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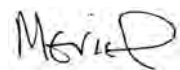
Details of events may change after publication, please check with the relevant organisers before attending events.

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Have you got a nomination for a **Thumbs Up** or a **Thumbs Down** to be featured in MADNews? Send me details and I will consider it for the next issue. It could be good turn done by someone, a pretty garden or the lardy cake in the shop!

It would be nice to have more thumbs up than down... we live in such a great area that shouldn't be hard!

Until next time



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June 2013

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

District and County Council Councillors

At the elections in May, Catherine Webber was elected as the new Councillor for the Marcham ward on the Vale of White Horse District Council, and Richard Webber was elected as the new County Councillor for the Sutton Courtenay and Marcham division. They can be contacted at Catherinewebber@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01235 534001 and Richard.webber@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Annual Council Meeting

At the annual council meeting held on 8th May, Mr. David Walton was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and Miss Ruth Mander as Vice-Chairman. Mr. William Cumber will represent the parish on the Hills Aggregates Liaison Committee. This Committee acts as a forum for discussion on the operation of the sand extraction site at the northern end of the parish. Mr. Walton will be the parish transport representative at meetings with the county council on public transport issues. Various other appointments were made to internal working parties and to other outside bodies. The contact details of the Council members can be found on the Council's noticeboard outside the Institute.

New Community Facilities

The Parish Council has discussed how best to proceed with the matter at its recent meeting, and has agreed that all parties concerned needed to be brought together where there can be collective input into the problem. Hopefully such a meeting should lead to some common understanding and act as a forum whereby everyone can work together to find a solution and move forward to an agreed course of action. To this end a meeting between the Parish Council, the Anson Trust, MCG and JUPG will take place in early June.

Vale of White Horse District Council – Community Governance Review

The Vale of White Horse District Council is undertaking a review of community governance looking at the parish level over the whole district. This could include creating a new parish, merging parishes, creating wards within a parish as well as other local changes. The Parish Council has discussed the possibilities and has agreed that it would not wish to see any changes from the current way of operating as far as Marcham is concerned.

Cothill Road – Closure

A temporary road closure order will apply to part of Cothill Road from the end of Blackhorse Lane around the first bend to the Merry Miller in order to allow telecommunication works to take place. The road will be closed from 4th June for

about 5 days. Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles. The alternate route is via Honeybottom Lane, Wootton Road, Long Tow, via Shippon, Gozzards Ford, and Blackhorse Lane.

Cothill Road – Dog Waste Bin

Many people seem to be taking their dogs to the former quarry area off Cothill Road to exercise them. The Parish Council is investigating the possibility of installing a dog waste bin at this location in an attempt to encourage people to clear up after their dog and not leave the mess for everyone else to be possibly affected by toxicariasis, or to tread in.

Thames Water – Water Resources Management Plan 2015-2020

The draft water resources management plan is out for consultation. Further information is available at Thames Water's website. Comments on the draft plan can be sent to consultations@thameswater.co.uk or a letter sent to Thames Water Business Plan Consultation, Facts International Ltd, Freeport HS464, Ashford, TN24 8BR

Planning Applications recently considered by the Parish Council

P13/V0575/O Erection of 48 dwellings with associated means of access, car parking, new footpath links, amenity space and landscaping Kings Field, Sheepstead Road
The Parish Council objected to this application. The proposal was considered not sustainable in terms of the size of Marcham as a village. The school was unable to accommodate a significant increase in the number of children, the sewage system was at capacity, surface water drainage was a concern, as was housing numbers as Marcham would be expected to take more than its fair share of those required in the draft Local Plan.

P13/V0859 Development of 18 dwellings with garages, access road, associated works, public open space and a detention basin. (amended plan) Land north of Priory Lane

The Parish Council objected to this application. It upheld its earlier concerns as per the first application and was concerned that the footpath within the site and alongside the A415 had now been removed from the application, adding to the dangers for pedestrians. The housing had been moved closer to the existing dwellings in Priory Lane which would have greater impact.

Date of Next Council Meeting: Wednesday 12th June 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

MARCHAM VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

You know the saying 'It takes a village to raise a child'? Well it turns out it also takes a village to run a shop.

With its current workforce of thirty eight active volunteers and three paid staff (some of whom are pictured on the cover), the community led Marcham Village Shop & Post Office has now been open for almost a year. I'm sure Natasha Kingsbury and Ruth Mander, who manage the shop, would say time flies when you're having fun.

In all seriousness though, running a service like this is no easy task, on some weeks taking up to 40 hours of management time. The shop provides a valuable service to the village, especially to those who can't drive, mothers at home with small children, the older generation and the less mobile.

Marcham Remembered (also on sale in the shop) shows a picture of the original shop (right), which was bought in 1934 after a previous life as a bakery. Without the 'break in service' in recent years when the previous business closed, it seems, unless villagers know of other gaps, that Marcham would have had a shop for 79 years.

Keeping villages alive these days is hard. It needs people, with passion, time and energy, to want to do it. Marcham as a community should be thankful to the quiet dedication of the committee who have set up the shop and who run it with the managers, and to all the volunteers who work there.

Close to its first Anniversary, the shop is thriving, with the small profit it makes being re-invested into the business.



