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Happy Halloween

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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Parish Council is currently seeking additional councillors. With a number of important projects underway, having more councillors means more capacity, more ideas, and better support for the village. If you care about Marcham and want to help shape local decisions, even a short period of service can make a real difference. Speak to a local councillor for more information, or contact the clerk.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANT AWARDS.

The Parish Council would remind local organisations that it now considers applications for grants at any of its meetings, provided the application and details are complete, and are received in time to be added to the agenda. If your organisation supports or benefits Marcham residents and is thinking of applying for a grant, please use the grant application form available in the Publications section of the Council's website www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk, and enclose a copy of your organisation's accounts. Details of where to send the application are on the form.

WAR MEMORIAL

The Parish Council has been in discussion with a contractor about ways to tidy the war memorial. The proposal includes removing the existing shrubs, setting aside the gravel, creating raised planting beds to the side, and installing matting along with new sleepers and refreshed gravel. The Council has asked that the contractor completes this tidying work before Remembrance Sunday. This is an initial effort only, and longer term plans to create an improved area will be a future project.

ELECTRIC BLANKET TESTING

Oxfordshire County Council arranges testing for electric blankets, throws and heat pads in readiness for winter. The service finds potential hazards such as exposed elements, worn surfaces, broken fasteners, or voltage leakage, which could pose a fire or injury risk. 37% of blankets tested last year were found to be faulty in some way.

Residents are encouraged to stay safe this winter, and to book a slot to have theirs checked. Information can be found on the County Council's website. Bookings can be made by calling 01865 519800, or online.

ALLOTMENT RENT COLLECTION

The Clerk will soon be collecting allotment rents for the year 26/27. It would be helpful, in due course, if tenants could arrange to transfer the rent amount due straight into the Council's account via online transfer. Details of the amount payable will be available shortly. Any tenant not having on line banking can still send a cheque payable to Marcham Parish Council for the amount due, to the Clerk's address.

APPEAL TO BE CONSIDERATE TO NEIGHBOURS

As Halloween approaches, children may be eager to go out trick or treating. While this is usually a fun activity, it can be unsettling

for some residents who receive unexpected visitors. If you plan to go out, please respect those who do not wish to participate.

For those who receive unexpected callers, ensure your door chain or bar is secured before opening the door. Only allow entry to individuals whose identity you are comfortable with. For police assistance, call 101 or dial 999 in an emergency.

FIREWORKS

Although it is only October, fireworks night in early November is fast approaching. Please plan ahead and be considerate of your neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when setting off fireworks.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P26/V3106/HH Single and two storey extensions at 23 Packhorse Lane. The Council had no objections, but commented that the increased accommodation may result in additional parking requirements.

P26/V2234/LB Replacement of existing timber and glazed front door with a new wood panelled door at Marcham Park, (formerly Denman College) New Road. The Council had no objections.

P26/V2232/HH Single storey front extension and two storey side extension to the existing dwelling following demolition of the existing outbuilding and existing side extension, together with alterations to the existing vehicular access and new boundary treatments, at 10 The Gap. The Council reiterated previous comments that the access was off a shared drive with inline parking. Problems could result if cars were already parked on the drive. Vehicles would have to be moved to access the EV charging point. It was unclear whether the width of the parking spaces had been reduced since the last application. There was no tracking shown. Vehicles could reverse into The Gap causing issues for pedestrians owing to the fact that there was no footway.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.30pm at Marcham Centre. **Please check the Council's website in case arrangements change.**

Clerk to the Council:

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www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk



Don't forget
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This month's cover photo is
Ivy Mining Bee on Marcham Ivy
17th September
by Anna Byrne

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NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

As the autumn leaves start to fall from the trees, Marcham CE Primary School opened its doors to a new term filled with fresh faces and an invigorated focus on learning. As we start our new school year, we must share our gratitude to many who supported us last year.



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our wonderful PTFA for their incredible support last year. Their amazing fundraising efforts enabled us to enhance classroom resources and subsidise educational visits, ensuring that our pupils benefitted from a wealth of enriching experiences. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed group of volunteers working tirelessly for the benefit of our children.

Our thanks also go to the Anson Trust for its generous contributions towards educational visits and for supporting the creation of our beautiful spiritual space in the school hall. Designed and created by our Worship Council, this special area provides a calm and reflective environment that is already proving to be a valuable addition to our school.

We are equally grateful to the Marcham Village Shop & Post Office for its continued kindness and generosity. The donation of Easter eggs brought smiles to so many faces, while their support in providing additional resources for our EYFS and Key Stage 1 classrooms, along with dictionaries and thesauruses for our Key Stage 2 pupils, has been greatly appreciated.

And finally, to everyone in our village community, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Whether you have attended events, volunteered your time, donated resources, or simply cheered us on, your involvement makes a real difference.

