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### HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.

Normal day	Revised day	Which bin?
Wednesday 31 Aug	Thursday 1 Sept	Green
Thursday 1 Sept	Friday 2 Sept	Green
Friday 2 Sept	Saturday 3 Sept	Green

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

Dear Readers

Things are moving ahead with leisure facilities within Marcham and there are lots of opportunities to get involved, whether it is as part of the CLP (see page 13), the MCG (page 9), even as a director of The Anson Trust (page 5)! Or you could just come to the next event and see what is going on.

For pure pleasure, I can highly recommend (from personal experience!) the cake\* in Garford (page 5).

Until next time



\* Other cake-eating opportunities are available (see pages 7 & 17)

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September 2011

**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Best Kept Garden Competition – Results**

**Zone 1: 1st 28 Kings Avenue**

2nd 17 Kings Avenue  
3rd 4 Kings Avenue

**Zone 2: 1st 21 North Street**

2nd 62 North Street  
3rd Sweetbriar

**Zone 3: 1st 1 Parkside**

2nd 17 Parkside  
3rd 13 Parkside

**Zone 4: 1st 24 Howard Cornish Road**

2nd 36 Duffield Place  
3rd 36 Fettiplace Road

**Zone 5: 1st 30 Anson Close**

2nd 67 Howard Cornish Rd  
3rd 19 Anson Close

**Zone 6: 1st 21 Tower Close**

2nd Stone Cottage, Abingdon Rd  
3rd 15 Orchard Way

**Zone 7: 1st White Hart Cottage, Frilford Rd**

2nd Beansheaf, Mill Road  
3rd 14 Packhorse Lane

The overall winner was **21 North Street**. Prizes and Certificates will be presented on Wednesday 14th September at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place. Would all prize winners make every effort to attend or please let the Parish Clerk know if you are unable to be present.

The Council would like to thank W. Cumber & Son (Theale) Ltd, Slade Estate Services Ltd and Fallowfields Country House Hotel, for their sponsorship and who generously donated towards the prizes.

**Boundary Commission – Review of Oxfordshire County Council representation**

Oxfordshire County Council currently has a council size of 74 county councillors. The Boundary Commission is proposing a council size of 63 councillors as part of its review. The reduction would ensure that the Council could still discharge its responsibilities effectively and would improve the electoral arrangements allowing a more even representation throughout the county. The proposal is to create a county “division” by merging Marcham with Drayton, Milton, and Sutton Courtenay which would be represented by one councillor. Further information on the recommendations can be found at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk). Public consultation on the proposal is open until 10th October. Anyone wishing to comment can either complete the on line submission form, or email [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) or write to: The Review Manager (Oxfordshire), The Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG

**A415 Temporary Road Closure at Frilford mid September**

The County Council has arranged a temporary road closure on part of the A415 whilst resurfacing works are carried out. The section of road in question is just beyond the entrance to Millets Farm (West side) through to Kingston Bagpuize House. The Road Closure Order comes into effect from

19th September, and the work is expected to last 5 days. Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and any residents. The alternate routes are either North along the A338 to the A420 and then Westwards back to Kingston Bagpuize, or South along the A338, through Garford towards Lyford, then back to Southmoor.

**Play Area**

Sadly the play area has suffered further vandalism with the metal vertical bar fencing being damaged and left in a state where it was possible that children could be injured. The fence was promptly repaired, but obviously at a cost to the local council tax payer. If anyone has any information as to those likely to be responsible then please contact the Clerk or the Police.

**Abbey Shopping Centre (precinct) and Charter Area, Abingdon - Consultation**

Consultation is taking place on the principles to help shape development in Abingdon town centre. Consultants Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design have produced a development brief for the redevelopment of the area. To view the proposals go to [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk). Comments are invited on the proposals. There is an online questionnaire which can be completed, alternatively comments can be emailed to [planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk). The deadline for comments is 23rd September.

**Planning Applications**

It has been suggested to the Parish Council that the details of planning applications that it receives for consultation purposes should be listed in MADNews each month. These are already available on the website of the Vale of White Horse District Council, and on the public notice of parish council meetings, but it may be of interest too to all MADNews readers to know of planned developments and changes in the village. Should anyone have any comments about this idea, then please let the clerk know.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 14 September 2011 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place. This will be the first meeting of the new Council

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[www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**OLIVE STIMPSON**

Pat and Sandy Nicoll and family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and support following the loss of Olive Stimpson. Sincere thanks go to the many people who attended the church service and joined the family at the club.

