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

Dear Readers!

Now the warm weather has arrived (cue more snow!) there are so many things to get out and do... SeeSaw Summer Fair, Sulpture in the Vineyard, Family Bike Ride and of course, the amazing Air and Country Show.

Or I might just sit in the garden and enjoy the flowers and sun!

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
Planning Application – Development of Kings Field**

The planning application P13/V0575/O for the erection of 48 dwellings and associated means of access, car parking, new footpath links, amenity space and landscaping on land off Sheepstead Road, north of Kings Avenue will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 8th May in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place at 7.30 p.m. There will be some time set aside for public participation, so if anyone wishes to address the Parish Council, then you are requested to give notice in advance by contacting the clerk. (email: clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk or tel: 391833 by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 7th May) This is in order to fairly share the time available and if necessary to encourage those with similar comments to appoint a spokesperson.

Recycling Banks Howard Cornish Road

Last month it was reported that the recycling banks in Howard Cornish Road are regularly overflowing and have general waste, including trade waste, left around them. The problem is not only experienced in Marcham but at other recycling areas in the district as well. The sites have become a magnet for fly tippers, and they quickly become an eyesore. When fly tipping takes place the recycling in the bins become contaminated meaning it all goes into landfill. The Vale of White Horse District Council is inviting comments on the suggestion that the banks should be removed, as there is no reason why the recycling banks should need to be used. Any excess recycling that does not fit into your green wheeled bin can be placed in a clear bag or open box, next to the bin on the usual collection day. Comments on the proposal to remove the recycling banks can be sent to waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk The deadline for comments is 3rd May.

Vale of White Horse District Council –

Taxi tariffs

The District Council is encouraging residents to have their say on how carriage taxi pricing is set, with one lucky resident winning a £50 High Street shopping voucher. For further information visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk where the details are on the home page.

Weed Spraying

The spraying of the footways will take place in May. Access to kerb edges will be required, so it would be helpful if residents would bear this in mind when parking their vehicles in the day time. If there is any obstruction to the road edges and kerbs, then areas earmarked for weed spraying will be missed.

Local Government Boundary Commission - Vale of White Horse District Council wards

The Local Government Boundary Commission has completed its electoral review of the area and confirmed that the Vale of White Horse District Council will have 38 councillors from the next elections in May 2015. The aim of the review was to recommend ward boundaries that ensured that each councillor represented approximately the same number of residents. The recommendation is to essentially leave Marcham ward as it is at the moment, as a one member ward. It will have similar boundaries as at present, other than minor changes in the Cothill Road area where some houses in St. Helen Without parish are included in a ward with the rest of Dry Sandford.

Best Kept Garden Competition

As a reminder the Council is organising a best kept garden competition this year.

Judging for this year's competition will take place during the early part of June. This will be front gardens only. Final round judging will take place during July. Please remember the competition when planning and planting your gardening this month.

Planning Applications recently considered by the Parish Council

P13/V0313/HH Single storey extension to garage and kitchen, 5 Orchard Way. The Council had no objections.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 8th May 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place. This will be the annual meeting of the Council.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833 clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Good home wanted for two adult bicycles. Ring 391398

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MICROSOFT EXCEL EXPERTISE WANTED.

Are you proficient with 2007 / 2013 MS Excel? I need help with completing the construction of a pricing spreadsheet for my business. It is largely completed but I have reached the limits of my XL knowledge. Can you help? Time and assistance will be rewarded appropriately!! Call Keith Mersh, Abingdon Blinds & Curtains, Marcham 391881



Vote! By Jay
 When electing it's worth reflecting
 Upon a remarkable thing –
 All that POWER in a pencil
 On a piece of string.

MARCHAM PLAYERS

Exciting news about a former "Player". On Monday 20th May a small group from The Players will be travelling to the Theatre Royal in Haymarket, London to watch a performance of the West End Hit Comedy "One Man, Two Guvnors". The main reason for this is to support ex Marcham Player, Max Hutchinson, who has been understudying the role of Stanley Stubbers, one of the Two Guvnors, since January and who will be making his full West End debut in that role on 18th and 20th May. Max first appeared in a Marcham Players production some nine years ago in the Institute and recently toured for ten months with The Agatha Christie Theatre Company in a production of Murder on the Nile before joining the National Theatre production of One Man Two Guvnors in January 2013. Anyone interested in joining the Marcham Players please ring either Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 or Cheryll Sewell on 01865 391200.