Our new academic year has started with Music Flood week (21st – 25th Sept) where our pupils took part in a variety of musical experiences. From instrumental assemblies to singing workshops for Key Stage 2, it has been a joyous occasion. In addition, classes have all begun their new topics with Year 4 enjoying a Roman Day taking part in a selection of activities to find out what it might have been like to be a Roman. Topics this term are All about Me, Toys, Animals, Stone Age and Beyond, Romans and a Local Study.

Even though we have just returned to school, we are already looking forward and will have open mornings for children due to start school in September 2027 on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 9.30am and Thursday 3rd December 2026 at 9.30am. During these open mornings there will be the opportunity to tour the school and listen to a short talk from myself. We also have some spaces within other selected year groups, please do contact the school office office.3235@marcham.oxon.sch.uk if you would like to visit the school and discuss available places.

We continue to welcome volunteers from the village, and further afield, to assist with reading, supporting the continued development of our garden area and offering help in a variety of ways. If you are interested in supporting our school, please do get in touch with the school office.

LINDSAY PRIDDLE

To see what else the school has been up to go to
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The Marcham Centre

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The Crown

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as well as Millets and Webbs Garden Centre.

Pin badges can be reserved/ordered by messaging me on 07342 812801 and collected from Longfields in Marcham.

Your support and generosity last year helped us raise nearly £5,500, this is a tremendous amount and we thank you in advance for your donations for this year's Poppy Appeal. All your donations are invaluable in enabling the Royal British Legion to provide life-long support to serving and ex-serving members of the British Armed Forces, and their families.

Thank you

JAMIE BUTCHER



COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

The Community litter pick went ahead with a strong team of 25 helpers, including our District and County Councillors. We managed to swerve the rain and a good amount of litter was collected. Thank you to all those people who gave their time to help Marcham look its best.

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Bee Kind

Ivy Mining Bees in Marcham

Ivy Mining Bees are out and about at this time of year. They emerge from the ground in September, usually the first sunny week and they are only active until November. With a life span of roughly six weeks, it's a new population each year.

Ivy Mining Bees can be seen feeding on ivy in late summer and early autumn, when it is in flower. There's a lot of ivy around Marcham, and it's alive with these bees. Because the females look very much like honey bees, people sometimes think that they are all sisters from the same hive, others worry about the sudden influx of wasps. In fact, the Ivy Mining Bee is a rather special type of bee. They are a solitary species and each bee will have come from its own individual tunnel. However, it's common to find lots of them in individual burrows in a single location, such as my front lawn.

They are the last of the solitary bees to emerge each year, right at the end of summer when ivy is flowering. They were first seen on the south coast in 2001 and have since spread northward throughout England and Wales.

Coming from the North East of England I was a bit wary when I first encountered what looked like a low flying swarm of bees in the garden but now they are something I look forward to hearing each September. They can be quite loud in bright sunshine. These bees are pollinators and their burrows can aerate the soil. They are relatively harmless to humans and pets since the males do not have a sting and females have a very weak one that rarely penetrates human skin.

They like patches of bare earth but may also nest in garden lawns and vegetable patches. Although solitary, they like to build their nests together, so the ground can be pockmarked with dozens or even hundreds of tiny volcano-like burrow entrances.

The female bee digs a tunnel approx. 30cm deep with side chambers laying a single egg in each one.

The following year it starts all over again as those new bees emerge from their underground homes.



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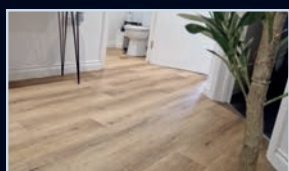
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Following the dozen test pits already carried out in private gardens in our village, the last excavation of this year's schedule will take place on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October

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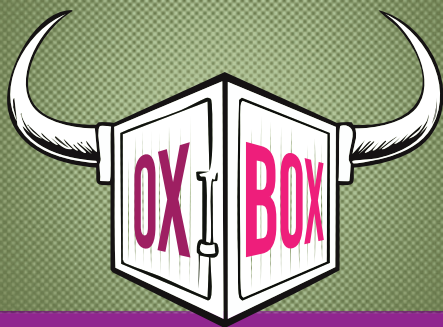
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MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

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Our curriculum is designed to give children much more than just the foundations for their future learning. We place great importance on developing those everyday life skills too — becoming independent, making friends, communicating, solving problems, looking after ourselves and others, and developing the confidence to try something new.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year filled with fun, friendship, learning, laughter and lots of special moments.

If you'd like to find out more about the Marcham Pre-school community, please get in touch on 01865 392101 or by emailing admissions.mps@outlook.com

For Early Years ideas and tips, please check out our website and the Road Map to Starting School... at

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Has Summer really finished? Are we thinking about Christmas already? Halloween and Bonfire night come in between ...

