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READ & RECYCLE!

FREE



▲ Little Angels meeting Alison McQuillan and Loz! page 9

▲ Putting up signs to the new Jubilee paths page 19



▲ Jane Belcher of Parkside won a Gold at Chelsea Flower Show this year (AGAIN!) and is over the moon. Her title was 'Silhouette', an exhibit to be suspended within a frame, width 120cm, depth 61 cm and height 230cm. Her idea was to recreate a sunset silhouette with trees within a 3-dimensional frame.

*Congratulations!*



▲ MADNews birthday party guests page 5

**August Bank Holidays Waste Collection Change**  
~~Wednesday 28 Aug~~ **Thursday 29 Aug**  
**Rubbish and Food Waste**



## Diary for July / August

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6 Sat	Glass Casting Workshop, Marcham, 10.00-16.00	2
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20 Sat	Glass Casting Workshop, Marcham, 10.00-16.00	2
23 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00-15.30	7
27 Sat	Family Fun Day, Dalton Barracks, 11.00-16.00	2
<b>August</b>		
3 Sat	Music in the Vale: To Lands Beyond Time, All Saints' Church, Goosey, 18.00	2
8 Thur	Midweek Walk: The Fox Inn, Middle Barton 12.30 lunch / 13.30 walk	7
10 Sat	Fun Dog Show, Dry Sandford, 12 noon	2
20 Tue	<b>Deadline for next MADNews, 17.00</b> <a href="mailto:editor@madnews.co.uk">editor@madnews.co.uk</a>	
26 Mon	Marcham Village Shop & Post Office closed	5
27-30	Holiday Club, Heroes Assemble, 10.00-14.00	9

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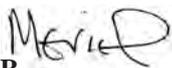
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Dear Readers

Phew! We celebrated in style at Denman College on 23rd June for the 40th birthday and a huge thank you to everyone who came and who had contributed to MADNews' 40 year history.

There is a complete archive of all the issues, and if anyone fancies a job of digitising them all, just let me know!

Have a great summer –  
we'll be back in September



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**New Parish Councillor**

The Parish Council, at its June meeting, was very pleased to welcome to the Council, Tetyana Rosenfeld as a new Member. She has lived in Abingdon for many years, but moved to a new house on the southern side of the village last year. She is passionate about the historical and environmental preservation of the local area. There are still some vacancies on the Council following the elections, so if anyone is interested in joining please contact the Clerk for further information and come and help shape the future of the area in which you live.

**War Memorial - Grant**

The Parish Council has now been awarded a grant from the War Memorial Trust towards the costs of conservation work at the war memorial. A local stone mason has been instructed to clean and repair the war memorial, and the work, which is very time consuming, should be carried out over the summer when the better weather is here. Oxfordshire County Council – sensitive street consultation

The County Council has a duty to co-ordinate road works across the county, and as part of that can designate streets as “traffic sensitive”, in order to better control the flow of traffic, and managing when works happens. The A415 and A338 are already listed, but new proposed additions have been identified by the County Council. These include North Street, the Faringdon Road leading through Gozzards Ford, Blackhorse Lane, and Cothill Roads. The Parish Council has asked for Howard Cornish Road to be included too.

**New Play Facilities**

Earlier this year, the Council set up a working party to look into play provision within the parish, to assess the open spaces and to see what might be needed by way of play equipment. Owing to the Summer holidays, the group has decided to hold its first meeting in September to begin thinking about this project. The working party, whilst including members of the Council may also include members of the public and/or stakeholders who have a particular link to or an interest in play provision. The Council has had some expressions of interest, but if you are interested in joining the group, and have not already contacted the clerk, or if you would like further information then please email or telephone the Clerk whose details are shown below.

**Highways – Dumping of grass cuttings**

The Parish Council has received reports of residents, after cutting their grass and trimming shrubs, dumping the clippings on the verges and in privately owned open areas. Please would residents keep the village tidy for the benefit of all, and dispose of grass cuttings either in the brown garden waste bin available from the Vale of White Horse District Council, or by taking them to the Drayton recycling centre.

**Planning applications**

The Parish Council has considered the following applications:

**P19/V1168/HH** Single storey rear conservatory at 8 Leas Lane. The Council had no objections.

**P19/V1305/DIS** Discharge of conditions for the Kings Field phase II development of 47 dwellings off Sheepstead Road. The Council, whilst not usually a formal consultee on applications for discharge of conditions, did resolve to comment on the proposed paths on the Eastern side of this development, as the drawings showed that they either linked with non-existent paths, or non-permanent paths.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 10th July 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.