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 www.marchamplayers.co.uk

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for information relating to the Club - including Nets and playing or umpiring for Marcham. **CSB**



OCA Fixtures for June are:

June	1st XI	2nd XI
1	Steve Dixon Cup 1st Round* Home	Bampton (Osberton Cup 1st Round) Away
8	West Witney Away	Radley II Home
15	Kennington Home	Broughton & N Newington II Away
22	Kilkenny Away	Chadlington II Home
23		Osberton Cup Quarter Finals
29	Kidlington Home	Chipping Norton II Away
30	Steve Dixon Cup 2nd (Quarter Finals)	

*Kennington or Uffington

June	Charles Hoile Downs League
	18.00 Wednesday Evenings
5	Steventon Away
12	Sutton Courtenay Home
19	Kingston Bagpuize Away
26	Wallingford Home
29	Quantel Home

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE MARCHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year the annual meeting for electors will take place on **Wednesday 22nd May** at 7.30 p.m. in the hall at Marcham Primary School.

The guest speaker this year will be

Mr. Andrew Haines,

Chief Executive of the Civil Aviation Authority

In addition to the guest speaker there will be reports from the parish council and other organisations on their activities over the past year.

You are invited to take part

Light refreshments will be served.

Marcham Village Shop and Post Office

Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 13.00 & 15.00 - 18.00
Sat: 07.30 - 13.00
Sun: 08.00 - 13.00



We stock all you expect in a local shop and a bit more... You can also order newspapers & magazines for collection Now taking Dry Cleaning as well as Travel Money Card, Mobile Phone and Utility Key Top Ups - come and see what else we do! HSBC cash and cheque deposits and withdrawals from 8th May

May Bank Holidays: 6 and 27 May
POST OFFICE: CLOSED on both days
SHOP: 08.00 - 13.00

MARCHAM VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE VOLUNTEER DAYS

Can you spare a couple of hours a week for Marcham? Open to all (over 16 years) who wish to volunteer for the Shop and/or Post Office and want to learn more. We will talk through all current aspects of the Shop and possible changes. These days are open to all existing and potential new volunteers. Please pop along any time between **10 – 4 on Thursday 9th May and 9 – 1 on Saturday 11th May.** Alternatively, call the Shop on 391 993 or the Post Office on 391 940 and leave your details.

Have Your Say & Street Briefings



- Friday 3 May Marcham Village Shop 1700-1800
 - Saturday 11 May Duffield Place, 1000-1200
- PCSO Andy McCormack C9461**
Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill
Police Non-emergency number: 101

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

One of the issues that concerns many constituents is the local postal service, and the wish to preserve the service that we have. Getting the post out to all the residents in our very rural constituency is no mean feat, as I see for myself every Christmas when I visit sorting offices to thank the post teams who do all the work. At the moment, one particular small but important issue is being considered - protecting rural post boxes. Ofcom have set out proposals that would protect post boxes in our villages by tightening the criteria which oblige the Royal Mail to ensure that there is a post box within reasonable reach of people in all but the most isolated places. This won't mean more post boxes being installed, but it should prevent any more being removed. I think that is much to be encouraged!



As an MP I am often alerted to opportunities that I think may benefit constituents, and two have recently come my way. Firstly, if you are working on a community project, do have a look at the People's Millions website. There's an application form there which allows local community-based projects to bid for up to £50,000. Past successes have included a training service for blind people and a cyber café run by disadvantaged young people, as well as a project that built a new toilet and washbasin area for young people in a memorial hall. There's clearly all sorts of ways such funding could be used, and with the wealth of community projects and activities across the constituency, I am sure that we have some great ideas that could be put forward. The deadline is 13th May, so please don't delay.