**Marcham Village Shop
and Post Office
Opening Hours
from 10 June**

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

From 10 June 2013 both the shop and the post office will be open all day from 7.30am-6pm, with no closure over lunchtime during the week, on Saturday 7.30am-1pm and on Sunday 8am-1pm.

So what does the shop provide?

As well as stocking brand name products at Tesco prices, ordering in your newspaper and magazines for you and selling seasonal goods like barbecue charcoal (we live in hope), the store's suppliers include many local businesses:

- Cumbers Farm
- Dews Meadow
- Wessex Mill
- Marcopolo bakery
- Handmade cards and crafts made by local people (Tina Hill, Gemma Byrne and Dinny Pagan)
- Jams from Holmesmade in Abingdon
- Dipping sauces from T and J Fine Foods
- Award winning oil from Stainswick Farm

Don't forget the shop now also sells bird food and provides a dry cleaning service.

Post Office services you didn't know about?

The Post Office provides a range of services alongside catalogue returns and sending parcels by Special Delivery. You can:

- Top up electricity and gas keys
- Buy a fishing licence
- Top up a pay as you go phone
- Order foreign currency
- Take money out (most major banks)
- Pay some bills (utility bills and bills from NEXT are an example)

Volunteering and support

Revised opening hours mean more volunteers are needed. If you are interested, particularly on working on the post office counter (full training provided), please contact Natasha Kingsbury at natashakingsbury@btinternet.com, or on 01865 391993. Even an hour a week of your time will help.

It takes a village to run a shop and it takes a village to support it. If you aren't a regular already, please pay the staff a visit. You may be pleasantly surprised.

EMILY NICOL

- Did you know that in Marcham at Manor Farm, people meet to clean and sort archaeological objects that were found during the 11-year excavations at Noah's Ark ?
- Did you know that the Education Officer will visit local schools and societies to talk about this project?
- Did you know that all this work is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund?



To find out more about the Trendles Project, visit our website at <http://trendlesproject.com> or contact the Education Officer, Megan Price - megan.price@arch.ox.ac.uk phone 07703 498850 or 01865 284390

LOST AND FOUND

There is a Lost and Found tin in **Marcham Village Shop** so if you have lost a Larkmead cardigan, keys, sunglasses, gloves, a necklace, a watch or anything else, pop into the shop and have a look. Likewise, if you find something, take it in and do a bit of shopping at the same time!

See above for details of new opening times from 10 June 2013.

**Michael (Mick) Smith
1943-2013**

Elaine, Kelly, Oliver, Becky, Adrian and family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service for Mick and all those who gave a donation in Mick's memory. £1100 was raised for UCARE (Urology Cancer Research & Education) an independent charity committed to improving the treatment and care of cancer patients through research and education. It was through trials like UCARE that allowed me many extra years with Mick after his diagnosis. We would also like to thank all those who sent flowers, cards and letters which have been a great support to us; we regret they are far too numerous to acknowledge individually.

MARCHAM PLAYERS

A party of nine travelled to London's Theatre Royal, Haymarket in the heart of the West End recently to see the highly acclaimed National Theatre production of the comedy "One Man Two Guvnors". One of our former "Players" - twenty four years old Max Hutchinson - was making his West End stage debut in the role of Stanley Stubbers, one of the Two Guvnors. Max joined the cast of this production as an ensemble member in January this year for a six month engagement and has been understudying the Stubbers role since then. His big chance to play the role came as a result of the actor normally playing the role taking time off to get married! He is also due to play the role for a further week commencing Friday 24th May.



We met up briefly with Max just prior to the show to wish him well - it was a truly hilarious play with a never ending series of scenes of high quality physical comedy, many of them involving Max. A very enjoyable trip with a strong local flavour!

Any enquiries about membership or suggestions for further theatre trips please contact either Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 or Cheryl Sewell on 01865 391200

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MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The 1st XI has been successful in Matches played so far. The 2nd XI, despite achieving respectful scores, has not been so successful.

Wednesday evening Downs League fixtures continue to provide valuable match experience. Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for information relating to the Club - including playing or umpiring for Marcham. **CSB**



OCA Fixtures for July are:

July	1st XI	2nd XI
6	Oxford Rescue Away	No fixture
13	Great Horwood Home	Combe II Away
20	Hanborough Away	Chesterton II Home
27	Stanton Harcourt Away	Cowley Internationals II Away

June	Charles Hoile Downs League
18.00 Wednesday Evenings	
3	Kennet Pirates Away
10	Steventon Home
17	Sutton Courtenay Away
24	Kennet Pirates Home
31	Kingston Bagpuize Home

THE MARTIN THORNE VIDEOS

A couple of decades ago I recorded videos of the cubs, school, MADNews, Marcham Players, and the village celebrating special occasions. These have been stored away and almost got destroyed three years ago when we had a flood in the house after a water pipe burst. This has made me think that now is the time to transfer these to digital, in order to preserve them. And why not at the same time release a copy of them to those who have taken part or have any interest in them?

I would like reproduce them onto DVDs, to be copyright free and available to everyone. By grouping them under the heading (as above) it will identify these various videos as free of charge. However in order to cover the small cost involved, and boost the coffers of my favourite local publication, I am suggesting that donations for each DVD be made directly to MADNews. If you don't think this is appropriate, I will still send a DVD to you free of charge.