**Clerk to the Council:** Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833 [clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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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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The changing face of MADNews from 1979 to the current issue....



▲ Three MADNews Editors: Martin Thorne, Jonathan Page, Meriel Lewis



▲ 41 volumes of MADNews laid out for inspection

**Did you know...**

There is a complete archive of all the copies of MADNews from January 1979 to the present which you can inspect? Actually I think there are quite a lot of complete sets around the village in various attics, garages and under beds! It is thanks to some of these custodians that we managed to complete the binding in time for the 40th birthday party!

In September 1979, just 9 months after it had started, MADNews was in the red! But luckily by the following month enough donations had been made to keep it going and a list was printed in December thanking those who had contributed: (some names are still well known to us!)

Mrs C Whild, Mr M Ballard, Mr R McKay, Mr Deverson, Mrs C Sewell, Mrs E Mott, Mrs D Mazey, Mrs S Brewer, Mr J McDonald, Mrs Palmer, Mr E Foster, Mr R Maton and many anonymous donations. The Ex-Servicemen's Club and PCC gave £30 each and the Boy's Football Team stumped up a fiver!

A good job too, as in February 1980 the duplicator needed repairs costing **£14.64!**

▼ **School fete advert and report from 1986**

**FUN IN MARCHAM**

Marcham School had a fete on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. This year they had an Austin Rover exhibition and an inflatable mattress that raised over £40, Class 3 did county dancing. The dances were Ribbon dance, Lucky Seven, Nine pins and Flying-Scotsman. Mrs Page, Class 3's teacher, was very happy with their performance. Katie Armitage and Toni Hopgood did face painting and raised over £5. They had 18 designs. There was a cake decorating competition [won by Mrs Dore] and a garden-on-a-plate competition: winners 5-7 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Dore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Reed. 8-11 years – 1<sup>st</sup> Nicola Kelsh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Buddle. The winners of the egg-throwing competition were Kevin Buddle and Darren Butterworth. At the end of the day the school had raised £420.



Anthony Armitage (aged 9).

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**MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB NEWS**

Despite the weather, all matches have been played and completed. The first team have had a mixed month with two wins and two defeats, whilst the seconds have struggled with runs losing all three of their games. The details are:



**First team**

25 May – This was the start of things to come, with five of our top six batsmen being 15 years of age and under. A win at Broughton and North Newington was instrumented by an excellent 79 not out from young Oliver Deans. Broughton set a target of 151, having at one time being 85 for 8. Vice captain Mike Palmer took 4 wickets for 25 runs, whilst young Ethan Davie took 3 wickets with his spin for 37 runs. Neil Patel scored 32 in partnership with Deans, seeing us home with the loss of 6 wickets.

1 June – A second win on the trot as we defeated Radley at our `home venue` of Clifton Hampden. Setting a target of 187 all out, we defeated Radley by 27 runs. Ethan Davie scored a steady 44 along with 13 year old Kalan Niyarepola's contribution of 37. Young Ollie Armstrong opened the bowling, taking 4 wickets for 31 runs, including a triple wicket maiden. Three wickets in an over, without a run being scored! A feat which the likes of Ian Botham; Fred Trueman; and Freddie Flintoff probably never achieved! Any statisticians out there that can remember these names, may put the author right or otherwise! It was an `Armstrong day`, as dad Stuart also took 3 wickets for 21 runs.

8 June – A close game at bottom club Dorchester saw us lose an exciting game by one wicket. A low scoring game saw us set 102 as a total, with Stuart Armstrong scoring 35 not out. Oliver Deans opened the bowling taking four wickets for 31 runs, including a hat-trick (three wickets in three consecutive balls). Stuart Armstrong's `googlies` and other `spinning stuff`, with 3 wickets for 15 runs almost grasped an unlikely win, but the hosts scored 105 for 9, winning a close, but enjoyable game.

15 June – A wet day, and therefore damp wicket at Clifton, saw us bowled out cheaply by leaders Hook Norton for 73 runs. They recorded their seventh consecutive league win, scoring the runs required for the loss of just two wickets.

