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Christmas Bank Holidays 2010/11

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
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Dear Readers

Happy New Year

This month sees the start of a new look for MADNews – a page on coloured paper for Marcham Community Group. The colour (should) change every month, but you should spot it easily and so keep up to date with the latest news and events.

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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January 2011

**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
A415 – Newbridge – Temporary Closure
– Advance Notice**

A temporary road closure has been arranged by Oxfordshire County Council to apply to a section of the A415 at Newbridge whilst essential bridge repair and carriageway resurfacing works are carried out. Whilst the formal Order still has to be finalised, the intention is to close the Newbridge bridge for approximately 9 days from 19th February 2011. Because of the narrow width of the bridge and the removal of the road surface there will be no vehicular access over the bridge. This includes emergency service vehicles. Access for pedestrians will be maintained, although this is subject to the progress of the works and there may be delays for anyone trying to walk across. During the closure the alternative route for vehicles is off the A420 via Buckland, over Tadpole Bridge, as far as Bampton then along the B4449 through Aston to Standlake.

Oxfordshire County Council – Bus Review - 31 route

The County Council, like many local authorities, is looking to make savings in its spending. It spends several million pounds each year throughout the county subsidising bus services where they are not profitable commercial routes. At the moment, the County Council has a contract with Stagecoach to subsidise some of the Marcham service. This will remain unchanged until the end of the year. However from April the County Council will begin to undertake a review of the subsidies that are offered, with a decision being made about Marcham possibly around the end of the Summer/early Autumn in readiness for 2012. It is always the case of use it or lose it, so please use the bus service, particularly evenings and Sundays, (the subsidised time), and justify its continued provision otherwise we might lose the subsidy next year, as the calculations seem to be done on a cost per passenger basis.

Neighbours

As we continue through winter, should the weather be the same as last January, then give a thought for your neighbours, particularly the elderly and those without transport. Bad weather can bring chaos to businesses, travel delays, school closures etc, but also affects those who are unable to get out. Do please check on your neighbours, make sure they are all right, and see whether they need assistance with anything.

Dropped Kerbs

Oxfordshire County Council, as Highway Authority, is responsible for maintaining footpaths. It is illegal to build a crossing over a public footpath without permission

from the County Council. This is to ensure that the crossing is strong enough to take the weight of the vehicle and does not create a hazard for pedestrians and other footpath and road users. It has been noticed that quite a few vehicles in the village are just being bumped up over kerbs. If you one of these people, then you are reminded that you should apply to the County Council for consent to install a dropped kerb.

Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Parish Council following the resignation of Peter Rowe who has moved away from the village. The Council would like to thank him, for his efforts on behalf of the community since he rejoined the Council. There will be an election in May 2011, so the current seat is only vacant until then. However, the Parish Council has decided to see if there is anyone who may be interested in joining the Council until the election. This would give someone the chance of seeing what Parish Council meetings are like before deciding whether to stand as a candidate. If there is anyone interest in joining the Council for a few months, then he/she is invited to contact the Parish Clerk for further information about the role.

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, 2011

Additional rubbish

Christmas is a time when we all seem to accumulate extra packaging and items for landfill and recycling. Please take note of the re arranged collection days over the holiday period and do not put your landfill, food and recycling bins out too early.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 12 January 2011 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.

GARFORD NEWS.

Garford Strictly Dinner Dance

During the last few months residents of Garford village have been learning to dance. We can waltz and foxtrot after a fashion. As our end of term finale Denise Brown and Jackie Meadows and the social events committee organised a Dinner and Dance on Saturday 3rd December in the village hall.

We had a wonderful time with games, an auction and of course some dancing. With generous contributions from village people together with the proceeds from the evening we have now raised over £2000 which will be used in the restoration of the village wayside war memorial. Well done to all concerned. It was a super evening!

TONY CARTER

REMEDIAL WORK TO THE WALNUT TREES ON THE ANSON FIELD

In last month's issue we reported on the damage that had occurred to one of the trees on the Anson Field.