So, where to start? Simply because I came across it first, "Sweeney Todd the Barber" a production by the Marcham Players is my first offering. If anyone has an old programme for this I'd be most grateful if they could please email a copy to me so that I can produce an accurate list of performers and those involved - perhaps even a photo for the DVD sleeve if possible. Please also send me an email as soon as possible if you would like a copy of this production.

Finally, if anyone is not happy with me distributing these videos in this way, please email me (rather than ringing) at martinthorne@hotmail.com. The last thing I want to do is upset anybody!

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DOG FOULING

The community Led Plan highlights a major concern about dog faeces being left around the village. The Parish Council have invested in Dog Poo bins and have placed signs around the village to remind dog owners of their responsibilities. Several of these signs have been damaged or destroyed already and it's a shame some people believe it is acceptable for there dogs to foul open public places in our village when it is such a simple thing to carry a poo bag and clear mess up.

One dog owner has gone to great length to deposit a pile of poo by a sign in the churchyard. Maybe they think it is amusing but can we assure the person that did this the vast majority of the parishioners and responsible dog owners find this act totally repulsive.

Legal Position: It is the the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog to clear up any dog foul left by their dog. If you fail to clean up after your dog you can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice, or if the case goes to court a fine of up to £1,000.

The regulations state specifically, that being unaware that the dog has fouled, or not having a suitable means of removing the faeces is not a reasonable excuse for failing to clean up after your dog.

Medical Position: Dog fouling is not only unpleasant it is dangerous. The biggest threat to public health from dog excrement is toxocariasis which is an infection of the roundworm toxocara canis. Symptoms include eye disorders, vague ache, dizziness, nausea, asthma and, in extremely rare cases, seizures/fits. Often the eggs are ingested when passed to the mouth by the hands, but this can also occur through contact with dogs or other inanimate objects including the wheels of toys and the soles of shoes. Infected soil is often found in play areas so Toxocariasis most commonly affects children 18 months - 5 years.

To complain about dog fouling, contact the Vale on 01235 520202 and ask for the Environment Warden or contact the Clerk to Marcham Parish Council on 01865 391833.

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

I frequently receive information from public bodies that may be useful for constituents, and there have been several things recently that readers may like to know about.



Firstly, the General Medical Council has published a new guide to what patients can expect from their doctor. You can see the guide at <http://dmtrk.net/t/CUG-1FJKJ-4GCWXV-KJ25D-1/c.aspx>. You can also call 0161 923 6602 if you don't have access to the internet. Patients deserve the highest standards of care and the GMC is committed to ensuring that they understand what these are. They have therefore produced this guide, which underlines the importance of dignity, mutual respect and partnership between patients and their doctor. It also sets out the duties of the doctor and that all doctors need to be honest and open if things go wrong, and to make the care of patients their first concern.

I've also received information from Thames Valley Police about how they have been performing locally: it's good news. Across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse, violent crime has reduced by 15.6%. Detection rates are going up: for dwelling burglary by 27.5%, for serious sexual offences by 30.3% and for violence against the person with injury by 47.4%, and overall crime is at its lowest level for 15 years.

We are lucky to live in a part of the country with relatively low crime rates (the Vale of the White Horse was recently reported as one of the 20 most peaceful areas in the UK) but every crime committed has a huge impact on its victims, while every crime solved reassures us all about the efforts of our police force. I am very pleased indeed to see these results, which are part of a pattern of reducing crime levels over a number of years.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has contacted me with information about Heritage Enterprise, a new £125million grant programme specifically designed to stimulate local economic growth, generate new commercial income along with new jobs and skills by unlocking the latent commercial potential of unused historic buildings and sites across the UK. There are grants available from £100,000 to £5m. You can find out more about how your community could benefit from Heritage Enterprise by visiting their website; HLF is also offering start-up grants between £3,000 and £10,000. These grants will enable groups to create the organisational structures needed to deliver projects and to help with the associated costs, such as obtaining professional and legal advice.

This month's mailbox has been largely dominated by issues relating to animal welfare. People are concerned over the exports of living animals, and sentencing for those who commit acts of cruelty. Other issues that I have seen in my mailbox include support for Amnesty International's campaign to improve women's rights in Afghanistan, which is still an essential part of the UK's foreign policy priorities, and the Government's reforms to teachers' pay and pensions.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY	
<i>5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise - no appointment necessary</i>	
14th June	Grove, Old Mill Hall, OX12 7LB
21st June	Wallingford, Town Hall, OX10 0AD
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Tel	0207 219 6350

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

I would like to thank all those who took part in the recent County Elections. I am very aware of how close the voting was in our Division and from painful experience, I do know how it feels to be on the wrong end of a closely fought election. I would like to

thank all my fellow candidates for helping to make it a fiercely but honourably fought contest. One certainty in a tight election is that every vote counted. A 31% turnout was rather better than some had forecast, but it is hardly a triumph for the democratic process. If I have one priority over the next four years, it is trying to engage and involve many more people in local issues and decisions.

Despite the widely reported anger and frustration with the state of things, I found the doorstep reception more friendly than recent elections where expense scandals, electoral systems produced strong feelings. That there is frustration and a sense of resignation cannot be denied.