**Second Team**

25 May – A close game at our `home` venue of Freeland against Harwell Interanational saw us lose a game that afterwards in the pub we felt we should have won! Steve Hill top scored with 41, as we totalled a below par 135 for 7. Early wickets, especially by Andy Chalmers, who took 4 for 27, promised much, but unfortunately the visitors had a `hitter` who sent us to `The Yeoman` for a `drowning our sorrows` drink, rather than a celebratory one! Young Arthur Warwick made a very promising debut, including a glorious straight drive for 4 runs and covering fielders that are at least four times his age!

1 June – Another disappointing result, batting first, scoring just 92 against Wootton and Boars Hill. Richard Wightman, playing his first game for two years, top scored, batting low in the order, with 34 not out. Five `ducks` were recorded, and not a wet day! Wootton scored the required runs for the loss of just three wickets.

15 June – When we thought it could not get any worse, we were defeated by bottom of the table Bampton. A total of 55 was never going to win a game of cricket, though Adam Grady took three quick wickets, meaning Bampton did lose five wickets before scoring the required 56 runs.

Please contact Trevor Hill at [trevor3chancel@aol.com](mailto:trevor3chancel@aol.com) if you are interested in playing or to know more about the club. We are a friendly bunch, as I'm sure any new recruit would confirm. *We look forward to meeting any of you who may be interested in playing in our two Saturday teams.*

**MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALKS:**

**Thursday, July 4th** For this month's walk we will be eating at Sturdy's Castle by the A4260 Banbury Road, north of Kidlington (SP 463193, OX5 3EP) at 12.30pm for lunch. However, we will be starting our walk of just over 4½ miles at 13.30 about 2 miles NE at The Green (SP477203) in Tackley. This fairly level walk will take in a lovely stretch of the Oxford Canal and the Cherwell as far as Pigeon Lock.



**Thursday August 8th** For our second summer Cotswold walk we will eat at The Fox Inn, 27 Enstone Rd, Middle Barton (Map Ref SP433257, OX7 7BL) on the B4030 at 12.30 for lunch. Starting at 13.30, we will be following the River Dorn to Steeple Barton and past the grounds of Barton Abbey. No hills this time, but a little over 4 miles.

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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**Marcham WI**

**Date:** Thursday, 18th July  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Carole's garden  
**Topic:** Garden Party  
 with an International Flavour



The meeting on 18th July is our Annual Garden Party, to be held in Carole's garden. This year we are having an "International" theme. Please bring a plate of food to share - perhaps something international, and wear an international item of clothing or hat, if you would like to. Bring along that funny, silly or downright ugly souvenir for ACWW pennies.

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*New members and visitors are always welcome*

*For further information, please contact:*

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**MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB**

The Marcham Senior Citizens Club, due to lack of members and personal circumstances, was closed on 30 November 2018. Despite considerable effort by the committee, no increased interest was forthcoming within Marcham village.

A preliminary closing meeting was held on 31 January 2019 to discuss the disposal of Club assets. At this meeting it was decided, as a token of appreciation for their support over many years, to give donations to Age UK and Sobell House.

This meeting then decided that the residue of monies should be held in the bank for a period of 12 months (until 31 January 2020), to enable the rejuvenation of the Senior Citizens Club by any interested villagers.

**IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS CLOSURE AND HAVE A KEEN INTEREST IN RESURRECTING A SENIORS CLUB IN MARCHAM PLEASE CONTACT**

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**MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

This month marked our annual sponsored walk... or Teddy Toddle! 25 families from pre-school set out on the street of Marcham to walk, with their teddies, looking out for famous teddies from TV, film and books! We had a fantastic time and finished back at the school for refreshments, activities and crafts. This month has also marked the arrival of our fungus - in competition with 3 classes within the Primary school, we have been running a Fungus Lab and watching the progress of mycelia as it transformed into mushrooms... what a sight! We're all set to say goodbye to our wonderful 'experts' and support the 'investigators' and new families into the onward transition at pre-school. It promises to be a very busy and emotional month! More news of this next time ☺



If you would like to find out more about pre-school, please do get it touch at [marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk) or ring 01865 392101

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**PTA Round-up**

Just two weeks until THE event of the summer!!!

The Marcham School Fete takes place on Friday 12 July. Come along to enjoy all the usual fun and games, as well as some new attractions to test your skill and luck.

Once again, we offer a **BIG** 'Thank You' to Breckon & Breckon estate agents for sponsoring the fete again this year. Their continued support is a great boost to the PTA's funds each year, so come along and test your aim on their coconut shy.