Halloween items will be available in the shop from early October. Look out for sweet bags and other goodies to use for the trick or treaters. Following that, we will be bringing in

gifts and new ideas for Christmas (and other occasions). We are constantly looking for new ideas, so watch this space and do check us out. If you have any ideas or preferences, please do let us know.

So far, this financial year, we are proud to say that we have donated to the following causes to help and support them going forward:

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- £200 Flexicare



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If you are a shareholder you will be invited to attend the MVS AGM which will take place in the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 26 November. The agenda for this meeting will be sent out nearer the date. If you would like to become a shareholder (from £10 per share) details are available in the shop.

We look forward to seeing you soon

**Thank you, as always,
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MARCHAM FARMERS MARKET SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

The next Marcham Farmers Market is on Saturday 17 October, 9am–12pm at Marcham Centre.

Producer Spotlight: Billy's Eggs

This month we're putting the spotlight on one of our much-loved local producers – Billy's Eggs.



It doesn't get much more local than this! Billy's chickens are just down the road from Marcham, with their flock based in Kingston Bagpuize. Their eggs have also been part of Thirsty Café from the very start – used in our cakes, bakes and breakfast baps.

Billy's Eggs are signed up to 'Laid in Britain', an independent egg assurance scheme focused on food safety, traceability and

hen welfare. Farms follow strict standards including vaccination, testing, biosecurity and regular auditing. Impressively, no egg produced under the Laid in Britain scheme has ever tested positive for salmonella, giving customers extra confidence in the eggs they buy – including when enjoying a runny yolk!

It's exactly what Marcham Farmers Market is all about: local producers supplying local businesses, and local people supporting both.

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Brown Cow Yoghurt		Gluten free bread	
Butter		Eggs	
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So come along on Saturday 17th October, 9am–12pm at the Marcham Centre patio, stock up on Billy's Eggs and plenty more from our fantastic local producers.

For more information please contact
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local food, local producers, local community



September arrived, and brought lots of excitement, new adventures and some very proud moments for our Little Angels.



For many of our children, this month has marked a big milestone as they've moved into our Toddler and Pre-School rooms. We know these transitions can feel like a big step for both children and families, so we spend time getting to know new key workers, visiting new rooms and building confidence before the move. It's been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled and embraced their next stage of learning.

In our Green Room (Toddlers), we continue to focus on something that's at the heart of Little Angels, helping children become confident, capable and independent. Whether it's pouring their own drink, serving their lunch or making choices about their play, we encourage children to have a go and take pride in what they can do. We believe every child should feel empowered to say, "This is me."

A big part of our Little Angels DNA Curriculum is giving children opportunities to be curious and follow their own ideas. Loose parts play has been providing lots of opportunities for children to explore, problem-solve and think creatively using everyday objects in ways we could never have planned ourselves. It is often in these moments that we see children developing confidence, resilience and a genuine love of learning.

Meanwhile, our youngest children in Yellow Room have been welcoming the season with autumn-inspired sensory experiences, including scented spice trays that have encouraged plenty of exploration, discussion and curiosity.

September also brought lots of new families through our doors. It has been lovely welcoming them into the Little Angels community and seeing new friendships begin to blossom.

At Little Angels, we are passionate about creating more than just a childcare setting. We aim to provide a place where children feel safe, valued and inspired to learn; where families feel part of a community; and where every child is encouraged to become the best version of themselves.

We are looking forward to seeing where this autumn's adventures take us next!

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A YEAR OF GRATITUDE, STEADY PROGRESS, AND AGM NOTICE

As we reflect on another busy year for the Marcham Community Group (MCG), our overriding feeling is one of immense gratitude. The Marcham Centre and our playing fields exist for the village, but they only truly thrive because of the people who give their time, energy, and care to make them work.

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you to our incredible team of volunteers. Whether you have helped with hands-on site maintenance, lent a hand at village events, or simply offered a welcoming smile to newcomers visiting the Centre, your efforts keep the heartbeat of this community strong. Equally, huge thanks go to my fellow Trustees, who work tirelessly behind the scenes on governance, bookings, and compliance to ensure our facilities remain on a secure footing.

Financially, the group has had a solid, proactive year. Total incoming resources reached around **£103,000**, reflecting steady bookings and vibrant use of our community halls and outdoor spaces.

Like everyone, we have felt the squeeze of rising utility tariffs and everyday operational costs. In response, the Trustees made two key strategic decisions this year:

- **Freezing Hire Rates:** To support our regular clubs, local societies, and village residents during a challenging economic period, we made the deliberate choice to freeze our hire rates for the 2026 period.
- **Securing the Future:** To ensure we never face emergency bailouts when major maintenance arises, we have prioritised our dedicated "Sinking Fund," which now safely exceeds £20,000.

