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## May Bank Holidays 2018 Waste Collection Change

~~Wednesday 8 May~~ Thursday 9 May  
Rubbish and Food Waste



~~Wednesday 29 May~~ Thursday 30 May  
Recycling, Garden and Food Waste



▲ Marcham WI with their "Brush Strokes" paintings see page 7

## Diary for May

2 Thu	Polling Day: Baptist Hall, Marcham 07.00-22.00	17	14 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00-15.30	7
5 Sun	Abingdon Air Show, Dalton Barracks	7	14 Tue	Marcham Society, Andy Robertson, Tales of Hanney History, All Saint's Church, 19.30	7
8 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 19.30	3	15 Wed	Marcham Annual Parish Meeting, Marcham Primary School, 19.30	7
9 Thu	Midweek Walk, The Cock Inn, Combe, 12.30 lunch / 13.30 walk	7	16 Thu	Marcham WI: Denman College, 19.30	7
9 Thu	Sunningwell Gardening Club, 19.30	11	16 Thu	Music at the Unicorn, Mark Harrison, 19.00	15
11 Sat	Compost Giveaway, Milton Park, 09.00-11.00	11	19 Sun	YoCO Buttercup Walk, Eaton near Appleton	19
11 Sat	Riding for the Disabled Plant and Craft Sale, Southmoor, 10.00-13.00	17	20 Mon	<b>Deadline for next MADNews, 17.00</b> <a href="mailto:editor@madnews.co.uk">editor@madnews.co.uk</a>	
11 Sat	Wantage and Grove Lions Plant Sale, East Hanney BL Hall, 10.00-13.30	17	28 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00-15.30	7
11 Sat	Milton Hill Bowling Club Open Day, 14.00-17.00	11			

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While reading through past copies of MADNews to find some snippets (see page 5) I came across this from May 1998:

Thoughts From the Famous:

To do all the good one can,  
To love liberty above everything,  
And, even if it be for a kingdom,  
Never to betray truth. *Beethoven*

He also said: "Only the pure of heart can make a good soup" !!

Until next time

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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**  
**Local Council Elections - 2nd May, 2019**  
**New Parish Council is formed**

The term of office for the current Parish Council is coming to an end and a new Parish Council will be formed from the 4th day after the election to serve for the next 4 years. There are 10 seats on the Council and 7 local people have been nominated to fill the seats. As the election is uncontested, no formal ballot is needed. So far those who have stood as candidates are:

Malcolm Denton  
Sandra Hill  
Michael Hoath  
Ruth Mander  
James Plumb  
Peter Steere  
David Walton

The following existing Parish Councillors: Ian Charles, Ruth Atkins and Matthew Hillis have decided not to stand as candidates for election, and they will therefore be standing down from the Council. The Council wishes to express its thanks to them all for their efforts on the Council and within the community.

**Vacancies on the Parish Council**

As only 7 parishioners were nominated for 10 seats, there are 3 seats on the Council which remain to be filled. The Parish Council can proceed to co-opt others within a statutory timescale. The Parish Council maintains the allotments, manages the cemetery jointly with the parish of Frilford, as well as undertaking certain grass cutting in the village. It has a statutory right to be notified of all planning applications in its area and its views are taken into account when the planning decision is made. The Council plays a vital part in representing the interests of the community which it serves and is an effective lobby group influencing the other decision makers. It is a particularly interesting time in the parish, given the development of the new community facilities, planning applications for more housing in Marcham, and wider issues such as the Oxford Cambridge Expressway route, along with proposed housing at the Dalton Barracks site, and at Kingston Bagpuize, all of which could potentially have an impact on our area.