It's a guaranteed fun-packed evening for all the family. Fingers crossed for great weather to match the great fun out on the school field. Gates open at 6pm – see you there!!

**Peter Kidd, PTA Chair**

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**Baby Room** We have been busy recognising that we can make marks- leaving our impression on the world!

There has been mark-making with the usual crayons, chalk and paint but we have also been creative with paint in bags, sand, playdough, oats, water, cereals, using sticks, sensory bags ... we could go on as there are so many ways to support the very early stages of writing.

Everyone has really been curious about our stainless steel sensory items- it is really important for us to use our sense to learn and explore different ways to manipulate everyday objects. The open ended heuristic play is essential in allowing us to develop concepts about what you can and can't do with items. Not even mentioning the new words we associate with the actions we make.

**Pre-School Room** Have you tried to place coloured spaghetti into small holes in plate pots?? It's a tricky one but with our continuous efforts and challenging ourselves, we managed to improve our fine motor skills and push the spaghetti through! We even took it that one bit further by having our own worm garden – we explored what worms need to survive (using our amazing ideas and IT skills) then created a special home for them. It was amazing to see them 'wiggle' and 'squirm' through the mud- as a group we were able to explore lots of new words. Our teachers also showed us how maths is also all around us by comparing lengths of the worms and counting the number of them! Who knew maths could be so much fun!

**After School Club** We were privileged at After School Club to be joined by Alison McQuillan the author of *Loz: The Worry Eating Monster*. Alison shared with us her new book about Loz who ate all your worries away when you talked to him. Like Alison, we believe strongly in providing children with the skill sets to deal with the anxiety and concerns in their daily life. Each of the children was thrilled to receive their very own signed picture of Loz to take home and share any worries they may have.

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*The draft timetable is*

**All weekend**

Pub Games : Art Exhibition : Church Tower visits

**Friday Night: Quiz**

**Saturday:**

- Archeology Exhibition
- Car Show
- Teddy Bears' Picnic
- Apple Juicing
- Dog Show
- Produce/Flower/Craft Show
- Historic Walk
- Gala Dinner

**Sunday:**

- Fun Run
- Family Games
- BBQ
- Sculpture Show
- Harvest Service



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**Moldovan Gala Evening**  
 7pm  
 28th September  
 All Saints' Church



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- Participants wanted**
- Quizzers
  - Dogs to Show
  - Picnickers
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  - Fun Runners
  - Tuggers of War
  - Egg Runners
  - Sack Racers
  - Bean Growers
  - Historic Walkers
  - .... and more!!



**Saturday 28th September Produce, Flower, Craft show**  
 Marcham WI will be staging a Produce/ Flower/Craft Show as part of the Great Marcham Weekend. Full details of classes for adults and children with entry details will be available shortly - see notices in the shop and look on the Marcham Village Facebook page. So all you gardeners, flower arrangers and craft enthusiasts look out for the classes that you will enter to show off your skills.




**Excavation Exhibition**  
 see page 15

- Volunteers needed for:**
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**Film Competition**  
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As the building comes together with a target completion date of next Spring, we are fund-raising to provide the new community hall with the equipment we will need to operate the facilities fully. We need about £30,000 for basic equipment when it opens.

We were very pleased to receive a donation, of £1059.93, from money collected in Marcham Village Shop towards the new facilities. We are also grateful to Sheila Dunford, whose two plant sales this year have raised £450, and to Lucy Stevens, whose Easter Treasure Hunt raised £34. Thank you also to those who supported these events. So far, with other funds raised for facilities this year, we have a total of nearly £3154 in our equipment fund towards our target. We have many more fund-raising events coming up later this year, including the Great Marcham & District Weekend and others. We will need your support to make these events, and our fund-raising, as successful as possible.

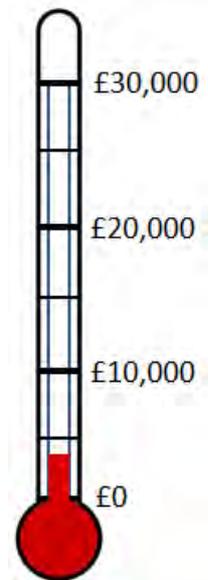
We welcome all donations toward this fund—you don't have to wait for a fund-raising event. If you have any ideas for fund-raising or would like to help, please make contact.