Importantly, our commercial stability means we can keep reinvesting back where it belongs. Over the past year, we have invested over £10,000 directly into essential maintenance for the playing fields and pitches to ensure safe, top-quality surfaces for local sport and everyday recreation alike. We were also delighted to distribute nearly £10,000 in trading profits back into local community groups to support grassroots initiatives across the village.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Thursday 22nd October 7.45pm, Marcham Village Hall. All residents of Marcham and users of the facilities are warmly invited to attend. The AGM is an excellent opportunity to hear a full review of the year, ask questions of the Trustees, and learn more about our upcoming plans.

Formal notice, including the agenda and the annual accounts, will be sent to members within the required statutory timescales ahead of the meeting. Details will also be made available on the Marcham Centre's social media accounts.

Finally, thank you to every resident who booked a party, joined a weekly class, or came along to support a community event this past year.

If you would like to get involved, have an idea for a new group, or are interested in joining our team of volunteers or trustees, please do come along to the AGM or get in touch directly.

INDOOR SHORT MAT BOWLS

Indoor Short Mat Bowls – has started again in the main hall of the Centre on Wednesdays, Starting at 2pm. All bowlers and potential ones are invited to join a happy informal bunch of players, who have over recent years increased their numbers in an enjoyable and welcoming environment.

Colin Trinder co-ordinates the sessions. He looks forward to meeting any new potential bowlers. This is an excellent opportunity to have a go at this popular sport. No need to register, just turn up

on a Wednesday, though Colin will be more than happy to have a chat if you want. (c_trinder@btinternet.com).

QUIZ NIGHTS

Monthly quizzes have started again. The next being on Friday 9 October in the main hall of the Centre, starting at 8pm sharp, with the bar open beforehand and throughout the evening. Teams of up to six members are invited to come along for a friendly night of banter.

New teams are welcome to supplement those regulars of recent years. We look forward to seeing you all, no need to let us know, just turn up on the night

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Quiz

1. In which sea are the Cyclades islands located?
2. Bali is an island in which country?
3. Which country topped the medal table at the 2026 European Athletics Championships in Birmingham?
4. Which British scientist is famous for his pioneering work on electricity and magnetism, including the discovery of electromagnetic induction?
5. Which group of animals makes up almost a quarter of the UK's mammal species?
6. Which country, alongside Great Britain and France, entered the Second World War by declaring war on Germany on 3 September 1939?
7. Which planet did NASA's Viking 1 spacecraft land on in 1976?
8. Which country in Central America has English as its official language?
9. What are the names of the two major Scottish football clubs based in Edinburgh?
10. Which film earned Clint Eastwood his first Academy Award for Best Director?
11. Who succeeded Lyndon B. Johnson as the 37th President of the United States?
12. What is the French word for "computer"?

Answers on page 19



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SPORT REPORT

August and September bring an end to the cricket season and a start to the football season with a marked change in the use of the field. Sadly nobody has told the weatherman and the warm weather continues to make conditions challenging on the field. We ask all users to be aware of the most bare patches as we try to reseed and bring the green back.

CRICKET

The cricket season ended with the first team securing their place in the league with some good results, marked notably by James Lauder scoring in the top ten in the runs table and captain Dan Hill appearing in the top 10 for wicket takers. The reserves have allowed a huge number of people to participate in cricket recreationally providing a great spirit and atmosphere despite some challenging results. We look forward to next season when a number of our younger players come of age to be allowed to play in adult cricket bolstering the athleticism of the team. If you're interested in playing for the cricket club please do drop us an email fieldcommittee.marchamcentre@gmail.com and we will let you know about winter nets.

FOOTBALL

Both the adult first team and the reserve team have got off to winning starts in their first games. The first team travelling to RAF Brize Norton picking up a 64 win and the reserves winning 43 at home versus Faringdon B.

After a fantastic Under-7s season last year, Marcham FC is excited to begin the new campaign with not one but two under-8 teams. The growth of the squad reflects the hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm shown by all our young players. There are over 100 children now playing as part of Marcham Colts using both the field and Abingdon Prep school, to whom we are really thankful for the use of their nine aside pitches. The teams will also be proudly wearing their brand-new kit, generously sponsored by Andy and Dawn at TheShop.ws Classic Car and Race Prep Services, whose support has helped make the season even more special.



The Minis begin on Saturday mornings at 9 o'clock on the field. All are welcome for those who are just learning to play football from toddler to leopards who are just dipping their toes into the joy of football. For all minis information please follow the Facebook page Marcham Colts minis football.

As we look ahead to the year, the focus remains on developing skills, building friendships, and enjoying football. Most importantly, our players will take to the pitch each week with smiles on their faces, ready to represent Marcham FC with pride and make more great memories together

Everyone's welcome to come and watch the teams play with the cafe open on Saturday mornings and the bar open on Saturday afternoons. It is great to see as many people as possible supporting the village.

AUNT SALLY

The village is fortunate to have four aunt sally teams available for 'locals' to play this solely Oxfordshire game.

