

Marcham & District News

COTHILL – FRILFORD – GARFORD – GOZZARDS FORD – MARCHAM – TUBNEY

Your Independent Local Newsheet – www.madnews.co.uk

April 2010 Vol: 32 No: 4

READ & RECYCLE!

FREE



▲ **Unsung Heroes of the Vale see page 7**



▲ **Marcham WI hears about a Fleet Street photographer see page 7**

Great Marcham Weekend
19 and 20 June 2010
A Taster of Events...

- BBQ and Barn Dance
- Open Farm
- Street Party (Bring and Share)
- Arts and Crafts Displays
- Fire, Police and Army
- Real Ale!



◀ **Marcham Pre-School's Welly Waddle see page 11** ▶



▲ **Marcham School's Pancake Races see page 11 for other news from school**

DIARY FOR APRIL

8 Thur	Midweek Walk The Red Lion Inn, Northmoor, 12.30pm lunch /1.30pm walk	7
9 Fri	MP's Surgery, Faringdon, 5.30-7pm	9
10 Sat	Clubs and Societies Open Day, Guildhall, Abingdon, 10.30am – 3pm	15
13 Tue	Marcham Society, All Saints' Church, 7.45pm	7
14 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 7.30pm	3
15 Thur	Marcham WI, Denman College, 7.30pm	7
20 Tue	Deadline for articles, notices reports for May issue of MADNews, 5pm	3
20 Tue	Have your say with PCSO Laura Schmid, Duffield Place 0900 - 1100	11

20 Tue	OCC Cabinet Meeting, Newbridge Thames crossing	9
23 Fri	MP's Surgery, Grove, 5.30-7pm	9
24 Sat	Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale, 18 The Gap, 10-12.30	7
25 Sun	Marcham Tennis New and Renewals, Tennis Courts, 11-12am and 3-4pm	11
MAY		
2 Sun	Abingdon Air and Country Show, 10am – 5pm, Abingdon Airfield	15
13 Thur	Annual Garford Parish Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm	5

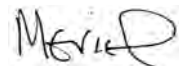
Details of events may change after publication, please check with the relevant organisers before attending events.

Dear Readers

There has been a lot of activity again last month, with a positive feeling from the public meeting to discuss the Anson Trust and huge efforts are going towards making The Great Marcham Weekend a Great Marcham Success! If you are able to contribute ideas or muscle to either project, the contact details are all on page 5.

I hope to be able to print good news about the shop one day but in the meantime, the questionnaire responses should be analysed in time for publication next month.

Until next time



PUBLISHER/EDITOR

Meriel Lewis
8 Orchard Way, Marcham
Abingdon OX13 6PP
Tel: 01865 391725

Website: www.madnews.co.uk
Email: editor@madnews.co.uk

We apologise in advance for any errors that may creep into this MADNews, or omissions that creep out - we don't do it on purpose! The Editor reserves the right to alter, omit or hold over copy to another issue. The views expressed in the Marcham & District News are not necessarily those of the editorial team!

ADVERTISING

Contact the Editor

DISTRIBUTORS

Judith & Peter Fontaine
14 Tower Close, Marcham
Abingdon Tel: 01865 391275

DEADLINES

Advertising: 5pm 15th month
Other copy: 5pm 20th month
except for Jan when it is 15th Dec for both

ADDITIONAL COPIES

These are available free from Marcham Post Office or the Editor. Postal copies are also available – contact the Editor.

NOTES The Editor reserves the right to alter, omit or hold over copy to another issue. The views expressed in the Marcham & District News are not necessarily those of the editorial team.

POLICE

PCSO Laura Schmid
Tel: 0845 8 505 505

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Iain Brown
Janus, Westcot Lane, Sparsholt, Wantage,
Oxon OX12 9PZ
Tel: 01235 751210
Email: iainbrownconservatives@yahoo.co.uk

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Marcham and Shippon
Jane Hanna
4 Charlton Road, Wantage OX12 8ER
Tel: 01235 772782
Email: janehanna63@googlemail.com

For other councillors go to
www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

© Marcham & District News 2010

The copying of any part of this publication without written authorisation is not permitted.
April 2010

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Village Shop questionnaire

The Council would thank everyone who has taken the trouble to fill in and return the questionnaire regarding the use of a village shop. The forms are currently being analysed.

Marcham By Pass / A415

Following last month's article about the Parish Council writing to relevant individuals in connection with the By Pass, it has now received acknowledgements from several people and a detailed response from the Head of Transport at Oxfordshire County Council, Mr. S. Howell. Mr. Howell states "When the County Council applied for funding from the government in July 2004 the cost of the bypass was estimated at £12.6 million. Inflation since that time on civil engineering projects has been in excess of 30% so that it might be expected that the cost of the bypass now would be more than £16 million. This means that, without any prospect of significant funding from sources such as developer contributions, the scheme could only be funded with regional or national financial support.

Major scheme funding in the south east is directed at schemes which either enable regional development or which resolve problems on specific routes defined in the South East Plan as "Regional Spokes". A scheme for a bypass for Marcham would not meet either of these criteria and as such it is hard to see how it could be funded in the current circumstances.

