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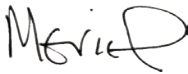


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Dear Readers

I was back in Marcham for Jean's Service of Thanksgiving with a lovely eulogy given by her daughter (page 5 and online). I also popped up at the Marcham Parish Meeting and we now have several volunteers to help run MADNews – but don't be shy if you think you could help in any capacity! Just email editor@madnews.co.uk.

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PLAY AREA

The Parish Council was shocked to learn of the serious incident of nails having been glued to the children's play area in the Anson Field. The incident has been reported to the Police and the Council would ask anyone with information to contact PCSO Rich Osborn or telephone 101. Anyone using the play area should follow playground equipment rules:

- Look before using
- Be mindful of surroundings
- Take care when using, or even avoid wet equipment
- Wear appropriate clothing
- Play games away from playground equipment

The Council would like to thank everyone involved for their quick actions, and assistance. The play area is open and is widely used, and it wants to ensure it remains a safe and important facility for Marcham.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Council was held on 13th May and Mark Harvie was elected Chairman for the following year. Various working groups were set up to look at footpaths and climate issues, the play area, and allotments, as well as formal internal administrative groups to review policies, and audit processes.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Council was pleased to see residents from the village attend the annual parish meeting. The Local Government Act 1972 states that the Chairman of the Parish Council shall preside, so the job of running the meeting fell to Mark Harvie.

Some of the topics covered were:

Grass cutting in the parish The Parish Council has taken on the highway verge cutting which is currently the responsibility of the County Council, so this will enable the parish to have more control over the standard of cutting. There may be some teething problems as the transition is made, so please bear with us.

The Vale of White Horse District Council, which maintains the wide grass area in Howard Cornish Road, from the Salvation Army textile bank to Hyde Copse has allocated the section from the bus shelter eastwards to be a meadow area, so they will reduce mowing in that location.

Footpath from Churchyard westwards Grant funding is being sought in the hope of raising sufficient funds to be able to improve the walking surface of the path.

Play Area Drawings were available of phase 2 of the play area. The plan is to provide 2 further items of play equipment just outside of the fenced in play area together with a picnic bench and seating. The drawings will be available in the shop window in due course.

Art Funding As mentioned in the April issue of MADNews, some funds are available for funding an art project in the parish. Ideas so far are for bench seating, lighting on the path from Howard Cornish Road to Harding Way, and a project at the war memorial. A new suggestion made at

the meeting was for a noticeboard. Anyone who wishes to put forward any other suggestion should contact the parish clerk as soon as possible.

20 mph hour scheme This is now in force. There are larger 'gateway' signs at the entrance points to the reduced speed area, and smaller 'repeater' signs within the 20mph area itself.

Marcham and District News Meriel Lewis, the former editor who was back visiting the area, proposed a team structure for producing future newsletters rather than it being one person as it has been for many years. Any volunteers should contact the editor.

ELECTION 20TH JUNE, 2024 RICHARD WEBBER'S SEAT ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Parish Council was very sorry to hear that Richard Webber had decided to resign from his post as County Councillor. The Council and villagers are very grateful for his support for the parish since his election, and his efforts have been well received. His contributions will be missed. We wish him well in the future.

The election to find his replacement will be held on Thursday 20th June. Please ensure you are on the electoral roll, otherwise you will not be able to vote, and also please remember to take ID with you to the polling station.

CPR/DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

A very successful CPR/defibrillator training session was held in the village hall on Sunday 19th May. The Council is very grateful to Paul Tiney from Foremost First Aid Training for giving up his time to arrange and run this free training session, so that residents could understand the 3 community defibrillators outside the school, post office and village hall, and what to do, if they come across an emergency situation.

GOZZARDS FORD MILESTONE

Residents who raised the fact that the milestone by the Black Horse public house had been knocked over and damaged will be pleased to learn that this has now been repaired and re-erected by the County Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P24/V0924/HH Single storey rear extension at 13 North Street. The Council had no objections.

P23/V2558/S73 variation to conditions on P21/V3297/FUL – revised landscaping new dwelling at 8B The Gap. The Council had no objections.

Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 10th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Barrow Close OX13 6TY.

The Council meetings are open to the public, and the Council welcomes anyone who has issues to raise on parish matters to attend, or speak to their local parish councillor.

Please check the Council's website in case arrangements change

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JEAN CREASY: 10 JUNE 1930 – 1 MAY 2024



Jean Margaret Monk was born in London but soon after her birth the family moved to Exeter in Devon where Jean's sister Mary was born in 1934. The war years, as well as instilling her life-long sense of frugality, held a lot of memories for Jean, including their house being bombed: they survived by hiding under their reinforced kitchen table. Jean enjoyed school and worked hard, doing well and making several life-long friendships. Meeting a young French woman, Anne Frechet was to be a life-changing event as it introduced Jean to France. Anne's sister Colette remembers Jean and Anne as being very similar: full of energy, good at organising the younger ones (could we say «bossy»?!) and both with a strong Christian faith. Jean won a place at Homerton teacher training college in Cambridge where she met her future husband, Donald, who was studying engineering at Caius. On Jean's 21st birthday Donald gave her 21 presents: the last an engagement ring and they were married in 1952, honeymooning on the Thames in a punt. After graduating from Homerton Jean was offered a place to read French at the Sorbonne university in Paris - but the role of wife was seen to be a full time job and she turned it down. Jean and Donald's first daughter, Susan, was born in 1955, and soon after Donald was offered an engineering post in Nigeria, first in Lagos and then Bamenda in the Southern Cameroons in 1958. Jean was always a «doer» and set up a playgroup for expat children and found ways of buying food collectively to ensure its quality and freshness. There were difficulties but Jean was not one to complain and one of her phrases was «swallow it down». She lived every experience to the full and made the most of each situation that she was in. Jillian was born in Nigeria and Ruth in the Cameroons and in 1960 they all returned to move into a new home in Benson on the day that Jean and Donald's fourth child, Helen, was born. Family lore has it that when the shocked midwife who was waiting with Jean to be picked up was told that they were on the way to their new house she said to Donald «I never would have let her go if I'd known» to which Donald replied «That's why I didn't tell you!»

