all our hard work!

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, see www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk and follow us on Facebook: littleangelsmarcham

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

It's been a SUPER term so far - literally! We have been just bursting with superheroes and so we have spent the last two weeks exploring our superpowers, evading laser beams, making power boost milkshakes, talking about our superheroes and having a fabulous time! There is always something new to discover, a different interest to follow, or a skill to develop ... and all in relation to the children's needs and interest.



If you would like to find out more about the village pre-school, please do get in touch. We take children from the age of two, however we are now full for September 2018 and we have a waiting list for 2019. To ensure a place at any time in the future, please register your interest NOW! email marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01865 392101.

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PTA Update

Summer Fête on Friday 13 July

Preparations are gathering pace for the Marcham School Summer Fête on Friday 13 July, from 6 to 8pm. This year we have again received significant support from our main sponsor, Breckon & Breckon estate agents, and you'll soon be seeing their signs going up advertising the event. Each one earns us cash for the PTA fund, so thank you Breckon & Breckon and to everyone who has agreed to have a sign outside their house.

As well as the usual favourites, we'll have some new stalls this year. We'll have two bouncy castles, one suitable for the younger children who in the past have found the large one a bit daunting. Marcham Village Shop has kindly donated a jar of sweets, so if you can guess how many sweets are in the jar, you win the lot! We have a Tin-Can Alley, Hook-a-Duck, Ring-Toss, the Human Fruit Machine, and so much more.

We have third-party stallholders too - everything from the village's Guides, Brownies and Rainbows to local car-valeting services, from potions and creams to make the most of your complexion to handmade crafts, jewellery and pottery.

Thanks to the generosity of parents, we will have a large variety of good-condition second-hand school uniform available at VERY cheap prices, so if your little one is not so little anymore and in need of a larger uniform, save some pennies and see what we have available.

We also have raffle tickets (obviously), so parents of children at Marcham School will soon be asking friends and family to buy a ticket (or a book ... or two!) for the chance to win dozens of prizes, including the star prize of a free children's party worth £225. The raffle will be drawn at the fete, between 6 and 8pm on Friday 13 July.

All this, as well as a BBQ, beer tent, hot and cold drinks, and strawberries and cream too!

Most readers will receive a flyer advertising the fete through their letterbox. Breckon & Breckon will give us cash - yes, more hard CASH! - for each one that has the form on it completed and handed in at the fete. Yet another way you can help support the fundraising for the village school.

If any parents can lend a hand staffing any of the stalls on the evening, even if it's only for half an hour or so, please let me know, as we'll need as many friendly hands as possible.

We hope to see you all on between 6pm and 8pm on Friday 13th - let's hope it's not unlucky 13th and we have some fine weather for everyone to enjoy! - drop me a line or give me a call.

Peter Kidd

PTA Chair 07708 251312 peter.kidd61@btinternet.com



Parent Teacher Association

NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

What a year it has been!

Since this time last year, we have been inspected by 2 bodies. Many of you will have heard of and may know about OFSTED - the Office for Standards in Education. They inspect and regulate services providing education and skills for learners (of all ages) and services that care for children and young people. We were graded Good in our previous inspection in April 2014 and were delighted to maintain that grading when OFSTED visited (along with someone from Her Majesty's Inspectorate, who was quality assuring the process) in March this year. We were pleased with how much the Inspector seemed to like our school and how he could clearly see the vision we had for its continued improvement.

Being a Church of England school, we also get the added 'privilege' of having an additional inspection by the Church of England. This took place in June last year. The Inspector described the school as having "an exceptionally strong and vibrant Christian ethos firmly built on clear Christian values. This has created a community in which every member is valued and cared for as a distinct child of God. As a result, the children at Marcham achieve and progress well both educationally and socially". The leadership of the school and the link with All Saints Church was particularly praised and we were given a grading of Outstanding, of which we are very proud.

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Of course, as staff at Marcham School, we don't do what we do for OFSTED or even for SIAMS. We do it because we passionately believe that we can help to instil in our children the values, knowledge, skills and aptitudes which will make the world a better place. The whole school community – pupils, parents, governors and staff - contribute to this aim and I'd personally like to thank them for their commitment and endeavour. And although I said that we don't do it for OFSTED or SIAMS, it is nice that our efforts are nationally recognised.

