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

Dear Readers

I had a great time at GMW and hope lots of you managed to get to at least one event. The BBQ and barn dance were terrific and I am sure we will be having another one before too long... any volunteers??!

If anyone has any photos they would like to put on a display in the Post Office or on MADWeb, then please send them to me. There are a selection there already.

I am off to have a bit of a break over the summer and catch up with the paper work!

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Vale of White Horse District Council – New Waste Services

By now households should have received a leaflet explaining the new waste collection services that will start with effect from October. If you have not received one, then there are spare ones in the Post Office. A set of new bins (240 litre recycling wheelie bin, 180 litre landfill bin, a food bin and kitchen caddy) will be delivered to Marcham households somewhere between 23rd August and 6th September. Inside there will be more information about the items each bin can take. So remember to remove the information leaflets before starting to use the new bins. Also please remember that as the new service does not start until October, you should not start using your bins straight away or put them out for collection until the week commencing 4th October. The new day for collection in Marcham will be Wednesdays. Some terraced households without gardens or flats where bin storage is difficult, will not have bins delivered, but will be allocated sacks instead. All such households should by now have received letters from the District Council explaining how the sack system will work. Please sort your refuse carefully into the appropriate bins, as checks will be made by the collection men, and they have been advised not to empty bins which contain mixed rubbish i.e. a mixture of recycling and landfill items.

Chinook Helicopters

There have been announcements in the press that Chinook helicopters are to be based at RAF Benson. Concerns have been raised about the local flying and impact they might have on residents. RAF Benson has confirmed that the earliest arrival of any Chinook helicopters will be 2013. There is nothing to indicate that the use of Dalton Barracks will increase, however some training may be conducted there as at present. Disruption to residents will be kept at a minimum. Once firm details regarding the arrival of Chinook helicopters is known, RAF Benson will arrange a meeting with a number of local representatives. It could be some while though before there is any more detailed news on this.

Village Green

Damage is being done to the edge of the village green by vehicles which drive over the edge. Village Greens enjoy statutory protection and it is an offence to take a vehicle on to a village green and drivers can be prosecuted for damaging the surface. Village Greens, in law, should be maintained for the purposes of public recreation, sports and pastimes. Would anyone driving along Mill Road please not go onto the village green, nor should anyone park his/her car on the green.

Lack of Community Responsibility

More complaints have been received by the Parish Council about residents not clearing up after their dogs and about dumping grass cuttings. Could everyone who walks a dog please clear up its mess and either take the plastic bag home or put it in one of the special dog waste bins. Dogs have been allowed to foul at entrance gates to properties and some of those who do clear up after their dog,

seem to think it is acceptable to leave full plastic bags hanging in trees or in hedgerows. Similarly grass dumping is another recurring problem at this time of year. Piles of grass cuttings have appeared on rural paths and also dumped in the copse off Howard Cornish Road. After cutting your lawn please dispose of the grass clippings responsibly and not tip them on other people's land.

Post Office / Shop

Parish Councillors Mr. Denton, Mrs. Ricketts and Mrs. Allan have met with the village shops advisor Jane Barker from the Rural Community Council to look at the results of the village shop survey. We are fortunate for the time being to have the continued Post Office business in the village. It is an essential and valuable service. Whilst the village shop is under discussion, the Council would encourage all who use the Post Office services to support the village Post Office and prove its continued need in the village.

Great Marcham Weekend

The Parish Council would thank Jim and Denise Asher and their expanding team of volunteers who worked so hard to arrange the Great Marcham Weekend. There was a tremendous variety of events taking place, something for everyone, and these were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The effort put in by everyone is very much appreciated and the Parish Council is sure it speaks on behalf of each person in the village in expressing its gratitude to all concerned.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 14 July 2010 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

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

www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

GARFORD NEWS.

It is with great sadness that I report the loss of John Redwood and John Docherty who both did so much for the village of Garford over the years.

John Redwood died in April after a long illness. John and June moved to the village many years ago. He had been very active in supporting the village over all these years. He was particularly involved in the success of the village green project and was Chairman of the village meeting in the late 1990s.

Our deepest sympathy to June and all the family.