The family spent 18 years in Benson putting time and energy into home and community - Donald was the chairman of the Parish Council and Jean ran the Sunday school. Life was full, but Susan was very ill with hospital stays and in 1967, Susan died aged 11. It was the only time Jillian remembers seeing Donald cry as he told them the news.

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Jean shared with Elizabeth (after her own daughter had died) that she was only able to keep going because the other children and other people, needed her.

With the old connection with the Frechet family still strong, Jean and Donald sold the Benson house and bought their first house in Cevennes, France and Yeomans Cottage in Marcham. Jean was then working at the Manor Prep school in Abingdon where she became assistant head.

Later they bought a bigger house in Molières and they both took early retirement and spent 6 months in France and 6 months in England. English support for school children, playing the organ in church, singing in the choir, being involved in voluntary work (of course), discovering French food and culture, walking in the hills and entertaining a never ending stream of visitors who came back year after year were only some of their activities.

Jean loved small children and being a small child in Jean's care meant that you never had time to get bored: making, doing, being outside, reading, and, above all, learning. «Happy» and «busy» were key words for Jean and usually went hand in hand. Jean's occupations are legendary: calligraphy, cakes and shortbread, orange wine and elder flower cordial, gardening, singing, scrabble, walking, chatting to people, the French conversation group, feeding the birds and, of course, making and sending cards. If everyone who reads this made a personal commitment to send one card to someone once a week for the rest of our lives...Jean's output might possibly be matched! Perhaps this could be her legacy! Always busy, Jean told Gemma, (one of her Belle Vie helpers) «I dislike an empty day. I feel guilty if I am unable to do something every day to help someone else, a small gesture, such as a card to someone helps me feel as if I have made a difference to someone else». She believed in community and fairness and wherever she saw a need she was there: volunteering in the shop, helping with the lunch club, visiting people who were housebound. She truly lived out her strong Christian faith. She was curious about others and was interested in their beliefs: a friend of Elizabeth's, Soulayman, a Moslem, loved talking to her about God and said that Jean «really understands». Jean was thoughtful, loved people and had a huge capacity for kindness. Debbie, her neighbour, said that she saw the best in everyone and was happy to accost strangers walking down Mill Road to help her with something she couldn't do herself. Not that there were many people she didn't know in Marcham!

Jean listened to other people's problems more than she talked about her own, so that others rarely knew what was making her life tricky. Even when thinking about her own funeral she didn't want to put people out. At the top of the list of ideas that she had jotted down to help organise this thanksgiving service (which included «flowers for cheerfulness») was written «not to be followed if inconvenient».

After Donald died in 2013, Jean's health

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deteriorated, but these problems that only slowed her down to the speed of a normal human being (Jillian talked about trying to find a support group for people with hyper active parents). Determination was Jean's life force and when she broke her pelvis a few years ago, staying with Helen and her family in Edinburgh; John, her son-in-law, enabled her walking up and down the stairs to their third floor flat, exercise recommended by the physio, remembered her with gritted teeth and tears in her eyes with the pain, but refusing to stop.

Her steely will and the support of Ruth and Mike enabled her to make the long journey to visit France one last time in the summer of 2023. Jean visited familiar haunts, her only complaint was that the old ladies were harder to understand as they had less teeth...but she then reflected that perhaps her deafness also played a part!

In the past few years Jean needed more support as her eyesight and hearing got worse and other problems became more apparent, and she was diagnosed with vascular dementia. Although everyday things were manageable, anything out of the ordinary was often a source of anxiety. She continued to think of others though, arranging the Santons in her window at Christmas (she put a low stool outside so that children going past could see the scene too) and continuing to make and send cards. With home care from Belle Vie (who Jean called her «Blessed Virgins»!) and regular support from Jillian and Jim, Jean was able to stay at home ... she desperately did not want to go into care. This helped her to keep doing the things that she loved...filling the bird feeders, planting sweet pea seeds, walking down the road, speaking French and swimming. The BVs all remember her as someone who listened to them...and it was a BV, Ali, who found her the morning of her stroke and stayed with her until she was taken to hospital.

Jean spent three weeks in hospital where «everyone is so kind» and then a few last days in a care home in Abingdon. Neighbours and friends called in to say goodbye and it was very moving for her daughters to be able to share some of those moments with them; hearing their appreciation and respect for Jean enabled them to see her through other people's eyes.