However in recognition of the ongoing problem through Marcham the County Council does still protect the line for the bypass that was identified in 2004 and should the funding situation change then we would look to see if there was a greater chance of this scheme being successful in attracting the necessary funds. I would have to say that all the indications are that government money for transport improvements is going to be tighter rather than more available, at least for the next few years".

It does not look as though the By Pass will be a high priority in the foreseeable future. The Council does have concerns about the A415 and is meeting in April, with other parishes along the road, eg. Frilford, Kingston Bagpuize, Standlake, Ducklington etc. who have issues of their own, and will be discussing a collective approach to the County Council regarding the problems that the A415 poses.

Thames Valley Police – Rural Abingdon report

The update report on the neighbourhood shows that crime in the area still remains low. In the wider area of Cumnor, Appleton, Eaton, Farmoor, Wytham, North Hinksey and Botley neighbourhoods there have been incidents where a shed was set on fire, damage to a green house caused, damage to a wall and also a vehicle set on fire. If

you can assist with information about any of these incidents please call 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Also the Police have had numerous reports of out of control dogs in Marcham. Contrary to section 3(1) and (4) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, 'Public place' means any street, road or other place (whether or not enclosed) to which the public have or are permitted to have access whether for payment or otherwise. In these areas your dog must be kept on a lead as you are responsible for the dog.

At the same time as the Police were receiving reports about dogs, the Parish Council too received correspondence about dogs on the Cow Lane allotments. Would all allotment holders please read the terms of their tenancy agreements, and ensure that dogs in the vicinity are not a nuisance to other people.

Annual Parish Meeting

Another reminder that the annual meeting for all electors in the parish will take place on Wednesday 26th May at 7.30 p.m. in the hall at Marcham Primary School.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 14 April 2010 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin,
90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833

clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk
www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.

Normal Day		Will be...	
Fri	2 April	Tue	6 April
Mon	5 April	Wed	7 April
Tue	6 April	Thur	8 April
Wed	7 April	Fri	9 April
Thur	8 April	Sat	10 April
Fri	9 April	Mon	12 April
Mon	12 April	Tue	13 April
Tue	13 April	Wed	14 April
Wed	14 April	Thur	15 April
Thur	15 April	Fri	16 April
Fri	16 April	Sat	17 April

LOST GOLD WEDDING RING

On Wednesday 17 March, somewhere on a circular walk around Kings Avenue, Howard Cornish, Haines Court and Fettiplace Road. If you find it, please call 01865 391804.



Help Week commencing 2nd May is **Red Cross Week**. Although I have regular collectors there is always a need for more. If anyone feels they could help, making the areas less for existing collectors I would be most grateful. Please contact me, Jo Blackler, on 01865 391519.

Thank you in anticipation.

Anson Trust – Public Meeting

At the public meeting on 17 March, approximately 80 people came to the school to hear reports from the Anson Trust Directors, Jane Hanna (who heads the Anson Trust Working Party) and Jim Asher who gave an outline of a Marcham Community Proposal. The meeting was chaired by Malcolm Denton as a neutral observer and not in his position as Chair of Marcham Parish Council.

Mike Hoath opened the presentations along with the other directors of the Anson Trust to outline the current situation and give an overview of different options which are discussed in depth in the document available from the Secretary to the Trust and the MADWeb.

Jane Hanna spoke briefly to say the Working Group welcomed the document from the Anson Trust. The Group had met to discuss the issues and that they also welcomed the formation of a new Community Group which was represented at this meeting by Emily Nicol and Jim Asher. The Working Party will undertake the public consultation at a time when there are firm proposals to give our views upon.

Jim spoke at length about a proposal from the Community Group – which as yet is still in formation – giving historical reasons as to why it would be difficult for the Anson Trust to continue to represent Marcham’s interests in building new facilities, but how they could continue to hold the land as part of the trust.

The floor was then opened up to the audience with contributions from approximately 10 people. The comments included a welcome to the Community Proposal as a possible way forward, a query as to whether the Parish Council could underpin the Trust’s finances (they are unable to consider this until they are presented with firm figures), how new housing could be limited on the Anson Field were it sold (this is dependent on planning permission being granted and the Vale would apply a restriction on density of development in accordance with its current policy. Therefore the maximum number of houses which could be built would depend upon the amount of land sold (one-half of the field in the Trust’s proposal)), school roll issues with increased population and a question about if the Institute could be sold with the Ex-Servicemen’s Club still as leaseholders (yes it could, and their lease expires in 2010 but under the Landlord and Tenant Act they could seek a new lease).

A question was also asked about the aims of the new Anson Trust Company and how they differed from the original Trust as it was endowed by the Anson sisters. The Trust undertook to give details of this and
April 2010

also to answer a list of questions that had been posed to them before the meeting, but due to timing had been unable to formulate answers in time.

There are various documents on the Anson Trust website (www.ansontrust.org), the MADWeb (www.madnews.co.uk) and I will undertake to provide a printed version of as much of the documents as possible in the Post Office.