Small businesses are vital to our economy, and they too need some help from time to time. One particular problem can be late payments – when larger organisations take far too long to pay smaller suppliers. The Federation of Private Business has let me know about their website www.fpb.org/page/531/Late_payment_Hall_of_Shame_.htm which shows details of companies that really ought to behave better than the do in this respect. It is not a website where anyone can post unproven allegations, but does allow small businesses to report late payers. If the behavior is shown to be bad then details will be posted on the website by the Federation. I'd very much hope that no businesses in the constituency either need to be reported or have to report others, but if the reasons are there, then the website will be a very useful tool.

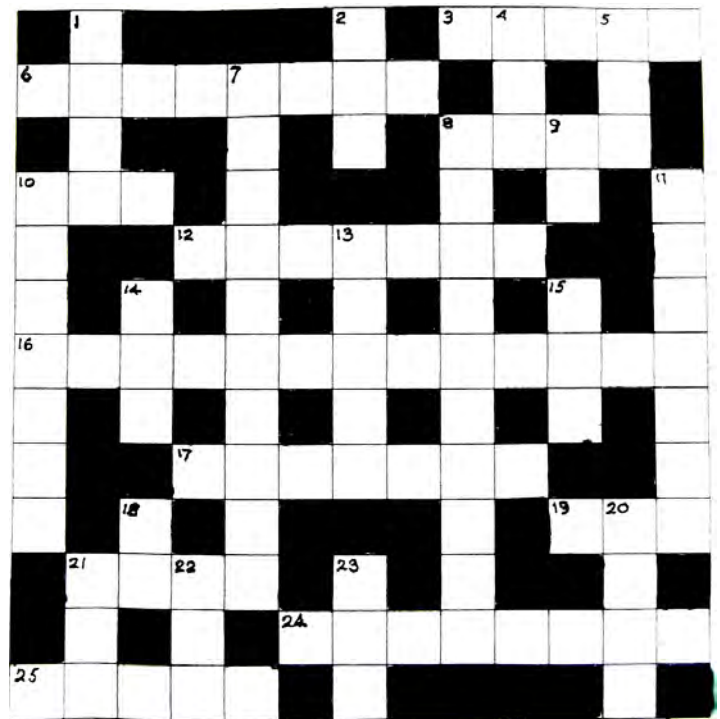
This month I've received a great many emails about the protection of bees in the UK. The decline of bees around the world is a real problem and one that I looked into and raised myself during the last Parliament. In response to recent concerns about pesticides my colleague in the Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs, Lord de Mauley, has written a detailed letter about the work being done in the UK to safeguard bees and the scientific evidence that has been investigated with regards to the harm caused by neonicotinoids and other pesticides. Other campaigns that I have seen in my mailbox include support for the British Red Cross' campaign "Pupil, citizen, lifesaver", which seeks humanitarian and first aid education in the classroom, and also support for this Government's commitment to spend 0.7 per cent of our gross national income on development and aid spending abroad.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY	
5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise - no appointment necessary	
10th May	Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre, OX11 7NU
Contact Ed Vaizey MP by	
Post	The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
E-mail	vaizeye@parliament.uk
Web	www.vaizey.com
Tel	0207 219 6350

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MAY CROSSWORD BY ALISA DOWN



ACROSS

- 3 Protective garment (5)
- 6 Long Garment (8)
- 8 Joke (4)
- 10 Attempt (3)
- 12 Tells (7)
- 16 Abingdon show on the 5th (3.3.7)
- 17 Repeat (7)
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- 21 Vegetable (4)
- 24 Keep safe (8)
- 25 Metal (5)

DOWN

- 1 Celestial body (4)
- 2 Insect (3)
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Abingdon Drama Club Presents

The Last Days of Judas Iscariot

By Stephen Adly Guirgis

Directed by Andrea Mardon

Performed by Abingdon

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Saturday 4th May 2013, 7.30pm

Sunday 5th May 2013, 2.30pm & 7.30pm

At The Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon

Tickets £7.00 from The Bookstore, Abingdon Precinct or book online at www.abingdon-drama-club.com

TABLE TOP & CAR BOOT SALE

In Aid of Cancer Research

Sat 18th May

10 till 2pm

Hanney WM Hall

Raffle Refreshments

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VILLAGE CAFE
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VILLAGE CAFE - IT'S FOR EVERYONE!
Meeting point: Wednesday lunch time in term time!
All ages are welcome

New to the village with or without a young one in tow; recently retired; don't get out a lot? Whatever your circumstances you can be sure of a warm welcome at the village café held in the Sports Club on the Anson Field. Even more important than the welcome and the friendships made are the delicious roast dinners and homemade puddings served at 12 noon. If you want to know more do ring Jenny Allan on 391373.
But do come along, we would love to meet you.
Hope to see you next Wednesday.