All of the daughters spent time with her, reassuring her that she could leave this world when she was ready...and Elizabeth told her that if heaven exists she surely had a good place waiting for her: the Pearly Gates were already wide open, no need to even knock, the trumpets were already polished and Saint Peter forewarned, and Donald, Susan and Roisin and all her old friends were impatient to have her with them again and share a good laugh. And after such a long life, lived to the full and shared generously with so many people, those of us staying behind needed only to bid her adieu and joyfully wish her «Bon voyage».

*Adapted from the eulogy given by
Elizabeth, Jean's daughter
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We had a lovely supply of geraniums, fuschias and osteospermums earlier in the month – these all flew off the shelves and we hope they're helping to make your garden look blooming lovely! Watch out for other new additions as time goes on. We try to have some different, interesting items that would make suitable gifts or just a nice something for yourself. If you, or your friends, like gin – check out our selection of flavoured gins. We also have **Aperol** (perfect with some fizz to make a spritz) just what you need to sip on a lovely summer's evening.

Marcham honey should be back with us very soon. The bees have worked very hard and just needed a rest – but they're up and buzzing again, so the honey will be back in stock soon. We also still have plenty of Abingdon honey and Hended honey for sale.

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Marcham Society Midweek Walk

The June Midweek walk will be on at 12.30 Thursday 6th June meeting at The Swan, Compton, RG20 6NJ. Compton is a few miles east of the A34 and best reached through East Ilsley.

For more details contact
e.dunford@btinternet.com 01865 391439

The Astronomy Group

There is no Astronomy Group in June or July – the next meeting is on Thursday 12th September

The Ridgeway and Lowbury Hill from above

Hedley Thorne

7.15 for 7.45pm Monday 24th June

Main Hall, Marcham Centre OX13 6TY

Since becoming the IT Operations Manager for Heathrow Airport, Hedley Thorne has retreated to the Ridgeway in his spare time as an antidote to the relative chaos of his job. He has combined his love of flying with the use of drones to produce aerial photography of historic landscapes.



Liddington Castle

In his talk Hedley will be explaining the techniques that he employs to photograph key sites along the Ridgeway, how drone photography is used in collaboration with landscape art and archaeology and how perception of historical monuments is enhanced by views from above. He will give details about one site that he photographs most frequently, Lowbury Hill, explaining some of its possible historic connections.

For more information contact
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MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

Thanks to our friends at Mostly Books, Abingdon we were very excited to receive a visit from the Gruffalo! What a magical morning... we enjoyed a story session followed by the chance to meet (and hug) the Gruffalo.... we've also been enjoying the sunshine and cooking up a treat our two in the Pre-school Thirsty Cafe, who would like a cup of tea and a cake?



Finally, we've been talking to the children about road safety and sharing some very important messages about wearing a seatbelt, holding hands when walking by the road, wearing bright clothing... and crossing the road safely.

PLEASE, PLEASE... If you see a child waiting to cross the road, slow down and proceed carefully but **DON'T wave them across the road...** Children need the experience of waiting until there is a safe space to cross and always believing that cars will stop for them to cross will give them a false sense of safety and can prove fatal. **THANK YOU**

If you would be interested in joining Marcham Pre-school please get in touch by emailing marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk. We are currently holding a waiting list for September 2025 and beyond! It's never too early to register your interest, no registration free to pay and no obligation if your needs change.



We loved seeing so many of our Little Angel's families, past, present and future at the **Marcham Big Weekend!** It was a glorious day of sunshine and fun and made us feel even more grateful than usual to be a part of our wonderful Marcham community. A huge well done and thank you to **Hayley and the rest of the organisers**, you deserve to feel very proud!



This month we celebrated our amazing Michaela's 10th year of being a part of our Little Angels Family. **Thank you Michaela** for all your hard work and dedication you have an continue to have a big impact on all our little angels as they grow and flourish! Speaking of our Little Angels family, what an exciting first half of the year it has been for us here at Little Angels Childcare Group with the expansion of our second setting Southmoor Little Angels. We are now looking for more inspiring professionals to join our every growing family. We have a variety of roles, please join us on either of our upcoming **Recruitment Days on the 18th & 19th June 3:30 - 6:30pm** to find out more!



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MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Despite the gloomy weather, the Year 5s had a glorious time at Youlbury on their residential visit on 1st and 2nd May. They challenged themselves and, for a significant number of pupils, surprised themselves with what they were able to achieve. It was lovely to hear of them embracing new experiences and we hope that the confidence this trip inspired will be seen as they continue their learning journeys at school. Thank you to the staff who enabled this to happen: Miss Rowlands, Mr Clayton, Ms Jefferies, Mrs Callahan and Miss Priddle. The children had a lot of support and encouragement from staff and from each other, and thoroughly enjoyed their adventure.

The Year 3 and 4 classes (Kangaroos and Meerkats) held an Egypt Day, in line with their learning in History. I'm not sure that I've ever seen so much eyeliner! The children were dressed up and a whole range of activities took place and a great time was had by all. They then continued their learning about Egypt as below.

Kangaroos – We have been learning about Ancient Egypt. In English, we have been planning our story all about 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx.'

Meerkats – We learnt about Egyptian mummification, and we mummified oranges – we will open them in a few weeks to see what they look like.