Donations received for the Motor Neurone Charity amounted to £224.38

**SHARED TAXI**

Please could the lady who shared a taxi with me from Wantage on Friday 20 May (when the bus broke down), please contact Joan on 391489, preferably evenings.  
I think she lives in Duffield Place / Fettiplace area. Perhaps we should re-submit our claim?

**GARD UPDATE**

The GARD Committee has not been idle! The reservoir threat remains. The challenge of ensuring that a half-sized reservoir on the same site (capacity 50 million cubic metres) does NOT appear as the preferred option in the revised 2009 plan has been our most pressing concern.  
GARD's representatives and consultants have had two recent meetings with the Environment Agency, and we are due to meet Thames Water at the end of July in an attempt to ensure that the Company realizes the outcry which would result if the reservoir comes back in October's re-written 2009 plan. Meanwhile we are commenting on all the important work plans being set up by Thames Water both for the re-write of the 2009 plan, and for the 2014 plan which will be the critical one for us all. We are hoping to impress on the Company the need for impartial work by all their specialist consultants instead of contrived results such as those which were defeated at the Public Inquiry.  
We do now need two reasonably technically experienced people to take over the leadership of GARD next year. I would welcome volunteers, No prior knowledge of water resources is needed as we have excellent professional advice. For further information please give me a call (01235 832077).  
**NICK THOMPSON**  
Hon Chairman GARD

**ANSON TRUST SPORTS FACILITY UPDATE**

Readers may recall that the Directors of the Anson Trust have for some time been seeking to provide improved sports and recreation facilities for the benefit of Marcham and resolved to keep residents updated through various means including MADNews. Following a review of the existing recreation ground it is clear that there is currently inadequate space and funding to accommodate improved facilities namely a full size cricket pitch, a flat football pitch and a modern clubhouse. Consequently the Trust have identified land at Hyde Copse for the provision of new facilities on 10 acres of land that could accommodate as a bare minimum full size and modern versions of that which currently exists.

Providing these replacement facilities on an alternative site will require the release for development of land at the existing recreation ground off Morland Road. For this the Trust have been working with Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire on the delivery of the replacement sports facility and the associated development required on the existing facility to fund the new sports development.

Both the Anson Trust and Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire want to obtain your views on:

1. The principle of developing a new sports facility off Howard Cornish Road;
2. What additional facilities you would wish to be provided at the replacement site;
3. Do you agree that part or all of the existing facility should be developed to fund the replacement facility; and
4. How much and what type of housing do you think should be provided on the existing facility.

We therefore invite you to join us at our public consultation events to be held at the clubhouse within the existing recreation ground at the following times:

**Thursday 22 September between 2pm and 8pm**  
**Saturday 24 September between 9am and 1pm**

We would welcome your attendance to let us have your thoughts on the proposals to provide a replacement sports facility, to undertake development on the existing facility and any other comments that you wish to express. A questionnaire will be available at the events for you to record your views to assist in the development of our proposals but in the interim should you have any questions then please contact Taylor Wimpey at: TWOMarcham@taylorwimpey.com or Marcham, Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire, Windrush Court, Suite J, Abingdon Business Park, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 1SY  
**TAYLOR WIMPEY OXFORDSHIRE**


**VACANCY FOR DIRECTORS OF THE ANSON TRUST PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES**

The Articles and Memorandum governing the Anson Trust provide for the Parish Council to nominate up to two Trustees to serve on the Anson Trust as Directors. The nominees serve for a three year term. The Council is inviting expressions of interest from anyone who wishes to be considered for nomination. Candidates should have an "open mind" about the Trust's work and be prepared to devote time attending meetings during what is currently a very active time for the Trust in developing its future strategy and plans for the charitable operations of the Trust. The existing Parish Council nominees are Colin Bough and Hugh Logan. Hugh is moving away from the area.

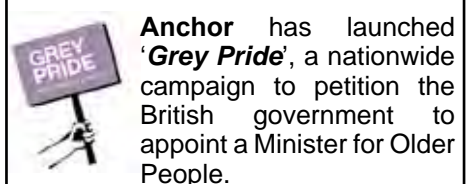
So, if you believe you have an expertise e.g. legal, finance, management, social etc. that can benefit the Trust, or generally interested in supporting the work of the Trust, and would like to be considered please contact the Parish Clerk - Mrs. L. Martin 90 Howard Cornish Rd, Tel: 01865 391833.