Your village needs you, so if anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council to help work towards improving community well-being, then please contact the Clerk as soon as possible via the contact details which appear below, or can be found on the Council's website [www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Highways England – Notification of bridge refurbishment and resurfacing works**

Kier Highways, on behalf of Highways England, will be carrying out maintenance work at the Chieveley Interchange at the junction of the M4 and A34 over the spring and summer 2019. This is mostly overnight weekend work from Friday to Monday

and involves replacing expansion joints, concrete repairs to the bridge, resurfacing and renewing road markings. However, there are occasions when the roundabout at this junction (J13) will be completely closed. If you use this road, and think you may be affected, then please check with the Clerk for the list of spring and summer closure dates, or check on the Highways England website [highwaysengland.co.uk](http://highwaysengland.co.uk).

**North Street**

Many of you will have seen paint markings in North Street just north of The Gap at the end of March and will have been wondering what they were about. This was a topographical survey to measure and assess the area with a view to seeing whether it is possible to create a footway in the stretch where pedestrians have to walk in the road. The Parish Council has approached Mactaggart Mickel who will be building housing off Sheepstead Road, and has suggested, that should studies prove it is possible, they could perhaps assist with the construction of the path. Should anyone have any views on the creation of a path, then please let the Clerk know.

**Planning applications**

The Council has considered the following applications:

**P19/V0759/LB** Minor modification on the design of internal door for the new study at Morland House, Sheepstead Road. The Council had no objections.

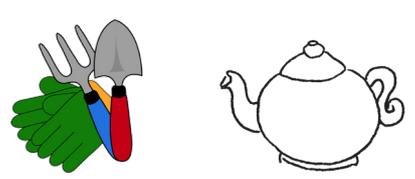
**P19/V0713/HH** Single storey rear extension at 6 Leas Lane. The Council had no objections.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 8th May 2019 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](http://www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk) in case arrangements change.

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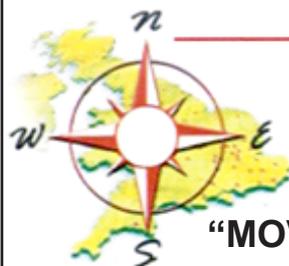
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Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for further details and car-sharing, especially if you are not on our email list as sometimes late changes have to be made. Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers.

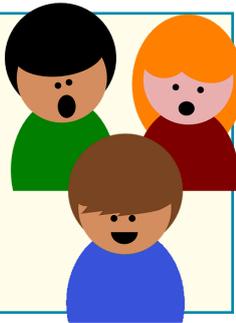
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*Christine Whild*



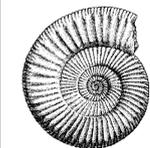
**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MARCHAM PARISH MEETING**

This year the **annual meeting** for electors will take place on **Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 p.m.** in the hall at **Marcham Primary School.**

This is the meeting, open to all registered electors of Marcham, where you can raise issues about the village or wider parish, and discuss any local topics. The guest speaker will be Mr Christopher Brotherton from Thomas Homes who will give an update on the construction of the new community facilities.

Light refreshments will be served.

**You are invited to take part**



*The Marcham Society*

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

**Tales of Hanney History**

*Andy Robertson*

Andy Robertson of the Hanney History Group will be entertaining us with stories from the two villages - not least the traditional rivalry between East and West. Was the annual tug-of-war fixed and when did the battle of the church stones take place? Maybe we'll find out on the night.

*All Saints' Church, Marcham*

*7.30 pm Tuesday 14th May*

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**Marcham WI**

**Date:** Thursday, 16th May  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Denman College  
**Topic:** Phil Sutton - Dogs for Good



In May our speaker will be Phil Sutton on 'Dogs for Good', exploring ways dogs can help people overcome specific challenges and enrich and improve lives and communities. This will be a very interesting and informative talk and we very much look forward to seeing you at the meeting. As this is also our resolutions evening do join us to find out more.

At our previous meeting we were taught, step by step, how to paint a picture. We all had the same subject but had free choice over the colour palette. A lot of fun was had and 24 lovely works of art are now decorating various homes to remind us of another great evening with our WI friends.