Go to our school website to see all the fantastic pictures www.marcham.oxon.sch.uk/class-pages/

Our Reception class (**Pandas**) have taken delivery of their new mud kitchen. Our grateful thanks go to the Anson Trust for their kind donation. The children are having great fun cooking up a storm in the new kitchen.

"I love our kitchen. I help my friends make cakes." *Luisa*

"I add herbs to make potions." *George*

"I like making cakes in our kitchen." *Leonor*

"I love making treats for my friends." *Maisie*

"I like adding herbs and mixing up the sand." *Fern*

To see what else the school has been up to go to

www.marcham.oxon.sch.uk/class-pages/



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Saturday 6 July, at 7pm

ACADEMY BRASS AND WANTAGE YOUTH BRASS BANDS are returning to

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Park Road, Abingdon OX14 1DS
 Proceeds from the concert are to be shared with The Abingdon Bridge, TARIRO – Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe, and St Michael's Church. Tickets can be purchased in advance from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DKYX>

Adults £12, concessions £10 (plus 15p booking fee per ticket), age 16 & under free. Tickets will also be available on the door by cash/credit card payments. Refreshments available and free parking. A concert not to be missed!

When: Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th August 2024

What time: 10am – 2pm

Where: All Saints Church, Marcham

Open to All Primary Aged children, including those starting reception and those leaving year 6.

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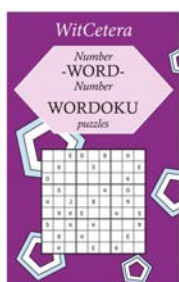
Hills Quarry Products Limited has applied to the OCC for a new quarry in Tubney (application number MW.0037/24). Quarries have known impacts on health, housing, ecology, noise, traffic and road safety, and the visual landscape. If you are concerned about this planning proposal please contact the Tubney Action Group for more information and assistance.

Visit our website for more information about how this could affect you
stoptubneyquarry.com

OBJECTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO OCC ASAP PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SUBMIT AN OBJECTION TO REGISTER YOUR CONCERNS

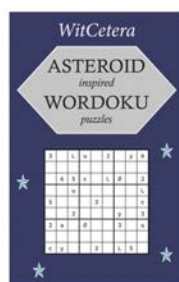
via email to mary.hudson@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Contact tubneyactiongroup@gmail.com and see stoptubneyquarry.com for more information and assistance.

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Contact Marion Belcher on 07507 797757 for more information

Marcham Weekend bought out the sun and many village residents enjoying themselves all helped by a lovely family atmosphere. Thirsty Cafe volunteers worked very hard supplying cakes and drinks as well as doing a barbecue helping to feed many people and then in the evening supplying steak sandwiches.

A huge thank you to all our helpers who worked so hard all day.

Thirsty Cafe has now introduced a 'Cup of Love'. It is for the days that anyone could do with a little extra. To redeem a 'Cup of Love' choose one or two of the vouchers that you fancy, remove from the notice board and order at the till as usual, paying using the vouchers. It is as simple as that. Please come and give yourself a treat. And on the days that you have a little extra you can treat someone else by paying for the vouchers, just let our volunteers know it's for a 'Cup of Love'.



The next **Community Lunch** will be on Wednesday 12th June serving roast dinners and puddings from 12 noon to 2pm. Everyone is welcome the price is £10 for adults and £5 for children.

Because of the popularity of the lunches we are asking you to book a place in advance either in the café or by e-mail, payment will be taken on the day.

The Cafe is Volunteer led and are very keen to have more people joining our team. This is a great way to get to know other people in the community. Please contact us to know more .

Dates for Diary

Stay and Play is on the 1st Wednesday of the month, bring your children and enjoy the company of other parents/carers and children.

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Gardening Is About Change And Moments

Ah, gardening—the delicate dance between life and decay, where the seasons waltz with your plants, and the earth whispers secrets to those who listen. Once upon a time, in a garden not so far away, I found myself pondering the existential musings of a philosophical petunia. Yes, dear reader, you heard me right—a petunia with a penchant for pondering.

"Why bother gardening?" it asked, its petals quivering in the breeze. "Everything withers and wilts eventually. It's like hosting a grand ball, only to watch the guests stumble out, one by one, leaving behind nothing but memories and a faint scent of fertilizer."

I leaned in, intrigued. "But dear petunia," I replied, "life is a fleeting dance. We twirl through the seasons, pirouetting from spring to summer, autumn to winter. Each year, the garden orchestra strikes up a new tune, and our green companions—those leafy maestros—compose their own symphonies."

"Change," the petunia mused, "is the gardener's eternal tango partner. One year, the daffodils flaunt their yellow ruffles; the next, they're backstage, sipping chamomile tea and reminiscing about their glory days."

"And the roses?" I asked.

"Ah, the roses!" The petunia's leaves quivered with excitement. "They're the divas of the garden, demanding attention and throwing thorny tantrums. 'Prune me!' they cry. 'Feed me! Love me!' And we oblige, because their fragrance intoxicates us like a forbidden elixir."

We sat there, contemplating life's ephemeral beauty. The robin, perched on a spade handle, cleared its throat.

"Ahem," it said. "I've penned a sonnet for the earthworms. Would you care to hear it?"

"Certainly," I replied.

