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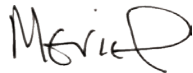


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Dear Readers

I hope you all have a brilliant summer and we'll be back in September.

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PLAY AREA

The Council which manages the children's play area in the Anson Field, was shocked again to learn of more nails being glued to the play equipment in a second incident. This is being investigated. It apologises for any inconvenience whilst it had to close the play area for a short while to enable safety checks to be made.

Again it would remind 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 play area working party has been progressing the next stage of play equipment, and bench seating, and has taken the comments from residents into account. 2 items of much lower height equipment are now planned for outside of the fenced area, and drawings have been in the Post Office window, and were presented at the annual meeting for electors. It is hoped that the installation can take place late August.

COMMENTING ON PARISH MATTERS

The Parish Council concerns itself with local community, amenity and environmental issues. From time to time residents may wish to comment on matters within the parish, or have an issue that they are unhappy with. Should you have any comment on matters about which the Parish Council could possibly assist, or are responsible for, then please contact your local elected councillor. If they cannot assist immediately themselves, then, if appropriate, the matter can be brought formally to the attention of the Council. Sometimes, residents write to MAD News, or post comments about village matters on the village Facebook, and these are both good spaces where people can share their thoughts, but in doing so a matter will not be resolved quickly or effectively, nor will it necessarily reach those with the potential ability to do something.

GENERAL ELECTION 4TH JULY, 2024

As with previous recent elections, please remember your photographic ID when going to vote at the polling station. This can be your passport, driving licence or blue badge, bus pass, voter ID document, or certain other government issued documents. You will need to show your photographic ID before being issued with a ballot paper. **You will not be able to vote unless you have proof of ID with you.**

PARISHIONER OF THE YEAR

Each year Marcham Parish Council invites nominations for a Parishioner of the Year Award. This is usually given to an individual or individuals who have made a real difference to the community. Details of past recipients can be found on the Parish website. This year was slightly different, as following the nominations and review process by the Council this year, Marcham Parish Council recognised and honoured

the contribution to village life made by everyone involved in THIRSTY café. It is now part of the fabric of Marcham and is gratefully appreciated by many. See photo and full citation on page 5.

GRASS CUTTING AND OVERHANGING TREES AND HEDGES

It is that time of year when we are all out cutting grass, trimming hedges, and managing our gardens. Please can residents who live adjacent to public roads and footpaths, kindly keep any growth which is overhanging, cut back. The rural paths can become quite dark and soaked, when low wet branches are overhanging. In turn, later in the year leaf fall causes the paths to become extra muddy. As Marcham village grows, more and more people are walking the paths, and it is therefore important that they be kept clear so that they remain light, and are able to dry out. The Parish Council has a contractor who trims any growth from the floor, but help from residents is needed to help keep the overhanging growth from their gardens trimmed.

RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTION

The Vale of White Horse District Council provides a successful recycling and waste collection service for all its residents in the district. In addition the recycling centre at Drayton is open 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. 7 days a week. If visiting the Drayton site, please remember that a booking scheme is in operation for non-household DIY waste so please visit Drayton household waste recycling centre on the Oxfordshire County Council for more information – www.oxfordshire.gov.uk – as you may need to book a slot for your visit.

Please do not fly tip grass and garden waste on highway verges, private land, paths, or any recreation area, as such action interferes with the enjoyment of these areas.

ART PROJECTS FOR MARCHAM – LAST CHANCE TO COMMENT

The Vale of White Horse District Council collects contributions from housing developers towards art in the district. There are some funds which are at risk of being returned to the developers should they not be used soon. The current thinking is to aim to use some of them for a noticeboard in the village, as the former one outside the Institute was taken down when it was converted to housing. If there are any final suggestions that residents wish to add to the list of possible uses for the funds, then please contact your local parish councillor.

ACCOUNTS

Each year the Parish Council produces an Annual Governance and Accountability Return which is reviewed by an external auditor. The information for the period ending 31st March 2024 is on the website of the Parish Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CONSIDERED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL
P24/V1209/HH Loft conversion with 6 skylights at 1 Davies Edge
The Council requested adequate on site parking as more bedrooms were being created, and asked that the new skylights

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did not result in the loss of amenity for neighbouring properties.