MARCHAM SOCIETY'S APRIL MEETING

On 9 April, the Marcham Society enjoyed a talk by Bob Harris on the early life of Lord Nuffield (William Morris). Bob was well qualified to do this, having started work at Morris's as an apprentice in 1954, staying for 30 years and taking a history degree on his retirement.

William Morris was born in Worcestershire in 1877, but the family moved back to Oxford when he was still a child. At the age of 16, with £4 capital, he set up a bicycle repair business at the family home in James Street. By 1913 he had set up a factory production line in Hollow Way and launched the first Morris Oxford at £170. After the war the production line was extended and 55,000 cars were produced in 1925. Unemployed men came from northern England and South Wales to work at the factory, sometimes walking all the way. Morris kept production going during the Depression by reducing the price of his cars and took a great interest in the welfare of his employees

One of Morris's earliest customers was Dr Osler, Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford; this began a link which still benefits many people today.

Morris's generosity enabled the Wingfield Hospital in Headington (now the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre) to be upgraded for the treatment of sick children. Having suffered a bad reaction to an anaesthetic himself, he persuaded the medical establishment in Oxford to allow a Chair of Anaesthetics, the first in the world. He gave £2 million for the funding of this, plus Chairs in Surgery, Clinical Medicine and Obstetrics & Gynaecology. This greatly helped Oxford become the centre of medical excellence it is today. He was made a Viscount in 1938 and took the title Nuffield from the village near Henley where he lived.

JF



Marcham WI
Next Meeting:
THURSDAY, 16th May
at Denman College. 7.30pm

Our next meeting will be our resolutions meeting. The discussion will be followed by a talk by Mike Payne who will tell us all about PINEWOOD STUDIOS. You are invited to bring some Theatre Memorabilia to make a display. We now have a new President - She is **HAZEL FITTON** - and she made her debut at the April meeting when we heard an interesting talk on Energy, notably about the Nuclear Fusion work which is going on at Culham Laboratories.

County events coming up

- 1st May "Go ONline" - improve your computer skills OFWI Tackley
- 9th May Visit to Science museum and physic garden, London
- 16th May Poetry morning at Quaker meeting house, Oxford
- 21st May Visit to Cambridge


WI - INSPIRING WOMEN - COME AND JOIN US
Contacts for new members or visitors
Christine Whild 01865 391270

SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

Those who take advantage of this free afternoon of singing are already feeling the benefits. Come and join us!

Tuesday, 14th May 2 - 3.30pm
Tuesday 28th May 2 - 3.30pm

Tea and cake follow the singing.
For more details:
Christine Whild, 62 North Street Marcham Tel 391270




MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Midweek Walk, Thursday, May 2nd.

For this month's walk we will go to The Crown and Horns (Map Ref SU493812) in East Ilsley at 12.30pm for lunch, leaving at 1.30pm for a circular walk of just under four miles. This is a walk across open downland east of the village with wide views, including a short stretch of the Ridgeway.

Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details.



 <p><i>The</i> Marcham Society</p>	<p>The Cutty Sark</p> <p><i>Come and hear the history of this famous ship</i></p> <p><i>Martin Woodgett</i></p> <p>All Saints' Church Marcham 7.45pm 14th May</p>
	<p>Non-members £2 www.marchamsociety.org.uk</p> <p>Further details: Sheila Dunford (391439) or Judith Fontaine (391275)</p>

Bank Balance
£14,100

Local Events
£10,934

Donations
£6,807

2012 - 2013 Membership
Voting: 125 Junior: 20

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4394



The village working towards community facilities for Marcham

For information on this project see the JUPG article on p.5.

The JUPG (Joint Users Planning Group) is the organisation representing village groups that was set up last September. MCG is a member, and is working with the other groups to create a feasible plan for community facilities in Marcham.

