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

*Happy New Year
to all readers of MADNews
whether near or far away.*

*Wishing you health and
happiness for 2010*

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH
COUNCIL NEWS**

Parishioner of the Year Award

For the past few years the Council has
awarded a Parishioner of the Year Award to
a local person or people who had devoted
much time and energy working within
the community. There are many people
who would be worthy recipients, and the
Council is now inviting nominations for
the next award. Would anyone who wishes
to submit a nomination, please contact the
clerk, whose details appear below, sending
a short statement of not more than 200
words, as to who he/she wishes to nominate
and the reasons why the person(s) should
receive the award. The deadline for receipt
of nominations is 31st January, 2010.

A415 – Newbridge

The Parish Council has written to the
County Council regarding its proposals to
construct a new bridge at Newbridge. The
proposal is for a two laned road controlled
by traffic lights which means only one lane
of traffic moving at once, as is the case at
the moment. The main concern for the
village is the increase in HGVs that could
result. The Council has asked that the A415
be looked at as a whole and the Marcham
Bypass not be forgotten as part of the East/
West route in Oxfordshire.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/newbridge.

The Anson Trust – Village Facilities

Some members of the Council were able to
meet with the Trustees. The Trust is still
looking at the proposals for new facilities,
and it is therefore difficult for the Council
to plan further, until it has more information
from the Trust as to what its plans are.

Additional rubbish

Christmas is a time when we all seem to
accumulate extra packaging and items
for the dustbin and recycling bin. Please
take note of the re-arranged collection
days over the holiday period and do not
put your refuse and recycling boxes out
too early. This applies too for the usual
Monday collection, when bags should be
at the kerbside by 7.00 a.m. on the day of
collection, or at the earliest the evening
before.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 13 Jan 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

**The Chairman, Council
members and Clerk wish
everyone a happy new year.**

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

22 Jan	Faringdon, Pump House
5 Feb	Wantage, Civic Hall
19 Mar	Wallingford, Town Hall
9 Apr	Faringdon, Pump House
Contact Ed Vaizey by	
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PHONE 391881

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aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or
bird attack.*

Normal Day	Will be...
Fri 25 Dec	Tue 29 Dec
Mon 28 Dec	Wed 30 Dec
Tue 29 Dec	Thur 31 Dec
Wed 30 Dec	Mon 4 Jan
Thur 31 Dec	Tue 5 Jan
Fri 1 Jan	Wed 6 Jan
Mon 4 Jan	Thur 7 Jan
Tue 5 Jan	Fri 8 Jan
Wed 6 Jan	Sat 9 Jan
Thur 7 Jan	Mon 11 Jan
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Fri 15 Jan	Mon 18 Jan
Mon 18 Jan	Tue 19 Jan
Tue 19 Jan	Wed 20 Jan
Wed 20 Jan	Thur 21 Jan
Thur 21 Jan	Fri 22 Jan
Fri 22 Jan	Sat 23 Jan

Dear Editor

The level of interest shown at the 16 October public meeting was encouraging. We are indebted to Ed Vaizey for initiating it and taking the time out of his busy schedule to chair it. We are sure everyone there was impressed with the way Ed handled the meeting and encouraged a spirit of cooperation.

A 16-page record of the meeting has been placed on the MADNews web site for all to read. Several who spoke at the meeting were keen to explore alternative ideas that might avoid the proposed developments both on Hyde Copse and the Anson Field. There seemed to be little enthusiasm among the 140 or so who attended for the proposed developments. There was however plenty of respect for the commitment shown by the Anson Trustees and the patient way that Mike Hoath handled the numerous points requiring a response from him as Trust spokesman for the evening. It was stressed that although the Trust is not bound to consult with the village, any proposals that the Trust take to the Charities Commission will only gain their approval if the Trust can demonstrate clear support from the majority of the village. As Jane Hanna reported last year: significant support from the village would also need to be demonstrated in order to obtain planning permission for facilities on Hyde Copse.

