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READ & RECYCLE!

FREE



▲ Pre-School's playdough in production see page 11



▲ Clocks go back on 28th October



▲ Stuart Mabbutt wearing MADNews logo from our sponsorship!



▲ Little Angels walking around Marcham see page 11



▲ Trish abseiled again! see page 9



Diary for October

3 Wed	Community Development Workshop, Lambourn 14.00-16.00	7	17 Wed	Arts Society Abingdon: The Golden Age of Venetian Glass, Trinity Church Hall, Abingdon, 10.30 & 14.00	17
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9 Tue	Marcham Society: Secrets of Oxford Castle, All Saints', 19.30	7	23 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00-15.30	7
10 Wed	Allotment Rent Collection, Residents' Lounge, Duffield Place, 18.30 – 19.30	7	23 Tue	National Trust: The First Modern Transport Revolution, Trinity Church Hall, Abingdon, 14.30	15
10 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 19.30	3	24 Wed	Lumberjills, Denman College	17
11 Thu	Midweek Walk: The Crown, Mill Lane, Church Enstone 12.30 lunch / 13.30 walk.	7	25 Thu	ABCD Film Society: Ska'd by Music, Abingdon, 19.45	17
11 Thu	Sunningwell and District Gardening Club, Sunningwell Village Hall, 19.30	15	27 Sat	Fauré @ Fyfield, St Nicholas Church, 14.30 and 18.30	11
11 Thu	ABCD Film Society: Repo Man, Abingdon, 19.45	17	27 Sat	Wantage and Grove Lions Bingo. Grove Village Hall, 18.45	15
14 Sun	Garford Harvest Celebration	3			

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

THINGS TO DO



Saturday 27th October 10-4pm
Civic Hall Britwell, Road Didcot
 Local food and drink producers, TV Chefs theatres, Childrens Corner, Street Food How to do demonstrations, Vintage Tea Room, Entertainment.
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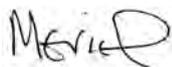


Dear Readers

So, the run up to Christmas has begun apparently, I have spotted adverts for the Abingdon Extravaganza and Didcot Christmas Street Fair already and several party menus!

I am going to enjoy these fabulous autumn colours for a while until it's time to hibernate!

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
Oxford Cambridge Expressway

The Department of Transport has been considering 3 main corridors for further investigation in order to provide a new route between Oxford and Cambridge. These were a northern option, roughly following the existing A421 to the south of Bicester and via Buckingham, a central option, broadly following the east-west rail corridor and a southern option near to Aylesbury, linking to the M1 south of Milton Keynes. An announcement has been made that the central option has been selected for further investigation. Public consultation is likely in 2019, and the Parish Council is closely monitoring what is announced, as there could well be implications for the A34 and areas close to Marcham.

Parking on Village Green

The Council has noticed that cars are still being parked on the village green, and has ordered a sign to be erected on the green to remind people that parking is not permitted. This will be erected in due course.

Commemorative Plaque and Sapling to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice of WWI

Oxfordshire County Council and the Woodland Trust have joined together to make available commemorative plaques and sapling trees for planting in the Autumn to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice of World War I. The Council has applied for a tree and plaque and will be planting this in the village in the Autumn.

Vale of White Horse District Council - Path Clearance

The District Council's street cleansing team has been cutting back overgrown edges from highway verges. This has revealed hidden tarmac paths and made parts of the village much tidier. A letter of thanks has been sent to the District Council.

Grants

The Parish Council considers any requests for grants at its November meeting. Grant requests are considered usually just once a year. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Marcham residents benefit which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant, then please use the application form available on the Council's website www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk, enclosing a copy of your organisation's accounts. The deadline for submissions is 15th October, 2018. Applications received after that date, or not on the application form will not be considered.

Trick or Treat - 31st October

It is approaching that time of year when children can be tempted into going out trick or treating. Normally it is a harmless pastime for children, but it can also be both frightening and intimidating. Much distress is caused by unexpected knocks on the door or loud noises. Some residents may welcome treat or treating, others do not. If your children do go out, please encourage them to call only on those whom they know and to respect the wishes of anyone who does not wish to participate. If you do get an unexpected caller, make sure the chain or door bar is on before you open the door. Do not let anyone in your house unless you are happy with their identity. If you need to talk to the police call 101 or dial 999 in an emergency.