The Vale of White Horse District Council's Tree Protection Officer (TPO) has confirmed that to ensure the safety of users of the Field the 3 walnut trees should have their weight reduced by 20%, by pruning of certain boughs.

It is expected that this work will be undertaken by a local tree surgeon in early February 2011.

The Directors of the Arthur Anson Memorial Trust Ltd

Happy New Year
and
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GARD UPDATE

There have been several enquiries from local people but to date there is no new hard information to report. It is assumed that following the Public Inquiry the Inspector's Report (due to have been submitted to Defra by the end of Nov) is now undergoing "quality assurance"- whatever that involves!

The Minister responsible for water, Mr Richard Benyon, MP for Newbury is undoubtedly aware of GARD's concerns, and those of the many others opposed to the proposed Thames Water Upper Thames Reservoir (UTR). For understandable reasons of probity Mr Benyon cannot meet GARD or any other interested parties until the Report is officially submitted to him. Meanwhile there has been encouraging interest in the outcome by several MPs, with positive help from Ed Vaizey MP and Nicola Blackwood MP to whom we are very grateful.

A National Policy Statement (NPS) for Water is due to be issued by the Government in July 2011 and it is our aim that the UTR should not be allowed to feature in it, at least until the alternatives have been properly and thoroughly investigated. GARD will continue to try to educate those who have influence in political circles in the NPS drafting, and we will also make an input to several other policy papers, including those on treatment of wastewater and the £2.8Bn Thames Tideway Tunnel, to reinforce our reputation founded on the expert advice given to us for the Public Inquiry by our distinguished water resources consultants.

NICK THOMPSON Hon Chairman GARD

MARCHAM AND DISTRICT EX SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
NORTH STREET MARCHAM
OXON OX13 6NG

December 2010

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS
Annual Subscriptions Due by March 31st 2011

Payments may be made in the Club during normal opening hours

NOTICE TO ALL LIFE MEMBERS

All life members including widows and widowers of members are reminded that they must register in writing to the secretary at the above address, or register at the Club each and every year they wish to remain on the list of current Life Members.

The closing date of this registration is March 31st. each year Please note that those failing to respond by March 31st 2011 will no longer be considered Members their names will be removed from the register of Members and Life Members


Chairman November 2010

A list of currently registered members /life members valid until 31st March 2011 is available to be viewed in the Cub during the Clubs normal opening hours

THE ABOVE RULE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE AFTER BEING CLARIFIED BY HODSONS SOLICITORS OF ABINGDON. ALL NECESSARY PUBLICATION AND NOTICES ARRANGED BY HODSONS SOLICITORS OF STRATTON WAY ABINGDON. OCTOBER 2008

MARCHAM CALENDAR
It's not too late for 2011!


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



You can buy copies of the calendar for £3.50 each at the Post Office and Cumbers Farm Shop or contact Sheila Dunford 391439.

New Year

Whatever we mortals may do or say
 The sun will still rise to greet a new day,
 The earth will turn and the seasons bring,
 Flowers will still bloom, birds will sing.



They say there will be hard times this year,
 But while we have hope we have nothing to fear,
 The year may bring some trouble and strife,
 But joy can be found while we have life.

Here's to the Old Year with its joy and sorrow,
 The New Year may herald a bright tomorrow,
 So Cheers! everyone whether far or near,
 A healthy, happy, hopeful New Year.

Doris Dowling

Marcham Community Group

Watch this space!
LOGO competition
next month

Marcham Community Group has now taken the significant step of applying to Companies House to be listed as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee. This has been a time-consuming process ensuring that the Memorandum and Articles are able to stand the test of a wide range of situations and will allow the company to endure keeping the community interests in mind long term. The full version of the memorandum and articles will be available at WWW.MARCHAM.ORG shortly.

In order to maintain momentum the key focus of the group is now to produce a robust business plan. Members of the group will be visiting a range of village halls to get information on how the buildings are financed and run in addition to advice on facilities. This is an essential part of understanding the problem ahead of us and ensuring we don't repeat the mistakes of others.

INFORMAL CONSULTATION EVENING

FRIDAY 14 JANUARY 7.30PM – 8.45PM
MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Following the support offered at the last public meeting in October the group would like to invite everyone to a follow up meeting for those who would like to offer any ideas for the hall or for fundraising.