The summer season has just finished. Two teams each from The Crown and Marcham Centre have enjoyed the long hot summer evenings, all resulting in mid table finishes.

Marcham Centre A – C Section

The team was promoted two divisions from last season and having suffered an early adjustment to a higher league, finished winning six games and losing nine. Indeed, such was the improvement during the season, four players scored more than an average of two dolls per throw (out of a maximum six), those being captain Brian Boseley 2.17; Kieran Beesley 2.08; Jack Rhodes 2.06; Tom Ricketts 2.00.

The Crown A-E Section

A mid-table position proved to be similar to the previous season, though winning more than lost. Nick Hill top scored over the season, averaging 1.91, with Paul Alder scoring a consistent 1.85.

The Crown B – F Section

Another mid-table position, though winning 'the bragging rights' over neighbours Centre B, albeit finishing on same number of points. Reason for this was the fact that Crown B scored the most dolls in the section after winners Brewery Tap. However, the number of dolls scored didn't reflect the winning and losing stats, hence a mid-table position. Sam Coughlan top scored for the season with an average of 1.95, followed by captain Jamie Butcher with 1.59.

Marcham Centre B – F Section

Mid table position after a poor start. The improvements meant finishing only seven points off the second team in the league, albeit the ultimate finish was just below half way in the table. Barry (Baz) Godfrey top scored for the season with 1.64, followed by Dave Corbett 1.42.

All teams will be looking for new players next year, although competition is steep!

DAN BARNES, JAMIE BUTCHER, TREVOR HILL

PTFA Update

EMPOWERING CLASSROOMS: HOW YOUR PTFA SUPPORT ENRICHES LEARNING



At the Marcham PTFA, we believe that the teachers and staff who work with our children every day are best placed to understand the unique needs of each class. That is why, every term, we provide £100 petty cash directly to each year group, from the Pandas to the Wolves, and £50 to the Nurture group. This money can be spent exactly where they believe it will have the most impact.

This direct funding allows staff to move quickly to enrich the children's experience with both essential supplies and those special "extra" touches that bring lessons to life. Here is a glimpse at how those funds have been put to work across the school last academic year:

- **Diverse Learning Tools:** from an electric pencil sharpener and desk organisers to iPad cases and laminating pouches, funds were used to ensure a smooth and organised learning environment.
- **Creative Arts & DT:** This year's "DT Week" was a highlight for many, with funds covering craft cards, acrylic paints, clay tools, and even specialty items like glass pebbles, jute twine, and embroidery thread.
- **Bringing Stories to Life:** Our school library continues to grow. Staff have hand-picked titles ranging from The Fossil Hunter and Everest to Harry Potter and The Lights That Dance in the Night.
- **Curiosity & Exploration:** From "plant growing dolls" and "mini rubber ducks" to "ration books" for history and "reptile coloured sand," these funds allow teachers to follow the curiosity of their students.
- **Classroom Comforts:** Sometimes, it's the small things that matter most, like fresh produce for cooking, sunflower seeds for the garden, or even a set of "freeze pops" for a well-earned treat.

Every penny spent is a reflection of our teachers' dedication to making Marcham Primary school a vibrant place to learn. Thank you for your continued support of the PTFA, which makes this direct classroom enrichment possible!

We will be sharing this term's events via Arbor and class WhatsApp groups so keep an eye out.

As ever we're looking to recruit more people to the committee. In particular in Reception, Years 2 and 4. If you'd be able to help in any way please email marchampta@gmail.com

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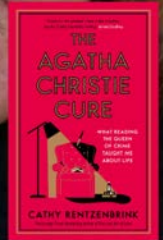
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The Great Garden Heatwave Survival Guide

When a summer heatwave hits, gardeners aren't the only ones melting into a deckchair with a cold drink. Across the garden, Britain's wildlife is engaged in its own annual battle against the blazing sun, each species deploying survival tactics that range from ingenious to downright ridiculous.

Read on, so next year, you know what to do to help nature in your garden.

Take the humble hedgehog. Normally a nocturnal wanderer, during a heatwave it resembles a grumpy pensioner searching for the nearest patch of shade. Rather than trundling about in the midday sun, hedgehogs conserve energy and seek shelter under shrubs, sheds and piles of leaves.

Birds, meanwhile, turn into feathered beachgoers. Blackbirds, robins and sparrows can often be seen splashing enthusiastically in shallow water, looking less like elegant wildlife and more like toddlers at a swimming pool. Some birds even hold their wings slightly away from their bodies to release excess heat, the avian equivalent of loosening your collar and complaining that "it's not the heat, it's the humidity."

Bees and butterflies have their own methods. Butterflies often spend the hottest part of the day resting in shady spots, while bees increase their air conditioning efforts. Honeybees station workers at the entrance of the hive, furiously fanning their wings like tiny nightclub bouncers trying to cool an overcrowded venue.