We relish opportunities for our children to learn beyond the school gate and they have either visited, or will be visiting Youlbury Scout activity centre, Abingdon Hospital, The Natural History Museum in Oxford, Oxford Central Mosque, 'Junior Citizen' training in Oxford and farm and author visits. We've taken part in many music activities, such as a pop concert, our Salsa competition, string and woodwind workshops and a Julia Donaldson event for KS1. We have also been involved in numerous sporting activities and competitions. In addition to these, we have also been visited by Abbey Baptist Church; "Tattybumpkins"; the Fire and Rescue Service; Chris Frost and colleagues who have worked with classes and the whole school on a number of exciting scientific explorations – much to the delight of pupils and staff; Ancient Egypt Workshops, Fit4Schools sports coaches and Maths Fayres and competitions, a business challenge and Forensic Science day at Larkmead School. The list could go on...

Our dedicated Governing Body remains committed, rigorous and robust and our PTA are enthusiastic as ever about raising funds to enhance the pupils' learning experiences. Thank you to Rob France, who chairs our Governing Body and Peter Kidd who has led the PTA with much enthusiasm this year. Our links with All Saints Church remains strong and we have continued to mark important times in both the church and the school calendar in services at All Saints church. A special mention goes to Jill Rowe for all her dedication and generosity of spirit and to Richard, Jenny, Sheila and Rob who lead our Tuesday assemblies every week. I'd also like to mention and the team who lead cycling proficiency. I marvel at their dedication as they train the children in this important life skill through the wind and the rain of the late Autumn term...

Lastly, there have been many members of the village community who have volunteered and offered time and given help with reading, art, 'expert' information and general assistance. We know that you help to make our school the very special place we believe it to be. **Thank you** V. Hutchinson

VIV HUTCHINSON, Headteacher, Marcham CE Primary School



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The 60+ Bowls Session will include basic instruction and an outline of the outdoor game. Fun, friendly and welcoming in its nature, the session is ideal for beginners, new starters, and anyone who wants to try the game.

The sessions will run at Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor Bowls Club, Old Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize, OX13 5AP for six consecutive Mondays, 10.30am-12.30pm, starting Monday 9th July and is £2 per week.

To book your place or for more information please contact the GO Active Gold team. Email: neeraj.hargun@southandvale.gov.uk Tel: 07717 326660.

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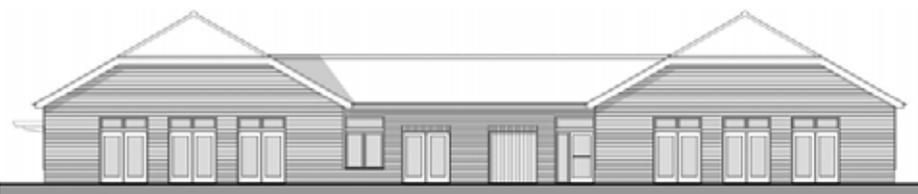
The archaeology on the field to investigate the site of new building was completed in late May and, while the finds were interesting, there was, fortunately, nothing requiring more extensive investigation.

Those regular walkers in the field will have noticed that the second of the two new storage buildings has now been erected on the NE corner of the field.



We are now looking at a way to adjust the line of the fence alongside the access road to enable a safe margin for pedestrians. That should allow us to leave the access road open until building work starts.

The likely start of work on site is now likely to be in the autumn. A number of pieces of the jigsaw remain to be completed, including finalising the detailed drawings based on agreed specifications, subcontractor selection by the builder, and closing out some remaining planning and Section 106 questions from the VWH District Council - this is a complex task.



This timing will allow the continued use of the changing rooms to enable the cricket team to play through to the end of the summer season and also by the cubs.

In the event of any health and safety concern during the building project, please email or phone the project coordinator acting for The Anson Trust, Mark Patchett on 07801-187987 or Mark@mpconsultancy.org.uk

Since we were set up, MCG has been successful in fund-raising, and would particularly like to thank those organisations and individuals who have raised money for the new facilities. This has been very helpful in getting us to where we are now. As we move forward, we will need to raise further funds to purchase all the furniture and equipment that we will want to use within the centre. If anyone wishes to raise funds for the new facilities, we would encourage you to do so, or if you have any ideas for fund-raising activities, we would welcome hearing from you.