We will soon be contacting organisations in Marcham to discuss bookings, hire rates, and how we plan to run the facilities. We have drafted a weekly timetable so we can identify possible clashes and we are discussing how we can resolve them. Please email any new 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 regularly on progress here. We also have updates, photos and posts on our MarchamCentre Facebook page

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MarchamCentre—our new hall takes shape!



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As an added attraction, there will be a chance to sample 'Marcham Mulsum' spiced wine made according to an authentic 1st Century AD Roman Recipe!



## Behaviours, Systems and Processes



Flaming June arrived on schedule this year – well, it's flaming to me, as anything over 18 degrees is too hot for my liking!

For many of the plants we grow in our gardens, it's a struggle too. With some showing signs of not liking the changing weather patterns we now face in the UK, as a climate crisis seems to be heading our way.

My view of the climate emergency we face is that climate change is a naturally occurring phenomenon, which in some ways is worsened and sped up by human behaviours, systems and processes, which we can all feel locked into.

Lots of people talk about slowing down or even reversing climate change. We need to choose our battles wisely, and I for one, would like to see the focus switched across to the art of adapting to whatever nature throws at us. Whether that's humanity's survival thousands of years into the future, not just a few generations hence. Or just that we start to live better, simpler and more sustainable lives. I say simpler, not easier. I think trying to make our lives easier has led us up the garden path as it were.

The adapting process can start in our own gardens. The plants I said that appear to be struggling in the gardens I get to see, because it's too wet in winter or too hot in summer. We potentially need to adapt our planting to accommodate the conditions. Something us gardeners do quite naturally anyway.

**Longtermism** of thought relates to gardens as well as the wider environment. So how will you adapt your garden going forward? Will UK gardens and the concept of them look very different in years to come?

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**Affinity Water joins forces with Thames Water**

Affinity Water, another water supplier outside our region, have published a revised draft water management plan, which shows a joint proposal with Thames Water to deliver a 150million cubic metre reservoir between Drayton, East Hanney, Steventon and Marcham. It intends to syphon off water from this reservoir mainly to supply large areas north and west of London.

The Vale has strongly questioned the need for such a reservoir and whether it is the appropriate solution for the south east. Also, it has recommended that a public enquiry be held, similar to its response to Thames Water's draft management plan, to examine the draft plan, to ensure that correct procedures have been followed and that each option has been fully assessed and explored in an appropriate level of detail. For more details please see the GARD website [abingdonreservoir.org.uk](http://abingdonreservoir.org.uk).

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**Growth. – good thing or bad thing?**

Oxfordshire has grown spectacularly over the past few decades with more houses, more jobs, fewer people in poverty, and an increased standard of living for most.

**But at what cost?** Reducing air quality, increasing congestion and the gap between rich and poor increasing. So is the economic growth that has given us all this a good or a bad thing?

It seems that it depends on what we mean by economic growth. If we mean, that in order to increase prosperity, there is no alternative to spreading ourselves further and gobbling up the earth's resources ever faster, then the growing concerns over congestion, plastic and air pollution would suggest that we need to think carefully before we go for "growth at all costs". I am no economist, but I understand that there is economic growth in science and technology allowing us to do things ever more efficiently. Such growth need not involve increasing consumption of the earth's resources, we simply get more and more for our money by using resources more efficiently. And there is no evidence that the process is finite.

Somewhere, in all that, there might be an answer in how to

continue growing whilst reducing pollution, reducing congestion and reducing poverty. Perhaps we need to redefine what we mean by "growth".

"The Growth Board" (made up of Council Leaders and others) has received some bad press for seeming to be entirely about growth at all costs, more roads, more traffic and more pollution. Along with "The Growth Deal" (the agreement with Government to deliver 100,000 houses by 2030 in return for a contribution towards the cost of extra infrastructure), the Growth Board is seen as part of a relentless drive to destroy the County. If we were to redefine what we mean by "growth", some of the potential benefits of the Growth Board might be more apparent. Getting Leaders of all Oxfordshire Councils together to address common problems and find common solutions should be a good thing. It would encourage joint planning of Oxfordshire's housing, a joint approach to the Green Belt and be a bigger voice with government than our six competing Councils are able to achieve currently.