MCG AGM

MCG's first AGM was held on 24 April last year. The committee has decided that future AGMs should be in September and as we are allowed up to eighteen months between AGMs, provided one is held every year, the change can be made this year.

The 2013 AGM will be held in mid-September.

Fundraising – a thank you

We would like to express our gratitude to Ian Smith, Rob Hall and Joe Featherstone who organised a Bridge Day at Wootton on April 12th which raised over £810 for MCG.

We also send our thanks to Jane Jack, Alan Cattell, Sheila Dunford, Joey Maclean, Marge Hall and Susie Smith who provided a roast lunch for the 60 bridge players, and to Denise Asher who master-minded the raffle.

Time for a community voice

Marcham Community Group: Company No 7470307
391193 (Suzanne) 391727 (Jim) 391507 (Jessica)

Charity No 1144407
mail@marcham.org

www.marcham.org



Dear Marcham Community Group,

The Marcham Moldova Lifeline was most grateful to be one of the beneficiaries of last year's Great Marcham Jubilee Weekend. Thanks to the hard work of the organisers, and the generosity of everyone who participated in that memorable weekend, a fantastic sum of money went out to Moldova to provide food parcels. These helped 100 elderly and disabled people get through the winter. We have since heard how amazed the recipients were that people in England would help them in this way. The picture shows the distribution of the food parcels. So, on their behalf, a very big thank you to the Great Marcham Jubilee Weekend!



Marcham Moldova Fund, April 2013

Where can you see a pack of wolves, a flock of sheep and a 12 foot tiger prowling in the Oxfordshire countryside this Spring? These unlikely companions will be unleashed in the grounds of Bothy Vineyard as part of an ambitious sculpture show from 11 - 19 May. 200 outdoor sculptures, produced by over 50 local and UK-wide artists, will be sited inside and out around the 7 acre grounds of Oxfordshire's oldest vineyard. All sculptures are for sale.



11 - 19 May
11.00-18.00 weekdays
11.00 - 19.00 weekends



Free entry and parking. Wine and other refreshments available.
In aid of The Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum: www.oncf.org.uk
Bothy Vineyard, Frilford Heath, Abingdon OX13 6QW. T: 01865 390067
office@bothyvineyard.co.uk
www.bothyvineyard.couk/sculpture

Marcham Tennis Association

New Season Membership Registration
Renewals and New Members
Sunday 12th May 2013
At the Tennis Courts (Marcham School)
11.00am - 12.00 noon
and 3.00pm - 4.00pm



Adult £24
Junior (18 and under) £12
Family £40

Contact: Stuart Maw 01865 391201 stuartmaw@btinternet.com

Join now to play tennis all year round!

HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

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

Normal day	Revised day	Which bin?
Monday 6 May	Tuesday 7 May	Green
Tuesday 7 May	Wednesday 8 May	Green
Wednesday 8 May	Thursday 9 May	Green
Thursday 9 May	Friday 10 May	Green
Friday 10 May	Saturday 11 May*	Green
Monday 27 May	Tuesday 28 May	Grey
Tuesday 28 May	Wednesday 29 May	Grey
Wednesday 29 May	Thursday 30 May	Grey
Thursday 30 May	Friday 31 May	Grey
Friday 31 May	Saturday 1 June*	Grey

NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

by The Kangaroos

The children in Kangaroo Class have been using some exciting vocabulary in their writing. Here are some of the poems they have written about the sea. Some of these were read and performed at 'With Great Pleasure' organised by the Marcham Players.



The Sea *Chloe Nicol Year 3*

When I was little,
I noticed the waves looked like white horses
Galloping and tossing their manes.
And though I am older now
I still notice them riding the waves.
And when I am older still,
I only sometimes notice them
Rampage in and out of the waves.
And now I am very old,
I don't go to see them anymore
But I sometimes look out the window
And see them.
They make me remember
Those happy memories by the sea.

The Sea *Dylan Faulkner Year 2*

The sea is shiny blue like the glass I gave to you.
The sea swirls down to shore,
When it reaches shore,
It breaths for all the hard work it did.

Is that the sea right over there?
Oh yes, it is the shiny blue plane.
The wrinkles sparkle like sun on sea.
'Splish splosh,' said the sea to me.