Planning applications

The Parish Council has considered the following applications:
P18/V1855/HH Dropped kerb at front of 16 Fettiplace Road. The Council had no objections
P18/V2001/HH and P18/V2004/HH Incorporation of rear parking into garden at 73 and 75 Howard Cornish Road. Council had no objections providing that there were adequate dropped kerbs at the front, and rear access into Anson Close properties was not affected..

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 10th October 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

<p align="center">Garford Village Harvest Celebration Sunday 14th October 10:30am: Harvest festival service, St Luke's 2:00pm: Guided tour of Christ Church Cathedral 4:30pm: Afternoon tea, Garford Village Hall All welcome! Please contact Ben Skipp (benjamin.skipp@gmail.com) if you'd like to join the free cathedral tour.</p>

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Our AGM has agreed that these funds should go to worthy causes in Marcham. So if any organisation or group within the village would like to apply for a small amount of financial help, then please email marchamvillageshop@gmail.com or write to David Walton, c/o Marcham Village Shop, 16 North Street, Marcham, Abingdon, OX13 6NG. You should give your name, details of your organisation or group, how much you wish to apply for, what the grant would be used for, and a copy of your most recent accounts or details of your organisation's finances.

There is no deadline for applications. We will consider each request at our next Committee meeting which is held every other month.

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From 2 – 3.30pm
Tuesday 9th and Tuesday 23rd October.
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Christine Whild



Marcham WI

Date: Thursday, 18th October
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Denman College



Speaker: John Chipperfield on 'My Life as a Journalist'
For our October meeting we will be welcoming John Chipperfield as our speaker on 'My Life as a Journalist'. John spent 44 years with the Oxford Mail and Times as a journalist, so we'll look forward to hearing some of the fascinating stories he has to tell of his time working on the paper.

Our October meeting is an 'open evening', so we'd be delighted if you bring along your husbands, partners and friends to hear our speaker.

*New members and visitors
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For further information, please contact:

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Sheila Dunford (391439)
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Mark Davies

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Tuesday 9th October

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ALLOTMENT RENT COLLECTION

The Clerk will be in attendance from 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 10th October in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place for the purpose of collecting allotment rents.
Please remember to bring your rent card.

**MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK:
Thursday, October 11th.**

For this month's walk we will meet again at The Crown in Mill Lane, Church Enstone (Map Ref SP378250), OX7 4NN, just off the A44 north of Woodstock, at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for a new walk of 4½ miles on the edge of Heythrop Park. 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.



MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Six of our members went to Southmoor Village Hall on Monday 3rd September to attend the Cinema Club. The next meeting of this club is on Monday 8th October when we will be providing some transport to take members again. Our regular October meeting on Thursday 25th will be a visit from Sobell House who bring **Christmas cards, calendars and other Christmas things** for members to purchase. A small talk and quiz are also scheduled.

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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MARCHAM SOCIETY REPORT

Following the AGM on 11 September, members were treated to a presentation by Malvin Drakley entitled *Seeing Britain from the Sea*, based on a trip around the British Isles earlier this year. The voyage began at Tilbury, with the first port of call being Edinburgh. The ship then headed north via Invergordon to the Orkney and Shetland Isles. The voyage continued down the west coast to Ullapool, Tobermory and the Isle of Skye, before heading across to Belfast, then to Dublin and Cobh. They then went south to the Isles of Scilly and the Channel Islands before journey's end at Bristol.

At every stage Malvin captured wonderful shots of plants, birds and breathtaking scenery. Hopefully he may take us on another "voyage" sometime.

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Carers Oxfordshire Thame Roadshow

Supporting Carers to stay Healthy and Connected.

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This will be an opportunity for carers in Thame Oxfordshire to access support and advice from Specialist Carer Services and Community Information Network Specialists. We are also delighted to have dementia Oxfordshire outreach specialists on Thursday.

Throughout the week there will an opportunity to come and explore the wealth of experience and services available in Thame. This will be led by the Community Information Network.

This is our second Carers roadshow. Carers can come and talk to our specialist carer's team, find out how to access short term respite, get help with carer's assessments.

Our one stop shop to help carers. On Thursday we are joined by Dementia Oxfordshire and Time out for carers for any advice you may need.