Why not bring a friend?

Community consultation

Having now completed all the work to form the company the group is now moving its attention towards consultation. A detailed consultation plan has been drafted and will be published in the new year.

The intention is to allow everyone in the community to express their views and opinions to allow the group to tailor the building to the needs of the community. After the initial round of consultation focus groups and detailed consultation will be conducted to develop ideas and investigate specific needs.

What is the Marcham Community Group's plan?

Full details of the Marcham Community Group's plans will be found on www.marcham.org

In summary, the Group intends to offer another option for the future of community facilities in Marcham. Following the announcement that the Anson Trust would be seeking to develop part of the sports field to pay for the development of a new community facility, a new group was established to explore another option.

The group aims to

- Retain the field in its entirety and keep it as a recreational facility in the heart of the village;
- Provide a new purpose-built community building - which is developed, planned and built in full consultation.
- Manage the facility once built;
- Develop a sustainable business plan for the facility to maintain it for future generations.

First to £1000

Be the first to raise £1000 for MCG to gain a special mention in next month's bulletin.

How to become involved and help?

Fundraising will remain an essential part of building and maintaining a community facility. Here are some ideas to help:

- Pledge a donation to the Marcham Community Group – we will start collecting funds when we are formally set up and we have opened a bank account for the Group.
- Once we are set up as a formal charitable company, you could pick up a Waitrose 'Community Matters' leaflet and nominate the Group to benefit from up to £1000 each month. More details will follow later.
- Invite some friends around for dinner to discuss the ideas and explore what you want from a community facility and use it as an opportunity to raise some money as well.



Marcham WI January 2011

We wish a Happy New Year for 2011 to all MADNews readers and especially the ladies of Marcham WI. We start our programme for this calendar year with a local historian, Liz Woolley. Her talk, with slides, will be about Child Labour in Victorian Oxfordshire and this promises to be very interesting.

During December a group of members had a stall at Marcham School Christmas Fair and raised some money for the school and a local charity. We thoroughly enjoyed our annual visit to Oxford Town Hall for the Oxfordshire Federation of WIs Christmas songs led with great skill and style by Christine Whild.

We had three new members join Marcham WI at the end of 2010 and if anyone has thought about joining us, why not come along at the start of the year.

Future Events

- Jan 28** Sheep Day at Ducklington
- Feb 24** New Zealand day at Kirtlington
- March 9** Shakespeare at Denman with Jane Lapotaire
- March 15** Music Taster Day at Benson Village Hall

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 20 January 2011

Child Labour in Victorian Oxfordshire

Liz Woolley

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, January 13th 2011.

For this month's walk we will visit quiet farmland around Cote and Aston near Bampton. However we will eat at the Bell Inn (Map Ref SP352033) in High Street, Standlake at 12.30pm for lunch, but start the walk of about 4½ miles in Cote (Map Ref SP3352030) at 1.30, parking at the side of the minor road to Chimney. New walkers are always very welcome so do start the year in good company. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.



SUNSHINE CLUB

We have now broken up for a Christmas break and return to our club on January 10th. We had a good year with three outings and a Christmas lunch at the Boundary House with help from local trusts. which we would like to thank very much as we are down on members due to ill health. If you are interested in coming along on a Monday from 2.30pm - 4pm you would be very welcome. Phone 391536 for details.

MAUREEN (MO) TIDBURY, Chairlady

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

With a view to the start of the new 2011 OCA Season, Marcham CC would be pleased to hear from those interested in playing for the Club – any age and level of ability welcome.

Information (including the commencement of Nets early next year) may be obtained from Trevor Hill (391321). Also, Trevor may be contacted by those interested in umpiring on behalf of the Club.

Best Wishes for the new year.