It was also explained that the Trust is running short of funds quite quickly now and they only have a few months to finalise their proposals. They spoke about wanting to commence public consultation as soon as they can but also about the difficulty of fitting this in around the planning process with its tightly defined time scales. The message to the whole village must be to take every opportunity to make your views clear to the Trust and the Parish Council and in the pages of MAD News. Do not wait to be asked for your opinion, however if there is a public consultation, as hoped, then respond quickly and do not leave it to others to speak for you. Read the record of the meeting if you can. Your views are essential to ensure that the Trust do not set off on a course of action that could be generally unpopular and irreversible.

BOB ANDERSON

(on behalf of Neighbours Around the Field)
<http://www.ansontrust.co.uk>

To contact the Anson Trust directly you can email or write to

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 ansontrustmarcham@yahoo.co.uk

January 2010



Dear Editor

One late afternoon recently when it was already getting dark (the street lights were on), I was walking our dog round the fields north of the village, when I heard a faint cry for "help". Further along the path we were on, I noticed a small boy on the ground being guarded by a dog, unleashed.

On approaching I asked if he was alright to be informed that he had stumbled over a hole in the ground and that he was in pain, his ankle and leg being twisted.

With difficulty I was able to get him on to his feet, supporting him whilst at the same time re-leashing his dog, keeping my own hound on a long lead, his on a short lead and thus this brave little fellow led us all to his home and safety.

I was astonished when, during our slow, and for him painful walk, he told me that at least one person had passed him, refusing help.

It concerned me that such an even could have happened. I mentioned this to two senior adult friends, one male the other female; neither showed surprise as in their view, the recent paedophile paranoia has, in some cases, led to adults avoiding contact with children.

If this is so, what is our world coming to?

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor

I would like to wish the residents of Parkside a happier new year for 2010 as many of us have been coping with the parting of loved ones and illness in the last year or so and I hope that we have a brighter and happier year to come. I hope that our neighbourly spirit stays strong and I wish all my neighbours all the best.

NICOLA (No 13)

Dear Editor

We have six hens regularly free-ranging in our garden at Hyde Farm House. Unfortunately we have not found any eggs! Does anyone own them?

CLAIRE 01865 391391

Dear Editor

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The appeal in Marcham, Frilford and Garford raised £3,454.13, a new record. Very many thanks to everyone who contributed and had the poppies for sale on their premises.

A big "Thank You" also to the other 12 house-to-house collectors who agree so very willingly to help me every year, our house-to-house collection raised £997.31. No doubt with Afghanistan so constantly in the news this has made more people aware of the work of the Royal British Legion.

SUSAN SPURGEON



ED VAIZEY WRITES...

The New Year is a good chance to look at what the issues our local area will be facing in months to come.

There are still some major infrastructure issues facing the local area. The reservoir



public enquiry is due to start in the spring. Neither the district council nor local pressure groups have the resources to take on fully Thames Water, and I have asked the Government to provide funds for this. Personally, I think the reservoir is less likely to happen, mainly because Thames Water does not have the resources currently to build it. But I also think that the alternative options seem more and more viable.

The other issue is the incinerator, near Didcot. This has been on the back burner since the County Council turned down the planning application, but it remains an issue that needs to be monitored very closely.

Then there is housing. The development of 2,500 houses in Grove is back on, as property developers emerge from the credit crunch. We now learn that Wantage will be the site for 1500 homes, making a total of 4,000 for the area. Personally I do not think Wantage and Grove can take that much development, even if it is spread over nearly two decades. It means growth of almost 50 per cent.

Didcot will also see some 3,500 houses, and there are more planned for the north of the town. And Wallingford is fighting an additional 750 houses. And there is the constant worry of the expansion of Swindon to the east, which will affect villages around Faringdon, though I think this threat is receding.

All in all, this is huge and unprecedented development for our area. While we need new homes, we do not need them on this scale. And it is ironic that local villages, that need and want a few extra homes, are consistently turned down when they ask for them. The system is completely bonkers.

Transport is another issue that will take up my time. I am campaigning for the re-opening of Wantage Road station, and also want the improvement of Didcot station to be used as a chance to enhance the Didcot Railway Centre as a tourist attraction. I have saved some of the train service in Appleford, and continue to represent commuters worried about high rail fares and car park charges.