**Get Set  
for Digital  
see page 7**

Thank you to everyone who  **BritishRedCross** contributed to the Red Cross collection this year, and particularly to the collectors who encouraged a massive **£418.47** from the Marcham residents. The total collection for the whole of Oxfordshire amounted to **£23,220.44**.

Your help and support is gratefully appreciated and volunteers for next year are extremely welcome. Please contact me on 01865 391519 if you are interested in helping next May.  
**JO BLACKLER (MRS)**



**Anchor** has launched 'Grey Pride', a nationwide campaign to petition the British government to appoint a Minister for Older People.

Sign the petition online at [www.greypride.org.uk](http://www.greypride.org.uk) or in Marcham Post Office or call 0845 140 2020 for more information. [www.anchor.org.uk](http://www.anchor.org.uk)  
Anchor has more than 40 years' experience of working with older people and providing residential care homes – so we know how to help you get the best out of life.



**ED VAIZEY WRITES...**

During parliamentary recess things tend to quieten down a bit - but not this recess.

We've had riots and looting, the downgrading of US debt and the new youth unemployment figures - but it is not all bad news, particularly in our part of the world. Recently, we have had a piece of very good news. The Chancellor, George Osborne, announced 11 new Enterprise Zones throughout the UK. One of these zones is in Oxfordshire, covering the Harwell and Milton science and business parks, in an area now branded as Science Vale UK.



I have been supporting Science Vale UK for many years: it will help Oxfordshire become one of the economic dynamos of the UK by raising the profile of the many hi-tech companies based in our area, and attracting further investment and jobs. I'm delighted that the Government has recognised us but that is far from the only thing this announcement brings.

This Enterprise Zone is designed to attract businesses by providing 100% relief on rates, simplified planning and superfast broadband. Also the businesses that are already there (some of the best in the world) will be able to invest these savings (~£30m next year) into local growth, creating up to 10000 new jobs. They will recruit from our universities, pushing down youth unemployment and paving the way an innovation-led path to recovery.

I was also delighted, as the Minister responsible for getting broadband to rural areas, that we have announced a grant of almost £4 million for Oxfordshire. To help the County Council to roll out broadband to areas where the speeds are very low. I know this is a major issue for many people.

And finally, I wanted to let you know some good news on pubs. Ministers have already announced a range of policies to support pubs, including a ban supermarkets selling alcohol below cost, fairer taxation on alcohol and a reform of licensing rules. Not to mention the small business rate relief scheme. But also, the Government has launched a review into restrictive covenants - an absurd legal clause which sometimes prevents community pubs reopening following a sale - a policy that has caused over 570 pubs to be permanently lost over the last 5 years.

Finally, if anyone wishes to contact me then please write to ed.vaizey.mp@parliament.uk or visit my website, vaizey.com, for details about my upcoming surgeries.

**ED VAIZEY**, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

**MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY**

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

Sept 23rd	<b>Wallingford</b> , Town Hall, OX10 0AD
Oct 7th	<b>Faringdon</b> , Pump Rooms, SN7 7HL
Oct 21st	<b>Wantage</b> , Civic Hall, OX12 9BX
<b>Contact Ed Vaizey MP by</b>	
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E-mail	ed.vaizey.mp@parliament.uk
Web	www.vaizey.com
Tel	0207 219 6350

**COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

For those who thought the proposed reservoir was off the radar, some news that won't completely surprise you. Thames Water are still trying hard to get the proposed reservoir included as a supply option in their revised Water Resource Management Plan 09. Anyone else would have taken HM Inspector's findings and done what they were instructed, but Thames Water are not going to be so compliant. I am not surprised, just saddened that the process of scrutinising the proposals on offer is so one-sided. No matter, we will not give up the fight to get the alternatives properly examined before any decisions are made. The reservoir will feature on BBC's Panorama programme in September. Local people were interviewed and it might be worth a look.

September 2011

Marcham School will start back in September with an intake of over 30 children. The school needs two more classrooms to enable it to ensure future places at this level for the Marcham catchment, which includes Garford and Frilford.

Oxfordshire County Council take the view that any extra children can go to schools outside the catchment area. I disagree. I will continue to work towards two new classrooms at Marcham School - difficult in the current economic climate - and ask that everyone in the Marcham catchment does whatever they can to support the work of the school. Marcham is lucky to have such a school and staff to go with it.

