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▲ **Ollie** - on my first day I looked nice in my uniform. **Hannah** - I like school I made new friends. **Dylan** - I was a scared about coming to school because I didn't know anyone's name, except for Arthur, Daniel and Milly and Mollie Mae and Isaac see page 13



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WE NEED YOUR IDEAS

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

Dear Readers

Autumn already ... the migratory birds have flown, clocks go back and the new rubbish and recycling service starts! I have been collecting conkers - *does anyone still play?* - and seen a few leaves turning (apart from those affected by leaf miner).

Don't forget that any items for MADNews can be left in the envelope in the Post Office which I collect on the day nearest to the deadline on 20th of the month.

Until next time



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October 2010

**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
District Council – New Waste Service**

A reminder that by now you should be sorting your refuse into recyclables and landfill items, keeping your food waste separate. The first collection day under the new system is Wednesday 6th October, and this will be landfill (the grey wheelie bin) and food waste. The following Wednesday 13th October will be recyclables (the green wheelie bin), and food waste. Anyone who has a brown bin for garden waste should put this out on the same day as the green wheelie bin i.e. 13th October, and fortnightly thereafter. The contact details for those able to help with any problems whether it be the delivery of the bins, allocation of sacks or collection arrangements are as follows: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk or you can telephone 03000 610610 or email admin.vale@verdant-group.co.uk Residents can also keep up to date with all the news from the Vale by following on its new Twitter page at www.twitter.com/WhiteHorseDC

District Council – Register of Electors

The District Council is currently compiling the new register of electors for the area. Please complete the white form which you should have recently received via Royal Mail or register on line and ensure that the District Council is aware of who occupies your property. Otherwise you will lose your chance to vote.

Trick or Treat - 31st October

It is approaching that time of year when children can be tempted into going out trick or treating. Normally it is a harmless pastime for children, but it can also be both frightening and intimidating. Much distress is caused by unexpected knocks on the door or loud noises. Some residents may welcome treat or treating, others do not. If your children do go out, please encourage them to call only on those whom they know and to respect the wishes of anyone who does not wish to participate. If you do get an unexpected caller, make sure the chain or door bar is on before you open the door. Do not let anyone in your house unless you are happy with their identity. If you need to talk to the police call 0845 8 505 505 or dial 999 in an emergency.

Grants

The Parish Council considers any requests for grants at its November meeting. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Marcham residents benefit which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant, then please write to the Clerk before the end of October stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts.

Refuse Bins in the Cemetery

The refuse bins in the Cemetery are divided so that green compostable material is in one bin, and plastic wrappers, ribbon, oasis and plastic flowers etc. are in another. We would kindly ask that when old flowers and wreaths are thrown away that the oasis and plastics are taken off and the waste be sorted into the correct bins. At the moment we are finding the green waste bin has other materials in it as well as the flowers. This means that it cannot go for composting.

Trees

Following comments from residents about the reduced width of footways and overhanging shrubs, the Parish Council has undertaken a survey of trees and shrubs next to the roads in the village. It has found numerous instances of low overhanging branches and shrubs which are protruding, effectively making the footways narrower and therefore more difficult for pedestrians. The branches at a lower level being particularly troublesome for people pushing wheelchairs or children's pushchairs. The Council would ask everyone to look at their own gardens and to trim back anything which is overhanging the pavement, and to trim low branches which are at eye level.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 13 October 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

FREE TRANSPORT ADVICE

Oxfordshire County Council offer a free and impartial travel advice service aimed at people over 65, and those with a high level of support needs. It is available Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm on 01865 323738, or you can email oxtail@oxfordshire.gov.uk. You can also use the same number if you would like information on joining a transport scheme as a volunteer.

Does anyone remember Marjorie and Micky Marr (sister and brother) who lived in Rose Cottage, North Street in the 1940s? Their father was a Squadron Leader at Abingdon and died in 1943 or 44. If you remember the family or know where they are now, please contact the Editor 01865 391725, as someone is looking for them.

MARCHAM EX-SERVICEMENS CLUB

Race Night
Saturday 2nd October 2010
Opens at 8.30pm first race at 9pm
All Welcome

FOR SALE

Over 60 balls of assorted crochet cotton, 11 crochet hooks and large bag of crochet pattern books. £20 the lot. Tele: 01865 391961.