"After a visit from an outreach worker from Carers Oxfordshire, I felt someone was there to help me and I don't feel so alone"

Mr R - Kidlington

Carers who feel lonely and isolated are almost twice as likely to report a worsened mental (77%) and physical (67%) health. To reduce the negative impact of loneliness, it is important to bring carers together.

"We know carers often focus all their attention on the person they care for. This roadshow can go some way to change that focus, by helping carers to think of their own needs and being able to point them in the right direction to keep them well" said Kay Francis, Head of Carers Support.

We are looking at all the ways we can support carers to stay Healthy and Connected. Building communities which support carers to look after their loved ones well, while recognising that they are individuals with health and wellbeing needs of their own.

"Less than 25% of carers in Oxfordshire are registered and receiving the services and support that they are entitled, because many carers do not identify themselves as a carer," said Tracery Desmond, Marketing and Fundraising Officer.

We are delighted to be supported by our Patron Sarah Taylor of Rycote Park Thame and Cllr Linda Emery.



The newly-formed **Kennington Memory Club** runs on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 3.30pm in Kennington Methodist Church. It will provide a safe place where people with a diagnosis of dementia can meet in a supportive environment for a range of interesting activities suited to their individual needs and preferences. There will be a choice of hot meals at a modest cost.

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On behalf of the British Heart Foundation I would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to all you wonderful and compassionate people who so generously sponsored me to abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth on August 25th. The amount raised was £17,637 (without Gift Aid) which has already been allocated for heart problems research in our local laboratories.

The day was glorious, cloudless blue sky with a warm sun. The view on the way down was magnificent across to the Isle of Wight and of

all the large ships, ferries, yachts and motor boats scurrying to and fro. I hardly noticed the 'corset-like' restriction of the safety harness as I made a reasonably fast descent to be met down below by my son and friend and enjoyed a most welcome cup of tea. Many, many, thanks for your 10th year of sponsoring me – great people in the Vale.

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It's been an amazing, busy and creative start to the year! With 17 new families to welcome over the course of 2 weeks, there have been new names, new friendships, and new activities to explore!



First job, as always, is to make a batch of playdough, using a picture recipe, the children are able to do this independently, and produced the best consistency ever! Giving the opportunity for counting, pouring, filling, stirring, reading (the pictures), science, making playdough is always a fabulous activity! Plus the skills that playdough itself allows ... pushing, pinching, rolling, squidging, squashing, manipulating, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, creativity, art, representations... the list is endless! Why not have a go yourself at home... all you need is 4 cups of flour, 1 cup of salt and 1 cup of water - mix it all together and PLAY!

If you have a toddler, a baby (or a bump!) please get in touch to register your interests. Contact us on 01865 392101 or marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk

Nicky Sanford,

Early Years Teacher, Marcham Pre-School 01865 392101
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NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS

Another busy month at Marcham Little Angels...

**Baby Room**

We have been on lots of adventures this month, going out in a beautiful village for walks, going to the park and attending toddler group! We love getting out in our big buggy and watching all the people and cars go by. We have also been very creative this month making gloopy glue pictures and feeling all the different textures. We have also welcomed lots of new babies to our little angels' family this month, it's lovely to have you here, welcome!

Pre-School Room

What a month it has been, we have been busy bees this month creating a new home corner for our pre-school children. Our little angels have been very busy in here baking us cakes and making amazing dinners using different pots, pans, wooden spoons, tins and much more. We have also been out on adventures this month, some of our little angels walked around the Anson Field collecting leaves and twigs for our playdough activity. The children then used their amazing imaginations to create different models with their playdough - we had playdough people, dogs, lions their creativity never ends!

After School Club

We welcomed back all our big angels to after school club this month and welcome to our newest and youngest members who have just started school, its great to have you with us! This term we have gone Harry Potter mad! Our big angels have all created their own Hogwarts ID badges and some have even begun to write their own Harry Potter stories. We have created our own Harry Potter houses and the children have been gaining house points throughout the month! We have also welcomed back Coach James, our weekly football coach, who plays various physical games with our big angels every Wednesday. The children were all very excited to join in. Welcome back to all our Big Angels!

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](https://www.facebook.com/littleangelsmarcham)

PTA Update

School is back, and so is the PTA. You've been warned! ☺

Sadly this year we are losing a number of long-serving members of the team, and I would like to thank them publicly for their contributions and their hard work in raising funds to support the school's education of our children. You will be missed.