The proposed Crematorium within the parish of Garford is causing much concern to the residents of that village. The application must convince planners at the Vale District Council that it is needed, and allay the concerns of residents on visual and emissions aspects. Oxfordshire County Council officers are looking closely at the transport impacts of such a development. I can only thank the Oxford Mail for bringing the application to my attention in the first place, prior to that, it was a very well kept secret indeed!

As the harvest advances and changes the colour of the landscape in a few short weeks, we can admire our beautiful county in different scenes almost daily. We are so lucky to live in this peaceful landscape, so different from the riots of the last few weeks...!

**COUNCILLOR IAIN BROWN OCC**

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**Garden Open for Charity**

You are invited to visit the garden at Florrie's Cottage, 21 North Street, (newly created this year) on Sunday, 4th September between 3 and 5pm.

Afternoon teas.

*Cancelled in case of rain.*

Donations gratefully received for the Marcham Moldova Lifeline



Oxfordshire, parts of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire will begin switching to digital-only TV on 14 September 2011. The two-stage process will complete two weeks later on 28 September. This means the existing analogue TV signal will be switched off and replaced with a new, stronger digital TV signal.

Switchover is happening so that Freeview services (digital TV through an aerial) can be extended to people who can't currently get them. Any analogue television left unconverted will no longer be able to receive TV programmes after the switchover. If you already have Freeview, you will need to re-tune your TV on the day of switchover

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council will be running advice points in Didcot and Witney to help with any questions you have about switchover, including re-tuning, equipment and the Switchover Help Scheme.

**The advice points are taking place from 10am to 4pm on 14th, 15th, 28th and 29th September.**

- **Didcot - Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road**
  - **Witney - The Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney**
- If you have a question about the switchover or what you need to do, please pop in to one of our advice points and we will be able to help.

15th August  
TOTALS TO DATE

Local Events  
£2149

Donations  
£2422

Membership  
252

Bank Balance  
£4925

5p Coins  
1741



Visit our relaunched website: [www.marcham.org](http://www.marcham.org)

## CLP Not another set of initials!

The two July meetings that were convened by MCG and strongly supported by the Parish Council endorsed the development of a Community-Led Plan (CLP). All areas of the village were represented at the meetings (see map on cover—the dots show where those who came to the two meetings live).

Eighteen people volunteered to become members of the CLP Steering Group. This group has already held two meetings under the joint chairmanship of David Walton, Chairman of the Parish Council, and Jim Asher, MCG Chairman. **The CLP Steering Group operates independently – see p. 13. And it's not too late to give it your active support and join the Steering Group.**

MCG strongly supports its work and will base its own proposals on the plan that the CLP group develops.

**You can support both the CLP and MCG! To join email [mail@marcham.org](mailto:mail@marcham.org) or phone 391193.**

### Recent fundraising events



Unfortunately the sun did not shine on the Great Garage and Garden Sale in June but despite the rain a number of garages in Marcham were less cluttered by the end of the afternoon.



Focus on Greece — not the economy but food, pictures and an interesting talk. MCG is very grateful to Sheila and Eric Dunford for putting on this enjoyable event in July.

### A LOGO AT LAST!

**Our thanks to everyone who sent in suggestions.** There were some great ideas to choose from which made the decision very difficult. The panel decided reluctantly not to use pictures of village features that were already associated with other local groups, which meant rejecting some really attractive designs. The final choice was a composite of a few different suggestions. It was tried out on a recent flier and a number of people said they liked it. We hope you do too.

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October Manor Farm Barn

#### MARCHAM MASKS

Make a mask and join the merriment

#### PRIZES

From 4 pm Tea & Cakes  
and traditional autumn fun for young and old

7—11 pm BBQ Bar Dancing to Flowerstation

£10 family £5 individual

Tickets from Joey Maclean 01865 391242  
or from Manor Farm Shop

#### MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
CAROLS around the village

Late January	BURNS NIGHT
Early February	CHILDREN'S CANDLEMAS PROCESSION
Mid-April	GARAGE & GARDEN SALE throughout the village
MONDAY 4 JUNE	MARCHAM JUBILEE

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October Marcham Masks Manor Farm Barn

[www.marcham.org](http://www.marcham.org) 391193 (Suzanne) 391727 (Jim) 391507 (Jessica) [mail@marcham.org](mailto:mail@marcham.org)

The community working together to build and maintain meeting and leisure facilities for everyone in and around Marcham

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## Marcham WI September 2011

Our garden meeting at Tubney Farmhouse was held on a dry but overcast evening. Our hostess, Gwyneth Goss, amazed us all with her beautiful well stocked garden, all maintained by herself. Members wore smart outfits with hats, which added to the gaiety of the occasion, and enjoyed a "Bring and Share" supper of wonderful variety. NEXT MEETING. Thursday 15th September at Denman College.