P24/V0944//LDP Replace defective flat roofs to porch at front and study to rear with pitched tiles roofs. The Council had no objections.

P24/V0943/HH Demolish existing garden room and utility and form single storey rear extension. Build new two storey side extension over the garage. The Council had no objections.

Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 8th July 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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Bank Holiday 2024 Waste Collection Changes

~~Wednesday 28 Aug~~

Thursday 29 Aug

**Recycling, Food
and Garden Waste**



MARCHAM PARISHIONERS OF THE YEAR 2024

In 2015 Jill and Neil Rowe had a vision for a community café which could have a huge benefit to Marcham. They quickly formed a small team of willing people to take the project forward, and during Jill and Neil's 'Welcome to Marcham' house calls for new residents, they were extremely fortunate to recruit Sarah Lunn who had the experience and qualities to make a significant contribution towards the project. A formal committee was established and Thirsty Café was underway. At this point plans for the new village hall were taking shape, and it was clear that this would be the perfect place for the community café.

Funding was next on the list and successfully obtained through various grants and organisations, along with volunteer training and the completion of hygiene certificates.

Thirsty Café currently has sixty-six volunteers which include young people undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Awards, table and chair set-up team, chefs and baking teams, washer-ups, front of house, servers and kitchen staff. There are also two employees – an Administrator and a Manager. Both staff and volunteers have contributed to the café's admirable success, enabling Thirsty Café to offer annual grants to local clubs and organisations – their current aim is to contribute £2,000 per year into the community.

Thirsty Café took a few years to come to fruition, including the challenging times of Covid, but their aims have been achieved by providing superior quality local food, helping people back to work, assisting those with mental health difficulties and loneliness – thus giving a wonderful service to the people of Marcham.

This award is befitting to a brilliant team who are giving their time for the benefit of so many. Thirsty Café is an exemplar of a 'community contributing to a community'.



What matters to you in your local area?

*Are you looking for a worthwhile
and rewarding way to help your
local community?*

Marcham Parish Council, at present, is looking for people to become involved in helping with projects such as improving footpaths, possibly with lighting if needed, supporting the changes to the play area, improvements to the war memorial area, plus other issues within the parish. To make reasoned balanced decisions for the benefit of the of all, it needs to have members with a wide range of knowledge and experience.

If you are interested in working in a small group to contribute to local life, taking forward projects which benefit people across the parish, then please contact an existing parish councillor, or speak to the Clerk, for more information about what the role would mean.

Marcham Open Gardens 2-4.30pm Sunday 1st September

Marcham Moldova Lifeline

Raising money to help refurbish a community facility in rural Moldova

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Girlguiding Oxfordshire teams up with Sobell House to launch a limited edition OxTrail challenge badge



Girlguiding Oxfordshire has teamed up with Sobell House Hospice to launch a limited-edition challenge badge for this year's OxTrail, Oxford's first ever art sculpture trail, in aid of Sobell House Hospice, which takes over the city from 6 July 2024 for 8 weeks.

Girlguiding Oxfordshire are currently fundraising for four mini oxen; one each for the Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger sections. These oxen will be displayed in the Westgate Shopping Centre.

The challenge badges are £1.50 each, plus post and packaging and are available online to all girl guides across the UK. The fundraising for the oxen will be from the sales of this challenge badge, as they strive to reach their £4,000 target for Sobell House.

As part of the trail, Sobell House has teamed up with Oxford Brookes University to offer the OxTrail Learning Programme to engage with children across the county; to date more than 37,580 young people have had access to the educational tools.

Once the trail is over, many of the sculptures from the trail will be auctioned off to graze in their forever homes. The funds raised through the auction will help to fund the life-enhancing care that Sobell House Hospice provides.

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This year again, we will be at the School Fête on Friday 5th July. As usual, we will be selling ice-creams and some of our other locally produced items ie: flour; eggs; beer; honey and preserves. We hope the event will be a success and we look forward to seeing you there.

Honey is back in stock – limited supplies sadly as the bees have not had the right conditions to do their work. However, more will be coming soon, just ask at the counter if you can't see what you're looking for.