At the same time we have some new faces joining us, and I would like to thank THEM for giving up their time and bringing their enthusiasm and ideas to the team.

We're all looking forward to a successful fundraising year. Already we have dates for a number of exciting events all the way round to next summer:

4 Oct: AGM – All parents welcome	9 Feb: Family Quiz
9 Nov: School Disco	22 Mar: School Disco
7 Dec: Christmas Fair	7 Jun: School Disco
18 Jan: School Disco	12 Jul: Summer Fete

We'll be giving you more details nearer the time, so keep checking school newsletters, Marcham Facebook groups and, of course, MADNews, but put the dates in your diaries now so that you don't miss out on any fun and games.

If you'd like to join our merry band, drop a line or give me a call. Or see me on the school run..

See you on the school run

Peter Kidd

PTA Chair 07708 251312 peter.kidd61@btinternet.com

AMBULANCE CADETS**COMING TO MARCHAM**

October 2018 will see the launch of a St John Ambulance Cadet Unit in

Marcham. St John Ambulance Cadets is a uniformed organisation which gives a great opportunity for young people aged 10-17 to not only develop first aid skills which can be used to provide first aid cover at local events but also to help young people develop skills in a wide range of areas (which can include sign language, photography, cookery etc.) and work towards SJA awards. Being a cadet is a big boost to anyone thinking about a career in medicine or care and your activities can be used to help you gain DofE awards - but being a cadet is great for anyone.

Parish Youth Worker, Rob Finch, will be managing the Unit. They will meet on a Tuesday at 7pm at the Baptist Hall on Packhorse Lane. If you would like to express an interest (either as a cadet or as an adult who would like to be involved in helping to make the unit happen) or if you have any questions you can contact him (rob@marchamyouth.org). You can find out more about the SJA cadet programme here www.sja.org.uk/sja/young-people/cadets/the-cadet-programme.aspx

The unit will be having 'open, trial sessions' for any young person who is interested on Tuesday 2 October and Tuesday 9 October, 7pm-8:15pm. Please contact Rob if you plan to attend so that he can make sure there are enough resources etc.

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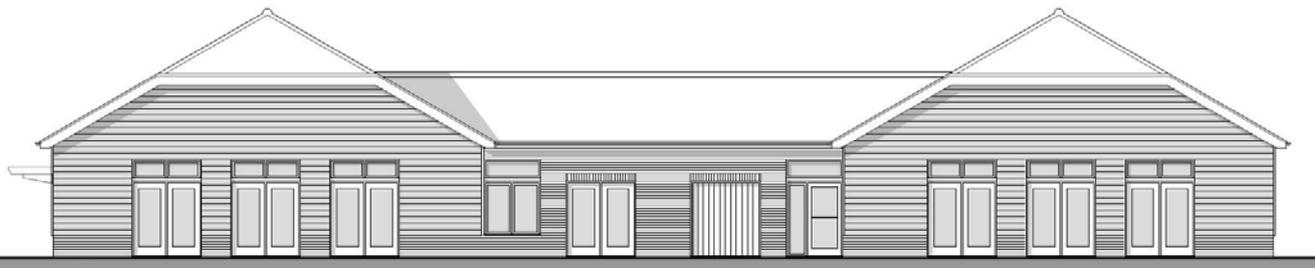
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MarchamCentre — site work in sight

We are in sight of a real start to on-site work to build new community facilities—Marcham Centre. Formal preparations for the start of the construction stage are being completed.

We are resolving matters relating to formal legal agreement details and planning and section 106 funding with the Vale of White Horse planning department, reflecting the complexity of the project. These led to extra work which caused us some delays. The latest timetable is for ground works on site to begin in November (subject to contractor arrangements) and the target completion date remains in late 2019.



MCG trustees are making good progress with lease and service agreements, external storage arrangements, fund-raising plans, hire and pricing policies, business planning including setting up a trading company to work alongside the charity, risk assessments, licences, insurance, and contracts for utilities and services, maintenance of the field and boundaries.