OPEN TO ALL. The well known speaker and writer JULIE SUMMERS will be speaking on WHEN THE CHILDREN CAME HOME - STORIES OF WARTIME EVACUEES. There will be a display of wartime exhibits, and the talk will be followed by CHEESE AND WINE. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings but especially to this one. Men as well as women, by the way! (We just ask for a donation from our visitors)

### Future Events

- 5 Sept A science lecture at Amy Hall Abingdon
- 9 Sept A visit to Ludlow Food Festival
- 22 Sept A visit to Shrugborough, Staffordshire

### NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm Thursday 15 September 2011  
When The Children Came Home -  
Stories Of Wartime Evacuees

### Julie Summers

Followed by Cheese and Wine

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

**THE WI - INSPIRING WOMEN  
SUCH A LOT TO OFFER - WHY NOT JOIN US?**

## MARCHAM SOCIETY 14TH ANNUAL BLACKBERRY WALK

Thursday September 8th.

The next walk will be on Thursday September 8th. We will be meeting again at the Abingdon Arms in Beckley (Map Ref: SP 565113) at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30pm for the 4 mile walk.



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As usual on this walk, we hope to be able to pick blackberries from the abundant bushes on Otmoor. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.

## SUMMER CROSSWORD BY ALISA ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1 Catastrophic 7 Cream teas Yak 9 GI  
10 Open Day 11 Rare breed 14 Minimum 16 a.m. 17 Act  
18 Abolition 19 House hunting  
DOWN 1 Chrystal ball 2 Tick 3 Sleep 4 Romano-British  
9 Prepare 6 Nail painting 10 Ova 12 Ruinous 13 Elm  
15 Union 17 Ant

### Have your say...police surgery

- Friday 9th Sept 1400-1600  
Duffield Place, Marcham
- Monday 19th September 1500-1700  
Wootton Office
- Wednesday 28th September 1000-1130  
Dalton Barracks
- Wednesday 5th October 1700-1900  
Duffield Place, Marcham

**PCSO Carly Milward C6157**

**Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team**  
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill  
Non-emergency number: 0845 8 505 505  
[www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)



**VILLAGE CAFE  
RE-STARTS  
SEPT 14TH**



## MARCHAM EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

**Saturday 17th September 2011**

Starting at 8.30pm

Local band: **Born 'n' Bred**

Will be playing at the club

The Mystery Coach trip organized for the Senior Citizens of Marcham by the Ex-servicemen's Club on Saturday 13th August arrived after a scenic journey through the local countryside at Bourton-on the Water.

Good weather made the trip even more enjoyable and a pleasure to browse around the shops and enjoy this picturesque village.

Arriving back at the Ex Servicemen's Club the party enjoyed drinks from the Club bar, sandwiches and cake. A good time was enjoyed by everybody. **BRIAN HARROW**

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](mailto:editor@madnews.co.uk)



The  
**Marcham  
Society**

**CLAWS! a search for Oxfordshire crayfish**  
*Ellen Lees*  
& AGM

*All Saints' Church Tuesday 13th September 2011, 7.45pm*

Following meeting 11th October 2011  
175 years of the GWR - *David Castle*

Non-members £2

[www.marchamsociety.org.uk](http://www.marchamsociety.org.uk)

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

## A Community Led Plan for Marcham

### What is a Community Led Plan?

- ◆ A step-by-step process which enables everyone in a community to be involved in – and contribute to – improving their local area.
- ◆ An opportunity for local people to take responsibility for making things happen, rather than waiting for others to do it for them.
- ◆ It is not imposed from above, but is initiated and led by local volunteers who steer their community through the process.
- ◆ It is not a magic wand, but it can make it more likely that planning decisions, which affect the village, reflect what people actually want.

Community Led Plans are a way of telling local authorities and other bodies what the village wants. The plan process is well tried and there are lots of good examples for us to follow. The plan won't come from the County Council or the District Council or even the Parish Council. It will be the community's own plan. Dozens of other villages in Oxfordshire have already drawn up Community Led Plans. If you would like to see a good example, then East and West Hanney have done an excellent job – please see [www.thehanneys.org.uk/CommunityPlan](http://www.thehanneys.org.uk/CommunityPlan)

### How do we create it?

We have had lots of advice from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council on how to create a good Plan. The first stage in the process is underway: to identify the key issues for the Marcham community.