I know why it called me now
Because it was hot like a boiling pot.
So now I know what a sight the sea is.
So don't tell me I already know

When I heard the sea *Hannah Garside Year 2*

When I heard the sea it was loud and crashy
Waves banging together.
Up the shore they scramble,
Up the sand, up the rocks
Back down to the sea for a night's rest.

The Sea *Lara Withers Year 2*

The swirly scary sea,
The sea that goes rushing down to the shore.
The sea that goes wild when it's angry
The roaring sea as well
It's as swirly as tornadoes
The sea that's windy going round and round
The glamorous sea.

Until I saw the sea *Milly Gillett Year 2*

Until I saw the sea,
I did not know
That the sea
Could be so beautiful when it splashes.

I never knew
That the waves
Could be so powerful.
Nor did I know before,
That the waves could be so foamy and rough.

At the Sea *Samuel Bateman Year 3*

At sea a wonderful wave came to the shore.
And it was as loud as a thunder storm coming to crash.
The wave was huge,
People called it smashing sea
It was amazing because the wave repeated again, again and again.
A wave came to the shore,
The wave was a huge twisting wave,
The wave was coming to shore.
Then a bigger wave was coming
It was the most dangerous one in England.

We were delighted to be asked to take part in the Marcham Players' 'With Great Pleasure on 26th March. A selection of pupils – aged from 5 to 11 performed their writings (in one case from memory)' or read poems based on the theme All around the World.

The children read clearly and with confidence and showed just how proud they were of their work and their performances. The whole evening was a relaxed but sincere appreciation of literature and was one of which we were thrilled to be a part.

I feel sure that this event will not be the only one of its kind: I suspect we have some budding Marcham Players for the future...

VIV HUTCHINSON, HEADTEACHER

ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS

This month the Little Angels have been busy looking at the topic of Transport, the Angels have made their own train and ticket office,



Abingdon Little Angels
building blocks for life

followed by cars, police cars and fire engines. this was followed with looking at air transport of hot air balloons and planes etc., finishing off with water transport of boats, yachts and steamers. Our Angels have also been enjoying the walks around the village, the babies have been enjoying their new four-seated pushchair and the older Angels have spent time at the post office where the children were given a look at how the post office operated and how parcels and letters are weighed. Thanks you to the **local post office** for their patience and understanding when talking to our Angels.

The after school club have also been busy and when they finished school early on Thursday afternoon for Easter we had a great afternoon with Easter egg hunts, Easter nests and craft activities finishing off with our Football session with Serious 4 Sport. The after school returned after the Easter Holidays to a spring day at last, the after school Big Angels spent time on the field [playing badminton, football and then we had a game of rounders which was great fun, including a picnic on the field,

We would just like to say a **Big Thank You** to our anonymous supporters for toys and outdoor equipment that is often left in our garden or by our door, We really appreciate the support from the village and please be reassured that your donations of toys and equipment are put to good use, many thanks from the Little Angels. If you would like any further information about Abingdon Little Angels Nursery, After School Club, Holiday Club or Art Club please feel free to call in or telephone us on 07516 474287 or at info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk.

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**Abingdon-on-Thames' Great Family Day
Saturday 1 June 2013**

Abbey Grounds, Abingdon-on-Thames

Fun in the Park with lots of events and activities all free of charge including the outdoor swimming pool

Music in the Park (from 17.30): £5 for an adult and £2 for a child aged between 5-17 years old (under 5s free). The wristbands will be **on sale from Tuesday 2 April 2013** from the Town Council offices. Due to the sell-out at last year's Jubilee events the public are advised to purchase wristbands as soon as possible. Wristbands can be reserved, and paid for, before they go on sale by filling-in a pre-purchase booking form on the website www.abingdon.gov.uk or by collecting a form from the Town Council offices.