MERIEL LEWIS, EDITOR

Dear Editor

Marcham Community Group

A new Marcham Community Group is being formed to work with the Anson Trust to develop the right plan for future village facilities to meet the needs of the wider community. The time available to Anson Trust to consider alternative options is fast running out due to their dwindling finances. We will need to move quickly and there is much urgent work to be done. This new initiative will need support and effort from the whole community to make it effective. I have agreed to act as a point of contact - if you are able to help, please let me have contact details so that you can be kept up to date about forthcoming meetings where you will be able to contribute your ideas and experience. Your active support will be vital.

JIM ASHER (391727)

jim.asher@btinternet.com



Dear Editor

The Directors of the Anson Trust would like to thank all those who came to our meeting on 17th March and those who spoke from the floor. In particular, we would like thank those who proposed and supported a Community Group to research the feasibility of an extended scheme on the Anson Field. We would like to reiterate our offer to help the Community Group with its investigation. Our only concern is one of time. As we noted, our financial resources are limited and we have to make a decision on the future of the Trust sooner rather than later. If anyone would like to talk to us about any matters arising from what was said at the meeting, please contact us on through our web-site www.ansontrust.org or through the Company Secretary at 8 Hyde Close, Marcham OX13 6PT. We will be replying formally to the questions raised at the meeting or in advance of it both directly and by placing questions and answers on our web-site.

ANSON TRUST DIRECTORS

Dear Editor

A Good Deed For Cyclists

Last Saturday, 6th March the sun was shining so I decided to get on my bike and cycle along the Marcham Road into Abingdon. I couldn’t help noticing a man

NOTICE OF MEETING

The 117th Annual Garford Parish Meeting will be held in The Village Hall, Garford on Thursday, 13th May, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

For details of the Agenda, please see the Village Notice Board.

It is hoped that as many village residents as possible will endeavour to attend.

Clerk, Garford Parish Meeting

clearing the encroaching soil from the cycle path and sweeping away the accumulated gravel. I stopped and had a quick chat with this good citizen who turned out to be a volunteer working for SUSTRANS a national Cycling group. It lifted my spirits to see someone working so hard to improve things for the benefit of all.

WELL DONE THAT MAN.

ALISON YOUNGMAN,

22 Anson Close, Marcham

Dear Editor

Parking on Pavement

As a registered childminder living and working in the village I have a problem with cars which are parked on the pavement.

I walk to school and pre-school numerous times during the day, with a double buggy and with the maximum of ten children.

The children and I have great difficulty passing cars which take up the majority of the pavement. I am aware it is not an offence to be parked in this way, but I would like to point out, if I have to squeeze past a vehicle parked on the pavement and any damage occurs, I am not legally liable to pay for damaged caused.

I will not place the children in my care at risk, by having to walk into a busy road at a very busy time of the day, so when you park your car on the pavement, please give a little thought for pedestrians who have to put themselves and others at risk by having to step into the road.

JEN FRENCH

Response from Laura Schmid, PCSO

As the local PCSO, I have read the letter of concern about parking problems in the Village of Marcham. When parking anywhere, you need to give consideration to other road users and pedestrians, this means giving enough space on the pavement for a buggy or wheelchair to pass without a struggle. If this is not the case and I can evidently see an obstruction to the footpath I will issue a £30 fixed penalty notice for this. I am treating this with a zero tolerance attitude as the safety of children and pedestrians in the area is paramount.

PCSO LAURA SCHMID C9932

Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill Call 0845 8 505 505



Marcham WI April 2009

Spring has arrived at last, in Marcham, and during April we will be busy hosting a Group Meeting at Drayton for local WIs and entering two teams for a County Quiz at Kidlington. A coach day trip for all WI members is planned to Bath on Tuesday, 27th. April for sightseeing and shopping. There will be no charge to members for this. Further details from Christine Denton (01865 391497) and to confirm if you wish to go.

A successful coffee morning was held in March raising £68 for funds. At our annual meeting Sonia Edwards was re-elected as President and a £200 bursary for a course at Denman College, was won by Rosemary Stone. The speaker at our March meeting, Deborah Brady, told us about her experiences as a female photographer in Fleet Street with slides and interesting anecdotes about celebrities. One of our members Hazel Fitton, is shown carrying just some of the cameras in her work (see cover). Our speaker for April promises to be very interesting and our members are invited to bring along artefacts to be valued.

Future Events

- April 19th Group Meeting Drayton Village
- April 27th Coach Trip to Bath with afternoon tea at Sally Lunn's Leaving Marcham Institute at 0830am
- April 28th WI County Quiz – Exeter Hall, Kidlington
- May 20th Visit to Syon Park and Richmond
- June 2nd National AGM at Cardiff

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 15 April

Simon Jones

Antiques Roadshow

Bring artifacts for valuations
Denman College

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

Contacts for: Sonia Edwards 01865 391442
more information Christine Whild 01865 391270

UNSUNG HEROES

The publications group of the Marcham Society received *Unsung Heroes of the Vale* awards from the Chairman of the Council, Alison Rooke. They had been nominated by Marcham Parish Council in recognition of their work in researching and writing **Marcham Remembered: a village in pictures**. Along with 70 other residents of the vale they collected their award at a lunch in the Guildhall in Abingdon on 6 March. See cover for photo.