At the public meetings which were held in the village on 7th and 12th July we collected people's views on their 'Likes', 'Dislikes' and 'Suggestions for improvement'. Next we will gather the views of as many members of the community as possible.

We will use these views to draw up a questionnaire which will be distributed to every household in Marcham. We will collect completed questionnaires from as many people as possible; the more responses we get, the more powerful the Plan will be.

The questionnaire responses will be analysed and the results will be used to create the Community Plan. It will be important not to ask for the impossible, but also not to set our sights too low.

### The Steering Group

A Steering Group has been set up to take the project to completion. It will be a completely independent body and its only job is to make sure that all the important issues in Marcham are included and that the views of the whole community are reflected in the final Plan.

The Steering Group has now met twice and we expect to continue meeting about once a month until the Plan is completed.

Membership of the Steering Group is open to anyone in Marcham. It is not too late to join, especially if you can offer time and skills to help complete the project.



### Your village needs YOU

We hope everyone will help by telling us what their important issues are during the next few weeks, and then by filling in the detailed questionnaire when it is distributed in a few months' time.

We also hope some of you will want to help with the process. To find out more or to volunteer then please contact either of the people below.

### What's in a name?

A Community Led Plan for Marcham is a bit of a mouthful, and we would like to find a name which is a bit more memorable, and certainly a bit shorter. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact us (details below).

**For more information  
or to volunteer to help,  
please contact:**

**Jim Asher  
tel 01865 391727**

**or**

**Dave Walton  
tel: 01865 391239**



**MARCHAM PLAYERS**

A long discussion took place at the most recent Committee Meeting as to the future direction of the Marcham Players. The loss of a "permanent" home following the closure of the Institute has resulted in a steady decrease in the presentation of "live" drama in the village. We now provide a menu of "With Great Pleasure" reading evenings, play reading evenings and theatre trips. We will continue these activities, of course, but we do also need some new members willing to act/direct to enable us to use our alternative live entertainment venues in the village ie All Saints Church and Manor Farm. We have some positive thoughts about future "live" productions so if you fancy treading the boards, please contact either Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 or Joey Maclean on 01865 391242.



www.marchamplayers.co.uk

**MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB**  
 The remaining OCA Fixtures for this Season are 2nd XI matches at home on 3rd and 10th September.  
 For information relating to the Club please contact Trevor Hill on 391321.  
 With 2012 in mind, please contact Trevor if you are interested in playing for Marcham C.C. next Season or are interested in being an umpire.



**CSB**

**ABINGDON PILGRIMS HOCKEY CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS**

Our season begins 5th September until end of April, we are currently playing in a Summer League. We train every Monday 7-8pm at Tilsley Park with matches most Saturdays.

ALL abilities welcome age 15yrs + for further information contact RUTH 07714960563/rbprior@hotmail.com or come and see us at training we are very friendly!

[www.abingdon-pilgrims.co.uk](http://www.abingdon-pilgrims.co.uk)

**MSSSC: Marcham Sports, Scouts & Social Club**  
**The pavilion & field off Morland Road**  
 Please remember there is a sports fixture almost every Saturday afternoon & you are welcome to join us after the game for a drink.  
 We are open every Friday night from 8pm, Families welcome  
 Note the last Friday in the month is always a real ale, adults only night.  
 For more info contact Geoff Dix, secretary on 391577 or geoff.dix@hotmail.com  
*We look forward to seeing you at the club*

**CUB CAMP 2011**

Monday the 25th July, one of the awsomest days of my life. Everyone over excited and hyper waiting for the Mini Bus to take us to Southampton.

Once we had got to Southampton we had to put our tents up. Unfortunately we were on a hill so it was very uncomfortable. When the tents were up we were able to explore the park. We came back from exploring, had dinner, and after we had finished we all got in the mini bus and went fishing. On the first night we only caught one fish, but luckily a man told Chris where a better place was to fish. We got back to camp around 8.30pm. We played around camp until 10.30pm and then went to bed. The next day we had breakfast, played a game of hockey in the woods with trees for goal posts, and then went "grass sledging". I did enjoy it, but I did get a bit hurt. After the grass sledging we went "caving". I did the cave in the dark whilst singing which was embarrassing because everyone heard. After dinner we went fishing again to the new place Chris had been told about. We caught eleven fish. We then went back to camp, lit a fire, and cooked marshmallows on sticks. Whilst doing that I unfortunately lost my voice, but after an hour we went to bed.