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**YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!**  
**Marcham Parish Council**  
**There are vacancies on the Parish Council**

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Residents' Lounge of Duffield Place. Applications are invited from residents who wish to join the Parish Council and are interested in representing the community where we live. Please send a letter of application or for further information email or telephone the Clerk  
 Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Road, Marcham OX13 6PU  
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 doors open 6.45pm eyes down 7.30pm  
*hope to see you there*



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 Talk by Marcel Floyd on  
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#### Could you?

- put your phone in your glove compartment or set your phone to *do not disturb* before you start your journey
- adjust your speed and make sure you have time to react to the unexpected
- make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt before you set off
- get a taxi, bus or be the designated driver on a night out
- make sure you're safe to drive the morning after, you could still be over the drink drive limit, even if you feel fine

**Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service** have put together top tips to help you avoid the fatal four, and have created a handy 'don't get caught out the morning after' guide, go to:

[365alive.co.uk/fatalfour](http://365alive.co.uk/fatalfour)

### B&B Rafters



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**Marcham Jubilee Walks – new paths**

In the autumn of 2003, members of the Marcham Society built and repaired bridges and installed gates and signs in order to open up 5 miles of permitted paths. These paths are on land belonging to W. Cumber & Son (Theale) Ltd. We are grateful to them, the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment, Innogy, The Vale of the White Horse District Council, Marcham Parish Council and other individual donors for making this project possible. The Marcham Jubilee walks were formally opened on 6th December 2003.

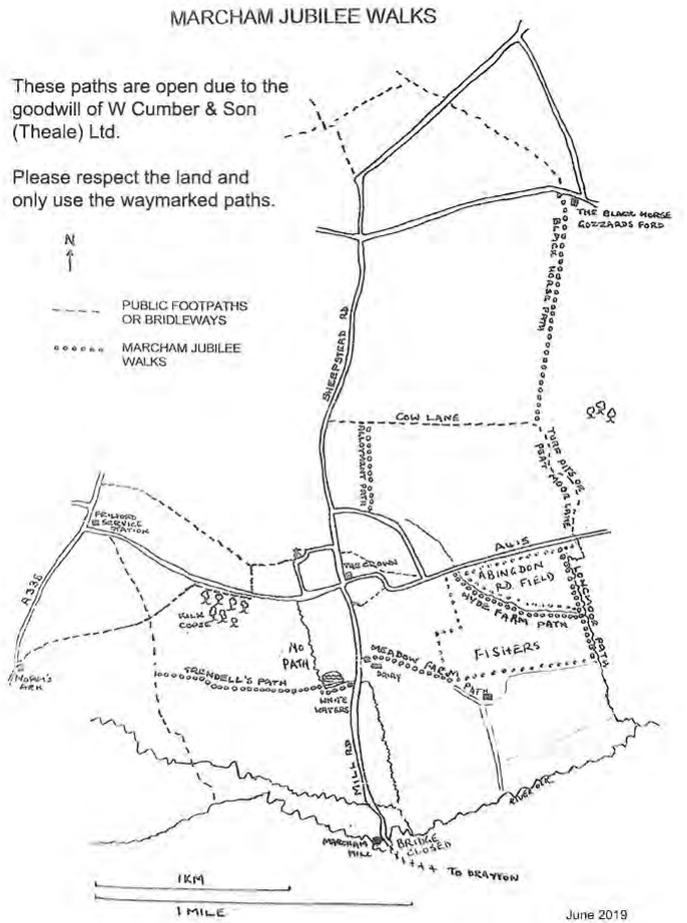


In 2019, after consultation with the farm, the routes of some of the paths were altered and last month, another working party erected signs to show where you can walk on the new paths.



An updated printed A4 sheet showing a full map of the paths which can be obtained from Marcham Village Shop and Post Office, or download a copy from the Marcham Society website:

[marchamsociety.org.uk](http://marchamsociety.org.uk)



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

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter [tvpsouthandvale](https://www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale) for regular updates



from the South and Vale neighbourhood teams. Sign up to our alerts system at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) to receive information related to crime in your area.

**Burglary** This month, PCSO Moquet and PCSO Wright provided two home security visits in Boars Hill and Wootton. One household asked us to carry out a security survey on their home and give advice on how to increase the security of their home. The other was a business that asked us to survey their outbuildings after they had been broken into twice within a short period of time. If you would like a security survey with advice please get in touch.