In this part of the world, immigration and the EU seem rather distant issues and, in my view, are more likely to be symptoms than causes of the frustration. Top of my list of possible causes is Planning. Where we put our housing, how much we need, how we keep it affordable, how we conserve our countryside in the face of building, how we cope with the need for energy, for waste disposal, for water and so on, are all helping to produce a sense of helplessness and resentment at what "they" are doing to us. The irony is that under the Localism Act, we should be feeling more empowered than ever before. For Localism to work two things have to happen. The first is that local people have to believe that they now have powers they have not had before, the second is that "the powers that be" have to be prepared to hand over some power and trust local people to make sensible decisions.

Second on my list of possible causes of current frustration and depression at the state of things is the weather. We all need a long, hot summer to cheer us up.

I cannot do anything about the weather, but if, after four years, I haven't done everything in my power to make people in this division feel better about the state of things and to feel more empowered, and more in control, then I will have failed.

If you have any issues or problems with County issues, Roads, Education, Social Services etc, I can always be contacted via:

01235 534001 or Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com

RICHARD WEBBER

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

It was late in the evening on election day that I saw a family of three - husband, wife and very small baby in a pram - emerge from their house, clutching two poll cards, to make their way to the polling centre to vote for me. I felt deeply moved and even more determined that I would do my very best to work hard for Marcham, if I won, and I did, thanks to all of you. And I think it was a fair fight, in which I had the privilege of meeting many of you on the doorstep.

Over the few weeks before the election, I had the chance to walk around Marcham a few times, and formed several impressions -the strong community spirit, epitomised by the community shop and the facilities for the elderly; the energetic and committed Parish council; the MAD publication reflecting a vibrant village; the natural centre of the village in the shape of Ansom field, a green oasis regularly used by villagers. Clearly this a special village.

However, like many other villages up and down the country it has planning issues! As District Councillor, I would like to become much more versed with all the issues from all the parties involved in Planning (the recent Parish Council meeting has been very illuminating), and, without interfering, to help facilitate solutions. Clearly this is going to be a big learning curve, as planning is more contentious now than it has ever been.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months.

CATHERINE WEBBER

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VILLAGE CAFE
EVERY WEDNESDAY
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MARCHAM SOCIETY'S APRIL MEETING

Somewhere in a box, not far from where I am sitting now is a photograph of my sister and me standing beside the Cutty Sark in Greenwich. The year was about 1958 or 59. Little did I know then, or in deed until the recent Marcham Society talk, that the ship had only been set in its final resting place in 1957! In fact, the Cutty Sark was still transporting cargo until 1938. At the May talk we were enlightened and entertained by Martin Woodgett who spoke with great passion and authority about the Cutty Sark. His Great Grandfather, Richard Woodgett, was the captain of the ship for ten years from 1885 and his Grandfather, another Richard, had been apprenticed on ship during part this time.

But what is so important about the Cutty Sark that she should be preserved? Sitting, as she does, resplendent in her dry dock. Now surrounded with a glass awning representing the sea on which she travailed for many years. She is the only surviving tea clipper in the world, the tea clipper being very important to our merchant naval history. At one time she won the coveted accolade of making the fastest crossing of any tea clipper from China to Britain. Even over taking a steam packet! The Cutty Sark is kept as a memorial to all merchant seamen who have lost their lives at sea, which include the convoys of the Second World War where many seamen lost their lives.

The Cutty Sark was built in 1869, the same year in which the Suez Canal was opened, which would ultimately ring the death kneel for these beautiful sailing ships. The tea clippers took cargo from Britain to Australia, then, with another cargo on to China ready for the final race home, literally packed to the gunnels with tea.

We heard many interesting facts about the ship, but seeing this article is getting rather long, and not wanting to incur the cut of the editor's scissors (metaphorically speaking). I will finish by saying *cutty sark* means short petticoat and is the garment worn by the witch in the Robert Burns poem 'Tam O Shanter'. This very witch, wearing her cutty sark is the figurehead which for many years ploughed through the restless seas bring the British their favourite drink – tea!
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ABINGDON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, MARCHAM ROAD

Volunteers are a very important part of the running of Abingdon Hospital. Both staff and patients greatly appreciate all that our volunteers contribute.

We currently have vacancies in the following voluntary roles: In the Coffee Shop –

At the moment all our regular shifts are filled, but we would like to have more volunteers who are willing to offer occasional cover when regular staff are off sick and on holiday. Shifts are 10.00-12.00 and 12.00 – 14.00.

On the Wards –

- Serving patient's mid-morning refreshments 10am-12noon
- Assisting with patients' lunches 12-1.30pm
- Answering the phones/taking messages 5-7pm

If you are interested in helping and wish to find out a bit more about these roles, please contact the Voluntary Services Organiser:

Laura Hodges, telephone: 01235 205705,
email: Laura.Hodges@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk
June 2013



Marcham WI
Next Meeting:
THURSDAY, 20th June
at Denman College. 7.30pm

At our next meeting Rob Nickless will be talking on **BEEKEEPING**. You are invited to bring along recipes using **HONEY** to share with everyone.
COME AND JOIN THIS LIVELY GROUP IN THE VILLAGE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS
Contacts for new members or visitors
Christine Whild 01865 391270

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK


Midweek Walk, Thursday, June 6th

Join us for a summer walk along the Cherwell. We will meet at 12.30pm for lunch at The Victoria Arms (Map Ref SP520090), which is right on the bank of the river at the end of a lane from Old Marston village. We will start our walk of 4 miles at 1.30, taking in the University Parks and Marston Village itself.