The three MCG committees are starting work on practical details: Hall Committee (Chair: Chris Ricketts—chris.ricketts47@btinternet.com), Field Committee (Chair: Trevor Hill—trevor3chancel@aol.com) and Finance & General Purposes Committee (Chair: Warren Brooker—WarrenBrooker@outlook.com). We have made good progress recruiting people to join these committees and we are filling the remaining seats. We are keen to involve people with a range of interests and, especially, people who have recently moved to Marcham who may have skills, experience and new ideas that we would value. Please contact Jim Asher (as below) or the relevant committee Chair to find out more.

We will hold a **Public Meeting and AGM** in **late November**, date to be finalised soon. We will present progress over the last year, details of the new building, construction plans and areas where we still need help. You will be able to ask questions and raise any concerns. There will be an election for three trustee seats—if you are interested in standing, please contact Jim Asher for information. The date of the meeting will be confirmed soon to members and will be in the November MAD News—watch out for details.

The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) continues to oversee the project, with MCG increasingly the focus for actions. We will keep people in Marcham updated regularly on progress and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this project.

Marcham Centre—site work in sight



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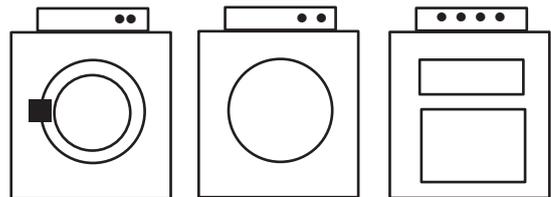
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We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school

- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements.

These volunteer positions are open to anyone in the community. You do not need to be a parent at the school. In looking to fill these vacancies we are particularly interested in applications from people who have:

- business or finance skills
- experience of charity or public sector governance
- skills, experience or interest to focus on the effective delivery of two new classrooms for the school;

although please do not be put off if you do not have these skills. What is more important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn.

What is the role of the governing body?

- Helping to set and review the school's strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement
- Holding the headteacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure public money is well spent

What does the role offer?

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If you are interested or know of somebody else who would be, then please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Hutchinson at head.3235@marcham.oxon.sch.uk, or the Chair of Governors, Rob France at MarchamChair@gmail.com for further details.

For further information please also look at the information for prospective governors on the Oxfordshire County Council website at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-governors>.

**National Trust: Abingdon & District Association
2.30pm Tuesday 23 October, Trinity Church Hall**

On **Tuesday October 23** Martin Buckland will tell us about 'The First Modern Transport Revolution - how they moved goods in the 1700s; canal boats, boatmen and boatwomen.' This talk describes the very many people who can be described as 'canal people' and includes canal builders from ancient China and Egypt, civil engineers of the Industrial Revolution and the navvies who built the canals. There are those who worked on the boats in peacetime and wartime, the people who founded the restoration movement and the very many groups involved in restoring canals in the 21st century. Canal theatre companies and some family histories are also mentioned. Martin is a local historian who has done much research on the canals. The talk takes place at 2.30pm at Trinity Church Hall, Conduit Road, Abingdon OX14 1DB and there is parking in the streets around the church. Refreshments are available from 2pm. Non-members are asked for a donation of £3 but can join on the spot and get the talk for free. For more information, contact Ruth on 01235 524119. Prior booking is not required.



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Burglaries

We have thankfully seen a decrease in domestic burglaries reported to us which is good and the Op Monitor (dedicated burglary team) are still working hard to catch offenders. If you want to report any activity that is suspicious this can be done via 101 or if you see a crime in progress call 999. We have seen non-dwelling burglaries go up slightly (sheds and garages). You can make it harder for people to get in by using a good lock and hasp, keeping the building in a good state of repair and a shed alarm can be brought online or from a hardware shop for as little as £15

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If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email AbingdonOuterNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today. This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive them.

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Thurs Oct 4 THE BIG SICK - a romcom with a difference – and nothing to do with, ahem, vomiting, just being ill. (USA, 2017, 117mins, Cert 15).

Thurs Oct 11 REPO MAN – modern classic by UK director Alex Cox set in Reagan's America, with sparkling banter and punk soundtrack. Will it still hold up? (USA 1984, 92 mins, Cert 15).

Thurs Oct 18 A FANTASTIC WOMAN (Una Mujer Fantástica) – a young man transitions into a woman, but her partner dies suddenly and she comes up against a deeply insensitive patriarchy and its traditional values. (Chile, 100 mins, 2016, Cert 15).