John Docherty moved to the village more recently in retirement from his banking career. He threw himself into village life with great enthusiasm and was Clerk to the village meeting. He died suddenly in early June in Oxford.

Our deepest sympathy to Jo and all the family.

TONY CARTER

on behalf of all the village.

FOR SALE

Heavy duty rotary lawn mower.

Good condition – £50.

Boy's green bike age 6-9 years – £10

Call Brian Gower 01865 391224

The organisers of the **Great Marcham Weekend** would like to thank **EVERYONE** who came along and enjoyed the whole weekend, from fancy dress to fantastic old cars via a shared lunch, arts, crafts and piglets. And **EVERYONE** would like to thank Denise and Jim Asher who had the initial idea and made it happen - without them this weekend would have just been another couple of days. A full write up will be in the September issue of MADNews but in the meantime there are a few reports below and you can enjoy the photos on the cover, in the Post Office and at MADWeb www.madnews.co.uk/gmw

BBQ and Barn Dance

It was the perfect setting - a barn dance in a real barn!! The dancing atmosphere was ignited by the children's led sing-along, we were all encouraged to join in to "Thank You for the Music", "Dancing Queen", "Mamma Mia" and many more. Then "The Whole Caboodle" (who describe themselves as 'a lively electric ceilidh (barn dance)' band) struck up - they didn't let us down and even managed to encourage some of the non-dancers to the floor. The chilly north wind quickly vanished which meant a large majority of the 270 (ish) people present could sit outside and be closer to the bar and BBQ. The food was perfectly cooked by an able team of (mainly) men who proved that BBQing really is their forté while Jackie and bar-team kept supplying drinks efficiently during high demand spells. It really was a fantastic evening which sandwiched the two daytime events together. There are many people to thank and I am reluctant to print a list as I will forget someone, so thank you to those people who helped to clean the barn, made the banner, did the flowers, transported things around, worked on the bar & BBQ and helped with setting up. But one name has to be mentioned - Georgina Brown who so efficiently teamed up with me to put the evening on. THANK YOU!!!

RACHEL GAISFORD

The Great Marcham Weekend - (Not the world Cup) Quiz.

On Friday evening 11 teams representing organisations from within the village assembled at "The Crown" to take part in a stimulating quiz ably set and presented by Jez Denton. Each team fought their way through rounds on History, Sport, Food and Drink followed by a half *July / August 2010*

time and then Geography, Films and TV, Arts and Books and the surprise General Knowledge round that tested knowledge of generals of the world. During the evening a selection of tests was set including Dingbats, Famous People of Oxfordshire and a Marcham Picture Round. The final Music round sorted the men out from the boys and the winning team was declared as the "The Odd and Bods" a team of GMW organisers. Thanks go to "The Crown", Jeremy Denton and Budgens of Frilford for the generous first prize.

The Great Marcham Treasure Hunt

There were many perplexed looking people on Sunday as they walked around the village looking for clues to answer the 35 questions set by Malcolm Denton. The walk led you around the village to all the activities taking place during the GMW. A winner has yet to be declared as several people did not have time to finish the walk on the day so we will hold the prize open until the end of June. If anybody would like to have a go at the trail we have spare copies available as the clues all remain valid. We would like to thank Budgens of Frilford for the generous prize. Answers to be published in September MADNews.

Could anyone who has not handed the Trail answers in please do so ASAP to 10 Kings Ave.

MALCOLM DENTON

Art Exhibition

At the very successful art exhibition held over the weekend in The Post Office, the raffle prizes of two small watercolour paintings donated by local professional artists were won by Mrs Summers of Abingdon, and Sheila Dunford of Marcham.

JOEY MACLEAN

Cars, Motorcycles and Bicycles

The glories of Denman College, park and gardens were host, on Sunday 20th June to a fine display of no less than 21 Veteran, Edwardian, Vintage and Classic motor cars, three Classic motor cycles, six Vintage bicycles from the Murray Maclean collection and further support form elsewhere.

Many Marcham residents, their friends and guests as well as a sprinkling of foreign tourists showed their appreciation to the owners of the various vehicles, some of whom had driven to this event from over 50 miles away. All arrived, and departed, under their own power.