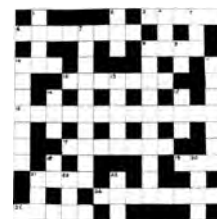
Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details, particularly if there has been heavy rain likely to cause the river to flood!.

SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!
Tuesday, 25th June 2 - 3.30pm
Followed by tea and cake.
Come along and try us out!
We are sure you will enjoy the experience
For more details:
Christine Whild, 62 North Street Marcham Tel 391270



MAY CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across: 3 Apron 6 Stocking 8 Jest 10 Try
12 Informs 16 Air and Country 17 Iterate
19 Bee 21 Bean 24 Conserve 25 Steel
Down: 1 Star 2 Ant 4 Pie 5 out 7 Kennington
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Friends Reunited - Can You Help??

Marjorie Bright-Butler is looking for old school friends... **Marjorie Marr**, who used to live in Rose Cottage. She was born in Egypt where here father was stationed and she had a brother, **Mickey Marr**, and a sister that she used to call her "Little Blister". Her father was a pilot at RAF Abingdon and was killed performing stunt flying. Marjorie and Marjorie were called "**The Two Marjories**" and both attended Devizes Grammar School before Marjorie Marr moved to Marcham.

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Marjorie Bright-Butler is also looking for another friend **Brenda Hughes**. She thinks Brenda's mother may live in Marcham.

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If you have any information that might reunite Marjorie with her friends, please contact the Editor, 01865 391725 or editor@madnews.co.uk

Bank Balance
£14,100

Local Events
£10,934

Donations
£6,807

2012 - 2013 Membership
Voting: 125 Junior: 20

5p Coins
4518



Our Community Matters

In the present situation, now it is clear that the Anson Trust has been unable to realise its plans for new community facilities, it is more important than ever to find a viable solution that the community will support. MCG is working together with other village organisations that are members of the Joint Users Planning Group to achieve this.

More dates for your diary

Thursday 26 September

Marcham School

Update and members' evening
plus the 2013 AGM

Non-members welcome but you
won't be able to vote.

Saturday 19 October 11am – 4pm

Apple Day

**MCG subscription renewals
for 2013-4**

are due on 1 July.

**But you don't have to wait
until then to join.**

See www.marcham.org or phone one
of the contact numbers below.

The Marcham Scouts, Sports and Social Club

together with

Marcham Community Group

invite you to enjoy

"Summer Sounds"

with the

Dark Blues Band

Saturday 6th July 2013

Anson Field & MSSSC

from 7.30pm

Bar

Food included in ticket price

Tickets (over 18 only) £8 until 3 July - £10 after 3 July

Available from Marcham Village Shop (391993 to reserve tickets)

and Cumbers' Farm Shop

Dark Blues Band
Saturday 6 July from 7.30 pm
"Summer Sounds"

Our objectives as set out in MCG's Articles of Association

"The **Objects** of the **Charity** are the provision for the benefit of the inhabitants of Marcham and the surrounding area of facilities for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation or other leisure-time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants."

MCG is a membership organisation.

Members vote on general policy issues, and to appoint the members of the Trustee Board.

Join MCG to have your vote and influence and support what MCG does.

Marcham Community Group: Company No 7470307 Charity No 1144407
391193 (Suzanne) 391727 (Jim) 391507 (Jessica) mail@marcham.org

www.marcham.org



EVENTS & CRIMESTOPPERS

WALLINGFORD BLUES AND BEER FESTIVAL

Friday 7 June & Saturday 8 June

Friday: Mike Sanchez

Saturday: King King

Plus support acts, local bands on family-friendly Saturday afternoon

This year supporting three local children's charities: South and Vale Young Carers, Wyfold Riding for the Disabled, and Footsteps Foundation

Tickets from £15.00 www.bluesandbeer.co.uk



Music for Autism

Derek Paravicini piano

Claire Doran soprano

Young Autistic Pianists

plus a rock group from

Parklands Special School.

Saturday 15 June 7.30pm

Dorchester Abbey, Dorchester-on-Thames

Tickets: £10 Box Office: 0845 680 1926

www.oxboffice.com (search for 15 June)



Charity Crimestoppers asks what is the real cost of cheap tobacco?

The independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers is in partnership with Trading Standards offices across

Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Milton Keynes and Oxfordshire the public is being urged to visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org/itsadrag and recognise the damage that sales of illegal tobacco have on their local communities.

Radio, posters, leaflets and Facebook advertising have been used to inform the public to contact the charity if they have any information or suspicions on who or where illegal rolling tobacco and cigarettes are being sold.

"Illegal tobacco sales can be easily overlooked and considered no more than holiday makers 'doing someone a favour'. Everyone loves a bargain but the sale of illegal tobacco can have a knock-on cost to our local communities," comments Phil Gomm, Chair for Thames Valley Crimestoppers.