The next day was one of the toughest days of my life. We had to get up at 7.00am have breakfast and leave by 8.00am to catch the 9.00am Ferry to the Isle of Wight. We arrived on the island at 10am, collected the bikes from the shop and did a 30 mile sponsored bike ride around the Isle of Wight to help open up the new shop in the village. It was hard and very hilly. Mick got a puncture in his bike half way so while we waited for him to mend it we all had an icecream at the "Garlic Farm". We just made it back to the 6.30pm Ferry with 5 mins to spare. When we arrived back in Southampton we all had Fish and Chips in the Mini Bus.

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO SPONSORED US FOR THIS BIKE RIDE. BELIEVE ME WE EARNED EVERY PENNY OF IT . THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.**

On Thursday at around 11am we walked through the wood for about 1 and half miles to a Farm. It was really good because we got to milk a cow , bottle feed some calves, and have a Victorian school lesson. We walked back to camp and after dinner had a camp fire with more marshmallows and had a show and sing song by all of the cubs around the fire..

The next morning we were all a bit upset that we had to leave. We had breakfast and had to start packing up our tents. At lunch time we had 2 big chocolate birthday cakes to celebrate Maisie's birthday. After singing happy birthday and blowing out the candles, Alfie Kingsbury and Maisey decided to push my head into one of the cakes. My face was covered in chocolate. It was then time to all help take down the Mess Tent and load the Mini Bus . We all thoroughly enjoyed the camp, the trouble was it was back into Marcham at 4.00pm on 29th July.

*MIA HARDY (see cover for photo)*



**Marcham Primary School**

If you have young children and would like to register an interest in your child attending Marcham School in the future, please fill in and return this form to school as soon as possible. This form is not an application to school and does not guarantee a place, but will allow us to plan the future of the school and help with our discussions with the Admissions Team at Oxfordshire County Council.

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SPADEWORK**

I was set a challenge the other day by a fellow gardener, who is Italian and accordingly runs an Italian restaurant in Oxford. He asked me how to cultivate **Grumolo Chicory**... Yes I had the same reaction as you probably just did on reading the name, I'd never heard of it either...!



To avoid looking completely ignorant, I said I didn't know and would do some research and quickly get back to him.

It quickly dawned on me that he was sending me on a wild goose chase or should I say "Wild Chicory Chase!"

Like all good gardeners I have a vast reference library, and quickly found that it grows freely in Italy and survives the harshest of winters as its leaves are rosette like and grow flush to the ground. Interestingly, when they are growing during the previous summer the leaves are very much upright and only drop to the ground in mid winter.

They can cope with weedy, poor soils and low temperatures, ideal for all those sporadic gardeners out there who intersperse intense bursts of activity with spells of neglect. These are the sorts of plants that can survive pretty much everything you can throw at them.

On returning to my Italian friend with this and much more information about Grumolo Chicory, he merely said I was too slow and he had already found out. Knowing him as I do this meant he already knew, he just wanted me to learn something new that day, just how he teaches his chefs.

The moral of this little tale is never pretend you know something when you don't, you gain more respect by admitting you don't and going out and finding the answers yourself. Also, gardeners from other climates often grow different plants from us, and can often fill a much needed hole in the garden that English gardeners just can't cultivate.

Gardening is universally the same, and we can all learn something each day from a fellow gardener.

*Happy Gardening,*  
**STUART MABBUTT**

**THE BIG PINK PLUNGE**



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events@againstbreastcancer.org.uk  
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GROUP CLASSES & ONE TO ONE LESSONS**

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CALL OR EMAIL TO FIND OUT MORE 07547 464113  
or wagstaff\_helen@hotmail.co.uk



**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH – TUBNEY**

**Sunday 4 September** John Betjeman service with Poetry and Hymns - 6.00 pm in St Lawrence Church - Tubney. (To commemorate his visit in September 1952).

**Saturday 19 November** Church Bazaar and Table Top Sale - Southmoor Village Hall - 2.00 pm. Wide range of stalls. Table tops available - £4.00 each.