MARCHAM PLAYERS

Just prior to our AGM last month we held another very successful "With Great Pleasure" evening. We once again centred the evening on the reading of extracts from some of our favourite childhood books.



These provided a wide diversity of topics. The evening was also greatly enhanced by Dave Hutchinson reading a further range of favourite extracts provided by children from Marcham School - it was interesting to hear also the comments from the children as to why they had chosen the particular extract.

The committee is now working on the programme for the remainder of the year and further details will appear in these columns as and when appropriate. Events will include a musical evening under canvas one Sunday evening in June as well as a contribution to the Marcham Weekend in the same month.

If you have suggestions for the programme please do not hesitate to contact Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 or Joey Maclean on 01865 391242.

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale

to raise money for the marathon we are walking in May for Helen & Douglas House. Please support this worthy charity.

Saturday 24th April 10am – 12.30pm

18 The Gap, Marcham

Liz and Geoff



SENIOR CITIZENS

Our last meeting which was our AGM was well attended. Reports were given by the Chairlady and our treasurer, which were well received. A vote of thanks was given by Barbara and she thanked the committee for all they had done over the past year to keep the club in good shape. The committee were all re-elected for a further year. The AGM was followed by John's Quiz (streets, lanes and places in Marcham), it really got everyone thinking but no-one had all the answers correct although we had tried hard!

A lunch outing has been arranged for April 9th, when we will be going to the Windmill at Asthall and visiting a garden centre afterwards.

JOYCE PARRY

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, April 8th 2010. This month we will revisit the quiet village of Northmoor; this time exploring the countryside between there and Standlake with glimpses of the River Windrush. We will eat at The Red Lion Inn (Map Ref SP420028) in the village at 12.30pm for lunch and will start our walk of about 4 miles at 1.30.

New walkers are always very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.

Marcham Remembered is on sale at all Marcham Society meetings - have you got your copy yet?



The
Marcham
Society

The Ridgeway

Ian Ritchie

will be revealing the history of one our
most ancient long-distance routes

All Saints' Church Tuesday 13th April 2010, 7.45pm

Next meeting 11th May 2010
The History of Sutton Courtenay - *Ron Dell*

Non-members £2 or use your free token www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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

COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The County Council budget for 2010/11 has been agreed and will include an increase in Council Tax of 2.75% (4.5% in 2005) . This is more than some would have liked, but a 1% reduction equates to something like £2.5million pounds, and if implemented, would lead to some drastic service reductions. The coming few years will be a challenge in terms of balancing the books at County Hall, as the government have postponed the Comprehensive Spending Review until after a general election, therefore leaving local authorities having to guess the levels of funding from government over the next 3 years. Oxfordshire is in a good position financially, as the reserves are strong.

Talking of a general election.....one of the talking points that continues to be popular is expenses paid to elected Councillors and MPs. I have lost count of the time that somebody points a finger at me and tells me I claim too many expenses, and "You've all got your snouts in the trough!" For the record - and all County Councillors expenses can be checked by the public online - I have claimed expenses once in the last 5 years, for a Park and Ride bus ticket from Botley to County Hall. I can claim 40 pence per mile for car journeys on Council business - all recorded and again, online. I have not claimed any mileage since January 2009, nor will I again in this Council term. We cannot expect officers at OCC to tighten their belts whilst Councillors do not. That said, you won't get rich being a County Councillor!

Moving on....I ask residents of Marcham for their experiences in crossing the slip road that goes Southbound onto the A34 at Marcham interchange. Children and pensioners will use this route to Abingdon for school and shopping. Whilst it is not strictly within my division, and is almost certainly the responsibility of the Highways Agency, I will investigate what can be done if improvements are needed. Kindly contact me if you have had problems crossing this piece of road. I have had one complaint already.

The County Council is moving close to secure a new Highways maintenance contract over a longer period with a different management structure. This should mean that we can drive much more value for residents out of the contract and see many more pot holes fixed much more quickly. The contract that is ending now was not my idea of best value, and I have been more than vocal to my Cabinet colleagues over it in the past!

The Public Inquiry on the proposed reservoir moves closer by the day, with submissions of case being delivered to the Inspector. I have submitted my case - spelling mistakes and all!

The next stage in the Newbridge Thames crossing project is for the meeting of Council Cabinet on 20 April to consider a report summarising the public's view from the consultation process. Anyone wishing to speak at the Cabinet meeting needs to apply to Committee Services following the rules laid down. See www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

It is felt by many people - myself included - that a new river crossing at Newbridge without a Marcham bypass would be a backwards step. It would enable the largest lorries to use the A415 all the way from the A34 to the A40 again, thus blighting Marcham. The money for the new bridge is ring fenced for a bridge and cannot be used to alleviate traffic elsewhere at present. If we get a change of government in June and Mr Cameron becomes the Prime Minister with a clear majority, he might like to consider alternative measures for the A415. The residents on the other side of the river from us want road improvements before a new bridge is built. Ed Vaizey MP and myself will continue to press the case for a Marcham bypass.

There has been much made of possible changes to fire cover from Abingdon and Didcot and the coverage for Marcham, Garford, Tubney, Frilford and Gozzards Ford.