And so, the robin recited:

Ode to the Earthworm

Oh, humble earthworm, wriggling poet of the soil,
 You tunnel through darkness, your body a quill.
 In your subterranean verses, you write of decay,
 Of apple cores, fallen leaves, and forgotten dreams.
 Your ink is the rich humus, the black gold of gardens,
 And your stanzas—the secret tunnels beneath our feet.
 When rain kisses the earth, you emerge,
 A nocturnal bard, reciting your ballads to the moon.
 And when the sun rises, you retreat,
 Leaving behind your verses etched in loamy lines.
 So here's to you, earthworm, unsung hero of the garden,
 May your sonnets echo through the ages,
 And may your legacy be written in fertile soil.

"Bravo!" I clapped, and the robin blushed. "Your poetry rivals Keats himself."

The squirrel, having overheard our conversation, scurried over. "I've brought acorns," it announced. "For the muse, you know."

And thus, dear reader, our garden soirée continued—a whimsical blend of flora, fauna, and philosophical musings. For in the end, whether we plant marigolds or metaphors, we leave our traces in the soil, our stories woven into the very fabric of existence.

And that, my friends, is why we bother gardening. It's about constant change and fleeting memorable moments.

Disclaimer: The characters in this whimsical tale are purely fictional. No petunias, robins, or philosophical earthworms were harmed in the making of this story.

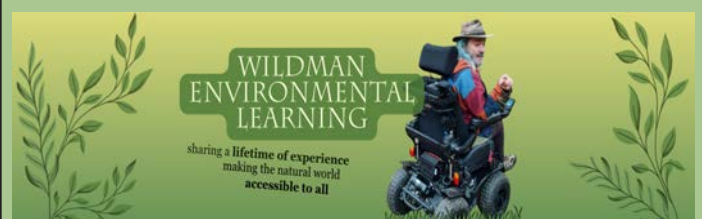
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Please note that an enhanced DBS check will be undertaken as part of the recruitment process.

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Marcham Centre

BIG MARCHAM WEEKEND SUNSHINE!

Thanks to fabulous sunny weather and a huge amount of preparation by the MCG Events Team, a big turnout of local people enjoyed the entertainments, bands, food, real ale and gin festival at Marcham Centre on Friday evening 10th and Saturday 11th May. The bar volunteer team worked flat out and were justifiably exhausted by Saturday night (as were many of the beer barrels!). A big thank-you goes to all of them, to Hayley Cousins, Andy Berry and all of the Events team for their hard work, to the Thirsty Café team, all the stall-holders and, of course, to all who came out to support this successful community event which was enjoyed by so many.

VOLUNTEERS

The Big Marcham Weekend is a great example showing what teams of keen volunteers can do working together in the Marcham community. As you know, we rely heavily on volunteers to support the operations of Marcham Centre. As well as support for hall operations, organising events and volunteers for the bar, we are looking for volunteers with finance experience to assist us with day to day book-keeping. Please contact jim.asher@btinternet.com, if you are able to help, even in what may seem like little ways - it could be making a real difference. What can you do to help?

Indoor short-mat bowls at Marcham Centre is now closed during the summer outdoor season. It is planned to re-start on 18th September (please look out for an update in the September MADNews).

If you wish to book a room at Marcham Centre, please use the booking request system on www.marchamcentre.org or contact our Coordinator: coordinator@marchamcentre.org.

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BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY

Join us in making your village church a better place for the whole community. Help us to redevelop the kitchen and toilets for the future.



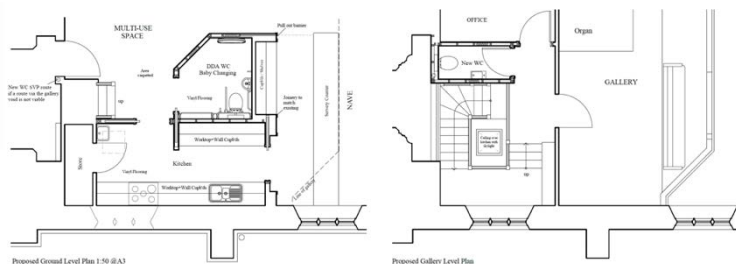
All Saints is the main parish church of Marcham with Garford. There has been a church in Marcham since at least the 13th Century. All Saints is a Grade 2* listed building. It was largely rebuilt in the 1830s and in the 1980s, the west end of the church was refurbished to provide a kitchenette and two toilets which are in need of modernising.

Our vision

We would like to create a welcoming and flexible meeting place for worship and community activities that will serve our present and future parish. We would like a building where the facilities are of a standard that enriches the experience of worship and hospitality for all those that come.

Our Plans

Our plans involve reconfiguring the current west end to enlarge the kitchen and create a servery, provide a new disabled toilet downstairs and a standard toilet upstairs.



The benefits

New facilities would benefit the whole community as the church is regularly used for activities and events that involve the whole community; Tiddlypeeps for carers and little ones, men and women's events, barn dances, dinners, holiday club, craft mornings, school services, concerts and the usual baptisms, weddings and funerals are just some of the ways the building is used by everyone in the village.

A new kitchen and toilets would improve the experience of all these groups and keep the building usable for years to come whilst maintaining the historic features the building.

The costs and funding

Project element	Cost	Funding source	
Building works	£55,000	Pledged by external funders <i>so far</i>	-£55,000
Joinery, fixtures and fittings	£65,000	Pledged from church funds	-£50,000
Professional fees	£20,000	Local fundraising and further grants	£45,000 needed
Contingency	£10,000		
Total cost	£150,000		

How can I help?