CSB

Dexters Rescue Damsels

Carnivorous butterwort, the elegant grass-of-Parnassus and the scarce southern damselfly, to name just a few plants and insects, are all unique to fens, one of the richest environments in the UK. Yet fens are becoming increasingly scarce and very unusual for Central England. As part of **BBOWT's Cothill Fen Project**, work is underway to restore and enhance a cluster of four wonderfully varied spring-fed fens in Oxon: Gozzard's Ford Fen, Dry Sandford Pit, Lashford Lane Fen and Parsonage Moor. As well as monitoring water levels and routine conservation work such as scrub clearing, we are preparing the way for livestock to graze the nature reserves on a regular basis.

Over the next few months BBOWT will be replacing old fencing, installing new fencing and a stock pen at Dry Sandford Pit to allow grazing to be introduced next summer. This is part of the **Cothill Fen Project** and an important step for the wonderful wildlife of this fantastic reserve. In particular, the fen associated species such as the striking southern damselfly which is nationally and internationally rare and has suffered a 30% decline in its UK distribution since 1960. In order to breed, these picky damsels in distress require fast flowing calcium rich open water of between 7 to 14cm depth as well as emergent vegetation to lay their eggs on! The site is ideal but even with local volunteers' best efforts it is a struggle to stay on top of encroaching scrub. We need help to keep the fen open and so are calling on three dexter cows to come to the rescue. Grazing will also benefit many other plants and insects including the delicate marsh helleborine orchid and the beautiful scarlet tiger moth. We apologise for any disruption caused to your visits whilst this work is happening but please bear with us as it is vital for the future wildlife of the site. There will be more details about the grazing later in the year. Also, look out for our volunteer event in the diary. For more information about this work or to talk about volunteering opportunities on this project please contact Louise Print-Lyons on louiseprint-lyons@bbowt.org.uk or 01865 775476 ext 237



The
**Marcham
Society**

Annual Lecture The Life and Work of Roald Dahl

Claire Field

All Saints' Church Tuesday 11th January 2011, 7.45pm

Next meeting 8th February 2011
Woodland Archaeology & Ecology

Non-members £2

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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

ARBOURS

How many people out there in gardening land have an area within their own garden that is lightly shaded in the high summer? If that's you, then why not think about utilising this space as a relaxing location to dine outside. If you can plant a few trees that don't cast too much shade, then you could develop one of these relaxing corners from scratch.



Many people place arbours in such places, and often they are of very rustic appearance, and can be made out of woven living willow or hazel.

Such constructions can also be found in the many catalogues, and often come in flat pack forms that you construct yourself.

It is essential that the material you choose to construct the arbour out of suits the location and the wider environment. Woven materials, wire, timber and fence posts can all be used, but all must be of suitable colour.

Scented plants trained seductively over the arbour, makes sitting in this shady oasis in summer even more of a joy.

Another consideration, when you site your arbour or sitting area, is make sure it is facing something attractive, so when you sit there you have something worth looking at.

These woven living willow efforts I mentioned are great, as they have their own canopy, and set against a backdrop of other greenery, allows them to merge in and be almost invisible from a distance. Its a great project to get children enthused about their environment, and you could even get them to help construct tunnels and caves out of this woven willow, which gives them little hideaways in which to play.

*Happy Gardening,
STUART MABBUTT*

REAL ACCOUNTABILITY – MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE

Since April 2010, all Primary Care Trusts have a duty to report on consultations on commissioning decisions undertaken during the financial year. 'Real Accountability' shows how consultation and engagement have helped to shape and inform health services in Oxfordshire. From end of life care, improvements to patients experience in community hospitals to the enhanced medical services offered by some GPs such as dermatology clinics, we have asked people what they think, what we could do to improve and develop services. We have used that feedback to improve patient experience and develop services that really meet the needs of their users.

The examples in 'Real Accountability' also show the range of methods we have used to consult people, including online surveys, focus groups, public meetings, attending existing community groups and one to one interviews. As part of the consultation process we engage with different people, groups and organisations to make sure we reach as many relevant people as possible.

To find out more, read the report on the Talking Health section of the NHS Oxfordshire website: <https://consult.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/consult.ti/realaccountability/listdocuments>.

Or, if you would like a paper copy please contact the communications and engagement team at NHS Oxfordshire email: admin.comm/ppi@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk or phone: 01865 334641.