The oldest car on show was the 1907 De Dion-Bouton 'swing-seat' tonneau belonging to the Greshams of Brill;



**See some photos:
www.madnews.co.uk/gmw
Send in your own photos to
The Editor**

Jeremy Collins of Marcham exhibited his 1907 Star 'Raceabout', truly a brass-age motor car; Michael Edwards from Boars Hill motored to Denman aboard this supremely elegant 1910 Hotchkiss 'open-drive' limousine, and Bill and Maureen Falkner arrived early with their 1924 Model T Ford, paint black of course. An unusual arrival was the 1925 Riley 'Redwing' of Richard and Helen Odell showing off its incredibly long bonnet line.

Dr Nick Bell, with son Matthew graced the Denman forecourt with their impressive and desirable 1927 Vauxhall 30/98 tourer, a 1928 Model A Ford 'Tudor' and an Austin 7 'Chummy' of the same year. Nick also brought a rare vintage Humber bicycle an advanced feature being the enclosed hub brakes.

It was good to see the 1935 AC 'Ace' of John and Majorie McLellan of Abingdon and the rare 1936 Singer 'Super 9' six-light saloon belonging to the Heaton family. Post WWII classics on display included the mighty 1950s Ford V-8 'Pilot' driven by the Claridges of Standford-in-the-Vale., the rare Rover 60 of the Greenaways of Wallingford and Jeremy Collins' 1951 Alvis TA21 'Tickford' drop-head coupé.

Local interest was taken up by four immaculate MGs – a TC, an MGA, a B and a Midget, also on display was the supremely restored Morris Minor 1000 belonging to Alan Taylor of Oxford, a BL 'Mini' and Murray Maclean's 'Frog-eye' Sprite.

Brian Gower apparently coaxed his BSA Lightning Clubman 650cc motorcycle into life a few days before the event, his son rode the fearsome Kawasaki GP 750 Turbo and to round things off Colin Evans displayed his iconic Triumph Tiger 110 of 1956 vintage.

Our most sincere thanks go to all owners of cars, motorcycles and bicycles, without their generosity this event would not have been possible. A splendid first for Marcham, huge thanks to Denman College for allowing the use of their beautiful grounds for this gathering of like-minded enthusiasts, all of whom came well equipped for a summer picnic.

SCORPIO

MARCHAM PLAYERS

Just a few thoughts about our contribution to the Great Marcham Weekend. The Midsummer Music in a Marquee event at Collins Farm proved a great success, both in terms of numbers attending, about eighty, and also the amount of energy expended on the dance floor. Our band, "Rockit", were fantastic and struck just the right note in their choice of music. The evening finally raised a total of £625 towards the GMW - many thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic result!



We also entered a team in the Quiz at The Crown on 18 June. We enjoyed ourselves immensely and proved ourselves strong enough to support all the other competing teams quite comfortably - a margin of six points separating us from our nearest challengers!! Great fun and our thanks to the organisers of this event.

On Saturday 19 June, Cheryl Sewell and Tim Owen ran a Drama Workshop for youngsters and again, this proved a great success for the participants who all displayed great enthusiasm for the content on offer.

Finally, we are intending to make visits to three shows in the coming weeks. 27 July we will visit the Chesil Theatre in Winchester, subject to ticket demand and availability. We also intend to visit The Watermill at Newbury to see "Copacabana" on 17 August and "Spend, Spend, Spend" on 21 September. These are both musicals. Anyone wishing to join any of these visits, please contact Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964.

For details of membership, fees etc please contact either Joey 391242 or Dave on 01865 391964.

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

Dear Editor

We really enjoyed the weekend. Joseph was Isaac Newton in the fancy dress parade - he had a great time. We all joined in the games on the field. Joseph was describing the netball type game that we played to his Grandma as 'sort of netball mixed with rugby' - I think some of the adults got a bit competitive! There were proper scrums to win the quoit! He also loved the drama workshops especially the stage fighting although I think he may want to practise on me and his 'pretend' hits get a bit too close for comfort!

The barn dance was fantastic - I think it would be great to have it as an annual village event.

It was great to get the opportunity to look at the church bells in action and also to climb the tower. Joseph said it was brilliant! We completed the treasure hunt...just!

Thank you to all of you that made it all happen!