Even garden frogs get involved. As temperatures rise, they retreat to damp corners, disappearing from view entirely. One moment they're there, the next they've apparently checked into an underground spa.

Fortunately, gardeners can become wildlife lifeguards with very little effort. A shallow dish of water, complete with pebbles for insects to land on, can be a five-star resort for thirsty creatures. Leaving a few untidy areas beneath plants provides cool refuges for hedgehogs, frogs and countless insects. A small pond is even better, offering everything from drinking facilities to a fully equipped amphibian holiday complex.

Most importantly, resist the temptation to make the garden look like a freshly shaved military parade ground. Long grass, dense planting and shady corners create natural air conditioned zones. So, during the next heatwave, remember: while you're reaching for the ice cream, somewhere nearby a hedgehog is hiding under a bush, a blackbird is having an enthusiastic bath, and a bee is working overtime on the world's smallest cooling system. The least we can do is leave the water bowl topped up.

Happy Gardening!

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Jill Rowe will step down from her role as Children and Families Worker at All Saints Marcham at the end of October this year. It is the end of an era. God has blessed Jill's ministry with enormous flourishing over many years (40+ years in fact), first as a volunteer, and then as a paid youth and children minister from 2008. Her role was changed in 2016 to focus solely on children and families because the role had got so big, and Rob Finch joined the staff team as youth worker. Over the years, Jill has blessed hundreds of children and their families through ministries such as Friday Club, Holiday Club, and Sunday Kids, and through her work at Marcham Primary School. She has served generations of children. Jill and Neil are not going anywhere. She will be "merely" giving up her paid role at All Saints and enjoying focussing her boundless energy on other things, and having a break, I hope. (Jill tells me I'm not allowed to use the "r" word in relation to her stopping work – not that it would really apply in her case anyway!) Jill will be much missed for her creativity, her energy, her ideas and infectious passion to see children come to know Jesus.

I am pleased to announce that, over the summer, Karen Shaw was appointed as the new Children and Families Worker at All Saints. Karen lives in Marcham and has been part of our church family for a couple of years. She has been working as Operations Manager for Gender and Religious Freedom. Karen has worked for the Keswick Convention, at various children's nurseries, and for the Christian organisations Route 61 and Endeavour 831. We look forward to her joining the staff team in November. In the meantime, I'm sure the whole community will join me in thanking Jill for her wonderful ministry. There will be an opportunity to do that together on Sunday 1st November at the 10.30am All-Age service at All Saints. All welcome. If members of the community would like to contribute towards a present for Jill please donate via "Marcham Parochial Church Council" Sort Code: 60 01-01, Acc. No: 61591963. Please use the reference "JR gift".

Thank you. **REVD NICK WELDON**

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION (LGR)

As I've discussed in previous months, central government began a process of completely changing how local government will look across Oxfordshire and elsewhere in the country. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) would see the two-tier system of County Councils and District Councils abolished, to be replaced by Unitary Authorities (UAs). In July, the responsible minister at the time (Steve Reed MP) announced that three new UAs would cover the whole of Oxfordshire and West Berkshire; the current councils then spent the summer working hard on plans for elections in May 2027 on this basis, but in early September the new minister (Angela Rayner MP) paused the whole process and announced a review. There will therefore be District Council elections in May 2027 after all, for all the wards that currently exist (including for Marcham & Shippon).

All of this is especially frustrating locally, as the Vale had nearly completed a boundary review shortly before LGR was first announced in December 2024. The current wards hadn't been updated in quite some time and have become unbalanced as new housing was built unevenly across the district. This boundary review was paused because of LGR, but I understand that there won't be time to complete it before the elections in May and so we'll have to continue with the unbalanced wards. All very frustrating!

RESERVOIR

Thames Water's ambition of building a huge reservoir to the south of Marcham approaches a significant milestone soon, as they plan to submit their Development Consent Order (DCO) application in early November. A DCO application is similar to a Planning Application, except that it is decided by central government rather than by a local council. Together with colleagues at the Vale and on Oxfordshire County Council, I'll continue to raise concerns over the excessive scale and TW's lack of transparency around key issues. However, we'll simultaneously be fighting for the best outcome in case the DCO application is approved anyway: for mitigations (restrictions over construction traffic through Marcham village, for example); and for improvements (footpaths and cycle routes, biodiversity areas, and leisure facilities). It won't be easy, since TW and the government have so far paid little meaningful attention to local communities affected, but any successes we do have could have impacts felt by Marcham residents for decades.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Unfortunately, it seems as though we are talking about the future of local government on a regular basis at the moment, and this month is no different. Back in the summer, Government announced it was minded to proceed with plans to replace the existing councils in Oxfordshire and West Berkshire with three new unitary authorities - Northern Oxfordshire, Greater Oxford and Ridgeway. However, the Government has now announced a review of that decision, in order to ensure the process was followed correctly and that the proposals are both sustainable and deliverable. Whilst the exact scope of the review is still unclear, it provides an opportunity to reconsider the options before any final decisions are made. Importantly, it has been confirmed that District Council elections will go ahead in 2027 under existing boundaries. As always, I will continue to



keep residents updated on this as things progress.