April 2010

I attended a fire at Netherton last week in the roof of a thatched house, nobody was injured and the building was saved from destruction, despite being distant from all local fire stations! The fire cover and possible changes will not adversely affect my division, they will enhance it overall. If this were not the case, I would not support any changes. I have had some unpleasant mail - from persons who do not identify themselves - over this issue, but that is part of the job Councilors sometimes face.

Garford Parish Plan is now ready to be viewed by all. What a great job they have done, in charting out their future. Perhaps Marcham will do something similar, it is a lot of work, but all of the community can have a say and share the workload. Give it some thought, OCC and the Vale would be happy to guide Marcham through the process of Community Led Planning.

Happy Easter **COUNCILLOR IAIN BROWN OCC**
 Tel: 01235 751210 Email: ian.brown@oxfordshire.gov.uk
 Janus, Westcot Lane, Sparsholt, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9PZ.

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

I recently had a chance to catch up about our County Regiment, the Rifles. I suspect not many people realise that we have a County Regiment. If we think of the local military presence, we tend to think naturally of the Royal Logistics Corp at Abingdon, or the bomb disposal expert, 11 EOD at Didcot. But the Rifles are our County Regiment, formed over many years from regiments such as the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry and the Royal Berkshires. The regimental historian, Gary Sheffield, lives locally in Wantage, and he is keen to strengthen the connection between the Rifles and local towns and villages, like Grove. The Rifles are the most successful recruiting regiment in the British Army. One in four cadets wear their cap badge (the bugle). They march at 140 paces a minute, compared to 120 for the rest of the Army. Every day for the last four years, a battalion from the Rifles has been serving in Afghanistan. They have suffered significant loss of life, and severely wounded. The Rifles currently enjoy the freedom of Wallingford. I hope that we can do something in other towns and villages to celebrate their achievements, and recognise the strong and historic connection the regiment has with our area.



On local matters, I have not heard back on how the Anson Trust public meeting went, so if any one wants to get in touch, please do!

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

9 Apr	Faringdon , Pump House
23 April	Grove , Old Mill Hall, Old School Lane
7 May	Didcot , King Alfred Drive Community Centre
21 May	Wallingford , Town Hall
Contact Ed Vaizey MP for Wantage and Didcot by	
Post	The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
E-mail	vaizeye@parliament.uk
Web	www.vaizey.com
Tel	0207 219 6350

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

Oxfordshire County Council's "Community Support Fund" is a valuable source of funding each year for about 30 organisations. The purpose of the grants is to increase the capacity of small voluntary groups; especially those complementing our aims and objectives: to support and promote strong communities so that people can live their lives as successfully and independently as possible and to provide effective and efficient support to the most vulnerable.

Groups can apply for amounts up to £800 and priority is often given to those with limited funds.

Contact Community Development Officer Brian Conroy 01993 704004 or brian.conroy@oxfordshire.gov.uk for more information.

**New Season
Membership Registration
Renewals and New Members
Sunday 25th April 2010
At the Tennis Courts
(Marcham School)**



11am – 12 noon and 3pm – 4pm

Join now to play tennis all year round!

Adult	£24	Plans for the New Season:
Junior	£12	• Regular Club Night
<i>(18 and under)</i>		• Ladder
Family	£40	• Summer Tournament
		• Holiday Coaching

Don't forget your old keys!
£4 key deposit for new members
Tel: 01865 391201
Email: stuartmaw@btinternet.com

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The Oxfordshire Cricket Association Season for 2010 begins on 1 May. Fixtures for Marcham C.C. in May are as follows:



May	1st XI	2nd XI
1	Great Horwood Away	Chadlington II Home
8	Airey Cup 1st Round Hook Norton Home	Osberton Radiators Cup 1st Round Bye
15	Garsington Away	East Oxford III Home
22	Freeland Home	Risinghurst Away
29	Airey Cup 2nd Round	Osberton Radiators Cup 2nd Round Away

As previously mentioned Nets are being held at 19.30 on Friday evening in the Radley College Sports Hall. All levels welcome. Information relating to Nets and playing for the Club may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317). Also, information relating to umpiring on behalf of Marcham C.C may be obtained from Graham or Terry.

CSB

Have your say...
*the new name for police surgeries
 at Duffield Place, Marcham*

- Tuesday 20th Apr 0900-1100
- Tuesday 18th May 1900-2100

PCSO Laura Schmid C9932
Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill
Non-emergency number: 0845 8 505 505

MARCH CROSSWORD ANSWERS BY ALISA

ACROSS 1 Manor 4 Cedar 7 Top 8 Gap 10 Juice 12 Iceland 13 Solar 15 Marcham bypass 18 Carer 19 Insoles 21 Close 24 Hay 25 Hat 26 Tower 27 Stile
DOWN 1 Minimum 2 Opal 3 Good Samaritan 5 Emu 6 Arc 8 Generic 9 Packhorse 10 Jellyfish 11 Elm 14 Readily 16 Seaside 17 Roc 20 Oast 22 Leo 23 Sue

Holiday Club 2010
 Mon 23rd - Thurs 26th August
 new venue - All saints' Church
 more details to come - so watch out for them!!