"Sales are generally associated with crimes of smuggled and counterfeit tobacco and often linked with serious organised crime gangs. It can also bring our young people into early contact with criminals."

Trading Standards in Thames Valley are determined to crack down on traders of illegal tobacco but they need information from the public if they are to be successful. They recognise that often people know what is happening in their communities but are too scared to speak out to the authorities.

Crimestoppers offers people an anonymous and safe route to inform on the criminals involved in illegal tobacco sales. Where are they trading? Who are they? Do you think you know where the tobacco is being stored or made?

To give information about crime anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or go online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org. Contacting the charity is completely anonymous, calls are not recorded, IP addresses are untraceable and no one will ever know you called.



Sobell House Hospice Charity
Oxford Moonlight Stroll
10:30pm 13th July 2013



A nine-mile night-time sponsored walk through the streets of Oxford with all proceeds going to the Sobell House Hospice, caring for people throughout Oxfordshire affected by terminal illness

www.oxfordmoonlightstroll.org
01865 857 007

Abingdon Drama Club

Presents

The Accrington Pals

By Peter Whelan

Directed by Alex Codling

Wednesday 26th – Saturday 29th
June 2013. 7.30pm

The Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon

Tickets £8.00 (concessions £7.00)

from The Bookstore, Abingdon Precinct

or book online at www.abingdon-drama-club.com

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Earth Trust Events

At the Earth Trust, we believe the best way to look after the places we love is to change the way we live. We provide great opportunities for people of all ages to discover nature and the countryside. Our programmes of events, courses, children's learning and volunteering can inspire everyone to make a small difference and look after our local environment.

Thursday 6th June, 7.30-9.30pm. **Wallingford Castle Meadows History Walk.**

Saturday 15th June, 9-11pm. **Bats at Thrupp Lake, Radley.**

Sunday 16th June, 2-3.30pm. **The Other Side of The Clumps.**

Sunday 23rd June, 3-5pm. **Wittenham Clumps: A Walk Through History.**



Unless otherwise stated all events take place at Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ. Booking is essential, call 01865 407792 or email admin@earthtrust.org.uk. See www.earthtrust.org.uk for more information.

Saturday 20th July 2013: Fyfield Village Fete, Manor Farmhouse, Fyfield.

2.00 pm. - 4.00 p.m.

Entrance Fee: £1.00 Adults and 50p/Seniors and Children

A fun day for all the family to enjoy including; Cream Teas, Plants, Gifts, Pre-loved, Tombola, Silent Auction and much more, with entertainment provided by

Kennington Brass Band and Oxford Entertainers.

Peace in the Park - The Festival of Spirit 12, 13, 14th July 2013

As a local resource and part of the South Oxfordshire community the Global Retreat Centre at Nuneham Courtenay is holding for the third year 'Peace in the Park – The Festival of Spirit' over three consecutive days 12, 13, 14 July 2013. What makes this festival unique is, there is no charge for attending any of the rich variety of events on offer - meditation, teas, music, maze, fairy tale theatre and lots more. All provided by over 250 volunteers!

Friday 3pm - 8.30pm Sat/Sun 11am - 7pm
www.peaceintheparkfestival.org

NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

by The Cubs class

Last week groups of children from our Foundation Stage and Year 1 class visited four local farms to find out about the running of a working farm.

The children had the opportunity to see the animals, crops and farm machinery and to ask the farmers any questions that they had.

On their return to school each group enjoyed reporting back to the rest of the class and sharing their newly aquired expertise. All the children (and the adults!) learnt lots of new facts.

Some of our favourites were:

“Sheep only have teeth at the bottom of their mouths”. (Eleanor, Foundation)

“The farmer keeps bees to help the corn grow” (Kieran, Year1)

“Young chickens lay small eggs and old chickens lay big eggs” (Zlaty, Year 1)

The children also know how to tell the difference between a beef cow and a dairy cow.

The children and staff would like to say a big thank you to Jill Rowe for organising the trips and to the local farmers for allowing us to visit and for giving up their time to speak to us.



MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

At pre-school some of the children have been taking part in a cooking club - learning how to use equipment safely and appropriately, using different techniques to explore food and drink.



In May we squeezed our own orange juice and compared the taste to that from a carton. Delicious!!

We are taking applications for September 2013 and beyond - please do get in touch if you are considering a place at Marcham Pre-school. You can contact us at 01865 392101 or marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk.

MARION, NICKY, KATHARINE, SAM AND NATASHA

marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk

www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com

“Lost & Found”

All Saints Church - Holiday Club
27th - 30th August 2013

Get the dates in the diary NOW

Booking details in July edition.

For more info contact Jill Rowe

07811 165351



Police News

The Neighbourhood Team and some of our special constables attended the Abingdon Country and air show on May 5th and this provided us with a fantastic opportunity to engage with a large range of people any many of the children at the show enjoyed sitting in the Police car we bought along with us. We were pleased to have been part of the day and also pleased that drivers were on the whole were considerate in not parking haphazardly and dangerously around the air base at the time of show.