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NHS Oxfordshire

NHS Oxfordshire has just launched a new public consultation on the Informatics Strategy. It looks at the use of IT systems and telehealth equipment and asks how we can use them to 'join-up' health and social care services in Oxfordshire to improve care for patients.

We would very much like to hear feedback and contributions from local people. You can participate in the consultation in many different ways. :

- Answer a quick survey online (<http://bit.ly/informatics-survey>)
- Request a hard copy from talking.health@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk or 01865 334641
- Attend a workshop on 14th January 2011, from 9.30-11.30 at County Hall Oxford. Contact talking.health@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk or 01865 334641 to book a place
- Comment on the strategy document online <http://bit.ly/InformaticsStrategy>

CHOOSE WELL

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ANSON TRUST



Over the last couple of years the Trust has worked hard to ensure that the Village is kept up to date with the Trust's thoughts and plans. More recently it has held a number of very constructive meetings with various interested parties in the Village and sincerely believes that there is light at the end of what has seemed a very long tunnel to all of us.

Following last month's MADNews we have also spoken to Iain Brown regarding our hopes for the future and expressed how keen we are to build on the progress that has been made recently. With that in mind it's probably worth providing an update on where we are, particularly for those of you who are unable to make it to the public meetings.

The Trust is actively seeking a number of ways of alleviating its current cashflow difficulties and it is only natural that, in the absence of any significant income streams, it looks at how it could maximise the realisation of some of its assets to help preserve the remaining assets and provide much needed community facilities. Unfortunately the assets that we speak of, namely the Institute site and the Anson Field, are rightly cherished by the Village and therefore whatever is proposed and finally agreed will not necessarily be to everyone's liking. However, the Trust's directors have legal responsibilities under Company and Charity law/regulation that mean that doing nothing is not an option.

One enormous and unavoidable fly in the ointment is Father Time. In the meeting in November 2009 the Trust made it clear that it believed that it had an 18 month window of opportunity to exploit before it would potential run out of the cashflow needed to maintain what facilities there currently are. We are now just over a year on from that assessment and our view has not materially changed. So where does that leave us as a Trust and, more importantly, us as a community?

As its preferred course of action the Trust continues to consider a range of development options for both the Institute site and the Anson Field because the opportunities, the enhanced facilities and the long term financial stability that would result from them are most definitely worth pursuing.

Running alongside this is the valuable work that the Marcham Community Group is doing and we would encourage all residents to support them in their efforts. This support needs to be more than simple moral support - it needs to be committed, active support because they have much to achieve in a very short timeframe (ideally a viable business plan by the end of March) and even more to achieve in the future. And why is the Trust suggesting that we all back what many might consider to be a rival scheme? It's because irrespective of the ultimate outcome of the Trust's deliberations the Trust, like many of us, is of the firm belief that our community needs a more representative voice in the running of its facilities and the Trust believes the MCG could be at the heart of this in the future. In other words, your efforts will not be in vain whatever amenities we, as a community, eventual end up with.

Over the coming months we will keep you informed as best we can about the progress we are making and we certainly hope that we can all work together and, where necessary, compromise so that as a community we end up with the best possible outcome - one that meets the future needs of our steadily growing community and is financially viable in both the short and long terms.

May we close by hoping that you all had a very Merry Christmas, that England are victorious at the other "MCG" and that you have a Happy New Year.

THE ANSON TRUST
January 2011

MARCHAM PLAYERS

Now that the Marcham Community Group is "official," the Players will be turning their not-inconsiderable fund-raising talents towards inventing novel ways of relieving you of your money – to ensure that the next generation of thespians have somewhere to call home.



Reminders of dates for your new diary – Friday, January 28th, 7.30 pm in the Board Room for a reading of the play "The Monkey's Paw"; Friday, February 25th, 7.30pm in the Church for the Annual General Meeting, with refreshments.