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and we are now stocking gluten-free mini cheese bakes. So far, comments have been very favourable, but any ideas for more stock will be gratefully received.

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In June we had a very informative talk from Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire, whose volunteers are on call around the clock to provide a vital missing persons search.



The Arts Society Abingdon LECTURE



Wednesday 17th July,
10.30am and 2.00pm
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Wilde about Oscar:
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Simon Whitehouse



Image: Oscar Wilde by Napoleon Sarony - 1882

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The talk will be held at The Abbey Cinema at 10.30 and 2pm. For further information please contact us at info@theartsocietyabingdon.org.uk.

Visitors are very welcome to attend this lecture, cost £6.00. A link to Zoom will be sent to every member 24 hours before the scheduled talk for those members unable to attend in person.

Please email info@theartsocietyabingdon.org.uk for further information on the venue, any latest changes and updates. Lectures last 1 hour but allow extra time for announcements etc.

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MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

This month, the children at Marcham Pre-school have been exploring keeping healthy and active. We have been learning how to use our whole body, how to balance and how to use large and small equipment to develop our skills. Weekly circuits on the school field have given us the space to stretch and run... and focus on the recommended 180 minutes of physical play each day for under 5's... each week we are exploring parachute games, making our own obstacle courses, running, stamping stilts, yoga with Tatty Bumpkins, wake up, shake up, balls games and more! We are in training for our very own Olympic Games which begin at the end of June!



We are now full for the academic year 2024-2025, however if you would like to join our waiting list or are considering a place for 2025 onwards, please get in touch via email at marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk



Finally, some sunshine!

Hooray! And what fantastic timing for us as we have our new air conditioning system up and running, keeping all of our Little Angels nice and cool. Huge thanks to The Anson Trust for their support with this, and for Oxford Air Conditioning for their hard work to ensure our Little Angels will be happy and safe while the weather is getting warmer.



This time of year is always very emotional for us here at Little Angels, as we begin to say goodbye to those children who will be starting primary school in September! We wish those of you who are moving on all the luck in this next phase of life, and as much as it pains us to say goodbye, we know that our Little Angels have had the most amazing start here with us and that they are ready for their next adventure. For some of our families, we feel very lucky to still have you with us in September as we welcome the youngest additions of your families through our door, ready to start all over again.

We are busy planning an amazing **graduation ceremony on the 12th July** for all of our Little Angels who are leaving. A word of warning though to parents and families, be prepared to bring your tissues as there are usually a few tears shed!

We are still looking for fantastic practitioners, a 1:1 keyperson and a chef, so if you or anyone you know are interested give us a call on 01865 819992 to have a chat. Likewise, if you are a parent who is interested in joining our every growing Little Angels family, visit our website or give us a call for more information about availability either here at Marcham or at our new Southmoor setting just down the road.

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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.

See page 17 for booking details



MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



In April we had a 'Visions Day', where we spent time looking at our school story – Noah's Ark - and how our school values can be seen in Noah's actions and attitude. It's a story that is special to Christians, Jews and Muslims and can be found in all their sacred texts and so it is special for many people around the world. Do you know the story of Noah? Of course, there are meanings and symbolisms behind these important stories. In the case of Noah's Ark, for some the story might be about new starts and chances to begin again. For some it's about being together, working together and being in community with each other. For some it's about doing our best to get on with others – even when it might be difficult – and for some it might be about hope for the future. I wonder what it has meant for your child? Do let us know what you find out!



On Visions Day we have:

- Been engaged in team-building games
- Made a Noah's ark and rainbow from paper plates
- Found out some 'extreme' facts about animals
- Made up some songs about the Ark and the school Values
- Thought about how our school values are seen throughout the story
- Thought about our own futures and what our hopes are

And we ended the day with the whole school dancing to "We're all in this together" from High School Musical, having learnt the dance as one of our sessions. It was all great fun and it was clear that the children enjoyed it. We hope that it makes a positive difference to our school community and the way we all interact with each other.



Another joyful Maypole Celebration has taken place.

Thank you to the families who have supported our Maypole dancing afternoon by attending, clapping enthusiastically - with the odd wave of an embroidered handkerchief. We hope that you enjoyed the time and that it has put a spring in your step and made you want to wear flowers in your hair...