Thurs Oct 25 SKA'D BY THE MUSIC – excellent full-length documentary on the Ska music genre and its social context – engaging and informative. (UK 2017, 60 mins Cert E). With director Sharon Woodward present. In the King Charles Room, The Kings Head and Bell, East St Helens. Limited seating – booking recommended. Admission £7.50 (students £3.50)

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by The Arts Society Lecturer Jane Gardiner

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Members may bring along a friend for this lecturer

Non-Members welcome, £6.00 including coffee/tea. The lectures are one hour long, but leave extra time for announcements etc.

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ED VAIZEY WRITES...

Some good news over the summer for the broadband roll out in our area. The government have announced an extra £45 million investment in rural broadband. The new funding for the government's Rural Broadband Infrastructure Scheme adds to the £30 million investment announced last year, increasing the total pot of funding available to £75 million. In other broadband news, East Hagbourne have clubbed together to obtain ultrafast broadband for the village. More information in doing this in your area can be found at communityfibre.openreach.co.uk.



Oxfordshire hospitals are being given a major funding boost to improve care ahead of winter. The Oxfordshire NHS Trust has been allocated an extra £3.21 million to improve diagnostics and patient flow. This is part of £145 million of capital investment in the NHS from the Department of Health.

Two projects in Didcot have just been awarded a combined £19,331 from the National Lottery. Didcot TRAIN, where I am a patron, has been awarded £9,531. TRAIN works with young people in the area to fulfil their potential and overcome barriers that may limit their social integration. The second, SOFEA, has been awarded £9,800. It works with young people and their families to overcome a variety of issues and build confidence and skills.

Kellogg's are running the Schools Breakfast Club Awards to celebrate best practice in breakfast club provision and recognise the role played by the schools, teachers, parents and children in helping run them. If your school runs a breakfast club, they can enter at kelloggsbreakfastclubawards.co.uk.

I was very pleased this month to visit a number of excellent organisations in the constituency. Skoob Books in Didcot have an enormous second hand book collection, and supply film sets with books for background shots. Milton House Hotel has come under new ownership and are planning a range of improvements. I was also pleased to meet with the Changing Places team, who are campaigning for fully accessible disabled toilets, and Bpas in Oxford who provide specialised reproductive health services to the area..

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Expressway

The decision on the preferred option (by Highways England at least) for the proposed Oxford – Cambridge Expressway has been announced as “Route B”. All this tells us is that the road will not cut through miles of open countryside in South Oxfordshire or take a very wide northerly sweep above Oxford Airport. Otherwise, we (including OCC Highways department) are in the dark on any further detail. OCC have responded by saying that they cannot give any detailed response as to how the impact could be managed until there is more clarity on the route and the traffic data on which the decisions are based. At least HE are now aware that a very thorough and contentious consultation will have to be carried out urgently. This will, at least give us all a chance to register our feelings on the proposal.

Boundary Review

Residents of Drayton, Milton, Marcham and Shippon will be interested to know that the latest Electoral Boundary Commissions firm recommendations are that all 4 villages will be moved from their current Wantage constituency into OXWAB – the Oxford West and Abingdon constituency.

Road Diversions

The road diversion in Sutton Courtenay caused by the new pipework needed by the Warehouses and Data Centre has resulted in massive disruption and anxiety in the area. Some livelihoods threatened, HGV restrictions being broken in Appleford, inconvenience to Sutton Courtenay Primary School so recently hit by the Carillion collapse and long queues at the junction of Park Drive and Milton High St. OCC have the unenviable responsibility for trying to make the road system work when planning decisions are made. There is enormous pressure on the contractors to get the work done as soon as possible. Some of the problems are being solved – but the whole area is a traffic management nightmare. The nation, never mind Oxfordshire, depends on Milton Park continuing to thrive. District and County are going to have to restrict development more robustly in the future – at least until the Growth Deal has allowed major road improvements all around Milton Park to be made.

Outline Business Case for a Science Bridge – be careful what we wish for!

A HIF (Housing Infrastructure Bid) has been launched to help fund a Bridge and River crossing – this will be considered around March 2019. However, the current objection by OCC Highways to further development in Sutton Courtenay could be removed if/when the funding for this bridge is delivered..

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Can Marcham take any more?