Then there are numerous local issues, such as the future of Wantage cinema, which I will continue to be involved in, as well as issues specific to individual constituents, such as benefit and child support payments, housing and health waiting lists and numerous other matters.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage (Con)



Marcham WI November 2009

**Happy New Year to all members of
Marcham WI and all readers of MAD News.**

Our programme for this year begins with an excellent speaker back for a second time by popular demand. Julie Summers is a local author and modern historian and her talk to us is "Stranger in the House". This is the title of her most recent book about the aftermath of World War Two based on personal family experience and contributions from WI members from all over Oxfordshire.

There will also be a bumper "Bring and Buy" of unwanted Christmas presents as well as a Dutch auction.

Future Events

Jan 29th Pig Industry In Europe And Cooking Demonstration
Feb 15th Day Of Dance In Oxford
Feb 23rd Come To Italy Day

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 21 January

Stranger in the House

Julie Summers

Bring and Buy and Dutch Auction

Denman College: Teaching Block

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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

SUNSHINE CLUB

We have now broken up for the Christmas season after our Christmas lunch at the Crown and Thistle. We return to club on 4th January - anyone who would like to join us would be most welcome.

For more information phone 01865 391536.

MAUREEN (MO) TIDBURY, Chairlady

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, January 14th 2010.

For this month's walk we will visit Ascott-under-Westwood, a few miles west of Charlbury. We will meet at the Swan Inn (Map Ref SP301188) at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30pm for the walk of about 3½ miles in the Evenlode valley with a possible short extension to see the site of Ascott's second (!) castle.

New walkers are very welcome - start the year in good company. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The first Oxfordshire Cricket Association 2010 Season fixture is on 1st May. Marcham 2nd XI is scheduled to play Chadlington 2nd XI. The 1st XI is away at Great Horwood on that date. More information will be given regarding 2010 Fixtures in due course.



Information relating to Marcham CC (including playing for, or umpiring on behalf of the Club) may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317).

CSB

MSSSC: Marcham Sports, Scouts & Social Club
The pavilion & field off
Morland Road

Bar Open Every Friday Night Don't forget the bar is now open every Friday night and every week there will be at least one guest real ale available. The club is also open every Saturday after football or cricket.

Support your local teams.

*We look forward to
seeing you at the club*

For more info contact Geoff Dix, secretary
on 391577 or geoff.dix@hotmail.com

MARCHAM PLAYERS

Following our very successful evening last month with the Oxford Waits, we were pleased to give a cheque for £300 to the Marcham Moldova Lifeline committee - we know it will be targeted to those in real need.



As mentioned in last month's issue, we will be holding another "With Great Pleasure" evening in the Board Room at Manor Farm on Friday 5th February from 7.30. The theme is again favourite childhood books - we had so many prepared readings last time we only used half. We would very much like to involve actual children with their favourites - if there are any out there who would like to come along with their parents - please ring Joey Maclean (391242) up to a week before.

We had planned to have a special evening in January to talk about "The Future of Marcham Players" but decided it is hard enough getting people out once on a cold dark winter's night, let alone twice! So instead a structured discussion will take place after the business bit at the **Annual General Meeting**, which will be held in the church on **Friday 19th February**, from 7.30pm. As usual, there will be time for refreshments and socialising. We look forward to seeing you there. Any enquiries about us will be willingly answered by our Secretary, Joey, on 01865 391242 or, Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964.