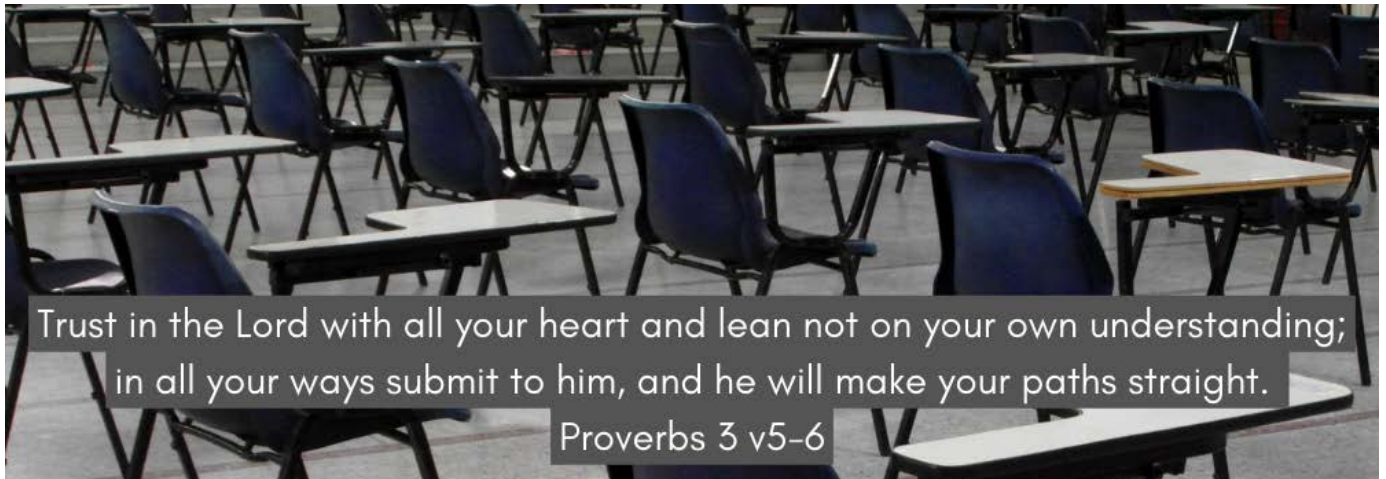
If you felt able to contribute even a small amount to this refurbishment project we would be very grateful. More information on the project (including plans and a fly-through) and how to give can be found by scanning the QR code.

Contact details: Tamsin Gilbert, Parish Administrator: info@allsaintsmarcham.org
Hugh Lawton, Treasurer: treasurer@allsaintsmarcham.org



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It's exam season. Many of our young people have been sitting GCSE and A level examinations. We are not quite at that stage in my household yet, but we will be next year. Already though, it feels like our children have had quite a few years of relatively serious exams, ones with things riding on them. I sympathise with the view that children are tested too much too early these days, potentially placing undue stress on young lives. We do need to let children be children. But we also need to gently help them get used to the pressure of exams too, thereby preparing them for the testing world in which we live. Exam season is a good time to learn to trust... trust your revision (assuming you have done some), trust your ability to shine through at the right time, and if you are a parent, trust your child to give a good account of themselves. Like everyone, I have had some exams that went surprisingly well and some that went surprisingly badly. But in both situations, I learnt to trust that neither eventuality was the absolute guarantee of anything. Doing well is great, but doing badly often serves as a valuable life lesson too. Ultimately life is testing, and when it is I have found trusting in a loving God who has our best interests at heart makes a huge difference. Sometimes my best interests have been to learn lessons the hard way... that no work means poor marks, and that sometimes things can go wrong even when we are well prepared. That's life, and God never promised it would be easy. But there is a Bible promise that says "in all things God works for the good of those who love him." (Rom 8:28) That "good" may not always seem good at the time, but in time, because of God's character, it always turns out for our good. God calls us to put childlike trust in him, and in my experience he never lets us down especially through testing times. **Building for Community...** pleased find details of our exciting plans to re-order the kitchen and toilets at All Saints Church opposite.

Regular Sunday services

10am: Morning Service at AS

6pm: Evening Service

Wednesday Holy Communion

10.30am at Duffield Place

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Rob Finch Youth Worker youth@allsaintsmarcham.org

Jill Rowe Children and Families minister families@allsaintsmarcham.org

Tamsin Gilbert Parish Administrator info@allsaintsmarcham.org

St. Luke's, Garford

St. Luke's is open for quiet prayer 11am-12pm on Sundays with no morning service.

Sunday 2 June, 6pm Evensong

Sunday 7 July, 11am Communion Service taken by Revd Rosemary Siebert

News From St. Luke's

St. Luke's hosted a fantastic '**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Singalong**' on 11th May, welcoming nearly 80 people from Garford and Marcham. A sunny afternoon with refreshments and enthusiastic singing, led by Ben Skipp, in the beautiful setting made for a perfect late spring day.

Our **church bell** has been restored and re-hung ready to once again announce our services and welcome everyone to join in with prayer, music or quiet reflection.