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday 28th February was rather windy, but dry. We're not sure if that is good news or disappointing as the children of Pre-school and the Primary School Foundation/Year 1 classes and their families donned their 'wellies' for the Partnership sponsored 'WELLY WADDLE'. Hordes of children and adults could be seen walking the streets of Marcham as we waddled (with no puddles to jump in!) for a whole mile before returning to the Sports and Social Club for refreshments, face painting and a raffle. Sponsor money is still being collected but we are confident that funds will allow us to create a literacy/reading area in the shared playground as well as purchasing some new water play equipment. We would also like to say a huge thank you to one of our parents, Alan Hutchins, who has had us a fabulous 'Welly Stand' so we can easily store the children's boots meaning that the outside area can be explored whatever the weather!



We will shortly be confirming places for September 2010 and already some sessions are fully allocated and we are accepting applications for children wishing to start in September 2011. If you are interested in joining the Pre-school please do contact us for further details. Telephone 07749 245313 or e:mail marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk

MARION, NICKY AND KATHARINE.

SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday March 4th, Marcham School celebrated **World Book Day**. Pupils and teachers dressed up as their favourite characters from books, and there was a very wide range of characters chosen. In Denman Class, Joe dressed as Shade from *Kevin and Earth*, and so was half black and half white in a costume that took two days to prepare. James came as the Childcatcher from *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, borrowing his dad's net to catch any children that came in range. Grace, along with a group of five others from Denman, came as girls from the *St Trinian's* books. In Morland Class, Tom came as Sherlock Holmes complete with pipe, having read *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Alfie came as Hiccup from the book *How to train a dragon*, while Cluny, who is reading *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, came as Alice. In the afternoon, the teachers read from different books, and the children could choose which one they went to hear. At the end of the day, there was a Parents' Assembly, where the parents could enjoy seeing all the different costumes that had been prepared. As Joe said, it was a lot of fun, and gave everyone at the school the chance to talk about the books that they enjoy.

Our Trip to Saint Blaise

On Thursday the 11th February School Council had a trip to Saint Blaise, Milton for an Eco day.

We took part in three activities with two other schools. We looked at eco friendly ideas and shared what our schools did. We talked about areas of the school that we liked and didn't like and told them about our school having a pond put in to encourage wildlife. After our trip to Saint Blaise we had loads more ideas to make our school more eco friendly. One of the ideas that we have come up with is making an eco code. We also talked about **Walking Wednesday**. We will also be planting and growing vegetables in a garden, once they have grown we intend to cook some of them and sell what is left.

BRIONY, LAWRENCE, JASMINE, GEORGE
 and **MRS HUTCHINSON.**

Open Gardens

Sunday 20 June

As part of the **Great Marcham Weekend** villagers are invited to open their gardens. There is no pressure to 'put on a display'. Front, back, pots on patios, fruit, veg, hanging baskets – all welcome. If you would like to participate, please ring me on 391592 or leave your name and tel.no

GRETA GOULDING



SUMMER SUNFLOWER COMPETITION!

To support the Marcham Moldova Lifeline appeal, you are invited to take part in a sunflower-growing competition this summer!

Sunflowers are one of the main agricultural crops of this impoverished East European country. Moldovans don't just grow sunflowers because they look impressive, but to provide essential cooking oil.

Later in the spring you will be able to buy seedlings of Moldovan-style sunflowers at £1 per plant. Transfer them to grow in your garden and see if you can grow the tallest, the heaviest, the most wacky... At the end of the summer, you can submit your sunflower(s) to be judged in a community competition, with prizes in each category. There will be a special category for junior sunflower growers, and participation from surrounding villages is also welcome!

Next month's MADNews will carry details of where you can purchase your seedlings. There will also be a report on all the encouraging ways in which our financial help is being used in Moldova. In the meantime, our friends in Moldova send their heartfelt thanks for all the support from our community.

MARCHAM MOLDOVA LIFELINE

CAULIFLOWERS

Recession, what recession! My gardening business is busier than ever before. As such, this article is rather short as I am pushed for time and need a chance to sleep too!

I have been asked a question by a reader, that I would like to cover here, and as it's a short question, with a short answer, it will suit the time constraints I have for compiling this article.

The Question, "We don't seem to use cauliflowers in large volumes like we use to, as it has fallen off the radar with regards to many home growers. Can you tell me what varieties, when, where and how to grow them?"

Sure can! Cauliflowers like compacted soil (but not too compacted) with lots of compost in. It likes a sunny site, but needs to be sheltered if you are growing winter types. They are thirsty plants so keep them evenly watered or you will only get small heads. To store them, lift the entire plant and hang them upside down in a dark dry place, as they will last that way for about 2 weeks especially if you spray the heads lightly with water every few days.

Sow seeds from March to May regardless what month or season they mature in, and when the seedlings have at least 8 leaves, transplant them to the area they will be grown on in. Spacing is

April 2010



Marcham Moldova Lifeline



important, winter varieties need 3 feet between each plant and summer and autumn types need 2 ½ feet between them.