*New members and visitors are always welcome*

*For further information, please contact:*

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## NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS

*What we have been up to this month*

**Baby Room** The babies have been very active this month in getting out and about in the local environment. Have you see them walking around the village in their pushchairs? They have been spotting the diggers and looking at the flowers blooming around Marcham. The babies have been regularly attending Toddler Group at Marcham Parish Church. It has been lovely to see the babies interacting with other children of their age range in the community. Since the weather has broken the babies have enjoyed a few trips to the local park in the sun, playing on the swings and down the slide! Our baby room have also enjoyed lots of Easter fun this month with Easter egg sensory trays emptying and filling the eggs as well as creating egg collages by feeling lots of different types of materials and spreading the sticky glue with their hands. It got very messy but we had lots of sensory fun!

**Preschool Room** We have been very engrossed in everything spring this month. The children have been busy planting their very own seeds and given the responsibility to water them every day. They have been watching them sprout and grow over the last month. We have been holding our own science experiment with flowers, placing some flowers in different coloured food colouring and the children have observed how the petals changed colours. We continued their learning by going for a walk around the village spotting all the daffodils in bloom. We learnt all about the different named parts of the flowers and how they grow. We always follow the children's lead at Little Angels; the children were so excited and engaged we brought some of our own flowers in and the children began to make observational paintings and drawings of the flowers some of our older children began to practise their emerging writing and began to sound out some of the initial sounds they could hear in the flowers' named parts! Our children have been getting very excited about Easter; the Easter bunny even paid a visit to little angels and they went on an Easter egg hunt all around the little angels setting.

**After School Club** Our big angels have been badminton crazy this month and we have begun 'Badminton Mondays', a session which the children planned and created. They are now running their own badminton sessions with the younger members of our After School Club family. Our big angels have also been very creative this month and written their very own plays and drama performances. They have written the scripts created costumes and then put on a show for their peers. The Easter bunny also managed to visit our after-school club, the big angels enjoyed an Easter egg hunt around the school field. We hope all our big angels enjoyed their Easter break and come back to school feeling ready and fresh for another term of fun!

**Exciting News** We are delighted to announce we have come Top 5 in Europe for Community Impact at The Business Excellence Awards in Telford in April 2019 for the second year in a row! It is so lovely to be recognized for all the hard work we do and see the impact we have on the community.

We also attended the FSB awards in April where we were a finalist for 'Small Family business' ad the Small Business Awards. It was lovely to sit back and relax for the evening and look back over the amazing achievements we have had over the last year and the exciting future to come!!



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

## MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

It's been a beautiful month... among other things, we've been preparing Easter decorations with some 'transient' art, and colourful stones.... many of our creative activities focus on the process of making, rather than an end product, and it was amazing to watch different children approaching this task in different ways.... some filled their egg shape, some followed the outline, some arranged their stones in a pattern both inside and out.... we took photographs of their art once each child felt that they had 'finished' but the beauty of being transient is that their art could change and be moved! So for some children, they were never finished and shared their creativity in many ways through the one activity.

To celebrate new things and growth, we've also been exploring and planting a variety of seeds... however (in true early years fashion) we followed the children's interests and explored the minibeasts we found living in the old bag of compost! There was a HUGE spider which caused much excitement, as well as big worms and little worms, ants, green cellar slugs (identified via google!), woodlice and snails... these turned out to be far more interesting than a packet of seeds.... let's hope our new 'friends' don't eat all our plants!

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**Nicky Sanford,**

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On behalf of **Marcham Colts Football Club**, we would like to say a huge Thank You to **Richard Whittaker and Rachel Chapman** for their dedication and commitment to the Colts Team over the past years and wish them well as they step down from the football club.

Marcham Colts are looking for players to join their U13's team next season (Children in Yr8 from September). If anyone is interested in joining the club, please contact Hayley Cousins (Treasurer) on 07748120601 or [hayleycousins38@hotmail.com](mailto:hayleycousins38@hotmail.com).