Well done to everyone! It was a marvellous spectacle, which brought much delight. The children were fabulous!

Sporting successes

What a couple of weeks of successes we have had at Marcham CE Primary! There's sporting information on our brand new **Sports Page** on the school website.

On Monday 20th June, the year 5 cricket team went to Abingdon School for the partnership competition. The children showed immense determination and perseverance. Not only did the children win their group games, with some incredible scores, they also got through to the finals where we played the other winner of all group games. Overall, it was a tie, and we got the trophy for the whole competition. This was a fantastic competition, and the children were amazing and based on this fantastic competition, they have got through to the county finals in July! I am so incredibly proud of this team for pushing themselves and trying their best.

I would also like to thank Mrs Zoe Barnes for all of her support and volunteering her Friday afternoons to train this team, we couldn't have done it without her. Thank you!

Well done team Marcham!

As well as this, on 22nd May the Year 3/4 tennis squad showcased their exceptional skills and sportsmanship. Demonstrating the school's core values, such as respect and perseverance, the tennis team performed admirably, finishing second out of 12 competing schools.

The hard work and team spirit of our pupils were evident throughout both competitions, making the entire school community proud of their achievements. As PE lead of Marcham I am so proud of all children who took part, it not only was enjoyable to watch but witnessing their achievements was incredible and I know the children were proud of themselves also. Let's keep this up, team Marcham!

In May the Year 3s completed an intensive course of swimming lessons at WHLTC in Abingdon and have made significant progress which is fabulous news. Well done, Year 3s, for your effort in the pool. We have high hopes for everyone being proficient swimmers by the end of Year 4.

Miss Knowles

Yr3 teacher & PE coordinator

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The Chromatic Chronicles Of A Garden

Lovely question just in from a listener, and the first one I've had in a good while. "How can I do something a little different in my garden? Something FUN! I seem to literally be stuck in a rut out in the garden. Doing the same things. Year on year".

That's the great gardening dilemma! It's like Groundhog Day out there isn't it, if we're not careful with our gardening habits? Same old plants, same old weeds, and the same old neighbour's cat using your flowerbed as a personal litter tray. But fear not! Let's dive into this.

Year One: Fifty Shades Of Green

Picture it: You're standing in your garden, squinting at the monotonous sea of green. The grass, the shrubs, the leaves—they all blend together like a salad that forgot to invite the tomatoes. But wait! What if we jazz things up? Each week, a different shade of green takes centre stage. Lime Mondays, Emerald Tuesdays, and Chartreuse Fridays. Your neighbour's will be so confused, they'll start questioning their own colour perception. "Is that a fern or a leprechaun?" they'll wonder.

Year Two: "Technicolor Dreamweeds"

Now that everyone's on board with the kaleidoscope of greens, it's time to tackle the flowers. Forget about dainty pastels—let's go full-on neon! Neon daffodils, neon tulips, and neon roses that practically scream, "Look at me, I'm photosynthesizing!" Your garden will be the unofficial rave spot for bees and butterflies. They'll be buzzing around like tiny, glitter-covered party animals. And don't be surprised if the local gnome population starts breakdancing.

Year Three: "The Great Petal Swap"

This year, we're taking community gardening to the next level. Everyone swaps their flowers with their neighbour's. Imagine Mrs Thompson's primroses suddenly sprouting in your yard, while your sunflowers moonwalk over to Mr Patel's place. Chaos? Yes. But also, unity! Plus, the neighbourhood WhatsApp group will explode with messages like, "Who stole my marigolds?" and "Found a rogue pansy in my mailbox!"

Year Four "The Wildlife Talent Show"

Our neighbourhood gardens have become a hotspot for creatures, attracted by the wider colour schemes. Squirrels have formed a synchronized swimming team in the birdbath. The hedgehog choir rehearses nightly (their rendition of "Bohemian Rhapsody" is surprisingly moving). And the ladybirds? They've started a punk band called "The Spotted Dots." The best part? The foxes host a late-night talk show called "Foxy After Dark." Their monologues are awesome.

Year Five: "The Grand Finale: Prism Paradise."