Summer varieties are small squat plants; **Alpha** is one I like as it does not run to seed as quickly as other types. Autumn types can be large or squat, it depends on what you like and how much space you have. **Flora Blanca** is the first kind of Cauliflower I ever grew, with huge white heads, ideal for showing if you were so inclined. It harvests in September, which follows on nicely from the summer varieties that are picked during June but mainly in July. Winter types and spring types can be susceptible to frost, so you need to protect them from the worst of the elements. **St Agnes** is a real favourite as I often have it at around Christmas time because it crops so early, but unless you protect it, it will disappoint even at a mere hint of a frost.

That's all for now, I'm now off to put my feet up and have a well earned sleep. I remember when I used to struggle to find enough gardening work during the colder months, this year there has been no respite at all. So no winter rest for me then this year it would appear.

Happy Gardening, STUART MABBUTT

Welcome to April



*We have shivered through January's ice and snow
And short gloomy days,
We have splashed through February's chilly rains,
Her flowing dykes and muddy ways.*

*We were blown by the moody winds of March -
Then, days were getting long,
Now at last, at last, April is here
And birds fill the air with song.*

*Winter has died, but the earth is alive,
Watered now by a more gentle rain,
Flowers lift their heads to the strengthening sun,
And trees and hedgerows are leafy again.*



Doris Dowling

Can you help? An appeal for memories from students of Oxford Polytechnic, College of Technology, Dorset House, Lady Spencer-Churchill, Westminster, Oxford City Technical School or the university itself.

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

While 'The Poly' and the older College of Technology no longer exist in Oxford, their value to Oxfordshire is still clear. Students of both institutions have gone on to live and work here, benefiting local businesses and communities with their knowledge and expertise.

In 2015 Brookes celebrates its 150 year anniversary and we are appealing for memories from all former students of all our past institutions. We are especially keen to hear from alumni with personal memories of John Henry Brookes for a biography celebrating the life of the university's spiritual founder.

Please email your memories and photos to alumni@brookes.ac.uk or visit www.brookes.ac.uk/alumni

ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY 'CHARITY' SHOW

The 11th annual Abingdon Air & Country Show takes place on **Sunday 2nd May**, at Abingdon Airfield (Dalton Barracks), near Oxford, to help raise money for the **Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance**, who need funds for surviveability. The show **starts at 10am, and finishes around 5pm**, and features Air Displays & Static aircraft from both the Military and Civilian operators.



The Flying display highlights include the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire, Hurricane & Lancaster bomber, RAF Hawk, Tucano and Tutor making their debuts, DC3 and Vampire to name a few.

The Static aircraft will hopefully include RAF Merlin, ex German OV-10 Bronco light attack aircraft, the US Army UH60 Blackhawk and the return of the huge RAF C17 Globemaster III transport aswell as 70 other types.

Ground attractions comprise Crafts, Live Music featuring nostalgia from Fiona Harrison and local band 'Silver', Vintage Vehicles, Tank Rides, Formula One car, Arena Displays including Sheepdog demos, Flight Simulator, Farmers Market and a lot more family fun. It is one of the regions largest events.

Tickets are now on sale, from local Nationwide outlets, selected local Tourist Information Centres, One Stop shop – Didcot, The Warehouse – Abingdon and online from our website via PayPal – **www.abingdonfayre.com**

On the day prices are Adults £13,
Senior Citizens £8,
Child 5-15yrs £6, Under 5s Free



A new web site giving details of RAF Abingdon during WW2 has just been launched. It gives detail of the activities and accidents of 10 Operational Training Unit that was based at the station during that period.

www.rafabingdon10otu.co.uk

CLUBS & SOCIETIES OPEN DAY

The Mayor of Abingdon holds a Clubs & Societies Open Day every 2 years in order to give as many of the town's organisations as possible the opportunity of publicity and recruitment. Approximately 55 organisations are taking part this year; these include music, dance, local history, sport and volunteer support groups. The event is taking place in the Abbey Hall in the Guildhall on Saturday 10th April and is open to the public from 10.30am until 3.00pm. Refreshments will also be available.

SP COURIER SERVICES

- ◆ SAME DAY UK Delivery/Collection
- ◆ Furniture and Appliances moved
- ◆ EBay Collection & Delivery
- ◆ House Moving Assistance

Tel: (01235) 524589 Mobile: 07721 679487
shawnp@btinternet.com

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Are you:

- Warm, empathic and a good listener?
- Able to cope with other people's sadness?

Do you:

- Have around 16 hours a month to spare?
- Have your own transport?
- Want to make a difference?

What we provide:

- Full training commencing September 2010
- Ongoing support, training and supervision
- Travel and phone expenses

Come Along To Find Out More On:

- Monday 26 April from 6.00 to 8.00 pm
 - Monday 10 May from 4.00 to 6.00 pm
- Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Old Road
Headington, Oxford OX3 7LJ

Please phone us on: 01865 225878 for more information

We do not recommend this work for those who have been bereaved in the last 2 years



Abingdon College & District Film Society

21 weekly screenings • comedy • drama
some old, many new • talks • special events

Free brochure: Ab 522163 or info@abfilms.org.uk
2005-6 winners "best programme of films"
(British Federation of Film Societies awards)
www.abfilms.org.uk Reg. Charity 292723

GT Carpentry

**All aspects of Carpentry & Joinery
undertaken by time served quality tradespersons.**

Supply and fit or fit only;
Kitchens, Doors, Built-in wardrobes,
Laminate or solid wood flooring, Purpose made Joinery,
Replacement stair parts, Loft ladders, All roofing,
Loft conversions, Decking, Fencing,
UPVC Fascias soffits and windows, Conservatories,
Garden storage/Summer houses.