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

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



The
**Marcham
Society**

Marcham Society Annual Lecture

Gig Thomas

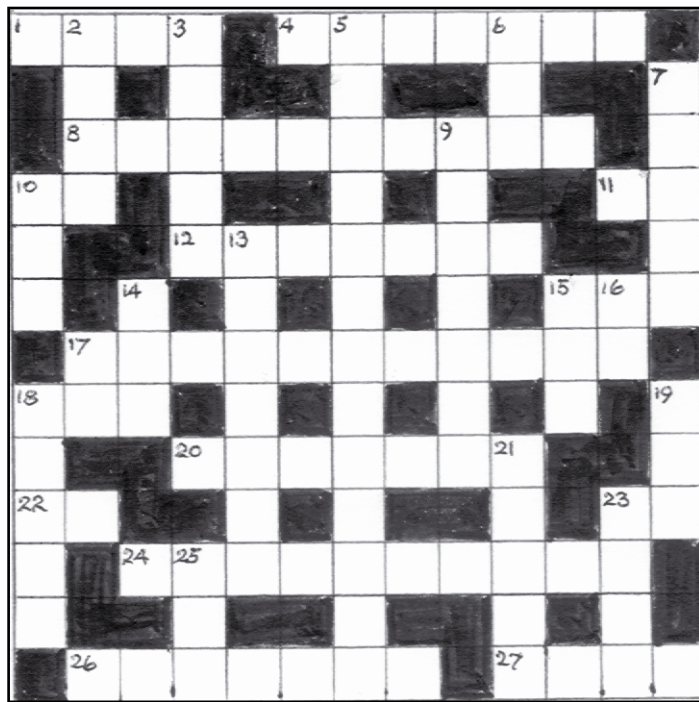
**Miracles & Disasters:
The story of Vila Maninga**

All Saints' Church Tuesday 12th January 2009, 7.45pm

Next meeting 9th February 2010
Mark Davies: *Oxford's Historic Waterways:
from Legend to Leisure*

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

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



ACROSS

- 1 Young animal (4)
- 4 He has come to Abingdon (3.4)
- 8 What explorers cover (4.3.3)
- 10 Myself (2)
- 11 Leave (2)
- 12 Direction (7)
- 15 Mimic (3)
- 17 Seasonal service (11)
- 18 Digit (3)
- 20 Always (7)
- 22 People at Denman (2)
- 23 Small saint (2)
- 24 Village near Grove (10)
- 26 Thrift (7)
- 27 Place for skating (4)

DOWN

- 2 Part of a car (4)
- 3 Game for many players (5)
- 5 Village near Appleford (4.9)
- 6 Beer (3)
- 7 Over (5)
- 9 Odd (7)
- 10 Encountered (3)
- 13 see 14
- 14 & 13 Where to see 4 (3.7)
- 15 Everybody (3)
- 16 School subject (2)
- 17 Cobalt (2)
- 18 Part of the church (5)
- 19 Not in (3)
- 21 Less common (5)
- 23 Part of the leg (4)
- 25 Self (3)

CRIMESTOPPERS - HELPS YOU FIGHT CRIME

Some people with information about crime or criminals don't want to get involved with police. They may know something about a family member, neighbour, or work colleague they may be afraid of reprisals. But those fears and concerns need not stop them reporting what they know. By calling the independent Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111 they can pass on information anonymously. No caller is asked for their name and no call is traced or recorded. But the information received through Crimestoppers does help to solve crime. Since Crimestoppers was set up in the Thames Valley in 1999, 16,000 callers have given valuable intelligence anonymously and as a result more than 1,800 people have been arrested and charged. Their offences ranged from murder, arson and serious assault to drink driving, theft and vandalism. The largest number of calls is about drug dealing which still remains a major problem. Nationally, an average of 19 arrests are made each day and one person four days is charged with murder – all as a direct result of anonymous calls to Crimestoppers.

In many cases, the piece of information given by an anonymous caller is the final piece jigsaw of intelligence and the police rate the material provided from Crimestoppers as being very significant to them.

Of course it is always best to speak directly to the police, to make a statement and willing to appear in court as a witness. But it is a fact that many people don't want get involved so, for them, Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 is the alternative to speaking the police. Whatever the situation, the police can't solve crime alone and those who Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 anonymously are helping to make communities safer. More information can be obtained from

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

and there is a special web site for young people:

www.shadowcs.co.uk



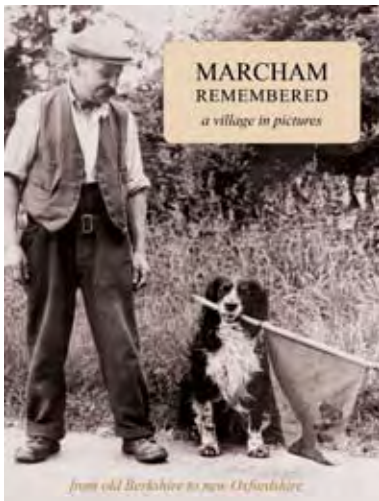
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A village in pictures

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Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

January 2010

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am

(Communion every first Sunday)

Our speakers this month are



3rd January	to be announced
10th January	Mrs. Pat Band of Witney
17th January	to be announced
24th January	Mr. Roger Frith of Wantage Baptist Church
31st January	Mr. Bob Hazell of Wantage Baptist Church

Everyone welcome

Getting in shape can be dangerous. According to one report, the two most hazardous methods middle-age Europeans use to keep fit are riding a bike and playing football. Last year over 209,000 people were injured riding bikes or playing football.