Turning to more local matters and a number residents in Marcham have contacted me regarding recent changes to local bus services, particularly the introduction of the new X35 service. Concerns have focused on the decision not to route the service through Howard Cornish Road. Following discussions with County Council officers, I have been informed that the decision was made because of concerns regarding the suitability of travel along North Street, as well as reliability and journey times. While the half-hourly X15 service will continue to provide connections from Howard Cornish Road into Abingdon and Oxford, I recognise that changes to established routes can be challenging, particularly heading towards Wantage. Officers have indicated that bus routes will be reviewed again in January but in the meantime, I will continue to monitor the situation and press for improvements where possible, including the introduction of new bus shelters within the village.

Over in Garford, residents will be pleased to hear that progress is being made on the village drainage system following the recent survey of the system and associated maintenance works. I am pleased to report that most of the drainage system is now clear and operating as intended. However, some sections of pipework were found to require more extensive attention, and a further visit is planned for mid-November. This will unfortunately require another road closure to allow crews to access and clear the remaining problem areas. Once these works have been completed, the drainage network is expected to be restored to its original design capacity, improving its ability to cope with periods of heavy rainfall and helping to reduce the risk of flooding. Clearly, it would have been preferable if all the work could have been completed in a single visit, but I am pleased that the team will be returning to Garford to finish the job, hopefully before the worst of the winter weather arrives.

Finally, another issue likely to generate considerable local interest is the proposed Cearn Solar Farm. Early-stage plans have been announced for a large-scale solar development covering several sites in the local area, including land to the south of Garford. Whilst these proposals remain at an early stage, I am aware that many residents have questions and concerns regarding the scale and potential impact of the project. As the consultation process develops, I will be engaging with the developers to ensure local views are fully represented and considered.

As always, if you'd like to stay up to date with what I'm doing around our division, do follow me on Facebook where I post regular updates: www.facebook.com/JamesRPlumb

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MP'S REPORT

PALESTINE

The government has finally stated publicly that the occupation of the West Bank is illegal and has taken action to impose sanctions on illegal Israeli settlements including the E1 settlement. I must admit to becoming quite emotional when the announcement was made. This is something I have always called for, bringing a Private Members Bill on the subject earlier this year. I must give credit to Ed Miliband and the Government for taking this step, and in Parliament made the offer to work with him cross-party on this issue, to do all we can to ensure the future of a Palestinian State.

ASSISTED DYING

My inbox once again lit up as Assisted Dying returned to Parliament. There were many powerful and compelling experiences from residents on both sides of the argument. While I voted for the bill, I fully agree with concerns raised about the state of the palliative care system in this country. The Health Committee will continue to make recommendations to the Government on how to sort out

the issues we all recognise with the service; fragmented care, a postcode lottery, widespread workforce shortages and systemic inequalities, so that everyone has the opportunity of a peaceful, pain-free death. I remain supportive of the principle of choice at the end of life and I've no doubt this issue will return in the future.

CAMHS SERVICE

Some of the most heartbreaking cases that residents bring to me relate to children's mental health and the clearly broken system that many families are trying to navigate. The Health Committee is continuing its inquiry with a deep dive into CAMHS. But it is clear from the evidence we are hearing from experts and those with lived experience that waiting time targets are not the whole answer. There also needs to be better integration and support across services, rather than what many experience of bouncing around between health services, school, social care and voluntary organisations.

RESERVOIR UPDATE

I continue to meet with Ofwat – the regulator charged with making a decision on the reservoir application. On a very fundamental level, I remain doubtful of the ability of Thames Water to deliver this project. As plans progress, flooding is a priority for action, as is mitigation of the traffic and disruption to Marcham and the local area. I'm encouraged that Thames Water are planning additional access points around the site to carry out construction and environmental mitigation works. I will continue to work with Cllr Rob Clegg and colleagues to ensure that if this project continues forward, we get the best possible outcome for residents.

As ever, if you have any issues we can help with, please email us at: layla.moran.mp@parliament.uk

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MP Oxford West and Abingdon

MP'S REPORT

I hope you're having a wonderful start to the autumn. For parents and everyone working in one of our local schools, I hope the start of the new term has gone smoothly. I wish you all the best for the year ahead!

At the end of August, West Oxfordshire District Council opened a public consultation on the final draft of the Local Plan 2043, which will shape how our area develops over the next fifteen years.

