

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Marcham School PTA would like to thank everybody that came to the Christmas Fayre. It was very well attended and we raised nearly £1400. This money will go towards funding equipment and trips for all the pupils at the school. We would also like to thank all of the people who volunteer to help set up and run stalls at the event. We hope that by inviting other community groups, the WI, Rainbows and Brownies, the Church and MML and local businesses, that this type of event helps to bring the whole village together. Thank you to the school choir for opening the Fayre with some fantastic singing and to Father Christmas for paying us a visit. We hope that everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

If anyone has ideas for future events or would like to be involved in the PTA in any way please contact us at [marchamschoolpta@monkeynose.com](mailto:marchamschoolpta@monkeynose.com)

**Date for your diary: Our Summer Fete is on Saturday 2nd July 2011.**

**SARAH MUTCH**, Marcham School PTA

**MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

As I write this, I am sat reviewing all the wonderful learning that has taken place this term already! Monsters and the Gruffalo were the theme that the children decided on after Christmas, and they have designed their own monsters, made monster face pizza, talked about things that are scary (and things that make us feel safe). The children designed a wall display, discussing what we needed to include, and agreeing on a variety of media, techniques and textures to make the Gruffalo, the snake, owl, fox and mouse, as well as butterflies, trees and nuts. There were some amazing discussions taking place, which have really captured the children's imagination! We are all very proud of the journeys the children have taken and look forward to finding out where they will lead us next! If you would be interested in joining us from September 2011, may we ask you to contact us as soon as possible to arrange a visit and/or collect an application form as our sessions are filling rapidly and allocations will start soon! Visit our website at [www.marcham-preschool.uk.org](http://www.marcham-preschool.uk.org) for more information or telephone 01865 392101.

**MARION, NICKY AND KATHARINE.**



**MARCHAM PLAYERS**

Yes, it's that time of year again when we invite all interested in the Marcham Players to attend our Annual General Meeting. Once again the venue is All Saints' Church, Marcham, the time 7.30pm to enable you to pay your Annual Subscriptions with the business part of the meeting scheduled to commence at 8.0pm. The date is **FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 2011**.



At the conclusion of business it is hoped that representatives from the Marcham Community Group Communications and Consultative Group will bring us up to date with progress concerning the intentions of their organisation. Do please make every effort to attend!

There will be a vacancy on the Committee to be filled so if anyone is interested do please contact either myself, Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 or Joey Maclean on 01865 391242 prior to the meeting so that we can have a chat about what is involved.

*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**

**Tea Dances**

Civic Hall, Portway, Wantage OX12 9BX  
14.00 – 16.30 Fri 11 Feb and Fri 11 March  
£3 including tea and biscuits, parking nearby £1 for 3 hours  
Call 01235 763 456 for more details



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**DEMENTIA INFORMATION LINE AND WEBSITE**

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**Women's World Day of Prayer**

The service this year has been arranged by the women of Chile, and will take place in the Baptist Church on Friday 4th March at 11am. Our speaker will be Ruth Corderoy. There will be a simple lunch afterwards in the Baptist Hall. You will be made most welcome.

February 2011

**ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Trees, mist-shrouded, tall, so tall  
They touched the clouds,  
Buttressed by mighty roots in the lush forest floor;  
Home to countless creatures, strange and beautiful -  
Nature abundant, wild and free, living, growing.

Clear and sweet, wide and deep,  
A river flowing,  
Fluvial life abundant, and food for all,  
Forest dwellers, furred and feathered, men and beasts  
All in harmony with Nature.

This was my home until came men  
Rapacious, greedy,  
Who cared not for the ancient, untamed forest  
But felled the breathing, life-giving trees  
For personal gain they plundered and despoiled,  
And when they left, poisoned were the waters,  
The land exposed, desolate and bereft.

But some who cared brought me here  
To live in captivity -  
I am an endangered species they say,  
But can men not see  
That if they reduce the earth to desert and foul the waters,  
The human race will surely be  
An endangered species, just like me?



*Doris Dowling*