We've reached the pinnacle—the year of all years. The local gardens, inspired by you, are now a living rainbow. Red roses, orange marigolds, yellow sunflowers, green ferns, blue forget-me-nots, indigo irises, and violet violets (because they're committed to their brand). The air smells like a biscuit or a sweet factory has exploded. And guess what? The unicorns have finally RSVP'd to the garden party. They're sipping herbal tea and discussing existentialism with the gnomes.

So, there you have it! Your garden's transformation from "meh" to "mind-blowing." And remember, gardening isn't just about plants—it's about creating a whimsical world where even the snails wear top hats. Now go forth, my green-thumbed friends, and let your garden be the talk of the local area.

Happy Gardening!

Stuart Mabbutt, 01865 747243 www.wildmaninspires.co.uk



The month of June has been a month of two halves, *Unfortunately on Saturday June 1st we were unable to open the Cafe as we did not have enough volunteers.* Although we have lovely volunteers making fabulous cakes for us we need people to help front of house and in the kitchen to relieve the marvellous volunteers who kindly turn up most weeks. It can be challenging when busy but very rewarding helping many members of the community meeting each other and making friends.



On an exciting note the Parish Council has awarded Thirsty Cafe with the 'Parishioner of the Year' award to recognise and honour the contribution to village life made by Thirsty Cafe. This was such a surprise, it had been kept a good secret. We held a **coffee morning** at The Crown, it was so nice to see residents from Sweetbriar as well as our usual customers. The **Cup of Love** is now up and running, please come and use the tokens and join us at the Cafe.

Dates for Diary

- The next community lunch will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month on 17th July 2024.
- The Cafe will be closed during the month of August
The last Cafe will be on Wednesday 31st July and re opens on Wednesday September 4th.
- 5k run on Sunday 22nd September at Millets Farm.

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Marcham Centre

GOOD ETIQUETTE ON THE ANSON FIELD ALLOWING ALL TO ENJOY



The Anson Field is an integral part of Marcham Village, managed and maintained by **Marcham Community Group**. Its central location is ideal for the community to participate in sports and other activities.

The site is valued and well used by many residents of Marcham. So, if we all follow these simple etiquette points, it ensures that everyone has a positive experience. Here are some friendly tips to keep the Anson Field fun, clean, and welcoming for all.

1. Please Clean Up After Yourself

A clean field is a happy field! Bring a small waste bag with you to dispose of any litter in the bins provided around the field. And if you do see some rubbish left by others, take a moment to pick it up — your good deed will inspire others to do the same in the future to keep it clean for all to use.

2. Pick Up After Your Dog: poop-stoop-scoop

We all love bringing our furry friends to the field, but it's crucial to clean up after them. Always carry dog waste bags and make sure to pick up your dog's poo. Dispose of it in the designated bins provided on the field. No one wants to step in something unpleasant and it can be a health risk.

3. Share the Space

The Anson Field is for every resident of Marcham. Be mindful of others using the space. If you're practising with friends and another group arrives, offer to share the field or use a smaller section. Cooperation and courtesy go a long way in maintaining a friendly atmosphere.

4. Take Care of the Equipment

On the field there is often equipment like goals, nets, or benches. Please treat them with care. Avoid hanging on nets or goals, and don't move equipment unless it's necessary and you know how to do it safely. Damaged equipment is costly to replace and can prevent others from enjoying the field.

5. Respect the Field

Grass fields require maintenance to stay in good condition. If the field is muddy, please try to stay off to prevent damage.

6. Follow the Rules

The Anson Field has rules that are there for the enjoyment and safety of all. Please read the signs and encourage others to follow them. This will ensure everyone using the space can do so safely.

7. Be Mindful of Noise Levels

Enthusiasm and cheering are part of the fun but be considerate of nearby residents. Keep noise levels reasonable, especially early in the morning or late in the evening. Our neighbours will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

8. Stay Safe

Safety should always come first. By following these simple guidelines, we can ensure that our community can enjoy The Anson Field safely and is clean for everyone. So, all we need now is the sunshine!

Thank you!