Why do people risk injury to stay or to get physically fit? Because they see some benefit, like feeling better, maintaining the body structure they want, or living longer. They are willing to endure the sweat and tears it may take to get that heart pumping and those weak muscles working.

The Bible says bodily exercise profits us a little, but it also says our greater responsibility is to exercise spiritually (**1 Timothy 4:8**). Do we have the same determination as those bikers and footballers who are risking pain and injury to get in shape?

The real danger comes when we don't get in shape spiritually. Unless we experience some gain in our relationship with the Lord, we'll know the pain of broken fellowship and lack of spiritual effectiveness.

The good thing about spiritual exercise is that it helps us in this life and in the life to come (**v.8**).

Bory Pilgrim

***We pray God's blessing for each one of you
in the coming Year***

For further information on church activities:

Contact Mr R Barrett 01865 391356

Mr W Dyer 01235 814986

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All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page



Dear Friends,

A very happy New Year!

A new year begins! I wonder if you have great expectations of this year? I wonder if you make New Year resolutions – hoping against hope that somehow you will be able to do what you resolve to do? I wonder what your 'track record' is like with such resolutions? Perhaps I shouldn't ask!

The New Year can be time for looking back and looking forward, of 'taking stock', reviewing where we are, of where we would like to be, all things being equal. Yet none of us knows for sure what lies ahead. Experience shows us that whilst we can have hopes and dreams, we don't know what is really going to happen. For some of us that is a scary thought – like setting out on a journey without a map or satnav. Many people don't like surprises, we prefer to know, so that we can be prepared. Life has many elements of faith.

There is a song of faith that includes the following phrases:

'I know who holds the future, and He'll guide me with His hand; with God things don't just happen, by Him everything is planned; so as I face tomorrow, with its problems large or small, I trust the God of miracles, give to Him my all.'

We can trust God with this New Year, so let's encourage one another to renew our trust, to strengthen and deepen our faith, and to look out for one another as the weeks go by. We can depend on God's love whatever lies round the next proverbial corner of life, and His love is for sharing.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

With my warmest New Year greetings

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

Almighty God,
as we begin this New Year, please strength our faith and trust in You, that we might know You in the daily course of life. Please guide us, guard us and provide for us, that our lives may reflect the wonder of Your love, and the joy of Your presence;
through Christ, Your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

January calendar:

A Christian Foundations course:

We are starting this course in the New Year. If you would value going over some of the foundations of the Christian faith you would be most welcome to come along. The dates are:

January: 11th and 18th; Feb.: 8th and 22nd; March: 8th and 22nd; April: 19th; May: 10th and 24th; June: 7th and 21st; July: 5th

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Venue: 1 All Saints' Close, Marcham OX13 6PE

Interested? Please contact the Revd Richard Zair
01865 391319

Parish events:

Sunday 3rd January

Christingle Service at All Saints' at 4pm

Tuesdays

**10am Toddlers Group
at All Saints Church**

TAG

**4 15 – 5 15pm at Buildings Farm
for years 7, 8 and 9**

Wednesdays

**10 30am Holy Communion
at Duffield Place**

12 noon Café

at Sports Scouts and Social Club

Fridays

**5 30pm Friday Club at church
for Primary Age children**

Saturdays

**8 30am Men's Breakfast
2 January, 6 February**

at Sports Scouts and Social Club

Sundays

**4 -5pm ASK at Buildings Farm
for years 5, 6 and 7**

St. Luke's, Garford

**Holy Communion on
3 January, 7 February**

Parish people:

In memoriam:

**Geoffrey (Jack) Dix (11 December)
of Fettiplace Road**

**We extend our sympathy to his widow Jean
and all his family**