The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) continues to oversee the project. MCG will keep people in Marcham updated regularly on the project and will be happy to answer any questions you may have as this project moves forward. We are keen to recruit more members for MCG. This helps to support our case for external fund-raising to complete/equip the new facilities. Annual subscriptions are £5 (single) and £8 (family). Please contact Jim Asher (jim.asher@btinternet.com) for details and a membership form.



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The Ebb And Flow

Short and sweet is my contribution this time, but I hope you relished what I consider a pretty good spring, weather wise. Plenty of hot days, but with enough of the wet stuff to keep plants flourishing in the garden.



Just lately though we've had some heavy and protracted thunder storms and heavy rain. Flash floods even. I've written before about how I'm transfixed by rain. The journey each droplet of water makes, and its merging into uncountable other raindrops in those deluges.

The rain has often been so heavy, young birds must have been washed clear out of the nests that seem to be everywhere this year. Other garden wildlife would have been decimated by the heavy storms too.

That said, a lot of what we call 'pests' have been washed away and a fresh flush of plant growth has emergent, which is a substantial habitat.

So, through those storms that I've been enjoying, I've come to fully appreciate the ebb and flow of life in wildlife gardens. Life and death in comparable measure. It's all part of the master plan, the bigger picture, life.

Lets all get out then and enjoy it the best ways we can.

Happy Gardening.

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Christine Wallace (GBBO Finalist) was in residence at MAW and gave a brilliant demonstration of how to make the famous Woolton Pie and pasties with both savoury and sweet fillings using potato pastry! Jan Vallis (below left) spoke about rationing and using food wisely during wartime.



Potato pastry

- 8oz plain flour
- 4oz mashed potato - cooled
- 1½oz margarine N.B. You can use all marg or all lard.
- 1½oz lard
- 2 tsp of baking powder
- couple large pinches of salt
- Dash of water if needed

Mix the flour with the baking powder and salt and then rub in the fats. Mix the mashed potato in to form a dough and knead (add a little water to the mixture if too dry). Roll out and use as your usual pastry. For more recipes from Christine see her website:

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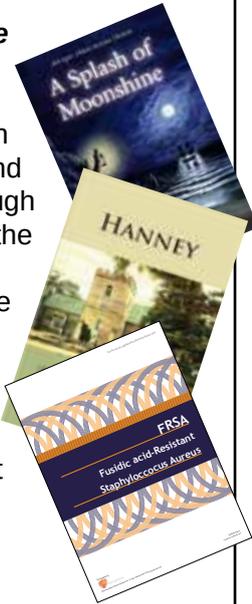
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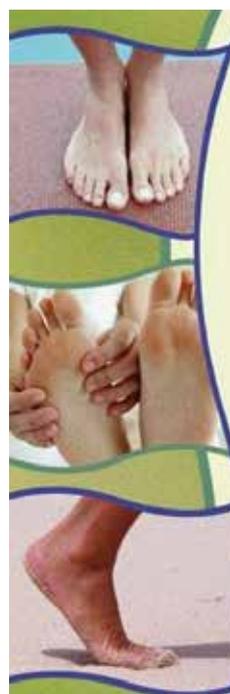


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Speeding

I conducted a speed survey on Cumnor Road opposite the John Werrell entrance. 97 cars went through and 74 were going over 35mph with the highest speed being 54 mph. The results will be sent to the traffic management unit in Bicester who will look at all the data to get a picture of the speeding problem. This usually results in a traffic safety van being deployed and fining those who are speeding.

Community Speedwatch

I am currently talking to Cothill residents about the possibility of setting up a community Speedwatch scheme. This is a scheme where a group of volunteers get funding for their own speed checking equipment. They receive training as Police volunteers and can use the speed gun on the side of the road in a safe area. The results are added to the Speedwatch database and warning letters are generated and sent to those speeding. If someone is recorded three times on the database they can be fined.

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Scams Awareness Month 2018 took place throughout June. We want to help you to identify scams and take action by reporting any suspicious activity! Some of the various Scams are listed below:

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- Members of the public receiving letters on bank headed paper informing them that their account has been the subject of a fraud. The letter advises them to transfer their funds to a 'safe' account and that an official will be in contact to provide them with a new card and PIN.
- Fraudsters contacting members of the public requesting them to cut their cards in half because their account has been compromised. They are then asked to post the cut card to an address where fraudsters simply tape the card together again and can use the details to commit fraud.
- Police advice is that if you receive such a call, end it immediately. If you have elderly or vulnerable family members, friends, or neighbours, let them know about these scams.