Marcham Community Group Trustees



LITTER BINS

We have had a problem with the litter bins adjacent to the MUGA overflowing in the last few weeks. We are arranging a more frequent emptying schedule to solve the problem. Our apologies for any inconvenience. Hopefully it will be resolved soon.

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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Top tips for hot weather

GENERAL

- Listen to the news and check your local weather forecast so you know when hot weather is expected.
- Make sure you're drinking plenty of fluids - at least 6-8 glasses of liquid a day. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink, and take a bottle of water with you when you're out and about.
- Wear loose, lightweight clothing.
- Stay away from very sugary or alcoholic drinks—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid.
- Know the symptoms of heat exhaustion/heatstroke and what to do if you or someone else has them.
- Public buildings such as places of worship, local libraries or supermarkets may be cooler than your home. If they are nearby, consider visiting one of these as a way of cooling down.

OUT AND ABOUT

- Don't spend too much time outside between 11am and 3pm, the hottest time of the day. Try and keep in the shade when you can.
- Look after your skin - Use sunscreen of at least SPF 30. Apply it generously and top up regularly.
- Wear a hat to protect your head, face, ears and eyes.
- Choose sunglasses that have a CE mark and a UV400 label.

AT HOME

- Avoid using the oven to cook if you can, as it will make you and your home hotter.
- Keep your home cool by closing windows and curtains in rooms that face the sun.
- Check on friends and neighbours and ask someone to do the same for you.

KNOW THE SIGNS

Heat exhaustion occurs when the body overheats and cannot cool down. It does not usually need emergency medical attention if you cool down within 30 minutes. If you do not take action to cool down, heat exhaustion can lead to heatstroke. Common symptoms of heat exhaustion include tiredness, weakness, feeling faint, headache, muscle cramps, feeling or being sick, heavy sweating and intense thirst. Heatstroke is where the body is no longer able to cool down and the body temperature becomes dangerously high.

Common symptoms of heatstroke include confusion, lack of coordination, fast heartbeat, fast breathing or shortness of breath, hot skin (that is not sweating) and seizures.

Heatstroke is a medical emergency. If you think someone has heatstroke you should dial 999 and then try to cool them down.

HOW TO COOL DOWN

- Move to a cooler place such as a room with air conditioning or somewhere in the shade.
- Remove all unnecessary clothing like a jacket or socks.
- Drink cool water, a sports or rehydration drink, or eat cold and water rich foods like ice lollies.
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The holiday club will run for three days and will be for children aged 9 – 13 years.

They will be staying in Chisinau for two nights and learning about Moldovan culture and visiting some important sights. Then they travel to Costesti where they will stay for the remainder of the trip, travelling to Zumbreni each day for the holiday club.

Moldova remains amongst the very poorest nations in Europe. The influx of Ukrainian refugees over the last two years has added further pressure. Many adults leave to travel west for work and send money back for the family remaining in the care of grandparents.

All Saints' church has had links with Moldova for the last 15 years through the charity *Agape*, providing much needed support through winter food parcels, providing equipment for schools and agriculture, and sending groups out for visits.

This trip will be one of the final events in our supportive work as *Agape* will be no longer be operational by the end of this year.

There are many costs including flights, accommodation, food, transport whilst in Moldova and resources to run the holiday club. The team have already self-funded and raised money through grants and fund-raising.

If you are interested in learning more about the trip to Moldova or supporting the trip financially, or through prayer, please contact us. You can also visit the team at their table at the Marcham Primary School Summer Fete on Friday 5th July.

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

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

Sunday 4 August, 6pm: Madrigals and Praise - Revd. J. Radford

News From St.Luke's

Early summer was heralded beautifully by discerning wildlife in our rural hamlet as the congregation from Garford, Marcham and beyond gathered for Evensong at St Luke's on 2nd June. A mother duck and her brood bustled in the churchyard and swifts darted into the church, all clearly enjoying the serenity of the service through the open door and more wonderful music from the choir.

The churchyard has been spruced up with a thorough prune and tidy, grateful thanks to the volunteers who tackled it, led by Chris Webb, and to Neil Walker for providing support to clear the enormous loads of vegetation resulting from the hard work.