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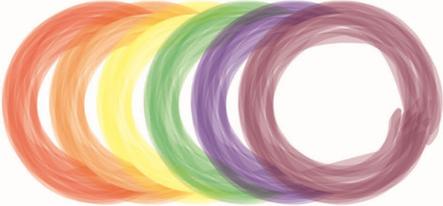
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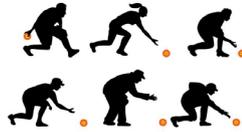
 

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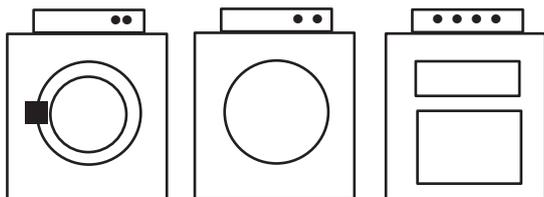


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The concrete base for the nursery has been completed and the site roadways have been built up. Tarmac was laid in early April and building structures will start to appear. We look forward to exciting times ahead. As we finalise our budget and business plan, we need to allow for all local groups who may wish to use the new facilities. Many have confirmed already. If your group expects to book facilities, please let us know as soon as possible what days(s)/time(s) you would ideally like, the size of facility (e.g. large hall, small hall, meeting room, MUGA), type of activity and any storage requirements (storage space will be strictly limited). This will allow us to fit requests into a regular timetable and help to identify any conflicts at an early stage. Please email your requests to [chris.ricketts47@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.ricketts47@btinternet.com) or [jim.asher@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.asher@btinternet.com).

We will continue to keep you updated here. We also have updates and photos on our MarchamCentre Facebook page [www.facebook.com/marchamcentre/](http://www.facebook.com/marchamcentre/) or [@marchamcentre](https://www.instagram.com/marchamcentre) and on our MCG website, [www.marchamcentre.org](http://www.marchamcentre.org). We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

As this project gathers more momentum, you can help by becoming a member of MCG (£5 per adult or £8 per family) and/or by making a donation—please call or email for details, scan the QR code opposite or go to [marcham.org/join](http://marcham.org/join). As a member, you have a vote in the election of trustees as well as providing financial support. Renewals are now due (from 1st April) - we appeal to all existing members to re-join as soon as possible to re-affirm your commitment to the project. Your support and help really is important now as we need to raise funds to fit out the new building early next year.



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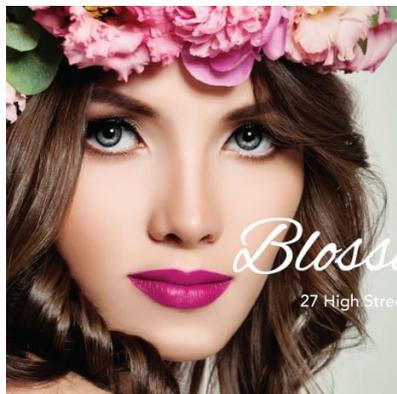
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Congratulations to **Fran Simmons**, seen here (on the right) at the ceremony for the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire's community awards. People whose work as unsung heroes in many different ways were nominated and received a plaque. The last award was awarded jointly to the County Youth Music Service, who enabled 350 "disabled youth musicians" to perform with them at the Albert Hall.

Fran was nominated for services to the Oxfordshire Deaf Children's Society. Fran has also contributed to youth work in the village, starting with singing for toddlers in 1981.

### Sunflower Extravaganza Alert!

As part of the exciting plans for the Great Marcham and District Weekend in late September, there will be a Sunflower-growing Extravaganza in which all Marcham, Garford and Frilford residents are invited to participate.

In the next few weeks, all houses in Marcham, Garford and Frilford will receive some free sunflower seeds with instructions about how to grow them outside. Then, later in the summer, you will be able (for a small fee) to enter your prize blooms in a competition for the most amazing sunflowers: tallest, biggest, heaviest, most seeds, etc.

There will also be sunflowers planted at a number of locations around our area.