Please be aware that:

- Your bank will never attend your home
- Your bank and/or the police will never collect your bank card
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New South and Vale Facebook site

To complement our other channels of communication we have launched the South and Vale Facebook page. If you are on Facebook please visit www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale and like/follow us.

Dogs in Cars

Now the summer has arrived I would like to remind dog owners that you should not leave your dog in your car without water and ventilation. Dogs have a higher body temperature than us and cannot sweat so even if it doesn't seem that sunny the temperature can still get high in a car which could be harmful to your dog. If a dog is left in car Police have the power to brake a window to get the dog out to save its life.

Dockless bikes

We have seen a rise in reports of dockless bikes being dumped on streets. The quickest way to get them removed is to ring or email the company that owns the bike and they will come and collect it.

Have Your Say meetings

I hold Have Your Say meetings at the various places and times so please come and speak to me about any local concerns - check the website for dates.

If you would like me to attend an event you are have holding please let me know and I will try to attend.

And finally

I was in Windsor for the Royal Wedding last month. It was a very enjoyable day and I was privileged to being working at this historic event.

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**Jeannine Noyes
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ED VAIZEY WRITES...

Lots of good news for our local area. Last month Business Secretary Greg Clark launched a major new scientific centre in Harwell Campus and announced its first major projects. The Rosalind Franklin Institute, which is backed by £100mil in government investment, will focus on a number of projects, including the development of the world's best ultra-fast video camera for imaging, which will be invaluable for both detecting and treating disease.



The Big Lottery Fund has announced £17,280 of funding for projects in the constituency such as the The Pelvic Partnership in Harwell, which focuses on treatment for Pelvic Girdle Pain. The fund distributes money raised by the National Lottery to good causes which seek to improve lives and communities. If you have a cause that you believe deserves funding you can apply at biglotteryfund.org.uk.

Huge congratulations to Wallingford School, who have been awarded the prestigious ISM Trust's Silver Certificate in Music for 2018, and King Alfred's, who have been awarded the Bronze Certificate. This means that more than 15% and 10% respectively of all the schools' GCSE students who entered into GCSE music achieved an A* to C grade. This is a huge achievement and demonstrates a real commitment to music in both schools. The Teaching Apprenticeship Programme (TAP) launched across the country last month to help schools recruit, train and retain the best graduates into teaching roles. TAP offers a 1 year programme which guides apprentices towards Qualified Teacher Status and schools can also use the Apprenticeship Levy funding to train and retain the best graduates into teaching roles. If you are interested in how the Apprenticeship Levy works you can find all the information you need at the Teaching Apprenticeship website.

Over the last month I was pleased to meet with representatives of 'Hands off Hagbourne Fields' to discuss Taylor Wimpey's plans for developing the land between West Hagbourne and Didcot, meet with local councillors to discuss how to tackle litter on the A34 and visit Enesi Pharma in Milton Park to see their revolutionary work on vaccines.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. 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. You can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
Committee System v Cabinet System?

Most residents are not particularly interested in how their councils organise themselves. But it is a matter of great concern for the councilors who serve on those councils.

Backbencher local politicians often get a raw deal. Whether their party is in power or in opposition, decisions are made by members of the Cabinet (rarely more than 10 members of the ruling party). All other politicians often feel that they are little more than voting fodder – expected to support their own side through thick and thin. Under the

whipping system, there are occasions when they are under pressure from their own side to toe the party line – even though they may not agree with it.

This is the **Cabinet System** and is followed by most Councils. Its advantage is that decisions are made efficiently and quickly. Its disadvantages are that only a very small proportion of councilors (the Cabinet) take part in the decision-making, and other councilors can become disillusioned with their role and enthralling potential new recruits gets harder.

In recent years, a number of councils have switched to an alternative system – the **Committee System**. Here, each council department has a committee making the decisions - made up of councilors of all parties. The numbers on each committee are set to ensure that they are in line with the proportion of councilors of each party. This ensures that the ruling party always has the ability to hold the majority on each committee. The advantage of the system is that all Councillors sit on at least one committee, all are involved in discussions, vote on decisions and all are obliged to work hard. The disadvantage is that decision making is slower.