Contact Carolyn Whiting: st.lukes@allsaintsmarcham.org



REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT THIS WAS UPDATED FOR THE ONLINE VERSION

Apologies to Robert for the editor's error

ELECTION FEVER

By the time you read this, Marcham (together with Sutton Courtenay, Drayton, and surrounding areas) should have a new County Councillor, elected at the by-election on 20th June. I write before the result is announced but whoever they are, whatever party they represent, I look forward to working closely with them to serve our communities.

Up next: the General Election on 4th July. Please, please vote. I understand the frustration voiced by many on the doorstep that our political system isn't working as we might like it to, but giving up is no way to fix something. It is only by fighting for change that change will happen, and engaging with the democratic system is the best way to do so. And please remember to bring a valid form of Photo ID if you are casting your vote in person.

THAMES WATER

Thames Water (TW) have recently launched a consultation regarding SESRO, the proposed reservoir to the south of Marcham. A series of "community information events" are planned, including one in Marcham Village Hall on 18th July (2-8pm). The consultation will run until 28th August.

Of note in TW's Summary Brochure is a claim that the new reservoir would provide 271 million litres of water per day (Ml/d). Meanwhile, TW loses around 624 Ml/d due to leaks and is failing to achieve their target of reducing leaks by 162 Ml/d over 2024. Thames Water also faces a fine from Ofwat for breaching rules around paying a shareholder dividend despite its poor performance.

Ofwat has also suspended its draft determinations on the five-year spending and investment plans of all Britain's water companies (including TW) until after the General Election.

FOOTPATHS

As residents of the Monks Walk and Willow Farm housing developments will be aware, there has been a long-running issue over footpaths in and between the two areas. I have been working on getting this resolved since I was elected in May 2023, but it goes back many years beyond this. I'm therefore delighted to see that (1) the two developments are finally joined by a linking footpath and (2) the hoggin path on the Monks Walk side has been replaced with tarmac.

A huge thanks to everyone involved in getting us to this point, especially the Vale's Planning Enforcement Officer who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to coordinate the relevant organisations.



DR ROBERT CLEGG

District Councillor for Marcham Ward

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

We are awaiting election results for our new county councillor.

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We are awaiting election results for our new MP.

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Let's hope this year the summer weather is sunny and warm enough for enjoyment of all the seaside or any other holiday destination has to offer.

Over the summer months many people find their routines are substantially changed by activities being suspended in August. But for those living with dementia, keeping to a routine is beneficial and Kennington Memory Club does not close.

Our Day Support Centre continues with its Monday and Thursday sessions, providing both consistency for the person living with dementia and much appreciated respite for their carers.

The only exceptions are Bank Holidays, when our hard-working staff get the day off themselves!

If you'd like to know more about the Club and Day Centre for people who are living with dementia, or to arrange for someone to come along for a visit or a free taster day, email the Club Organiser Kay organiser@kenningtonmemoryclub.org.uk or phone her on 07852 883496. If the phone is not answered straight away, please do leave a message and she will always get back to you very shortly. More information can also be found on the website www.kenningtonmemoryclub.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to the Club.

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.

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RESERVOIR NEWS

Reservoir Update from Thames Water

Have your say on our reservoir proposals
To keep everyone's taps running, we need to invest in new water resources for the South East.

We're holding a public consultation on our proposals to build a new reservoir in Oxfordshire. Your views matter to us, so please take a look online and have your say via: www.thames-sro.co.uk/sesro

You can also come along to one of our community information events to find out more about the proposed reservoir. To help us manage numbers, please register your attendance in advance by visiting our website at: www.thames-sro.co.uk/events

Events

- 27/06/24 Sutton Courtenay Village Hall - 2pm-8pm
- 29/06/24 Royal British Legion, East Hanney - 10am-4pm
- 01/07/24 Abingdon Guildhall - 11am-5pm
- 05/07/24 Loyd Lindsay Rooms, Wantage - 11am-5pm
- 09/07/24 Didcot Civic Hall – 2pm-8pm
- 15/07/24 Milton Hill House, Steventon - 2pm-8pm
- 18/07/24 Marcham Centre – 2pm-8pm

If you have any queries, please email us on: info.SESRO@thameswater.co.uk.



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

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 below.

DEREK STORK, Chairman GARD.