Sunflowers are an important agricultural crop in Moldova, the country where the Marcham Moldova Lifeline has initiated small development and support projects for the last 10 years. Because they have such cheerful flowers, the Marcham Moldova Lifeline has taken the sunflower as a positive symbol on its logo of the encouraging work we have been able to do with our local partners in that very poor country: water supply and seed for two drought-afflicted villages; improved equipment and teaching training in 4 remote village schools; communication training for the deaf community; house repairs; supply of winter food and fuel for elderly and disabled individuals – all with the generous support of people in the Marcham area.

To celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marcham Moldova Lifeline, a modest proportion of the proceeds from the Great Marcham and District Weekend in September will go to our next projects in Moldova.

A sunflower celebration seemed an appropriate idea for the overall festivities. The sunflower seed has been generously donated, so there will be no overhead costs. The greater part of the weekend's proceeds will go towards Marcham's new village facilities.

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**ED VAIZEY WRITES...**

Some very good news – the Government have announced a £218million investment in roads and bridges for southern Oxfordshire. This is not only great news for South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse but for the whole of Oxfordshire. This is a great example of how councils working together with MPs, local businesses, community groups and residents can submit a significant bid to the Government resulting in success.



A number of constituents have contacted me with their concerns about the proposed change in Scanning services available at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford: the service was previously provided by Oxford University Hospital Trust but it was recently announced that NHS England had accepted a tender from a private provider InHealth to run the services. Whilst in principle I do not oppose competitive tendering for medical services I am concerned about the handling of this tender process by NHS England. I wrote to NHS England to ask for an explanation and I am pleased the decision is now under review. No changes will be made to the current PET-CT service at the Churchill while this process is ongoing.

In Parliament Brexit continues to be the issue that dominates both the headlines and Parliamentary time. As I write this column some weeks in advance of its publication it is difficult to predict where we will be when you read this. I will continue to support the Prime Minister's efforts to secure a workable withdrawal agreement and, if need be, vote to increase Parliamentary control of the process to avoid a no deal exit. I provide regular Brexit updates via email so please do contact my office if you would like to be added to that list.

In the constituency I have enjoyed visiting the Didcot Railway Centre for the unveiling of their new train (by none other than Prue Leith), Wallingford Museum, and the reopening of the recently renovated The Extraordinary Hare Pub in West Hendred. I have also met with GPs in Didcot, taken a walking tour along the A420 to see first-hand residents' concerns, and been campaigning alongside local colleagues for the Council elections.

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Due to local elections, Richard and Catherine Webber are now in *purdah* due to the forthcoming elections, and so there will be no contributions from them this month.

**Local Elections Thursday 2nd May 2019**

Due to the building work on Anson Field, the polling station this year will be The Baptist Hall. Parking is limited at the hall, so please walk if possible and leave the parking space for those who can't walk or have to come from outside Marcham.



A map of the footpaths around the hall is available on the MADNews website - [www.madnews.co.uk](http://www.madnews.co.uk)

**Embedded Memories**

At this time of year, now Spring is well and truly underway, I'm often asked to write and talk about how to recognize differing birds' songs.

No beating getting out there and practising bird recognition by connecting the birds seen with the songs heard. That said, just getting out there and enjoying birdsong, and not worrying about which species we are watching or listening to is enough in itself.

For those who want to know which birds are singing, a tip for this is to try and align the sounds of the songs to personal memories. This embeds the sounds better.

**Great Tit:** These sound like a squeaky wheelbarrow's wheels.

**Wren:** Sounds like tiny machine guns.

**Blackcap:** Are like a set of Newton's Balls on a coffee table clicking away.

**Jay:** Reminds me of a rusty nail being dragged over a metal cheese grater.

**Song Thrush:** Sings a selection of notes 3 times, then sings another selection 3 times, so on and so on.

**Grasshopper Warbler:** Sounds like a fishing line spinning away.

**Chiffchaff:** Makes just that sound, often with an extra note dropped in there.

**Yellowhammer:** Often sounds like they are saying "Little bit of bread and no cheeeeese pleaaaaase".

**Wood Pigeon:** Can be heard calling as though they are saying "Get off my toe Betty".

**Happy Gardening!**  
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Wantage & Grove Lions are holding their annual grand plant sale plus second hand garden pots & other garden bits & pieces on **Saturday May 11th 10am till 1.30pm** East Hanney British Legion hall.  
*hope to see you there*



**Riding for the Disabled Plant and Craft Sale**  
**Saturday 11 May 2019 10am-1pm**

We will be holding a Plant Sale at Lower Lodge Riding Centre, Charney Road, Southmoor OX13 5HW. Refreshments will be available.