THE MUTCH FAMILY

Dear Editor

Well done to everyone who worked so hard to make the GMW a great success. The events and venues we managed to get to were well attended and so many people were saying how much they were enjoying it. The arts and crafts were super and the gardens too; so much variety.

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work.

MARION & TOD POINTER

Dear Editor

By the time this letter is published, Barbara and I will have packed the wagon and rolled to Emsworth near Portsmouth. We are moving to be close to our daughter and son-in-law and our precious grandchildren. We will be 5 mins walk away from our daughter, 20 mins walk from the sea front, and if we walk out of our back gate we can walk in Honeybank Woods.

John will especially miss the friends he has made - in and around Marcham, and we are sure there will be some 2-legged and 4-legged 'friends' that will miss him too!

We would both like to thank everyone for their support and friendship shown to us during our 10 years in the village - and for the kind words and cards we have received for our 'future adventure'. Many thanks from

JOHN & BARBARA CLINKARD

[formerly 36 North St]

PS John would like to say thank you to everyone who "had to repeat" everything said!

Dear Editor

A heartfelt plea

Someone has written a four-letter word in huge white capitals for all to see on the road in Packhorse Lane. (Coming from Abingdon direction it is between the first and second bends.)

Actually, it was the County Council who wrote it, years and years ago. That word is SLOW, yes **S - L - O - W**.

Please, dear motorist, read and heed.

JANE MANDER

NEW BUS SERVICE - THURSDAYS ONLY

White Coaches have extended their service No 43 (Thursdays only) and it now runs from Eaton to Abingdon Leisure Centre. www.whitescoaches.com/WhitesCoaches43.pdf Telephone 01865 340516

Eaton to Abingdon	
Eaton, Eaton Turn	1000
Appleton, Green	1002
Hinton Waldrist, Bus Shelter	1012
Longworth, Old Post Office	1017
Fyfield, Old Forge	1022
Tubney, Linkside Cottage	1025
Gozzard's Ford, Black Horse	1030
Cothill, The Merry Miller	1033
Dry Sandford, St Helens Church	1035
Wootton, Lansdowne Road	1038
Shippon, Dalton Barracks	1042
Abingdon, Fairacres	1046
Abingdon Town Centre, Stratton Way	1056
Abingdon, White Horse Leisure Centre	1100

VILLAGE RESOURCES

BBQ: The sun is shining, friends have gathered, the Pimms and beer is flowing but alas the disposable BBQ just isn't big enough!! The village now has 3 rustic oil drum BBQs available for rent on a donation basis. All money will go towards the village minibus. If you would like to make a booking then contact Charles or Rachel on 391432.

Pens, Pencils, Document Production: Malcolm Denton has a large quantity of pens or pencils for events, also a laminator, paper cutter and book binder. The Parish Council recently purchased these items and so they are available for all to use. 01865 391497.

A frame and hardboard signs: There are 9 sturdy A frames and approx 15 hardboard signs with holes drilled for tying up. They are currently with Jim and Denise Asher (391727).

Duplicator for large quantity printing: The MADNews duplicator is available for large runs of printing for events - it can't be moved but Meriel can do the printing. You supply the paper (80 - 150gsm) and a small fee for the toner ink depending on the quantity. 01865 391725 or editor@madnews.co.uk

If you have anything that could be used by the community, contact The Editor, who will keep a list.

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

Summer Holiday 2010

Normal Day	Will be...
Mon 30 Aug	Tues 31 Aug
Tues 31 Aug	Wed 1 Sept
Wed 1 Sept	Thur 2 Sept
Thur 2 Sept	Fri 3 Sept
Fri 3 Sept	Saturday 4 Sept

Collections return to normal on Mon 6 Sept

s = set down only	
Abingdon to Eaton	
Abingdon, White Horse Leisure Centre	1241
Abingdon Town Centre, War Memorial	1245
Abingdon, Tesco	1250
Shippon, Dalton Barracks	1254
Wootton, Lansdowne Road	1259
Dry Sandford, St Helens Church	1300
Cothill, The Merry Miller	1303s
Gozzard's Ford, Black Horse	1305s
Tubney, Linkside Cottage	1310s
Fyfield, Old Forge	1313s
Longworth, Old Post Office	1318s
Hinton Waldrist, Bus Shelter	1323s
Appleton, Green	1333s
Eaton, Eaton Turn	1335s



Marcham WI July 2010

Last month three of our members attended the National AGM in Cardiff on a lovely summer's day. They were among thousands of women who enjoyed a memorable meeting that included a video link from Westminster with John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons and a lively performance to end the day of the singing group "Men Aloud".