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

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INDEPENDENT DIABETES TRUST



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Many of you may be looking forward to holidays whether in this country or abroad. People with diabetes may be anxious, especially if it is the first time going on holiday since they were diagnosed with diabetes. For those people going on holiday is not quite so straightforward and requires more planning, especially for those treated with insulin. If going abroad, the security at airports and on flights means that carrying injection devices, blood glucose testing kit and insulin on planes requires prior arrangements to be made.

As a charity for people with diabetes and their families, we provide a **Holiday Information Pack** which contains our booklet on 'Holiday Tips' which includes information about carrying tablets and insulin to other countries. The Pack also includes our booklets, 'Diabetes Everyday Eating' and 'Looking After Your Feet', always important but especially so in hot weather or being on a beach.

We are happy send this FREE Holiday Pack to anyone if they contact IDDT on 01604 622837, email enquiries@iddtinternational.org or write to IDDT, PO Box 294, Northampton NN1 4XS.



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0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime

Tell them what you know, not who you are

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Election Day (3) Don't forget your ID! Marcham Society Midweek Walk Millets Classic car meet 9.30am-noon	5 Marcham School PTA School Fête 6-8pm(13)	6 Academy Brass and Wantage Youth Brass Bands 7pm Abingdon (7)
7 Morning Service 10am (17) St Lukes Morning Service with Rosemary Siebert 11am (17) Evening Service 6pm (17)	8 Marcham Centre Marcham Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm (5) Marcham Bridge Club 6.50pm (12)	9	10 Marcham Centre Thirsty Café 9-11.30am (13) Aunt Sally 8.30pm	11	12 Little Angels Graduation (16)	13 Marcham Centre Thirsty Cafe 9-11.30am (13)
14 Morning Service 10am (17) Evening Service 6pm (17)	15 Marcham Centre Marcham WI 7.30pm (9) Marcham Bridge Club 6.50pm (12)	16	17 Marcham Centre Thirsty Cafe 9-11.30am Community Lunch(13) Aunt Sally 8.30pm Arts Society 10.30am & 2.00pm (9)	18 Marcham Centre Thames Water Reservoir Update 2-8pm (19)	19	20 Marcham Centre Thirsty Cafe 9-11.30am (13)
21 Morning Service 10am (17) Evening Service 6pm (17)	22 Marcham Centre Marcham Bridge Club 6.50pm (12)	23 Marcham Centre Marcham Bridge Club 6.50pm (12)	24 Marcham Centre Cafe 9-11.30am (13) Aunt Sally 8.30pm (15)	25	26	27 Marcham Centre Thirsty Cafe 9-11.30am (13)
28 Morning Service 10am (17) Evening Service 6pm (17)	29 Marcham Centre Marcham Bridge Club 6.50pm (12)	30	31 Marcham Centre Thirsty Cafe 9-11.30am (13) Aunt Sally 8.30pm (15)			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Thirsty Cafe will be closed during the month of August				1 Millets Classic car meet 9.30am-noon	2	3
4 Morning Service 10am (17) Evening Service 6pm (17) St Lukes: Madrigals and Praise 6pm	5 Marcham Centre Marcham Bridge Club 6.50pm (12)	6	7 Millets: Folksy Theatre Angelica Sprocket's Pockets 10.30am & 2pm As You Like It 7.00pm (16)	8 Millets: Folksy Theatre Angelica Sprocket's Pockets 10.30am & 2pm (16)	9	10
11 Morning Service 10am (17) Evening Service 6pm (17)	12 Marcham Centre Marcham Bridge Club 6.50pm (12)	13	14	15	16	17
18 Morning Service 10am (17) Evening Service 6pm (17)	19 Marcham Centre Marcham Bridge Club 6.50pm (12)	20 MADNEWS DEADLINE 5PM FOR SEPT ISSUE	21	22	23	24 Shippon Revel Prince of Wales, Shippon 12-late (18)
25 Morning Service 10am (17) Evening Service 6pm (17)	26 Marcham Centre Marcham Bridge Club 6.50pm (12)	27	28	29 Revised Waste Collection (5)	30	31
Holiday Club: 10am – 2pm All Saints Church, Marcham (17)						

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