We welcome donations of plants for the sale. Either bring them along on the day or get in touch with the organiser Thank you in advance for your support for this fundraising event.

If you have any questions please get in touch with Sarah Wilkinson at [sarahwilkinson123@gmail.com](mailto:sarahwilkinson123@gmail.com)



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**Neighbourhood Team Newsletter for Marcham from Rich Osborn**

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**Priority 1 – Burglary**

Overnight on the 8th-9th April, five sheds were broken into down Sugworth Lane in Radley and several thousand pounds of tools were stolen. It is believed that offenders entered via a field at the rear of the gardens.

Thieves identify sheds and garages as easy pickings because they are usually fairly unprotected and lack basic security measures. The buildings often contain property that can be sold on or implements that can be used to force entry into the owner's home. Many people fall short on basic security of their sheds and garages. No thief wants to hang about longer than they have to so delay the time it will take them to get their hands on your tools! Please keep your sheds in good condition and make sure they are secure. Buy a shed alarm and security mark all your tools to make them less desirable and increase the chance of them getting back to you if recovered.

The neighbourhood team will be visiting all the residents of Sugworth Lane on the 27th-28th April to give crime reduction advice and discuss security marking.

**Burglary crime reduction advice**

Being burgled is a traumatic experience. It's not just the financial cost of replacing stolen items, but also the emotional impact of feeling violated after a burglar has been in your home.

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim by looking at your home security through the eyes of a burglar. Think about how you would break in if you locked yourself out. You may be surprised at how easy it would be.

To get started, simply download your **FREE Home Security Guide** from the Thames Valley Police website here: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide/>

Below are some quick practical steps that you can take right now to make your home more secure:

- Ensure doors and windows are locked, even if you are just out in the garden.
- Store house, window and car keys out of reach of windows and your letterbox.
- Hide valuables so they can't be seen from outside.
- Mark your valuables with a UV pen or forensic marking kit as this will make it harder for thieves to sell the items.
- Register valuables for free on the national property register at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) and bicycles at [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com).
- Trim back hedges and shrubs at the front of your property so that burglars have nowhere to hide.
- Always lock sheds and garages to prevent access to tools that could be used to break into your home.
- Plant thorny bushes around the perimeter of your garden to deter thieves from climbing in.
- Gravel can be laid on driveways, paths and beneath ground floor windows which will make a noise when stood on.

By working together we can build community resilience to deter burglars from targeting homes within the area.

**Priority 2 – Violence**

- David Evans, aged 50, of Turbeville Close, Abingdon was convicted of one count of Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH) with intent at Oxford Crown Court on Friday 5th April. He was found guilty by a majority verdict after a five day trial. It relates to an incident on 1st October 2018 in Bath Street when Evans assaulted the victim, a 58 year old man leaving him with multiple fractures to his skull, facial area and a serious brain injury. He remains in hospital. Evans will be sentenced at Crown Court on 25th April.
- Bernard Cowley, aged 37 of Tyrrells Way, Sutton Courtney, Abingdon, pleaded guilty to three counts of Actual Bodily Harm (ABH) at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday (26/2) and was sentenced at the same hearing. Cowley was sentenced to four years and three months' imprisonment. He was arrested on 11 November 2018 and charged on 22 November 2018. It is in connection with three incidents against the same victim on 4 November 2017, 3 November 2018 and 10 May 2018. The victim, a woman in her thirties, was assaulted on three

occasions at a property in Tyrrells Way.