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Tricity Bendix Dishwasher -
Eco Save Micro Filtration 18 mths old, but no instruction book - £50
2' 6" Child's Wooden Box Bed with 2 drawers. Mattress if required £5
Please call 01865 391457

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Large wheeled suitcase, as new
80cm x 40cm x 25cm
Small wheeled folding bicycle
May be inspected by appointment
Ring 391398

*A donation to charity
would be appreciated*

**WHAT COMMUNITY BUILDING
DO YOU WANT?**

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS

Marcham Community Group

Open Meeting

Friday 22 October 7.30 p.m.

Marcham C of E Primary School

Following the support at the last Anson Trust Open Meeting, a new group (Marcham Community Group) was formed and has been working hard on ideas for community solution for new facilities. We plan to set up a formal organisation to take ideas forward but ONLY IF there is enough village support. We will present some ideas on how this could be achieved, come and tell us what you think.

This is the first stage of community consultation. Come and talk about the NEW APPROACH and the HOWs and WHENs

Dear Editor

My thanks and kind regards for all those responsible for cleaning and tidying the cemetery.

M SHEPHERD

Dear Editor

What sort of inconsiderate neighbours we have in the North Street area, who held a fireworks party at 10.30pm on Saturday 28 August, which sounded like a terrorist bomb attack at times, and who then proceed to have a noisy 'outside broadcast' of 'music' and loud voices that continued until 1.10am Sunday and possibly later and which prevented sleep for those of us who are carers, and who do not share the ignorant ravings of a selfish few.

Shame on you! I expect you spent Sunday sleeping it off.

Another questions – what number should one call to report such disturbances?

NAME AND ADDRESS WITHHELD

If you have any concerns ring the police non-emergency number and they will advise you - 0845 8 505 505

Dear Editor

Let's get the ball rolling. This "Sunflower" is called 'Up to the Bedroom Window'!

MR BRILL, CHANCEL WAY

See Cover For Photo!



Dear Editor

On Saturday 23rd/24th October, the Morgan Three Wheeler Club will be holding its annual Night Trial. This year it is based in Marcham with the start and finish on the Anson field car park. There should be about 15 Morgans taking part with the same number of marshals' cars so traffic delays shouldn't be a problem.

Morgan 3 wheelers were built generally between the wars with limited production either side of those years. They were built in 2 and 4 seater versions aimed at customers who wanted either sports car performance or family practicality on a tight budget. They have an active owners club, <http://www.mtwc.co.uk/> and are popular with classic car enthusiasts.

The night trial is a unique event. It is not a speed event nor a trial in the normal sense. The competitors and marshals gather at the start from about 6pm on Saturday where the cars are checked and competitors plot the route with the first car leaving between 10 and October 2010

11 o'clock. After about 120 miles and numerous tests, they return at about 7am Sunday morning for breakfast, results and presentation of awards. If this sounds like an easy event, think again. 120 miles in an open car which was basic even in the 1930's, while hardly a serious marathon, is certainly a test of car and driver. The event has a permit from the Autocycle Union and the police have been informed of the route.

If anyone wants to come and see these strange cars and drivers (yes the drivers can be strange too), come along to the start. The date has been chosen as the first weekend of school half term so a slightly late night for children (including mine) shouldn't be a problem. The times of start and finish have also been kept to reasonably modest hours to minimise any noise disturbance. If anyone wants to see more of the event, please come and help as a marshal. The duties are not onerous but by signing on, it means you are covered by the club insurance.

If anyone wants any more details, please contact me at johnmanders@freenetname.co.uk or on 01865 391438.

JOHN MANDERS

POLICE NEWS

PCSO 9932 Laura Schmid

Laura has served as our local PCSO for some time and has been a real asset to our community. Her dedication and care have been much appreciated and have resulted in her being recognised for an award by the High Sheriff of Oxford. Laura has been accepted to serve as a regular police officer and she will be leaving our area during October to commence her training. On behalf of the residents of Marcham I would like to wish her every success in her new role. We will introduce her replacement just as soon as the appointment is made.

MD

Dear Editor

As some of you may already know, in October I will be leaving the job role of Police Community Support Officer in order to start training as a Police Constable. Once I have completed training I will be based as a PC at Wantage Police Station.

I have really enjoyed working in Marcham over the past three years and have met some truly remarkable people. Marcham is a lovely village and should be used as an example to others; it is a friendly, warm, and caring community which is centred on the Church and local community clubs.

I have been staggered to meet the amount of villagers who all chip in to help keep the village running, including general maintenance of the village, caring for neighbours, running clubs, volunteering in the school and helping to put on events such as the Great Marcham Weekend.

Come October, I can say that I will truly miss being part of the village and continuing to meet residents within it. Thank you all for your help throughout the past 3 years.

I still urge you all to ring 0845 8 505 505 with any problems, queries or information you have and a member of the Outer Neighbourhood Policing Team will contact you.

PCSO LAURA SCHMID

**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
ALLOTMENT RENT COLLECTION**

Would all allotment holders note that the Clerk will be in attendance in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place on Wednesday 13th October between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. for the purposes of collecting allotment rents. Please bring your allotment rent card with you.



MARCHAM PLAYERS

By the time you read this ten of us will have been to The Watermill Theatre at Newbury to see a production of Spend, Spend, Spend thanks to a very positive response to our column in last month's MADNews - keep reading our inputs in this publication for future theatre visits later this year.



One of our most popular activities has always been the "With Great Pleasure" evenings held in The Board Room at Manor Farm. Our next in this series is scheduled for Sunday 31 October - 7.30pm start - when we shall be focussing on - yes, you guessed! - Halloween. If you have a favourite story and would like to share a reading from it do come along and join us. Joey Maclean is organising this and would appreciate a telephone call on 01865 3919262 if you want to contribute a reading or would just like to come along and hear others read their favourites. The evening will also include nibbles and a glass or two of wine.

Any enquiries regarding membership of the Marcham Players can be answered by phoning either Joey Maclean on 01865 391262 or Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

To get your letter or notice included in MADNews please write to the editor by 20th month latest

ANSON TRUST ACCOUNTS

The Anson Trust company (the Arthur Anson Memorial Trust Limited) has received the final accounts for the year ended 31.12.2009 and these have been submitted to Companies House. In accordance with the Directors' policy of providing as much information about the Trust as possible to parishioners, the full accounts are being made available on the MADNews website (and on the Trust's website www.ansontrust.org).



For those who do not have access to the website or find detailed accounts difficult to follow, the principal figures are noted below:-

Anson Field	Income	£18,836
	Expenditure	£23,950
Institute	Income	£7,016
	Expenditure	£5,934
Trust operations	Income	£6,206
	Expenditure	£18,917

This means the Trust made a 'loss' of £16,743 in 2009.

Even if expenditure, which could be attributed to the Trust's future scheme (£8,567 – largely legal fees relating to the establishment of an option agreement for land at Hyde Copse) the 'loss' would still amount to over £8,000. The figures demonstrate that the present situation is unsustainable and radical action is required.

Anyone wishing to see the full accounts, but who does not have web access, can obtain a paper copy from the Company Secretary, Louise Butt, 8 Hyde Close, Marcham OX13 6PT.

WWW.ANSONTRUST.ORG

ARE YOU READY?

We are in the process of distributing an important booklet to every household in the village and surrounding area. We urge each family to review the contents and act upon them to ensure that in an emergency you are prepared and able to cope. Please fill in the details and discuss the contents with each family member. Please read the I.C.E. section and make sure your numbers are entered into your mobile phone. The information in the booklet has been compiled using information gathered from previous emergencies and its guidance can be a real life saver.



Keep the booklet in a safe place and update and review the contents on a regular basis. **You know it makes sense.**

THE MARCHAM MOLDOVA LIFELINE

Postcard from Moldova

It's the beginning of September, and after 2 days travelling I have arrived in Chisinau. Not the most popular tourist location in Europe, but I am not here for a holiday. I have brought with me a grant from the Marcham Moldova Lifeline to help a family in particular need and am going to spend a couple of days helping on the project. Mr X started building a new home for his family over 20 years ago, but due to the economic situation in the country, they have been living in what is little more than a building site, with no windows and only a partial roof. This is no mean feat in a country where temperatures in the winter drop below -10°C regularly.



Marcham Moldova Lifeline

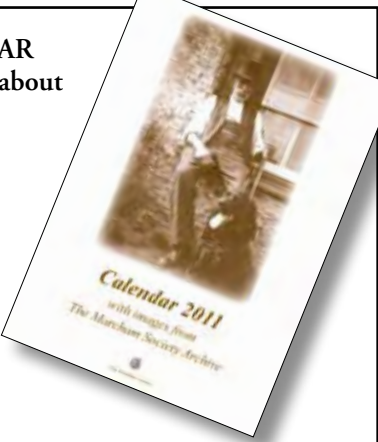
The money that you have helped MML to raise is going to make a big difference to the life of this family, and they would like to pass on their thanks to everyone who has baked a cake, bought a sunflower or contributed in any way to our fundraising efforts.

PAUL DAVIES

MARCHAM MOLDOVA LIFELINE

MARCHAM CALENDAR
Are you beginning to think about Christmas presents?

The Marcham Society has produced a calendar for 2011 featuring photographs given to the Society when their successful book "Marcham Remembered" was produced.



Copies will be on sale in the Residents' Lounge, Duffield Place on Saturday 2 October from 11am to 12 noon, price £3.50 each.

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• A man walks into a pub with a roll of tarmac •
• under his arm and says: •
• "Pint please ... and one for the road." •
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Marcham WI October 2010

Autumn is the time of year for walking in our changing countryside. What happens if you fall and have an accident miles from anywhere? This month our speaker David Griffiths will tell us all about the Thames and Chiltern Air Ambulance Service and how they rescue injured people from all around our county. There will also be an Autumn bring and buy sale with produce from your garden, houseplants, bric-a-brac and books.

The September meeting was well attended and we saw some stunning slides of the Universe as well as enjoying a bring and share selection of tasty food. Two of members also gave a short account of recent activities. Sylvia Horlock showed us impressive photos taken on her Digital Photography course at Denman College and Marjorie Evans recounted her memories of Lady Brunner and our visit to Greys Court in the summer.

Future Events

- Oct 6th. Speakers Selection Day at Stonesfield**
- Oct 13th. Card making**
- Oct 15th. Food and Flowers Demonstration at Horton cum Studley**
- Oct 19th. Needlework Craft Day**
- Oct 27th. Ghost Walk around Marcham (6:30 p.m.)**

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 21 October

Thames and Chiltern Air Ambulance

David Griffiths

Autumn Bring and Buy Sale

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, October 7th 2010.

For this month's walk we will meet at The Harrow in West Ilsley (Map Ref: SU471826) at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30pm for the walk of about 5 miles. We will be enjoying a downland walk along the ancient track ways to Farnborough, once the home of John Betjeman. New walkers are always very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.

SUNSHINE CLUB

We would welcome any new members to our club on a Monday afternoon at 2pm at Duffield Place for any information phone Mo Tidbury on 391536.

MAUREEN (MO) TIDBURY, Chairlady

SENIOR CITIZENS

At our last meeting we had a very interesting talk by the Rev. Richard Zair. He spoke of his family and some of their travels, holidays and places of work all illustrated by slides, a very interesting afternoon. Early September, 30 members went on a lunch outing, to the 'Lord Kitchener' near Witney and had a very enjoyable meal. Hope we can repeat it soon..

JOYCE PARRY

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

It was good to see some old friends at the club for the September quiz night. It went very well, so well we've planned another for October. Details of all forthcoming events are listed below.

Don't forget we are open every Friday night from 8pm, now with the added interest of the weekly Bonus Ball Raffle. Every Friday there is a £15 prize and the winner also has the chance to win the accumulating jackpot. Full details are available in the club. The last Friday in the month is always a real ale, adults only night.

- Friday 8th Oct – A sport and general knowledge Quiz starting at 8.30. Don't forget you can also enter the Friday Jackpot Raffle!
- Saturday Oct 30th Halloween Family Night

Look out for posters

*We look forward to
seeing you at the club*

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

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The OCA 2010 Season has now finished.

After a Season of mixed fortunes, with some Fixtures adversely affected by certain typically damp aspects of English Summer weather, the 1st and 2nd XIs each finished in mid-table positions in their respective Divisions.

There was an entertaining conclusion to the Season at Marcham with the 1st XI falling only twenty runs or so short of a victory over the Team that ended at the top of Division 1.

Information relating to the Club may be obtained from Terry Whittaker (391317).



CSB

Have your say...

the new name for police surgeries

- 11th October 1000-1200
Police Office, Wootton Community Centre
- 12th October 1000-1100
Duffield Place, Marcham

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



*The
Marcham
Society*

RAF Abingdon in WWII The role of 10 Operational Training Unit *Pat Minns*

All Saints' Church Tuesday 12th October 2010, 7.45pm

Next meeting 9th November 2010
The Locking Estate - *Christine Wardingley*

Non-members £2 or use your free token www.marchamsociety.org.uk
 Further details: Sheila Dunford (391439) or Judith Fontaine (391275)

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

The summer is now over and the usual hurly burly is resuming, though I spent most of August at my desk, so the pace of life has not changed very much. I'm learning how to balance my ministerial responsibilities with those to you in the constituency. There are one or two decisions from central government which can cause concern locally. When this happens, my priority is still to represent my constituents, and do the best that I can for them. For example, the future refurbishment of Grove pre-school has been put in doubt because of funding decisions. It is still my responsibility to my constituents to make representations as best I can to central government, which is what I have done.



I hope that one of my responsibilities - the roll out of broadband - will have a positive impact locally. In fact I spoke recently at a conference in Oxfordshire organised to discuss the roll out of superfast broadband, and I hope that Oxfordshire will benefit from the increasing focus on ensuring that we get broadband out to as many areas as possible as quickly as possible. (I have also been to conferences in Herefordshire and Cumbria on this subject in case people think I am giving Oxfordshire special treatment.) On this topic, I was delighted to launch Wallingford's wi-fi, which is a brilliant idea, relatively cost-effective, and which I think will be a major attraction for the town.

Housing developments remain a concern, and I continue to meet with local developers and local people to express my own concerns and hear those of others. On a related matter, the opening of a new Tesco in Faringdon is also raising concerns about the effect it could have on shops in the town. The desire for local communities to have a strong say in how their area develops remains as strong as ever, and it is something we should respect and support.

The reservoir issue is reaching a conclusion. The independent enquiry is due to report quite soon, and it will then be up to the Government to decide whether to allow it to go ahead or not. I think campaigners have done a brilliant job in showing that there are real viable alternatives to the scheme. I also continue to take an interest in plans to build a waste treatment centre in Sutton Courtenay, which remain controversial.

Recent local issues that I have got involved in include the opening of a new library in Thame, very welcome as I am responsible for libraries in Government. I also attended the summer reading challenge in Didcot, which is a national scheme to encourage our kids to read. I was delighted to attend the refurbishment of Steventon pre-school and the annual Grove parish council drinks, as well as the re-opening of the Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, which I was closely involved with through its troubles last year. I also went to the opening of the new village shop in Brightwell, which is run by the community - very Big Society! (It was opened by a Guardian journalist, which made it even more ecumenical.)

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

1 Oct	Wallingford , Town Hall
8 Oct	Faringdon , Corn Exchange
22 Oct	Wantage , Civic Hall
5 Nov	Didcot , King Alfred Drive, Community Centre
19 Nov	Wallingford , Town Hall
10 Dec	Wantage , Civic Hall
Contact Ed Vaizey by	
Post	The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
E-mail	vaizeye@parliament.uk
Web	www.vaizey.com
Tel	0207 219 6350

DO YOU CARE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS ILL, DISABLED, FRAIL OR HAS AN ADDICTION?

Caring responsibilities can be emotionally draining and physically demanding. Would you like to meet people who are also caring for someone? Have a cuppa, chat to others and find out what services are available to you?

- We can help you set up a meeting to find other carers in your area and find out what you want
- We can help with the initial funding for setting up carer support groups
- We are looking for ex carers who are happy to pass on their knowledge to people in similar situations

We want to know, how we can help you,

Please contact me:

Brian Conroy, Community Development Team
West Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse, Tel 01993-704007
e-mail brian.conroy@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Got something to say?

Be a part of Oxfordshire Voice

NHS Oxfordshire is calling on people in the county who have something to say about their community to become part of Oxfordshire Voice. Have you ever commented on a story on a newspaper or radio website? Do you want the opportunity to regularly comment where it can make a real difference to your area? If you answered yes to these questions then you might be interested in Oxfordshire Voice.

Oxfordshire Voice is a citizen's panel made up of Oxfordshire residents who have volunteered to give up some of their time to answer four questionnaires a year created in partnership between NHS Oxfordshire and Oxfordshire County Council.

The panel is carefully recruited to be representative of the population of Oxfordshire but there are some areas where we need to recruit more people these include:

- people, particularly men, aged 16 to 34
- people in full time work
- people from Black and other minority ethnic groups living in Oxfordshire.

You can have your say online or by post - whichever you prefer. You could be invited to take part in other activities like online discussion forums or group discussions if this is something you are interested in.

Previous topics the panel have answered questions on include: where people think the council and NHS should save money and what the priorities should be, alcohol and drinking patterns, whether the police and other public services are successfully dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour and people's experiences of local health services and transport issues.

What the panel says is used by the Council and NHS to help develop services and change the way things are done. For example, one set of results asked for more support for pregnant women as a result NHS Oxfordshire developed a service for new mums just out of hospital with their babies, to provide breastfeeding support. Feedback about transport issues has been used in the council's transport plan.

So, if you want to be part of Oxfordshire Voice and tell us what you think and make a real difference to your county - all you need to do is complete a short survey you can access it online at: <http://bit.ly/9hxa3c> or you can fill in a paper version. To request a paper copy please call Annika Howard, at NHS Oxfordshire, on 01865 334643.

NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

Y6 Learning Area

When we came back to school, from the summer holidays we had a new learning area (the old library) for the mornings. At the moment we haven't got a name for this area, but we are thinking about what to call it- Mrs Rook has suggested the Rookery!! The year 6s aren't too sure. In this space we have done some drama and went outside and used our senses to think about what things we could, hear, smell, feel, taste and see. From this we have built a description from a story we read in English- Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee. We have also created self portraits using pastels to liven up our new learning area.

FLYNN AND KING

Walk Around The Village

On the 14th of September, Denman Class walked around the village. We took pictures of houses and sketched as well. Most of the houses in Marcham are post war, but we wanted to find Victorian houses – which is part of our history topic.

Later in the classroom, we used pastels to develop our sketches. We took our time using the pastels, so then our sketches look really good.

MORLAND CLASS

At Marcham School we have been creating a wild area with a pond. After the hole was dug we put in a plastic liner. This week Mr Wood came with his digger and he dug up the mud around the pond. We are going to put some decking around the pond so that we can draw some pictures of the creatures in the pond. We can catch the creatures and we can study them as well.

TEEGAN, LUKE, CURTIS AND JOSH

ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS

Abingdon Little Angels said goodbye to their Big Angels in style this week with their very own Graduation Ceremony on Friday evening. There was a large turn out with friends and family to watch with pride as the little angels have now spread their wings to Marcham School.

This month Abingdon Little Angels have been going round Marcham to find objects that are hard and soft, rough and smooth and hot and cold. We have been learning all about these concepts and understanding how they surround us in our daily life.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our little Angels in their sports day in August. Their sponsorship for the British Heart Foundation allowed us to raise £175.

Angels Out of School Club

The Angels Out of School Club has opened this month with the start of school. We are offering Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs throughout the year for the bigger Angels of Marcham. For more information about the Angels Out of School Club please contact Helen or Kaye on 07516 474287 or at info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk.

An Intelligent Bird

Have you watched the rooks this summer
And wondered where they go
Their flight it seems endless
As they drift to and fro



But like us they must work for a living
A living that comes pretty hard
Not only is their work time consuming
They must always be on their guard.

Have you seen Mr Rook
With a piece of bread hard as oak
Take it to the bird bath or puddle
And give it a good soak.

Watch them rise in large numbers
Some kind of plan they are hatching
Higher and higher round and round
I tell you they are only fly catching



He repairs the nest in January
Using just two kinds of sticks
What kind of sticks are they you may ask
Oh just straight and crooked bits.
Caw blimey, feather me nest.