Further information and details can be obtained from calling 01235 468340 or via www.abingdon.gov.uk

**BBOWT Upper Thames Group
PLANT SALE plus**

Fair-Trade Coffee Morning & Table Top Sales
Westway Shopping Centre, Botley
Saturday 11 May 9 - 12.30 pm
ALL WELCOME

For more details please contact:
Shirley Jarvis 018965 371297 shirley88jarvis@gmail.com

BBOWT UPPER THAMES GROUP
www.bbowt.org.uk Tel: 01865 775476



CYCLE FOR CANCER

The Classic Oxfordshire Bike Ride and Family Fun Day: Sunday 5th May 2013, Harwell Oxford



- Choose between a 12 mile Gr8 Escape family ride, 30 mile, 60 mile or 70 mile routes. The 70 mile ride is new this year challenging riders to tackle the undulating terrain of the Vale of White Horse before scaling the Lambourn Downs.
- Family Fun Day is set to include live entertainment, children's games and activities, Punch and Judy shows, food and drink, craft fair, licenced bar and Against Breast Cancer raffles. On the Harwell Oxford Recreation Ground between 10.30am and 4pm, free entry.
- Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun, and you don't have to arrive on your bike –there is free parking available off of Fermi Avenue.
- The money raised at the event will support Against Breast Cancer's unique research in to the secondary spread of breast cancer. It is our aim to find vital information to increase survival after diagnosis and ultimately to discover a vaccine against breast cancer.
- Please visit www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/clox for more information about the events.

To get involved! email alison@againstbreastcancer.org.uk or call 01235 534211. You can get more information from our website about the important research you will be supporting.

againstbreastcancer.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1121258.



ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY SHOW
Sun 5th May, 10am - 5.30pm
Abingdon Airfield / Dalton Barracks
Flying Displays, Arena Displays, Music,
Vintage Vehicles, Static Aircraft Area,
Crafts, Trade Stalls, Food and drink,
Children's Amusements...and more!

**Held in support of the
Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust**
Gate Admission:
Adult £15, OAP £10,
Child 5-15 £5, under 5s Free..



For more details go to:
www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk

Gli Amici Della Musica

Music in the Vale proudly present the talented ensemble Gli Amici Della Musica: Andy Spicely - piano, Pat Monro - flute, Mike Phillips - oboe, Andrew Keck - clarinet, Adaleine Teo-Richard - horn and Erica Tugwell - bassoon, in an evening of music for Wind Quintet and Piano entitled "Quintessential". The programme will include contrasting works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Poulenc and others. Admission is by programme, price £10, with tickets available from Stanford in the Vale Cooperative, by reservation or on the door. Concert proceeds will go to support the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association.



When: 1 Jun 2013 07:30 pm

Where: St. Denys' Church, Church Green,
Stanford in the Vale SN7 8HU

Tel: 01367 718420

Email: djpedderdpa@btinternet.com

Price: £10.00 - Accompanied children under 12 - free

**SEESAW "HOUSE AND GARDEN" SUMMER FAIR
TUESDAY 21ST MAY 10.30AM - 15.30PM**

Fallowfields Hotel and Restaurant is delighted to be hosting this year's SeeSaw Summer Fair. SeeSaw is an excellent Oxfordshire based charity supporting children and their families, both before and after a major bereavement, to help them to move forward and to face the future with hope.



We will be serving coffee and tea with home made cakes throughout the day. Lunch will be Fallowfields pork and salad bap or choose our vegetarian alternative along with wine by the glass.

Stallholders will include: garden plants, luxury linen, silk flowers, skin care, cushions from designer fabrics, ostrich hand bags and purses, chocolates, personalised applique, home accessories, lighting, fashion accessories, oils and vinegars... and many more! Entrance is only £3.00 per person so please bring your friends.

N.B. Not all of the stallholders take credit cards, so please remember your cheque books!

Fallowfields Hotel, Kingston Bagpuize, OX13 5BH
www.seesawsummerfair.org.uk

Grief Support for the Young in Oxfordshire

**Events for the Organ Fund
St Lawrence Church, Tubney
Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday Monday)**

Garden Open and Teas
2.00 – 4.00 pm

89 Netherton Road, Appleton
Courtesy of Mrs Elizabeth Woodin
Plants/Teas/Raffle

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Wednesday 22nd May
7.30 pm Talk at Tubney House
The History of Fyfield and Tubney

The Work of Wild Cru
Tickets £5.00 from
Rosemary Kitto on 01865 390 466 or
rosemarykitto@gmail.com

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

Christianity EXPLORED



One life.
What's it all about?