**Priority 3 – Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

Over the last month there has been an increase in reports of drug usage and ASB in the vicinity of Albert Park. The team have increased their patrols in the area and subsequently several good stop checks have been carried out by the PCSOs. During the evening of Tuesday 5th March three people were stop checked, subsequently they were all searched including the vehicle they were in on suspicion of possessing drugs. On Tuesday 26th March another male was stopped and searched in the same vicinity. If you have any information which could assist the team in tackling drug supply and usage, then please do contact the team (details at the end of the newsletter) or alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

We have also had a recent report of ASB in the Abbey Meadows play area. This appears relatively low level at this time, and involves younger teenagers riding bikes in the play area where young children are playing. The team are patrolling the area in the afternoons and early evenings to deter the behaviour and engage with the young people.

**Offenders brought to justice**

- A 26 year old man from Abingdon was arrested for being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs. He has been released under investigation.
- On 30th March, Keane Neal, aged 20 from Landseer Walk and Dion Lewis aged 19 of Grebe Close were arrested for a number offences related to vehicle crime and charged on 31st March. They both appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on 1st April. Lewis was remanded in custody and Neal was bailed. They will appear at Oxford Crown Court on 3rd May 2019.

**Community engagement**

- PCSO Blood and PC Barraclough attended the 'Child Contact Centre' and gave a presentation on 'Drug Awareness' to all the volunteers.
- PCSO Blood, PCSO Bauer and PC Barraclough attended Abingdon School Careers Convention. They were joined by Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) Ross who was there to promote 'Women in Policing'
- PCSO Blood and PCSO Haynes attended the 'Passion Play' which took place in the Abbey Gardens on Saturday 6th April.
- PCSO Blood and PC Bryant security marked bikes at 'The Abingdon Cycle Festival' in the Market Place, Abingdon.
- On Friday 22nd PCSO Miles Miller gave a lesson to Public Services students at Abingdon and Witney College around command structures and how the emergency services work together at major incidents. This was followed up with a station visit by the students on Friday 29th March, where they were shown the police station.
- PCSO Selene Moquet gave a presentation at St Edmunds primary school about acceptable communication.
- PCSO Sue Haynes and PC Keith Morton visited Sutton Courtenay Primary School to talk about what the police do. They even got to have a school dinner and go out with them for their lunchbreak in the playground!
- PCSOs Lewis Quarterman and Clare Atkins will be visiting Cygnet Court to talk about personal safety to the elderly residents.

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Dear Friends,

After so many years and months of planning and negotiation it is so encouraging to see how the new community hall facilities are making progress! This month should see the actual structure taking shape, and this is an encouragement for us, as a community, to pull together to make it happen well.

This also prompts my thoughts to towards the special weekend at the end of September, when we shall be celebrating harvest, enjoying a great variety of events in the community to raise funds for the furnishing of the new hall facilities, and also celebrating the 10 year Marcham Moldova Lifeline connection with friends from Moldova at a special dinner in All Saints'. More about these events will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

Having things to look forward to is often an encouragement to keep going in the present, not least when life is tough. I find that the month of May, with often warmer weather and nature blossoming all around us, really lifts my soul. The month closes with an important Christian celebration, which can be overlooked in the busyness of life and longer daylight hours, namely Ascension Day [Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May].

This remarkable event in the life of our Saviour Jesus, crowns the weeks of celebration of Easter. Jesus promised that He would return to His Father in heaven [John 16], and that when He did so, He would send the Holy Spirit to be permanently with His disciples – His living presence to be with them always, guiding, enabling, coaching them along the path of continuing discipleship and witness. Ascension Day celebrates Jesus' return home, and is recorded for us right at the beginning of the book of Acts in the New Testament. We shall be celebrating Ascension Day in All Saints' with an evening service at 7.30pm.

I hope you will be able to enjoy this glorious month, with much to look forward to in both the wider community and in the church community.

With my warmest greetings,

Richard

Revd Canon Richard Zair, Vicar

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