With the central Government forcing West Oxfordshire to take 18,000 new homes over the next 20 years, it's vital public transport, roads, utilities, and healthcare keep pace. I will make the case in my response to the consultation that we need a new railway linking Carterton and Witney to Oxford, to tackle congestion on the A40. I strongly encourage everyone to email planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk to respond to the consultation and make your voice heard!

It's been a busy month across the constituency, meeting lots of fantastic local charities, businesses and community groups.

I visited the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) to see the incredible scale of their work first-hand. BBOWT manages more than 80 nature reserves, including Chimney Meadows near Bampton - the largest nature reserve in Oxfordshire. Their results are brilliant. Around 100 bird species are recorded there each year, and a wetland restoration project has opened a fish passage.

I also visited the Pump House Project in Faringdon, which has been responding to community needs for fourteen years. The charity is the base that many other local services simply couldn't run without – from table tennis for the over-65s to an Urban Movement Academy for under-18s, a weekly cake café, and a daily food share project. I really enjoyed meeting everyone who works so hard on these.



I popped into one of U3A's speaker meetings this month in Witney, where I met Rhys and Susie, the Chair and ex-Chair. It was great to hear about their range of speaker events, more-than-60 special interest groups, and available outings. Thank you very much to everyone I met who made me so welcome!

With Parliament now back from its summer recess, I have been busy on the Westminster side of things too. In the first week back, I spoke in a debate on financial services where I raised the issue of how we can be better prepared for AI threats to cyber security in the financial sector. In a debate on biodiversity, I raised the importance of the Government incentivising nature recovery and natural flood management here in Oxfordshire, and across the country. Responding to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's first major speech, I also challenged the new Treasury Ministers to boost our economy by opening the door to a new growth and defence partnership with the EU.

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Answers to this month's Quiz from page 13

1. Aegean Sea
2. Indonesia
3. Italy
4. Michael Faraday
5. Bats
6. Australia
7. Mars
8. Belize
9. Heart of Midlothian (Hearts) and Hibernian (Hibs)
10. Unforgiven (1992)
11. Richard Nixon
12. Ordinateur



HOW MANY CABLES ARE HIDING IN YOUR HOUSE?

We all have them.

The cables we don't recognise. The chargers for phones we haven't owned for years. International E-Waste Day, 14 October. The Great Cable Challenge is back for 2026. So, it's time to dig out those forgotten cables, bag them up and give them a chance to be reused or recycled.

Ready to take on the challenge?

Ready to take the challenge?

Use our Recycle Your Electricals Locator to find a local place to repair, donate or recycle them. <https://recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/electrical-recycling-near-me/>

Why bother?

Copper can be recycled again and again. In fact, if 1 million of us recycled just one cable each, we could save at least 5,000kg of copper from going to waste. So, your cable clear-out could make more of a difference than you think.

Your drawer will be happier.

Your old cables will be useful again.

And some valuable materials will get another life.

THE RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRICALS TEAM

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Abbreviations:

AS All Saints' Church, Marcham, SL St Luke's Church, Garford
SLC St Lawrence Church, Tubney,
DP Duffield Place, MC Marcham Centre

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Milllets Farm Classic car meet 9.30am-noon Marcham Society Midweek Walk 12.30 pm (7)	2	3 MC Thirsty Café with Natural Bread 9-11.30am (7)
4 AS Morning Service 10.30am (17) SL Quiet prayer 11am-12 noon (17) AS Evening Service 6pm (17)	5 DP Community Games Group 10.30am-12.00 noon (13) MC Bridge 6.50pm	6 AS TiddleyPeeps 10-11.30am	7 MC Thirsty Café 8.45-11.30am (7) DP Holy Communion 10.30am (17) MC Short Mat Bowls 2pm (13)	8	9 MC Quiz Night 7.45pm (13)	10 MC Thirsty Café with Natural Bread 9-11.30am (7)
11 SLC Traditional Prayer Book Service 9.30am (17) AS Morning Service 10.30am (17) SL Quiet Prayer 11am-12noon (17) AS Evening Service 6pm (17)	12 DP Community Games Group 10.30am-12.00 noon (13) MC Bridge 6.50pm MC Marcham Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm (3)	13	14 MC Thirsty Café 8.45-11.30am (7) DP Holy Communion 10.30am (17) MC Short Mat Bowls 2pm (13) MC Astronomy Group 7.30pm (7)	15 MADNEWS DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE 5pm (LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)	16	17 MC Thirsty Café 9-11.30am (7) MC Farmers' Market 9-12 (7 & 11)
18	19	20 AS TiddleyPeeps 10-11.30am	21 MC Thirsty Café 8.45-11.30am (7) DP Holy Communion 10.30am (17) MC Community Lunch 12-1.15pm (7) MC Short Mat Bowls 2pm (13) Arts Society Abingdon 10.30am & 2pm (9)	22	23	24 Marcham Test Pit for public viewing (7) MC Thirsty Café with Natural Bread 9-11.30am (7)
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