10% DISCOUNT WITH THIS ADVERT
Contact 01865 391110 or 07831 773804, 07885 266965
GT CARPENTRY LTD, UNIT 116,
GROVE BUSINESS CENTRE GROVE OX12 9FA

YOUR LOCAL KITCHEN COMPANY

5 REASONS TO CALL

- Quality of work guaranteed
- Completely project managed from start to finish
- All trades under one roof, based in Cumnor
- No more ringing round
- You go to work, hassle-free

"Work excellent! Thank you for a job well done, very impressed with Swedemade. Many thanks" Mrs Wynn

Call SWEDEMADE now on 01865 864636
Or visit our website www.swedemade.co.uk
Come and see us at Bradley Farm, Cumnor
(please phone for an appointment)

All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page



Dear Friends,

Easter – the turning point of history! The resurrection of Christ changed people's lives and still does so today.

This is the crowning point of the life of Christ: after the agony and cruelty of the events we remember leading up to and including Good Friday, now is the vindication of all He endured on behalf of every one of us. His is the triumph of resurrection: death conquered, evil defeated, and the victory of all that is of God. Jesus lives!

And because He lives, there is the constant invitation to life through Him and with Him, whatever our age or background.

If your search for spiritual reality is serious, then there is no better place to look than to Jesus. His presence and power are real, and an encounter with Him is likely to be life-changing.

Through Holy Week this year we have a series of displays in All Saints, designed to help us engage with the events surrounding that first Easter. Entitled 'Experience Easter'. The church will be open every day from 9am to 5pm. Do come and spend a few quiet moments reflecting on those great events.

May the wonder and joy of this Easter season touch each of our hearts afresh, and may we know the peace and hope that flow from this glorious, life-changing, history-changing event!

A VERY HAPPY EASTER to you and those you love!

With my warmest greetings

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

Almighty God,
we celebrate the glory of the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We rejoice that He is alive, and that through Him You offer to us all the invitation to life.

Please deepen and renew our faith this Easter time, and help us by Your Holy Spirit, to enter into the joy of resurrection, of new beginnings, of fresh forgiveness, and of the healing power of reconciliation.

We pray in Jesus name.

Amen.

APRIL calendar:

'Experience Easter':

every day through Holy Week: displays in All Saints open 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Thursday 1st: **Maundy Thursday**
Holy Communion 8.00pm

Friday 2nd: **Good Friday:**
All age service 10.00am
2 Hours at the Cross 1-3pm

Sunday 4th: **EASTER DAY**
Family Service 10.00am
Easter Praise service 6.00pm

Please note:
Sunday 18th:

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 11.30am

We will be electing a new Churchwarden due to the retirement of James Allan. We are very grateful to him for his years of guidance and faithfulness.

Regular services and events:

Sundays at All Saints': 10am and 6pm
(8am first Sunday)

Wednesdays: 10.30am Holy Communion
at Duffield Place

Sundays at St. Luke's: 10.30 am on the first
Sunday of the month

Contacts:

Rev. Richard Zair 391319

Jill Rowe *Youth and Children's Minister* 390885

James Allan *Churchwarden* 391373

Chris Nutman *Churchwarden* 01235 521698

Janey Cumber *Administrator* 391327

Jenny Warwick *Secretary* 392076

Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

April 2010

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am

(Communion every first Sunday)

Our speakers for April are



2nd April

**Good Friday Meditation at 10.30am
'At the foot of the Cross'**

4th April

**Easter Day Celebration
with Mr. Maurice Glover of Grove**

11th April

Mr. Paul Hazell, of Wantage Baptist Church

18th April

Mr. Bob Hazell of Wantage Baptist Church

25th April

Mr Paul Revell of Cholsey Baptist Church

Everyone welcome

Think of what it would be like if we went to bed, knowing that the sun would not rise again the next morning. Think of the coldness, the unending darkness, the inescapable fingers of death, that would gradually move across the earth. Plants would wither, flowers and trees would wilt and die, and all of life would perish for lack of sunlight.

But praise God, the sun does rise each day. Its warm, life-giving light floods the earth. The "death" of a sunset each evening is followed by the "resurrection" of a sunrise the next morning and our hope is renewed. Even more sure than the rising of the morning sun, is the certainty of our resurrection in Jesus Christ. The dark night of death came upon Him, and His lifeless body was laid in the tomb. But He arose! And in His resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection to life. The apostle Paul declared, "**Even so in Christ all shall be made alive**" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

Christ arose on Easter morning and that's what Easter is all about. Now that's worth celebrating!!! Christ's resurrection is the guarantee of the Christian's resurrection too.

Bory Pilgrim

For further information on church activities:

Contact Mr R Barrett 01865 391356

Mr W Dyer 01235 814986

Marcham Baptist is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain