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▲ Year 6 say “Goodbye Marcham and Hello Larkmead”



▲ “Testing the Mortar”

Cub Camp in July

▼ “Feeding Time”



▲ Marcham WI's Anne-Marie Banks with Bill Heine see page 9



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12 Sun	Fun in the Park, Abbey Grounds, Abingdon, 14:00	15	30 Thur	Deadline for Moldova Sunflower competition	5

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

Dear Readers

I hope you all had a pleasant summer and enjoyed the sunshine... and the meteor showers (more to come in November)!

There is a huge list of Great Marcham Weekend Thanks on page 5 - which just shows what we can do **TOGETHER!**

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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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Vale of White Horse District Council – New Waste Service

The delivery of the new waste bins for households within Marcham started towards the end of August. The bins, when delivered, will be left inside the boundary of each property, and not just on the pavement. The District Council has suggested that anyone who is likely to be on holiday around the end of August/early September who might be worried about them being left in a visible position should ask a neighbour to move the bins or look after them until they get back. All those properties that are unsuitable for wheeled bins will be provided with sacks for their rubbish and recycling. If you have not yet had your letter stating that you will receive sacks, then you will be receiving bins. Sacks will not be distributed until September so if someone who has been told they will be provided with sacks, then they should not worry if they are not delivered at the same time their neighbours get their new bins. When you receive the new bins or sacks you should check inside the kitchen caddy to make sure you have received the information pack which includes a collection calendar and instructions about what goes in each bin, together with bin stickers. If you think that you do not have the information pack or part of it is missing please let the contractor know by calling or sending an email. Details are given below. Residents should also contact them if they think that their bins should have been delivered but haven't been received yet.

Remember the new collection service starts the week commencing Monday 4th October, and the new collection day for Marcham is Wednesdays. The bins cannot be used until the start of the service as the District Council will not be able to empty them before then. More information about the new service, is available on the District Council's website 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 including the latest on the new bin deliveries by following on its new Twitter page at www.twitter.com/WhiteHorseDC

Emergency Planning

Oxfordshire County Council in conjunction with the Thames Valley Local Resilience forum has produced a booklet entitled "Are you ready?". The aim of the booklet is to provide clear practical advice to help prepare for and respond to different types of emergencies such as severe weather conditions or loss of power and water. The aim is to deliver a booklet to each household in the area. When you receive yours, please read it carefully and complete the section at the back where you can list emergency contact numbers. Keep the booklet in a safe place. .

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 8 September 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

Graham Hill

We would like to say a thank you to everyone who attended Graham Hill's funeral. We were astonished at the number of people - over 350, which just shows how much he was loved.

Thank you all for your support and the donations made to Cancer Research UK.

Barb, Gemma, Lewis and family

REMEMBERING MIENEKE COX

Mieneke Cox, the eminent historian of Abingdon who died last year, is to be commemorated at St Helen's Church on 9 October. It will be an all-day event, starting at 11 am. There will be presentations from nine active local historians reviewing Mieneke's contributions and reporting their own recent work. Entry by numbered programme, £5, available from The Abingdon Bookstore in Bury Street, Mostly Books in Stert Street, or direct from Anne Smithson, c/o St Helen's Church Office. For details, contact Manfred Brod, local@aaahs.org.uk.

MARCHAM EX-SERVICEMENS CLUB

Race Night

Saturday 2nd October 2010

Opens at 8.30pm first race at 9pm

All Welcome

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Bryan Jones 01865 391347

MARCHAM PLAYERS

On 27 July a party of eight from The Players made our now annual visit to The Chesil Theatre, Winchester. An early evening arrival gave us time for a pre show supper in a nearby hostelry and we then saw another excellent production from the Chesil Players - this time, "Billy Liar". We are always impressed by the high standard this amateur company achieves so consistently and once again we were not disappointed.



Our next theatre visit will be on Tuesday 21 Sept when we have ten tickets for a production of "Spend, Spend, Spend" at The Watermill Theatre, Newbury. This is a musical based on the true life story of Viv Nicholson who won £165,000 on the football pools back in the 1960s. It received rave reviews last year and is now back by public demand. If you are interested in joining us for this trip please ring Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 asap.

If you would like The Players to consider arranging a trip to any show, local or further afield, do please ring Dave on the above number.

Finally, a reminder that any outstanding subscriptions for the current year or applications for membership of The Marcham Players can also be dealt with by a telephone call to either Dave on the above number or Joey Maclean on 01865 391242.

For details of membership, fees etc please contact either Joey 391242 or Dave on 01865 391964.

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

Many readers will have already heard the sad news that **Graham Hill** has died. He was a keen and energetic player and organiser of sport in Marcham. Graham was well-known and well liked. He will be missed and fondly remembered by those who knew him.



The OCS 2010 Season comes to an end this month and it is intended to give details of final positions of the Club's terms in the October issue of MADNews.

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

Cream Teas at Garford

Village Hall

Sunday 12th September

3.30pm-5.00pm

All Welcome



Have your say...

the new name for police surgeries

- Tuesday 7th Sept 1000-1200

Police Office, Wootton Community Centre

- Monday 13th Sept 1100-1300

Duffield Place, Marcham

PCSO Laura Schmid C9932

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If you can't come why not send a donation to the school? (at Lashford Lane, Dry Sandford, OX13 6EB)

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

VILLAGE RESOURCES

BBQ: The sun is shining, friends have gathered, the Pimms and beer is flowing but alas the disposable BBQ just isn't big enough!! The village now has 3 rustic oil drum BBQs available for rent on a donation basis. All money will go towards the village minibus. If you would like to make a booking then contact Charles or Rachel on 391432.

Pens, Pencils, Document Production: Malcolm Denton has a large quantity of pens or pencils for events, also a laminator, paper cutter and book binder. The Parish Council recently purchased these items and so they are available for all to use. 01865 391497.

A frame and hardboard signs: There are 9 sturdy A frames and approx 15 hardboard signs with holes drilled for tying up. They are currently with Jim and Denise Asher (391727).

Duplicator for large quantity printing: The MADNews duplicator is available for large runs of printing for events - it can't be moved but Meriel can do the printing. You supply the paper (80 - 150gsm) and a small fee for the toner ink depending on the quantity. 01865 391725 or editor@madnews.co.uk

If you have anything that could be used by the community, contact The Editor, who will keep a list.

September 2010

Bodkin Beak

*There's a good crop of apples on our tree,
And again, that starling is there,
Well, I know that all starlings look the same,
But it's him back again, I swear.*

*His friends have all flown,
they have all been well fed,
But he's perched up there in the tree,
Prodding the apples with his bodkin beak,
His beady eyes defying me.*



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*Every year we have apples with holes,
And if he is not soon going,
One of these days, I'll get his bodkin beak
And make use of it for sewing!*

Doris Dowling



Marcham WI September 2010

After the summer break we resume with our September meeting which is an **OPEN MEETING** at Denman College. This month there is a national recruitment drive so anyone who would like to find out about the WI is welcome to join us on 16th September. The speaker Valerie Calderbank will take us on a **"Visual Tour of the Universe"** and we will also have a Bring and Share supper.

The speaker at our July meeting was Bill Heine (see picture) the journalist and BBC Oxford broadcaster. He gave us a fascinating insight of being the owner of the "Shark House" and of his campaigning on the radio for local causes. He signed many copies of his book "Heinstein of the Airwaves" for our members.

During the summer we ran a stall at the Marcham School Fete on a beautiful day and held a "swishing" coffee morning which was great fun. Our proposed walk was cancelled due to torrential rain but we visited Henley and Greys Court, the 16th Century home of Lady Brunner and enjoyed the garden and afternoon tea.

The Book Club formed last year has been a great success. They had a break for August but will meet again this month for some autumn reading.

Future Events

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| 6th Sept | Science Lecture 2010, Amey Hall, Professor Richard Dawkins |
| 28th Sept | Coffee Morning and "Swishing" at Tubney |
| 30th Sept | Group Meeting at Northcourt Centre, Julie Summers "Everest" |
| 6th Oct | Speakers Selection Day at Stonesfield |
| 15th Oct | Food and Flowers Demonstration, Hortoncum-Studley |

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 16 September
A Visual Tour of the Universe
Valerie Calderbank

Bring and Share Buffet Supper

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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

MARCHAM SOCIETY ANNUAL BLACKBERRY WALK Thursday, September 2nd 2010.

The next walk will be on Thursday September 2nd. We will be meeting again at the Abingdon Arms in Beckley (Map Ref: SP 565113) at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the 4 mile walk. As usual on this walk, we hope to be able to pick blackberries from the abundant bushes on Otmoor



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

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

Its been a few months since we last advertised in MADNews, so here are details of a few forthcoming events.

Don't forget we are open every Friday night from 8pm, with the last Friday of the month an adults only, real ale night.

Friday 10th Sept – A sport and general knowledge Quiz, 8.30 start. We will also be launching our new Friday Jackpot Raffle! Don't miss it

Friday 24th Sept – This is Real ale night, adults only, including a cricket club meat draw.

The AGM will also be held in the hall in the early evening, 8.30 for an 8.45 start

Another date for your diary

Saturday Oct 30th Halloween Family Night
More details next month

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

IT PAYS TO INSULATE WITH THE COUNCIL'S £99 DEAL

Under this new deal, local homeowners and private tenants can get cavity wall or loft insulation fitted for a standard price of £99 each. At this low price insulation pays for itself fast in reduced energy bills. If you are 70 or over, or receive means-tested benefits, you may even get the work done free. The Council's £99 deal is subject to funding and offered on a first come, first service basis. You may have to pay more if your property is larger than average for the number of bedrooms, or access to walls or loft is restricted or extra vents are required. The Council's insulation offer is being managed exclusively by Cocoon, a long standing partner of the Council. Cocoon offers a fast on-line self-referral option at www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk To find out more, call 0800 8048 777 and ask for the 'Oxon Deal'.

SUNSHINE CLUB

We had a lovely outing to Southsea in July everyone enjoyed themselves with a sunny day – we are now in the process of going on another day out. 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



The
Marcham
Society

The State of British Mammals Philip Riordan

All Saints' Church Tuesday 14th September 2010, 7.45pm

Next meeting 13th October 2010
RAF Abingdon in WWII - Pat Minns

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

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

My last column set out how some of my national responsibilities might affect the constituency. These included things such as broadband roll out and libraries. I forgot to put in the most controversial of all – digital radio switchover. My speech on this generated a huge amount of correspondence, such that my Department missed all its response targets for the month.



As usual, the papers have misreported it, so let me set out what I actually have said. Europe is moving towards digital radio, so I have put in place plan to make it easier for people to get radio stations on digital radios – this means increasing coverage and lowering the prices of digital radios. But given that most people still listen to FM, we have not set a date to switchover to digital, and will only do so when most people are listening to digital, and when coverage is as good as FM. Some people think this could be as soon as 2015 but I have made it clear we won't go ahead unless the listening public are with us. There you have it – please feel free to get in touch on any specific concerns you have.

In terms of a surreal experience, I got to announce the winner of the UK City of Culture (the first such award) on a roof top in Liverpool, live on the One Show (a lot of people seem to have seen it). I then flew to visit the winning city, which is Derry/Londonderry, a beautiful but of course troubled place on the western shore of Northern Ireland. I have never been involved in a media scrum before, but there were lots of cameras and reporters. Nor have I ever enjoyed, if that is the right word, armed protection. I hope the city is able to make the most of this new and unique opportunity. Locally, I remain as busy as ever. I have visited the new Thames Valley Housing Development at St Mary's Wantage; had a briefing on the amazing anglo-saxon burial find at West Hanney (including a brooch of which there are only nine examples in the country); been to various fetes including Buckland and Milton; been to Oxford Instruments to celebrate their Queen's Award for Industry; visited Didcot Power Station, which incidentally may close as early as 2013; visited the television transmitter at Beckley which burnt down and affected all our television coverage; visited the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory and the Diamond Synchrotron; had a meeting with Didcot First; been to a school concert in Wantage; and opened the excellent Faringdon Arts Festival and the Wallingford Rugfest.

I continue to seek a meeting with the Department for Transport to progress the Wantage Road station proposal. Housing development is continuing to cause concern, with many people disappointed by the quality of the proposals put forward for both Wallingford and Grove. Sadly developers do not in my view put in enough work to make their proposals special or exciting and I will be seeking meetings with them to hear more about what their plans are.

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	
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JULY CROSSWORD ANSWERS BY ALISA

ACROSS: 1 Pencil 4 Annual 8 Hysterics 10 Kid 11 Archer 12 Sew 14 Tea 16 Trendles field 18 Ran 19 Sly 20 Police 21 Nay 22 Surgeries 24 Hockey 25 Crease

DOWN: 2 Ephemera 3 Cos 5 Nicer 6 Landlady 7 Archaeology 9 Tired 10 Kites 12 Strength 13 Wendy 15 Ellipses 17 Facer 20 Pause 23 Ice

Play Bridge ??

Did you once enjoy a game of Bridge, but have not played for a number of years? Do you still play the occasional game, but would like to play more often? Are you just learning to play this exciting and absorbing game? If so, why not come along to Marcham Bridge Club on Monday evenings?

We are a friendly, cheerful bunch who meet to play in a cautiously competitive spirit. There are not too many of us, usually we have 3 or 4 tables. Nobody takes the competition too seriously, but we do try to improve our game as we go along - and many of us need to! The standard is variable, from raw beginners to quite experienced players. If you are a beginner some of us are prepared to help you learn the game 'out of school'. We don't have set partnerships, but draw for partners at the beginning of the evening. We play duplicate bridge, but don't worry if you have not played duplicate before - none of us had when we started! It's all quite straightforward.



If you feel you would like a game, why not come along on Monday evening? Our venue is the comfortable, warm Board Room at Manor Farm in Marcham, starting at 7:30pm, finishing around 10:30. You don't need to bring a partner and parking is not a problem. There is an annual subscription of £5 plus £1 per evening, which includes coffee. If you would like more information ring Inge Morgan on 01865-391339.



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GARDEN ORNAMENTATION

We gardeners are frequently wary of using ornaments and focal points in the garden. Clearly they are down to personal taste, and, in other peoples eyes, they can ruin a garden.



Plants on the other hand, that are considered to be in the wrong place are of less concern. Possibly because we are more forgiving of them if they have chosen to seed themselves in a space in the garden that is convenient to them but not us.

Placed correctly, ornaments and focal points give some permanence to a garden, as they change very little over the years.

Shady areas within the garden can be given a purpose if you place a statue or something there. Although it's nice, we don't actually have to fill every nook with plants.

Ornaments placed on the top of a wall near to the top of some steps can produce an entry or transitional feel when navigating them.

Placing an ornament that can only be half glimpsed can encourage visitors to explore the garden further which is always better than having a one dimensional garden that can be viewed in its entirety in a millisecond of entering it.

Be brave, there is no need to shy away from garden ornamentation, they become old friends over the years and you can see their relevance once they are gone.

*Happy Gardening,
STUART MABBUTT*

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

As we closed our doors for the summer we celebrated a busy year with a party and a 'Graduation' Ceremony. There was lots of fun, food and a few tears as we said goodbye to those children moving into Foundation class. The leavers presented us each with a gorgeous book filled with messages and pictures from the children and we would like to thank everyone for their presents and kind words. We can be contacted on 01865 392101 or marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk.

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.

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!

GIG THOMAS Vila Maninga Registered Charity No. 10959754
September 2010

REPORT FROM GARD

This is the final report relating to proceedings at the Public Inquiry which ended on 18th Aug with the Closing Submissions from the main groups taking part.

I have given below a very brief summary of each submission, but at the time of submission of this copy Thames Water had not yet made their statement. This will undoubtedly contain rebuttals of almost everything others have put forward in evidence against their Water Resources Plan. The thrust of most of the objections to the Thames Water plan concerned failure to justify the proposed Upper Thames Reservoir on the basis of need, and failure properly to consider the alternatives in the event of future long term demand.

Wren Wooster made a brief and forceful statement, as an individual, stressing the adverse impact of the reservoir on the local community and the water which would be released by the closure of Didcot "A" Power Station in about 2015.

The Whitewater Vale Group (River Lodden) were concerned about abstractions from the river which meant that over 60% of the flow was sometimes treated effluent. They were keen to see reductions in abstractions. (An Environment Agency issue).

CPRE, which has been highly supportive of GARD throughout, directed their criticisms towards the environmental and landscape damage a reservoir would cause, stressing the severe limitations of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) provided by Thames Water.

The Consumer Council for Water concentrated on their concern that compulsory metering would mitigate against the poorest people and said some legislation was needed to protect this group.

The Cotswold Canal Trust summarized the benefits and practical sense in restoring this already partially repaired heritage waterway, and then using the canal for Severn Thames water transfers. The cost would be about one quarter of the £1Bn estimated for the Abingdon reservoir.

GARD (45 pages of submission) set out the case most readers will know well.

There is no need for the reservoir before 2035, An addition to demand of 100MI/d Sustainability Reductions included by Thames Water is unjustified. Scare tactics by Thames Water about fines resulting from the impact of the EU Water Framework Directive are unjustified and the company has failed properly to consider the alternatives to a reservoir. This is on the GARD Website.

OCC and VWH. (21 pages) The local Councils combined their evidence. They summarized their strong objections to the SAE which was inadequate and strongly biased towards the Abingdon reservoir in content, omissions and the overall presentation of charts and criteria.

The Environment Agency (82 pages) concentrated on the failure of Thames water to follow EA guidelines and said the plan was not fit for purpose or robust, with opaque judgements, and the preferred option not demonstrated to be the best.

Thames Water squirmed throughout but will no doubt bite back!(125 pages).We will now have await the Inspectors Report due some time in the next few months.

NICK THOMPSON Hon Chairman GARD

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EXPLORE ENGLAND'S OLDEST TOWN

Heritage Open Days (9-12 September) celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Every year on four days in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors, ranging from castles to factories, town halls to tithe barns, parish churches to Buddhist temples. It is a once-a-year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history and culture.

Lots of events in Abingdon and Oxfordshire – get a leaflet from the museum or the library or go to www.heritageopendays.org.uk for more information.



FUN IN THE PARK

Abingdon Town Council is once again holding its Annual Fun in the Park from 2.00pm on Sunday 12 September 2010 in the Abbey Grounds, Abingdon. The event will be opened by the Mayor of Abingdon, Cllr Duncan Brown, and will include a climbing wall, children's roundabouts, arena displays, musical entertainment, Winners from Abingdon's Got Talent, stalls, games, refreshments plus lots more. The Mayor's Parlour will also be open to view. Come and join us for an afternoon of family fun. **ADMISSION IS FREE.** For further information contact Sandra Hill 01235 468340 or sandra.hill@abingdon.gov.uk

BBOWT Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
Saturday 16 October 09.30 - 14.30
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 with short film show at 11.30 & 13.30
 The NOA Community Centre Diamond Place Summertown Oxford



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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.bbowl.org.uk/content.asp?did=23585>
 For more information please contact Louise on 01865 775476 ext 237 or louiseprint-lyons@bbowl.org.uk



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You are very welcome to come and visit us at anytime. We have a few places left for September 2010 except in Years 2 and 6 where waiting lists apply.

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

Autumn Term Open Mornings:

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Have you got a 'green' tip to share?

Send it in for the Eco Page.

WHAT HAS WATER GOT TO DO WITH ENERGY?

The short answer is... plenty! About 70% of global freshwater is used in agriculture - this provides us with our food energy. Hydropower provides some 20% of global electricity. On average each person in the UK uses 150 litres of water a day. According to Waterwise, this rises to 3400 litres a day when you add the water used to produce the goods we import. Moving this lot around takes energy. We're lucky - we get rain in the UK, but as summer hosepipe bans imply, we should not take water for granted. There are many easy ways to use less:



- Keep showers short especially if you have a power shower
- Reuse water - bath water is fine for watering plants
- Have a water meter fitted - on average metered homes use 15% less water
- Modify your toilet to give you a reduced flush
- Fix dripping taps

Also note that 30% of the average UK gas bill goes on heating water, so insulating your hot water tank and using less hot water will save you money.

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OTHER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- Set your heating to go off 30 minutes before you leave the house, and come on again 30 minutes before you expect to return and make sure your radiators are not obstructed by curtains or furniture.
- Draw your curtains at dusk to help keep the heat generated inside your rooms.
- Insulate your loft space and consider cavity wall insulation. Letter boxes and key holes can let in draughts. Fit a nylon brush seal or a spring flap and put a cover over a key hole to keep the heat in.
- Use energy efficient light bulbs which use less energy and last up to ten times longer than standard bulbs.
- Turn off household appliances such as microwaves, TVs, videos, music systems, and computers when not in use.
- Don't leave the fridge door open and try to avoid putting hot or warm food straight into the fridge as this increases the energy required to keep the contents cold.
- Defrost your fridge frequently and check the door seals. Avoid putting your fridge next to heat generating appliances such as an oven or boiler. If possible, keep the freezer in a cool room or garage.
- In summer, dry your clothes outside rather than using a tumble dryer.
- When drying your clothes indoors, use a clothes rail instead of a radiator as this stops the heat from reaching the rest of the room.
- Dishwashers use less energy and water than washing up by hand.
- Use a pan which is the same size as the cooker ring to prevent heat loss and use a lid where possible, so the contents heat up faster and require less energy.
- Consider using pressure cookers, steamers and microwaves which use less energy.
- In this hard water area, limescale affects the efficiency of your kettle. Look out for a buildup in your kettle and treat with vinegar or descaling solutions.
- Turn down the thermostat on your hot water tank to 60°C which is a comfortable temperature for most people.



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All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

A current advertisement on the TV likens the start of school to launching our children into space, and asks the important question 'Are we launching them in the right direction?' or thoughts to that effect.

As parents, Sylvia and I am are always concerned for our children (even though ours are well and truly 'launched'!). The foundations we seek to help them put in place for life are so important. We can try to 'model' them in our own lives, and help our children to value those things that we value, but in the end they will make up their own minds.

What we believe, or don't believe, is part of that 'modelling' picture. The frightening thing is that our children 'pick up' our mistakes and often don't see the things we don't see because we aren't 'seeing' ourselves.

Jesus can help us to 'see': ourselves as God sees us; the world around us and how the pieces of the life jigsaw fit together; valuing other people; providing a 'value system' that puts first things first. He lived out this way of life, his faith and life integrated into a seamless whole, he modelled what he taught others to grasp for themselves.

As this new academic year begins, perhaps our prayer should be 'Lord, help me to see.' May God guide and bless each of our families at the start of this academic year, and enable us to 'be there' for one another, as Jesus is always present to guide and help on the path of life's journey.

With my warmest greetings

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

Loving God,
Thank you for the beauty and diversity of the world around us.
Thank you for everything that is beautiful, good and true.
Above all, thank you, for giving us your Son to be our saviour and friend.
Teach each of us to know more of you, our Creator, and, rejoicing in you, to be as generous to others as you are to us.
Amen.

SEPTEMBER calendar:

- Sat. 4th September: 8.00 am. Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club.
- Wed. 15th September: 12 noon. Café resumes after the summer break at the Sports, Scouts & Social Club.
- We will be having a sermon series exploring questions relevant to all of us:
Sun 12th Sep – Do all roads lead to God?
Sun 19th Sep – Science or faith?
Sun 26th Sep – Can I trust the Bible?
All welcome.

Parish People (July & August):

The funerals took place of Mrs. Muriel Baker, formerly of Marcham, Graham Hill of Parkside and Ken Kidd of Howard Cornish Rd. We offer our prayers and condolences to all their families.

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)

September 2010

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am

(Communion every first Sunday)



Our speakers for July are

Sept 5th **Mr. David Locke of Baptist House**
Sept 12th **Mr. Paul Wilson (one of our members)**
Sept 19th **Mrs. Pat Band of Witney**

Sunday September 26th at 10.30am

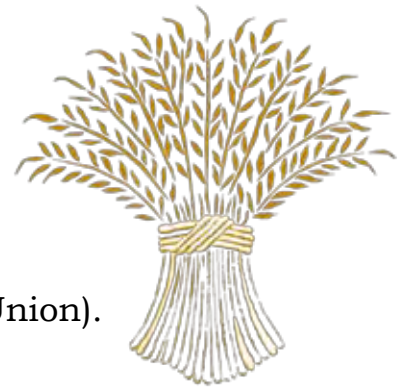
Harvest Thanksgiving

Speaker : Rev. Brian John of Wantage

This will be followed by a light harvest lunch served in the hall

This is also **Back To Church Sunday** (Baptist Union).

We invite all who used to go to Church to come back to us for the 'Big Welcome'.



Harvest

God of creation,
we praise you.

Once there was nothing,
but now the world teems with life
and the cup of your provision overflows.

Once there was dark emptiness
now there is sound and colour,
majestic mountains and intricate petals.
Beasts and birds gain their food from you
and all humankind depends
on the fruitfulness of the earth you have made.

We praise you, faithful provider,
generous and gracious God.

*(From "Gathering for Worship"
available from Baptist Union GB Publications).*

For further information on church activities:

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