At the last Parish Council meeting on the 12th September, the developer, Gladmans, gave a presentation of their application to build 120 houses on land north of Marcham, land which has already been removed from the Vale's LPP2 (Local Plan Part 2) on the grounds that it would generate an unacceptable amount of traffic in the AQMA in Packhorse Lane. Gladmans are arguing that the traffic from their 120 houses would not impact the AQMA as traffic wanting to travel west would turn up Sheepstead Road and then past The Dog House pub on Faringdon Road. Traffic wanting to travel east would exit from Howard Cornish Road onto Abingdon Road and so avoid the AQMA. However, nobody knows for sure how residents will travel from the development ...we all choose our own routes, but for sure there will be much more traffic movement through Hyde Copse (and its neighbouring development), Howard Cornish Road and North Street. Any traffic exiting onto Abingdon Road will add to the already heavily congested road, especially at peak times when traffic regularly backs up through the AQMA, pumping out their poisonous fumes when it is at a standstill. And all this is now, before any more houses have been built at Kingston Bagpuize or Dalton Barracks, houses which will have a huge impact on Marcham and its AQMA. For the sake of everybody's health in and around Marcham, not to mention those actually sitting in the traffic jams breathing in an unacceptable amount of fumes, we must not let this development happen.

At the recent examination of the LPP2, the inspector listened sympathetically when I argued against the development of 90 houses close to Packhorse Lane, suggesting that if 400 houses have been removed from the LPP2 for reasons mentioned above, then surely the same reasons can be applied to building 90 more houses in the AQMA. This inevitably raised the issue of a Marcham by-pass. Clearly, the volume of traffic along the A415 is going to explode with all the developments in and around Marcham, and the fear is that the air pollution in the AQMA will rise ... we must remember that the Vale is responsible for reducing the air pollution there - not increasing it. But a by-pass will cost millions of pounds to build. However, maybe we have come to the point of no return and that if all this development is going to happen then we must have a by-pass, but one with the condition that stipulates that it won't become the new boundary of Marcham. That is the poisonous chalice.

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Dear Friends,

As we enter the first real month of the Autumn, I find myself reflecting upon, and emerging from, my summer of hospital treatments. I almost feel 'normal' again, though energy remains in short supply. Sylvia and I have been deeply impressed by, and extremely grateful for, all in the NHS who have cared for us, and those who have held us in their thoughts and prayers through these testing months, not least everyone in my two parishes who have kept our shared life together going seamlessly through my 'time out'. THANK YOU! Incidentally, I am delighted that the Great British Bakeoff is celebrating the NHS this Autumn!

Did you know that each of us has something that doesn't belong to us?

As human beings there is something deeply spiritual and mysterious that we all have - our soul. Some of us disregard this element of life, it goes unnourished and is in danger of dying, often overlaid by the cares and attractions of the immediate, and / or the pressures of life. But this really important part of our human lives doesn't belong to us - one might say it is 'on loan'.

A long time ago, back in the days of the Old Testament, the prophet Ezekiel was in living touch with God. In chapter 18 of the book in his name, God reveals: "Behold, every soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son ..." This truth is underlined by other passages in the Bible, and is an important truth to grasp.

God, in His grace and love, longs that we be in living touch with Him throughout our lives, in a relationship of love and trust that nourishes and grows our souls. In today's language, one could say that our soul is God's satellite dish in each of us, made to tune into receiving the life that God offers us all. However, that 'receiver' is easily damaged, and the stuff in our lives that is offensive to God clouds and masks its ability to receive - and thus is in danger of malfunction, even of failing altogether, of death.

Yet, our souls can live in a glorious and free relationship with God, and it is through the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, that this new life - 'soul life' - is found. As we enter this autumn of colour and deep hues, perhaps it is time for new 'soul life' in us? Perhaps it is the time to offer back to God this precious source of our being, asking for renewal, for the fresh breath of God's Spirit to renew our living touch with our Creator, in Jesus' name?

I hope we can all enjoy a renewing Autumn !

With my warmest gratitude,

Richard

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Events in October

Monday 1st October, 8pm: Men's night at the Crown

Saturday 6th October, 8.30am: Men's breakfast at the Baptist Hall

Wednesday 10th October, 8pm: Church prayer meeting

Friday 12th October, 12.30pm: Footprints lunch at the Crown (call Rosemary on 07763330113 to book)

Sunday 14th October, 10.30am: Harvest Service at St. Luke's, Garford.

Sunday 28th October, 4pm: Service of commemoration at All Saints'



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