Contact: st.lukes@allsaintsmarcham.org



DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A IS FOR ANNUAL

I write this in mid-May, deep in "AGM season". Besides the great opportunity to speak to and with the many local residents who attended Marcham Parish Council's Annual General Meeting, it's a useful reminder that it has been a little over a year since I was elected in May 2023 and, my, what a busy year it has been! A mix of big issues affecting the whole district and beyond; some of the impacts that these big issues have had, or are having, on Marcham ward, where I have been more involved; and many smaller cases that have been very specific to the ward. The emerging Joint Local Plan and plans for the Dalton Barracks site redevelopment in particular; pushing back against Thames Water's plans for a huge reservoir to our south; contributing to the Vale's climate and environment policies; and a plethora of smaller issues. Roll on 2024-25!

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The fantastic success of Marcham Big Weekend was a testament to the village's community spirit: the great turnout was a clear indication of a strong appetite among residents to spend time with one another – although the glorious weather may also have contributed! Such events don't appear spontaneously however, and we owe the organisers huge thanks. The ties that bind our community together are created and maintained by volunteers: ordinary people who give up their time to help make Marcham such a wonderful place to live. Organisations around the village are in need of more support, though, so please consider helping if you can: the Parish Council, Thirsty Café, MAD News, and many others have roles in need of filling.

Many hands make light work. No matter how much time you have to offer, no matter what your skills or ability, someone will gladly welcome you to their team. Please don't let it be the loss of this community spirit that makes us appreciate what we had.

MARCHAM PLAYGROUND

Together with practically all local residents, I was horrified to hear of the recent incident where nails were glued to the play equipment in Marcham Playground. It shouldn't need saying, but violence has absolutely no place in our society and especially not against innocent children. I'm pleased to see Thames Valley Police taking the matter so seriously, working closely with Marcham Parish Council as the owner of the area. Although the Vale has no direct involvement, I am fully committed to supporting wherever I can.

DR ROBERT CLEGG

District Councillor for Marcham Ward
 Phone: 07784225290
 or robert.clegg@whitehorsedc.gov.uk



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

We are awaiting election results for our new county councillor.

MP'S REPORT

I have had a number of meetings in the last month to progress various local campaigns that are a priority for me and my constituents.

I met with the Health Minister to again push my campaign for better local health services and for our infrastructure to keep pace with all the new housing that is being built. This is a priority for the Government, too. For the year ending October 2023, there were 50.9 million more GP appointments compared to October 2019 - but there's more to do. Improving our health services is a key campaign for me and I am pleased the Minister has agreed to write to the local health leaders on our behalf.

I met with the Water Minister to again raise constituent concerns about the proposed reservoir and to call for public scrutiny of the proposal. In December, I wrote to the Environment Secretary about this, echoing GARD's call for public scrutiny and have been regularly

raising concerns with Thames Water and the Environment Agency, who I took to Steventon recently where I discussed it with them.

This meeting came just before we got the great news that Wallingford Beach has officially been designated as a bathing water site by the Government. This is something that residents have long been calling for and the Water Minister has rightly recognised the strong show of local support.

I took Niamh Dornie, from Grove, to meet the Minister for Victims and Safeguarding so she could tell the Minister about her campaign against the sexual harassment she and her friends have experienced and what she would like to see happen.

It was also great to welcome the Science Minister to meet with and take questions from our great local science and technology organisations at my latest Wantage and Didcot Science and Technology Forum. I was glad to hear the Minister confirm that the Government will spend £20 billion on investment in science and research this year which is welcome news for our local sector.

In other news, I had the pleasure of hosting a reception at Number 10 Downing Street for people working in our great early years sector and was pleased to bring Julie, a childminder from Didcot who spent 14 years fostering around 30 families, as my guest to recognise her incredible efforts. It was a really uplifting atmosphere as MPs from across the country brought people they wanted to thank for the work they have been doing to shape young minds as well as to help deliver this Government's record expansion of childcare.

Didcot TRAIN works with young people, especially those who are disadvantaged or vulnerable and provides various essential services including youth clubs, mentoring and outreach programmes. They are doing great work to empower young people. Thank you to Ben and the team at Didcot TRAIN who I visited recently to see the work they are doing. Visit their website at www.trainyouth.org.uk.

As ever, if I can help with anything then do please get in touch via david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

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Kennington Memory Club

Providing safe and supportive day care for people with dementia and respite for their carers

A Cream Tea at St Ethelwold's
30 East St Helen's Street, Abingdon
Saturday 29th June, 2.30 – 4.00pm
All Welcome

If you'd like to know more about the **Club and Day Centre**, or to arrange for someone to come along for a free taster visit, full information can be found on the website www.kenningtonmemoryclub.org.uk, phone or email the Club Organiser Kay on 07852 883496 or organiser@kenningtonmemoryclub.org.uk, or scan the QR code. We look forward to welcoming you to the Club.



Kennington Methodist Church
 Upper Road, Kennington, Oxford OX1 5LR

To mark the anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, Paul asked Olga to give MADNews some insights. The interview was recorded and translated from Ukrainian into English by a Marcham resident (Yaro) whose native language is not English so apologies for any mistakes.



Q1: Where were you when the war started 2 years ago?