While holding one of my meetings at the Marcham shop concerns were expressed to me about the congested parking around the area of Marcham School at School opening and closing times. I know we all have busy schedules but I would ask drivers to remember it is an offence to obstruct the view at a junction and this is something that must be stressed as it is for the safety of drivers and pedestrians. Obstructing a Junction makes you liable for a thirty pound fine. Also please remember congested parking along the pavements can obstruct the view of children crossing the road so consider this when parking and when you are driving WATCH YOUR SPEED!! I will be planning to carry out patrols in the area in the future when I have completed some of the projects and tasks I currently have to complete.

I will also be carrying out patrols of the Marcham playing field to ensure that any groups that are gathering are behaving themselves and deter any hood of ASB in this area, this also includes the anti-social use of vehicles in this area and in the rest of Marcham. Vehicles being driven anti-socially are liable to receive a Sec 59 warning, this warning is given to the driver and the vehicle and if either the driver or the vehicle are involved in anti-social driving again the vehicle being used will be seized. While patrolling the parks I will be engaging with the young people and also make sure no underage drinking is taking place and if it is the alcohol will be confiscated and details taken of those involved.

On the whole Marcham is a very lovely place to live and is a very low crime area and we will all continue to work to keep it this way and I look forward to meeting those of you that I have not met. I am proud of the area that I know cover in my role as PCSO.

If anyone would like some crime prevention advice at their home please feel free to contact me at andrew.mccormack@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk and we can arrange a date to do this.

Have Your Say & Street Briefings



- Wed 19 June Duffield Place, 1700-1800
 - Friday 21 June Marcham Village Shop 1700-1800
- PCSO Andy McCormack C9461

Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill
Police Non-emergency number: 101

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

Abbey Grounds, Abingdon-on-Thames

Fun in the Park: 11am to 3pm

Lots of events and activities all free of charge including the outdoor swimming pool:

Music in the Park: from 5.30pm

£5 for an adult and £2 for a child aged between 5-17 years old (under 5s free). The wristbands are now on sale 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.

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

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Marcham School

PTA Summer Fête

2 - 4pm

Saturday 6th July

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more details next month

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**MARCHAM AND DISTRICT
EX SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
NORTH STREET, MARCHAM**

All members, registered members and registered partners
Starting Saturday 1 June
"IN TO WIN"

Weekly draw on a Saturday night
Between 9.30 And 10.45.

Exact time drawn on night

Full rules and your registered number
Displayed on the club notice board.

The winning number holder must be in the club bar area at
Time of draw to collect.

If the holder of the winning ticket is not in the club bar area
At the time of the draw, the prize will be carried over and

Increased for the following Saturday.

FAMILY RACE NIGHT

Saturday 29th June
starting at 8.30pm

In aid of Armed Forces Day
Members and guests welcome

OAP AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 20th July
starting at 3pm

Come to the club for afternoon tea with entertainment.

Open to OAP Members and residents of Marcham

Include your name on the lists in the Community Shop
and club from 1st July till 15th July.

WHAT CAN 'I' DO TO HELP WILDLIFE IN 'MY GARDEN'?

I have covered many of the basics involved in wildlife gardening in gardens of most sizes, both within urban and rural settings. On having a long and very interest phone call with an enthusiastic reader yesterday, I think it would be worth recapping on the basics of wildlife gardening once again, so we are all up to speed. Before I dive headlong into writing another set of these wildlife garden articles that focus on specific areas.



So to recap, the main components to have in any wildlife garden are water, many different types of flowers/shrubs/trees, dead wood and grass of differing lengths.

Water - whether in the form of ponds or an upturned dustbin lid - get quickly colonized by a wide variety of life.

Flowers/trees and shrubs need to be varied with flowers of differing shapes, sizes and fragrance, and that flower at as many different times of year as possible. Remember that some insects have different length tongues so those with short tongues need open flat flowers so they can get to the nectar. Obviously they would struggle with long trumpet shaped flowers.

Dead wood is great, but remember not just to have IT in the shade under some trees. Have dead wood in the sun and semi-shade too as that could attract an entirely new set of creatures.

Finally grass of differing lengths - sounds simple but is so effective. If you have a good population of singing grasshoppers and crickets etc it indicates good grassland management.

Go on - have a go at attracting some wildlife to your garden, making your garden even more pleasurable.

Happy Gardening, STUART MABBUTT

Wildlife Gardening Specialist, 01865 747243

Run and Slide!

**10K Airbase Race
Sunday 30th June
Heyford Park, RAF Upper
Heyford, OX25 5HD**



10K race on a fast, flat, traffic-free course around the historic Heyford Park runway. Just 500 runners will be allowed behind the scenes to follow the meandering course around the decommissioned RAF base, finishing at the end of the runway. Entries just £13 affiliated, £15 unaffiliated. To enter visit www.tvacaa.org/airbaserace

**John Radcliffe Abseil Sunday 23rd June
John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, OX3 9DU**

Join Team BOB and challenge yourself to an 100ft descent from the top of the John Radcliffe Hospital! See Oxford from the best view in the city before lowering yourself back down to earth - only £20 to enter! To book your place visit www.tvacaa.org

WE RELY ON YOU - SO YOU CAN RELY ON US

Home Care Worker required for elderly lady

We are currently looking for caring, conscientious and friendly individual to provide care, companionship and home help services to an elderly lady who lives in Southmoor.