M Shepherd

PLEASE HELP VILA MANINGA, MOZAMBIQUE

How many times do you use a search engine a day? 5 - 10? How often are we simply lining Google's pockets?!

Well, here's a new easy way to raise money for Vila Maninga, Mozambique that doesn't involve you parting with extra cash. Simply use everyclick.com as your search engine and Vila Maninga gets a small donation per search. It takes 3 minutes to sign up, go to <http://www.everyclick.com/vilamaninga>, sign up and start searching and follow the simple prompts to make this your default search facility. We are aiming to get 1,000 people signed up by December 2010 which we hope will raise £13,000, training 6 medical students for a year in Mozambique. In a country where there are extremely limited health facilities and only 600 medical doctors in the whole country, this would have a huge effect. Please sign up now! Thank you!

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VILLAGE CAFE



Join us at 12 noon on Wednesdays during term-time at the Sports and Social Club on the Anson Field for a roast lunch with a choice of desserts, such as Queen of Puddings, Syrup Sponge or Apple Pie and more.

This free meal is offered to you by the Churches in Marcham, the cost being covered by voluntary donations.

COULD YOUR VILLAGE GROUP MAKE USE OF A SMALL GRANT?

The Harding Bequest is a small charitable trust which for some years has made grants to a variety of community causes in the parish. Any village group may apply to the Bequest for a grant.

If you are involved in a village organisation that may benefit from a small grant you are invited to contact Jenny Warwick (392 076), Secretary to the Harding Bequest, for an application form.

Key Stage 1 & 2 Tutor (CRB Checked)

Primary Teacher, experienced in teaching children with Dyslexia and Dyscalculia. Available afternoon/evening or weekends. Please ring Cheryl Sewell 01865 391200



If you are holding an event within or near the MADNews area, please contact the editor for more publicity! 01865 391725 or editor@madnews.co.uk

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ABINGDON GROUP CHRISTMAS FAIR

Fallowfields Country House Hotel, Southmoor OX13 5BH
 Monday 18th October 2010
 11am – 4pm
 Entry : Adults £4.00 Children get in Free
 Lots of unusual stalls to help you begin your Christmas Shopping!
 Please come along to support us !

BBOWT Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Saturday 16 October 09.30 - 14.30 AUTUMN FAYRE AND ANNUAL MEETING with short film show at 11.30 & 13.30

The NOA Community Centre Diamond Place Summertown Oxford

Explore the wildlife of our local countryside in this stunning film by award-winning Oxfordshire cameraman Stephen de Vere. Much of the footage was taken on BBOWT nature reserves. PLUS lots more ... hand-made gifts and crafts, refreshments, home-made cakes and preserves. With Street Collection Summertown.

Contact: Shirley 01865 371297 shirley88jarvis@googlemail.com



COME AND DO YOUR BIT FOR THE AMPHIBIANS OF DRY SANDFORD PIT

On **Sunday 10th October 10am - 4pm** Louise Print-Lyons, Cothill Fen Project Officer, will be leading a volunteer day at Dry Sandford Pit Nature Reserve. The aim of the day is to build a hibernaculum to provide winter shelter for the amphibians and reptiles which make this reserve their home. All are welcome (under 18s must come with a parent or guardian), meet in the car park, please wear old clothes and sturdy boots and bring a picnic lunch. Directions can be found at <http://www.bbowt.org.uk/content.asp?did=23585>

For more information please contact Louise on 01865 775476 ext 237 or louiseprint-lyons@bbowt.org.uk

An Evening of Music and Poetry

7.30 pm Friday, 26th November

St. John Vianney Church, Wantage

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- Pre-prep - Tuesday 19 October
 - Years 3,4 and 5 - Saturday 13 November
- We look forward to seeing you

For more information, or to make an appointment, please call Jacky Barratt on 01865 391570 or email registrar@abingdonprep.org.uk



THE SOBELL CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR at RADLEY COLLEGE

Saturday 20th November 10am – 5pm
 Sunday 21st November 10.00am – 4.30pm

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www.sobellhospicecharity.org.uk

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Science Oxford Live's Greatest Hits: Oxford's Wildlife (Talk) Thursday 21 October 7.30pm, £5/SO Live Friends Free

The swifts that nest each year in the tower of the Natural History Museum in Oxford have been studied since the 1940s. Roy Overall has ringed 5,500 birds as they and their offspring return year after year, and he will introduce us to these fascinating animals.