**Starts in Marcham - week
commencing 20th May**

www.christianityexplored.org

Christianity Explored, starting around the 20th May in Marcham. We haven't fixed the day, venue or time yet, because it will be on an evening to suit as many as possible.

You could look at the Christianity Explored website for more information, phone or email me, or drop a note through my door (5 Orchard Way) with your contact details and your preferred evenings but why not Explore Christianity and investigate what this One Life is all about?

Keith Mersh Pastor Marcham Baptist Church

Contact Keith Mersh Pastor 01865 391881
Or Bill Dyer Elder 01235 814986

Marcham Baptist Church

We all get one life to live and deep down, we probably all have asked the question - *"What's it all about?"* It's a huge question, yet it would be so easy to miss the answer.

Have you ever had the experience of walking through Oxford city and being offered a leaflet? Maybe you ignore it, or take it and then ignore it because you just don't think it will do you any good.

There was a survey conducted by a London newspaper, which employed a man to stand near Oxford Circus tube station, offering leaflets to passers-by. On the leaflet was an offer of a free £5 note. All they had to do was bring the leaflet back to the man and he would give them the cash. Despite hundreds of people being offered the leaflet, in the space of three hours only eleven people took it and came back for the free £5 note!!

All the others had already made up their mind that the leaflet would do them no good. They either couldn't be bothered to take it, didn't read it, or if they did read it, simply could not believe what they were reading.

The offer that Jesus makes is worth far more than a £5 note. He offers to make sense of life in a way that no-one else can. Now that's a big claim to make but if there's a chance that it could be real, isn't it worth finding out yourself, for the sake of you and your family?

There are many people of all ages and from all walks of life who have discovered that Jesus does indeed make sense of life. Why not check it out for yourself? Join us on

Speakers in May

5 May	-	Keith Mersh
12 May	-	Bob Hazell
19 May	-	Paul Revell
26 May	-	Keith Mersh

Join us on Sundays at 10.30am,
or call Keith if you want to chat about
life and faith.



All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

At last it would appear that spring has arrived! Fresh colour all around us, and the joy of feeling warmer, I love this time of year.

I am always on the lookout for the first swallows 'coming home' at the beginning of this month, and wonder at their amazing ability to migrate all the way from Africa on such tiny wings. Their chattering call is a joy to my heart - something that goes back to my childhood, when we used to have swallows nesting around our house.

The Bible informs us that God cares for even the most common of birds. Jesus goes on to say how much more our Heavenly Father cares for us - that even the very hairs on our heads are numbered. It is a genuine source of wonder and joy that we can know such care from God himself. That whatever life throws at us, God's care is a constant. Psalm 23, the great shepherd psalm, speaks of God's goodness and unfailing love 'pursuing us' all the days of our lives! Perhaps we need to let Him catch us up!

May we ponder this amazing love of God again and realise that God longs to be our personal shepherd. Let's place our hands in his, in trust and with confidence, trusting his love in Jesus, and welcoming his presence into our lives. Peace and joy, and a deep sense of 'coming home' are frequently the result.

With my warmest greetings

Revd Richard Zair

Revd Richard Zair 391319
41 North Street, Marcham (r_zair@yahoo.co.uk)

MAY Events:

Sat 4th May – Men's Breakfast

8.30 am at the Sports, Scouts & Social Club

Sat 11th May – ISIS Orchestra Concert (See below)

Fri 17th May – Family Good Friday

5.30 - 7 pm at All Saints. Fun and Food for all the Family. Everybody welcome.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB: 27th to 30th August 2013. Lost and Found. Book the dates NOW!

Parish People

The funeral of Shirley Goodman took place in All Saints on 15th April. We offer our condolences to her family and friends.

Regular services:

Sundays at All Saints': 10 am and 6 pm

Wednesdays: 10.30am HC at Duffield Place

Sunday at St. Luke's: 12th May at 10.30 am

Contact:

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www.marcham-with-garford.org.uk

Prayer for the Month:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the wonder and joy of the natural world, of your creation. Thank you for your shepherding care, and your pursuing goodness and unfailing love. Help us to 'come home' to you as we welcome you into our lives. For Jesus sake, Amen.

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