Oxfordshire County Council is currently studying a number of Councils which have switched to the Committee System. The evidence so far is that it particularly suits a Council where there is an even balance of power between parties. Oxfordshire County Council is just one of those. A decision to change, if it happens, will be made next year.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

As you are all probably aware, whenever an application is being considered by the Vale Planning Committee, the members are always reminded that the NPPF stipulates that you have to consider each development in relation to the social, economic and environmental aspects of the area. So, for example, the economic aspect would raise such issues as whether the development would enhance the economy and bring jobs to the area; the environmental aspect would raise such issues as whether the development would fit into the boundaries of an area without too much change, or whether there are special features in the area that need to be protected such as archaeological features or certain wild life, such as bats; and the social aspect would raise such issues as whether there are suitable features in the area which could sustain a new development such as a school, a church, a shop, businesses, a bus route, a village hall, sports fields etc. A development must be sustainable and enhance an area in some way.

It was with these three strands in mind that I thought of Marcham and its new developments. Economically, there is no doubt that the village has benefitted from the S106 contributions from each development. The village hall and its sports facilities are the main beneficiaries of this money. It has also stimulated some jobs. Environmentally, the village has grown considerably with these developments, (some would say far too much) and mainly on its edges. However, care has been taken to protect any rare species of wildlife and trees, if possible; green areas have been included in all the developments; its ancient history has been protected; developments have followed the Design Guide to ensure that the new houses complement existing street scenes. Socially, the village has welcomed many new residents, some of whom are taking an active part in village life, such as by joining the school or church or village clubs, or writing for the MADNews, or helping in the Village Shop. But here is the rub! To keep a village sustainable we all have to do our part. And the village shop is struggling. Everybody loves the convenience of popping into the shop to use the Post Office or buy a packet of flour or simply to chat with friends over a cup of coffee. But it needs more helpers if it is to stay in existence. If the NPPF is working properly, then the extra housing that Marcham has generated should be encouraging more volunteers to help with the shop.

So keep your lovely village thriving by taking part. And if you feel you could spare some time, why not consider helping in the shop, for example?

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

As you pick this up I will be in the throes of radiotherapy, and the daily trips to the Churchill hospital for that treatment. This is the next step on this journey through my cancer treatment, and gives me time to reflect on this phase of my life. I am so deeply grateful for the care and skills of all who have helped me in the NHS system. My recent experiences of the NHS have been excellent, and I have only the highest admiration for everyone in the service.

My recent stay in hospital underlined a number of things for me, but especially the value and importance of two things: team work and good communications. Both of these elements were evident throughout my stay in hospital, and remain two essential building blocks in my continuing treatment and recovery. These two essentials also lie at the heart of the way my colleagues and friends in the parish are managing my enforced absence from usual life and routines here. I am deeply grateful to everyone who is helping to maintain 'business as usual' in the life of the church and parish.

The care and love I have received is deeply moving, and the prayers of so many are undoubtedly aiding me and my family on this unexpected journey. Thank you all, from my heart.

Many of you reading this will be looking forward to school holidays and a break from usual routines. The Lord Jesus encouraged His followers to take time out, and I pray that these holidays are safe and refreshing for all, and that you may experience the renewal of body, mind and spirit that such breaks can provide. Whether we are going away or staying at home, may you know the peace and constant presence of God, who holds us in the embrace of His love, and no matter how far we may travel, is there by His Spirit - ever available, always dependable, as Saviour and Friend.

With my warmest gratitude, and greetings for a wonderful summer,
Richard



Thanks to Hedley Thorne for the photo

Events in July/ August

Monday 2nd July - Men's night, 8pm at the Crown

Wednesday 4th July - Church Prayer meeting, 8pm

Friday 6th July, 9.30am - Prayer for the Persecuted Church at 11 Sweetbriar

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

Saturday 14th July, 8-9.30am - 'Lead me to the rock that is higher than I' Quiet event at White Horse Hill, Uffington (Contact Parish Office for more details)

Saturday 14th July, 8.30am - Changing Room (Women's breakfast) at the Baptist Hall

August 28 - 31, 10am - 2pm - 'This is me' Holiday Club for primary aged children.

Regular Sunday services at 10am & 6pm

Youth Drop-in from 3.30pm on Wednesdays

Wednesday mid-week communion, 10.30am in Duffield Place Lounge.

Village Cafe, Wednesdays 12pm at the Baptist Hall

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