For more information
please ring
Nerice on 01865 841362



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

**Come along to
Appleton School Summer Fete on
Sunday 23rd June at 2-4.30pm
at Appleton School Field
Entrance 50p.**

Lots of fun to be had - Magic Show, Go Karts, Stilt-Walker, Tea Tent, BBQ, Balloon Race, lambs to pet, Coconut Shy, Plant stall and lots lots more! Bring some sunshine with you!

Enquiries: friendsofappletonschool@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



Towards the end of last year, Ruth and I went to see Les Miserables on stage in London..... a stirring, wonderful story of love, forgiveness and accountability, with music that never fails to touch me. Then early this year the film version starring Hugh Jackman, Anne Hathaway and Russell Crowe came out and without hesitation we went to see that too. The film was directed by Tom Hooper, with the cast recording all of their songs live on the film set, rather than the usual lip-syncing to a pre-recording. The screen version of the stage musical, itself an adaptation of Victor Hugo's 1862 novel stirred me just as much as the stage show had done. And I've now bought it on DVD (Les Mis must be an addiction!)

Considered one of the greatest novels of the 19th century, Hugo's story was set to music by Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil in 1980 and has gone on to become one of the most successful musicals in history and being seen by more than 60 million people in 42 countries and in 21 languages across the globe.

The story begins as embittered convict Jean Valjean is released after a nineteen-year spell in prison – a sentence incurred just for stealing a loaf of bread. An encounter with forgiveness changes him forever, leading him to break parole and reach out to impoverished single mother Fantine and her daughter Cosette but as the years pass and the 1832 French revolution looms, Valjean realises that the intrepid policeman Javert is still hunting him down. After taking on a new identity, Valjean rises to a respectable position in society. However, when he hears that an innocent man has been mistaken for him and arrested, his conscience is thrown into turmoil and he has to make a decision that has the potential to lose him his freedom. Valjean has nothing to gain and everything to lose by coming forward and admitting who he really is. But he reminds himself that he owes a debt to God and so can't compromise.

The productions led me to ponder how much we should be prepared to sacrifice our own interests for the sake of someone else. In what ways should we be prepared to stand up to prevent injustice? In such situations, how can we draw hope and strength from God?

Like Les Miserables, the Christian story is one of love and forgiveness, of love demonstrated by Christ's self sacrifice and of the forgiveness that is available to each one that repents and turns back to the God who created us.

It is not too late to join us on Christianity Explored to investigate for yourself the true meaning of Christ's sacrificial love and the forgiveness that is ours - if we will only accept our need for it and ask for Christ to enter our lives. Come and investigate the life changing message of Christ with us.

Keith Mersh Pastor Marcham Baptist Church

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

Speakers in June

- 2 June - Philip Mader-Grayson
- 9 June - Keith Mersh
- 16 June - Ralph Green
- 23 June - John McDonald
- 30 June - 2.30pm Church Anniversary
& Tea 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,

Over the last few weeks I have been enjoying the IPL cricket on ITV4. There have been some excitingly close matches, and some outstanding individual performances - such as Chris Gayle's innings of 175 not out. He hit 17 sixes and 13 fours on his way to the record score, and it was great to watch. No wonder he is top of the fantasy league of player popularity. Clearly a man for the moment in the IPL!

However, I had the privilege of attending an interview with the new Archbishop of Canterbury recently and came away hugely hopeful for the Church of England. I was enormously impressed by Justin Welby as a person of utter sincerity and integrity, a person whose faith is real and thought-through, and who is a gentle but strong leader. The interview has given me hope that despite all the challenges that face the church in this country, we have a leader 'for such a time as this'.

At the heart of the Archbishop's faith is a conviction of the truth and centrality of the person of Jesus - as living Lord, someone we can know and be in living touch with today. This is at the heart of my faith, too, and is at the heart of our church life, the 'mainspring' of all we are and try to do.

It is my prayer that we may all discover that Jesus is God's person 'for such a time as this' in our own lives, whatever circumstances we face. Let's look forward with hope!

With my warmest greetings

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer for the Month:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the new Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Pope Francis. Please guide them and give them wisdom in leadership. Help us, too, to recognise the gift of your Son, Jesus, as your 'man for such a time as this' in our own lives.
For your name's sake, Amen.

JUNE Events:

Sat 1st June – Men's Breakfast

8.30 am at the Sports, Scouts & Social Club

Sun 30th June – Special "Cluster" Service

10 am at All Saints'. Please join us for an informal service where we welcome members from other local churches.

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

Parish People

A thanksgiving service for the life of Albert Russell of Sweetbriar took place in All Saints' on 2nd May. Although relatively new to Marcham, Albert was very much part of our church family here. We remember Ruby and his family in our prayers.

A funeral service was also held in All Saints' for David Flint on 7th May. A former schoolmaster at Radley College, David lived in Garford and was a valued member at both All Saints' and St Luke's. Our thoughts and prayers are with Debbie and his family.

Regular services:

Sundays at All Saints': 10 am and 6 pm

Wednesdays: 10.30am HC at Duffield Place

Sunday at St. Luke's: 9th June at 10.30 am

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www.marcham-with-garford.org.uk

SHIPPON CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

2-4 PM

AT THE CHURCH HALL, ST. MARY'S, SHIPPON