Booking in advance for events is recommended, by phone on 01865 810000 or online on www.scienceoxfordlive.com/whats-on Science Oxford Live, St Clements, Oxford

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All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

October is traditionally the time of year when we celebrate harvest. Our Harvest Services are outlined in the opposite column. The special charity focus this year will be 'Send a Cow', an agency which helps poor farming communities in the third world with long term live animal aid. We warmly invite you to these special services.

Harvest is always a timely reminder of the importance of giving thanks to God for the everyday resources of life: the food we eat; our jobs (if we have one); for all the skills and experience of the industries that go to providing us with the essentials for life.

Harvest is also a timely reminder to thank God for our countryside and those who farm the land. Please pray for those involved in our agricultural industries. We are all aware of the delicate relationship between our climate and wise use of natural resources. The harsh realities of the economic situation, of national and global politics can have a huge impact upon immediate decisions on our farms and forecasts for the future. These are complex times.

God promises wisdom to those who need it and are willing to humbly ask for it [James 1:5]. Ultimately our faith trusts in God's enabling provision and help, amidst the complexities of this 21st century global community in which we live.

May we honour Him with our thanksgiving and praise this harvest season, and trust Him for the season being sown.

With my warmest Harvest greetings

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for understanding the complexities of our 21st century world. This harvest season we thank you for every good gift of life and health; for food and clothing; for fresh water and the basic necessities of life.

Please help those for whom life is hard and unrewarding, and those who lack the basic necessities we so often take for granted.

Please give us grateful hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

October calendar:

Harvest Services:

Oct.3rd: 8.00am Holy Communion (All Saints')
10.00am Harvest All Age Service (All Saints')
6.00pm Harvest Praise (All Saints')

Oct.17th: 10.30am Harvest Holy Communion (St. Luke's)

Special Cluster Churches service:

Oct. 31st: 10.00am at All Saints' – when we welcome the congregations of Appleton, Kingston, Fyfield, Tubney and Shippon.

Regular events:

Sat 2nd Oct: 8.00am Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club

Sat 16th Oct: 8.30am Women's breakfast (The Changing Room) at Manor Farm.

Parish People:

The following weddings were celebrated recently at All Saints':

Ellen Cumber and Thomas Wainright-Lee (28th Aug)

Victoria Colloff and Stuart North (10th Sep)

Hannah Hurford and Paul Morbey (11th Sep).

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Richard (Rowan) Dunning. His funeral took place on 16th September.

Regular services:

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

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Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

October 2010

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am

(Communion every first Sunday)



Our speakers for this month are

3rd October Mr. Roger Frith of Wantage Baptist Church

10th October Mr. Bob Hazell of Wantage Baptist Church

17th October Mr. Maurice Glover of Grove

24th October Mr. Tony Houghton of Wantage Baptist Church

(This service supports the work of BMS World Mission)

31st October Mr. Graham Kneale of Grove

Everyone welcome

Sleepless nights

The psalmist David had his dark, lonely nights when everything seemed out of control. Doubts and fears assailed him, and there was no escape from his problems. He tossed and turned just as we do, but then he turned to his Shepherd (Psalm 23:1) and reminded himself of the Lord's presence. That brought peace to his anxious, troubled soul. David said, "***Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved***" (16:8).

We too have occasions of sleeplessness when anxious thoughts jostle one another for attention, when we curse the darkness, and when we long for sleep or the morning to come. Sleeplessness is usually the result of some concern, that we are unable to stop thinking about. We can fret, we can be anxious or we can talk to the Lord about every concern, casting our care on Him (1 Peter 5:7). We can talk about our failures, our conflicts, our challenges, our anxieties, our frustrations over His lengthy delays, all the things that distress us and render us sleepless and listen to what He has to say. That's what can set us apart from ordinary insomniacs. That's the secret of quiet rest. When you can't sleep, don't count sheep - Talk to the Shepherd.

Bory Pilgrim

For further information on church activities:

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