My 2 years old son Leva and myself were in Odesa (south of Ukraine - from the translator). My husband was working under contract in the Czech Republic. His contract was ending 3.03.2022, but his visa was extended under the scheme to help Ukrainians. We had a shock and did not know what to do during the first days after the Russian invasion. I had to admit that there was a small hope that the war was not going to last long, but soon we realised that this was wrong thinking. Knew that we could not join my husband since he was living in the shared dormitory type accommodation in the Czech Republic. On 3.03.2022 my friend with her children and ourselves decided to go abroad by car. We stuck at the Moldova border and after waiting for 24 hours we got cold, tired and hungry and had to come back to home in Odesa. After we took a decision to go on evacuation train to Lviv. After arriving we got very scared when we saw military planes flying above our heads. Our thoughts were that we escaped Odesa to die here. I have to admit we were relieved when we saw Ukrainian flags on the planes. After we took a bus to the Czech Republic. We arrived only after 2 days and waited 15 hours at the border. To make it short we changed 3 different places near Praha in 4 months. The most important thing was that we were safe. My husband was able to join us and find a job in the same town where we lived.

Q2: Why have you chosen to go to the UK?

In May I found out that there is a possibility to go to the UK under the home for Ukrainian scheme. I have some level of English knowledge so I would have better chances to find a job and it would be useful for Leva to study English. After first look at the requirements I thought that we are not going to be eligible, however after double checking with a volunteering organisation we were told that we should try to apply. My husband and I got our UK visas after 1 month but Leva's visa was delayed for 4 months. We were very worried thinking that our hosts are not going to wait for so long... Meantime we had to go back to Odesa since my mother was ill and Leva got his first international passport. So we made a new UK visa application for my son with his new passport. Eventually Leva's UK entry was cleared for the application which was formally cancelled.... Had to contact the UK Home Office and they said it should be ok. However we were stressed until we crossed the UK border in October 2022.

Q3: How was your host family?

They were simply amazing. The most kind and supportive family one could wish to meet in our circumstances. We were feeling very welcomed. Even though we moved to Abingdon in September 2023 due to Leva starting at the Europa School and to be more independent, we stay connected with our host family and new friends we met in Marcham. I can say without hesitation that I have part of a family here. Also I am happy to add that our host family continue to help us and they are currently helping my mother who has recently relocated from Odesa, which is constantly under shelling as you might know from the news, to Marcham. She cooks delicious Ukrainian food (yummy - from the translator).

Q4: How do you find living in the UK?

Better than I imagined (smiling). Very nice country and lovely people. My husband was able to quickly find a job. My son met lots of new friends in school. And I am improving my English and looking for a job. So I feel like we become part of the local community.

Q5: When do you think the war in Ukraine will end?

Difficult one. The main problem is that our 'neighbour' is not going to disappear anywhere so even after the end of the war it is going to be extremely difficult to plan anything and imagine a peaceful and safe life in Ukraine. However as they say 'where there's life there's hope!' Our family would like to say a huge thank you to the UK and its people for continued support to our country and Ukrainians during the last two years.



GARD is a local community group formed to campaign against Thames Water's proposals to build a reservoir south-west of Abingdon.

News from GARD

When GARD issued its call for a Public Inquiry, we asked via Freedom of Information request to see the Environment Agency's advice to Secretary of State, Steve Barclay, on the Thames Water plans.



Finally last month, DEFRA agreed to our request and released the EA's advice, revealing that the EA have serious reservations about the plan, and quite a few of these echo GARD's criticisms about lack of substantiation that SESRO represents the best value plan, and our doubt on its resilience to droughts, amongst others. However, the most important take-away from this advice is the EA recommendation on page 6-7 in the Executive Summary:

"We recommend that:

Thames Water is not allowed to publish its plan. The company should make further changes as set out in ... These changes will require regulators to review them before the company's plan is allowed to be published. We also advise that due to the public interest shown in the consultation that Defra considers whether further public scrutiny is required before the plan is published. "

Not being allowed to "publish the plan" equates to the plan not being acceptable as it stands. Clearly our call for a Public Inquiry has stayed Barclay's hand, reinforced by the EA opinion.

There are many forms of further 'public scrutiny', e.g. a consultation of a "revised-revised-draft Plan"(!), but we believe the most efficient, in-depth, and probably even the quickest, would be a Public Inquiry.

Please write to DEFRA supporting our call for a Public Inquiry into this dangerous, damaging, and unnecessary project, citing the Environment Agency opinion.

Also, please, if you have not already done so, sign our petition at: <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/stopTWreservoir> or see the QR code at the end. Paper slips and petition boxes are in the Community Shop.

DEREK STORK, Chairman GARD.

For more information www.gard-oxon.org.uk

Facebook: @abingdonreservoir, Twitter @GARD_OXON

Reservoir Update from Thames Water

Thames Water is working closely with other water companies in the southeast to protect future water supplies for millions of people. Population growth and hotter, drier summers place additional pressure on our water resources, so to keep the taps running, we must invest in new infrastructure.

A new reservoir in Oxfordshire would help to safeguard millions of households from the risk of drought, providing a sustainable water supply for generations to come.

Our ambition for the reservoir is to create a natural, tranquil space which will be sensitively landscaped to blend with the surrounding countryside. We want to work with local communities to ensure we create new green spaces that everyone can enjoy. You can find out more about our current proposals at www.thames-sro.co.uk/sesro.

We'll be holding a series of community information events this summer, where you'll be able to find out more about our plans. Do look out for updates on the events page of our website www.thames-sro.co.uk/events. This is a great opportunity to meet the team and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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