**Contact:**  
Rosemary Kitto 01865 390 466 rosemarykitto@gmail.com

**Quiz Night**

Friday 16 September  
Doors Open 6.30 pm  
Quiz starts 7.00pm  
until 10.00pm  
£3 per person  
Prizes  
Bar Coffee Tea  
Hot and Cold Food  
Raffle



**Table Top Sale**

Sat 24 Sept  
10am - 2pm  
Hanney Village Hall  
Hot and Cold Food  
Raffle  
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# All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

## Dear Friends,

It's September once again, and our thoughts begin to turn towards the shorter evenings, the new academic year, a return to work if we have had the privilege of a summer break and are in employment, the brilliance of autumnal colour, the start of village café again, and so much more.

For Sylvia and me we also have a fresh start in the 'new' vicarage, at No 41 North Street. We have been looking forward to the move for many months, and now we have finally begun to settle into our new home environment.

It is good to know that the work of the Community Planning group has begun, and that we can all play our part in shaping the future of this community.

This year we have brought our harvest festival services forward in All Saints to the last weekend in September and as you will see from the calendar in the next column, our main harvest festival service will be an 'open air' community service, held on Manor Farm (courtesy of Will and Janey Cumber). Whilst the harvests will already have been gathered on our farms, it is a great occasion to give thanks and praise to God for all the 'harvests' of life, and the good things we so richly enjoy and share. Please do join in, and accept this invitation to be part of this great celebration!

There is so much to look forward to this autumn, so much to celebrate, as well as challenges to face. May we know the guiding grace of God in all we do, and enjoy taking steps forward in faith and life with one another.

With my warmest best wishes,

**Revd Richard Zair**

## Prayer for the Month:

Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for the fruit of hard work, and the many good things we enjoy in our lives. Thank you for the rich variety of the colours and events in this coming autumn season. Thank you for times of celebration and thanksgiving. Please continue to help all those in need, especially in those nations where water and food are scarce, and times of celebration are few. Please guide and resource those working to bring relief.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

## SEPTEMBER calendar:

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Special Men's Breakfast – **with Families Welcome** - to celebrate the Ride & Stride event.

**Please come along.** 8.30 am at the Sports, Scouts & Social Club (please RSVP to James Allan – 391 373 – by 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.)

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 12 noon – Café resumes at the Sports, Scouts & Social Club after the summer break.

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Harvest Supper in All Saints.

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Sept: Open air HARVEST FESTIVAL: 10 am at Manor Farm** – at the Manor Farm Beef Unit (down Mill Road just beyond the main farm buildings). Followed by a family picnic.

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Harvest Praise service- 6 pm at All Saints. (Please note that the Garford Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October.)

## Parish People:

On 24<sup>th</sup> July, Stephanie, daughter of Rob and Jen France was baptised and welcomed into the church family.

On 30<sup>th</sup> July, we celebrated the wedding of Zoe Hill and Dan Barnes.

On 9<sup>th</sup> August the funeral took place of Peter Sowden. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

## Regular services:

**Sundays at All Saints':** 10 am and 6 pm  
(8 am first Sunday)

**Wednesdays:** 10.30 am Holy Communion  
at Duffield Place

**Sundays at St. Luke's:** 10.30 am on September 18th

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Janey Cumber *Administrator* 391327

Jenny Warwick *PCC Secretary* 392076

# Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

## September 2011

**Sunday Morning Worship  
at 10.30 am**

(Communion every first Sunday)

**Our Speakers for July include :-**

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Rev. Colin Norris (Regional Minister)**

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Keith Mersh (one of our members)**

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup> People's Praise**



**Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10-30am**

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

**Speaker: Mr. Paul Revell of Cholsey Baptist Church**

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

**Everyone welcome**

The hymn "*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*" is often sung at Christian services for Harvest. Written in 1844 by Henry Alford, it begins with thanks to God for crops safely gathered in before winter. But it is more than gratefulness for the bounty of the land. The hymn ends by focusing on God's "harvest" of His people when Christ returns:

*Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To Thy final harvest-home:  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There, forever purified,  
In Thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all Thine angels, come—  
Raise the glorious harvest-home.*

As we give thanks for material needs supplied, it's essential to remember that our plans are uncertain and our lives are a vapour that quickly disappear (James 4:14). James encourages us to be like a farmer waiting for his crops to grow and mature. "**You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand**" (5:8).

As we thank God for His faithful provision for our needs, let's turn our thoughts to the promised return of Jesus Christ. In patient expectation, we live for Him and look for the day when He will come to gather His glorious harvest home.

**Rev. Bory Pilgrim**

For further information on church activities:

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