Third Acre Rise has joined some of their neighbouring roads in Cumnor to become a Smartwater Street. Smartwater is a property marking kit which puts a unique 'DNA' on your property which is registered to you. If 80% of residents use and register Smartwater, a sign can be displayed at the end of your street as well as stickers in house windows. Smartwater is a proven deterrent and increases your chance of getting your property back if ever stolen and recovered. Please contact us if you would like any further information.

Please download our security advice leaflet here: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valleypolice/areas/advice/home-security-guide/](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valleypolice/areas/advice/home-security-guide/)

**Anti-social behaviour (ASB):** Please continue to report all incidents of ASB to us.

**Beware of Doorstep Scammers**

Rogue doorstep traders often take advantage of the warmer weather to offer home improvement services including gardening, window cleaning and gutter clearing. They will repeatedly offer their services at attractive rates and use persuasive and persistent sales techniques to encourage people into making rushed decisions. Scammers may conduct surveys just to get your personal details or as a cover to sell you goods or services you don't want or need.

- If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company, first check their ID. If you're not happy, don't let them in.
- Never call the phone number on their ID card to check them out. Ask the salesperson to wait outside, shut the door and find the company number on the internet. If they're genuine, they'll understand.

- Never disclose your bank details.

For more information on how to protect yourself from falling victim to doorstep scams, visit the Thames Valley Police website and search 'door to door fraud'.

**Tool marking** On the 29th May PCSOs Osborn and Moquet carried out a successful tool marking event outside Screwfix in Abingdon. Over 50 tools were marked. They have also been working with Lowe and Oliver, a local building firm and marked up 56 vans of tools over two afternoons. If you are a local building company or a resident and would like further information please contact us. Please remember to mark your tools and give them more chance of being returned if they are stolen then recovered.

If you would like any further information please contact us. We will be holding more tool marking events in the future that will be advertised in the newsletter and on our Facebook page so please follow us: [www.facebook.com/TVPSouthandVale](http://www.facebook.com/TVPSouthandVale).

**Unauthorised horse riding**

We have recently received reports in the Wootton and White Cross area that young people have been trespassing into paddocks where horses are kept. They are bringing their own equipment and riding the horses around the paddock. Following enquiries we believe we know who the young people are and we will be giving them words of advice. The horse were unaffected but if you are a horse owner and have any similar worries please contact us.

**Community engagement**

- PCSO Moquet is working with the local schools to provide bike marking events to the children's bikes before the summer holidays. More information will be released to these schools when dates have been agreed.
- Members of the neighbourhood team were involved in the "Abingdon Party in the Park". We would like to say a big thank you to the TVP Specials who came to support us. The support of these volunteers is invaluable to us and means we can attend and police more events in the area.

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Dear Friends,

The summer months are here! Many of us will be taking 'time out' in the weeks ahead, and looking forward to rest and a change to normal routines. A change of scene is often refreshing, and yet ...

And yet, if, deep down inside us, we are dry and desert-like, taking 'time out' may not meet our deepest needs. How can those desert places in our lives come back to life? Is it possible?

The prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament was given a spiritual vision of a valley of dry bones – a visual picture of the state of God's people at the time [Ezekiel 37]. As the vision unfolded, Ezekiel is asked to speak over the bones, and to watch as God brought them back to life. Finally, God breathed over the people, and the breath of life returned to them.

Jesus promises life to the full, and at Pentecost, after He had breathed upon them, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples, and they experienced a remarkable 'life-charge'. The Christian creeds describe the Holy Spirit as the giver of life.

If we are dry inside, living in a spiritual desert, then as we turn to Jesus and ask for the life-giving Holy Spirit, those arid areas in our lives can be brought to life, and our relationship with our heavenly Father restored.

Such a restoration is not to make us 'religious'. God simply wants us to live life in a real relationship of love and trust with Him, sharing our lives with Him moment by moment, and allowing Him to share His life with us through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. As human beings we are designed to be in relationship with God and with one another, because God Himself is always relational – as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I hope that these coming months will be truly life-giving for each of you, and you know the deepest spiritual refreshment, as well as physical and mental restoration, whether at home or away. If you would like to know more, then simply drop me a line, and I will be pleased to help.

With my warmest greetings,

Richard

**Regular Sunday services** at 10am & 6pm **Youth Drop-in** 5.30-8pm on Wednesdays **Wednesday mid-week communion, 10.30am** in Duffield Place Lounge. **Village Cafe**, Wednesdays 12pm at the Baptist Hall **Friday Club**, 5.30-6.30pm at All Saints' Church (primary-age)

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