The committee wish their loyal supporters a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

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

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MARCHAM GUIDES

On Monday the 6th of December, Marcham Guides hosted a Christmas party for around 70 guests. The evening consisted of many fun games, and extremely entertaining puppet shows performed by the guides for the parents and visitors. To add to the Christmas theme, festive refreshments were served. At the end of the evening, we saw the oldest girls in the unit presented with their well earned Baden-Powell awards; congratulations to Rebecca Rowe, Jenny Fathers, and Zoe Walton. At the beginning of their guiding journey, Rachel Plant and Sarah-Jane Lewis made their promise and were welcomed into the unit. Overall, it was a very enjoyable night, full of fun and laughter. (see cover for photo)

Don't wait to send in your report to MADNews, better early than miss the deadline

WANTED! VIPS!

Fancy joining the ranks of VIPS and being somebody really special?

Well now's your chance, we are on the look out for VIPS!

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Oxfordshire Advocacy

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Oxfordshire Advocacy provides advocates for people who are having difficulty getting their voices heard about matters concerning them. Our schemes help those with short-term issues, those with learning disabilities, those with dementia or those who lack capacity. We are always looking for new volunteers, each receiving training and expenses, and we ask for one year commitment. The time constraint is not large and there is continual support throughout. Our next training is being held on the 3rd, 4th and 11th February. If you think you could help someone and make a real difference please contact us:

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All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2011!

By the time the New Year has begun the days are already beginning to get longer and the cycle of nature already has spring in its developing buds, even though there may well be cold and wintry days ahead. Winter flowering trees and shrubs are a wonderful prelude to warmer days – signs of colour and life when so much is dormant – waiting.

The celebrations (and perhaps excesses!) of the Christmas festivities are behind us – and now we look ahead to this new unfolding year. Some things will not have changed, but life never stands still. I wonder if you can think of at least one thing you are looking forward to this year? - perhaps a holiday? meeting old friends? trying a new sport or hobby? lowering your golf handicap? setting yourself a new challenge? spending time with the family? trying some new foods? Having something to look forward to can help us through the dullest and coldest days, giving us a sense of anticipation and purpose.

Whatever this year holds, there is one thing we can count on: the trustworthiness of God's care and love in Christ. Don't let busyness, prejudice or learned contempt deter you from exploring the possibilities of a real and deepening relationship with God. The love, joy and peace that God offers in Jesus are real, as is the hope that can abound in our lives through the patient work of the Holy Spirit within us. 2011 could be the best year of your life!

With my warmest best wishes for a great New Year,

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer for the Month:

Gracious God and Father, you hold this New Year in the palm of your hand as something you cherish. You promise that your love is inexhaustible in Christ, and that your word is trustworthy, and dependable. Help us to trust ourselves, and those closest to us, to your care and love this year. Help us to work together for the wellbeing of our community and for the care of this beautiful world in which we live.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

January calendar:

Special Services:

January 9th: at both services at All Saints, there will be an opportunity for rededicating ourselves in God's service.

January 30th: at 10.30am there will be a Cluster service at Fyfield. Therefore there won't be a morning service at All Saints or at St. Luke's.

Regular events:

Sat 8th Jan: 8.00am Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club

Sat. 8th Jan: 8.30 am Women's breakfast at Manor Farm.

Youth & Children's Groups

The church is involved in running a variety of weekly groups for young people during term time:

- Friday Club for primary age children (Fridays 5.30 pm at church)
- TAG for years 7,8,9 and 10 (Tuesdays 4 pm at Baptist Hall)
- ASK for years 5,6 and 7 (Sundays 4 pm at Buildings Farm).

Children's groups also run during the 10 am Sunday services at All Saints (apart from the 1st Sunday of the month where children remain in church for an All-Age worship service).

For more details of any aspect of our Youth and Children's work please contact Jill Rowe (390 885).

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 **Jan 9th** and thereafter on the **first** Sunday of each month.

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Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

January 2011

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am

(Communion every first Sunday)



Our speakers for the New Year include :-

Jan. 2nd Rev. Brian John of Wantage

Jan. 9th People's Praise

Jan. 16th Mr. Tony Valente of Abingdon Baptist Church

Jan. 23rd People's Praise

Jan. 30th Mr. Nigel Chown of Abingdon Baptist Church

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:

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