A June meeting was a Garden Party held in Christine Whild's beautiful garden (*photo on cover*). It was an informal evening with drinks, supper and musical entertainment. This month on Tuesday, 6th. July, there will be a WI Coffee Morning at 20 Orchard Way. This will include a "Swishing" event of accessories-handbags, scarves, hats and jewellery etc. Bring along some of these and exchange them for something different as well as to enjoy coffee, refreshments and a raffle.

Our speaker for July is Bill Heine, the Radio Oxford presenter. His amusing talk will tell us about his interesting life and radio experiences.

There is no meeting in August but we plan a "Larkrise to Candleford Walk" on Tuesday, 10th. August with a pub lunch and also a day visit to Henley and Greys Court on 25th. August. Details at WI meeting or from committee members.

Future Events

July 6th	Coffee Morning at 20 Orchard Way 10:30a.m.
July 14th.	Visit to Chatham
July 20th	Magical Pudding Club Evening in Oxford
August 10th	Larkrise to Candleford Walk
August 25th	Henley and Greys Court Visit

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 16 September
A Visual Tour of the Universe

Valerie Calderbank

Bring and Share Buffet Supper

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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

Vacancy for Clerk to

Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

From mid-August 2010. 30 hours per month.

Full details are on the Parish website:

www.appletonwitheaton.org.uk



The
Marcham
Society

Next meeting 14th Sept 2010

The State of British Mammals

Philip Riordan

Contact: Sheila Dunford (391439)
or Judith Fontaine (391275)

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, July 1st 2010. The July walk will be fairly close to home, a summer walk along the Thames upstream from Abingdon. We meet at The Bowyer Arms (Map Ref SU526988) in Radley at 12.30pm for lunch, starting our walk, of just over 4 miles and with no hills, at 1.30.

Thursday, August 12th 2010.

For the August walk we will walk from Forest Hill, just off the A40 north-east of Oxford after eating in the White Horse in Wheatley Road, Forest Hill (SP586079) and exploring parts of Bernwood Forest. 12.30pm for lunch / 1.30pm for walk.

New walkers are always very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.



BritishRedCross

Thank you very much to all who helped with the collection for the Red Cross and to all members of the village who contributed. We raised £498.53, which was £50 more than last year, so a massive thanks to you all. If you are interested in collecting for next year's Red Cross (May 2011) please contact me, Jo Blackler, 01865 391519.

SENIOR CITIZENS

At our last meeting we had a musical afternoon by Mr David Clark. Popular tunes were played and we had to guess which shows they came from. This was followed by a sing along of tunes we all knew. A very pleasant and relaxing afternoon. Our usual tea, biscuits and large raffle closed the meeting. We still have a few members who are ill, we wish them well and hope they can join us soon.

JOYCE PARRY

Marcham Ex-Servicemen's Club OAP Mystery Tour

Saturday 14th August 2010

Leaving club at 2pm

Forms will be available mid July
from Club and Post Office

SUNSHINE CLUB

New members are welcome to come and join us on a Monday afternoon and on our outings. Phone 391536 for more information.

MAUREEN (MO) TIDBURY, Chairlady

Swimming with Sharks

I would like to thank everyone who so generously sponsored me for my "Dive with Sharks" in aid of the soon-to-be opened Drop In Centre at Sobell House. The end result was over £9,000 raised for Sobell (plus perhaps another £2000 to come from Gift Aid).

TRISH WAGSTAFF



SHED FOR SALE – £50

- 8ft x 6ft good condition
- Felted gable roof.
- Internal work bench and shelves.
- Side windows

Buyer helps to dismantle
Marcham 391881

IT PAYS TO INSULATE WITH THE COUNCIL'S £99 DEAL

Under this new deal, local homeowners and private tenants can get cavity wall or loft insulation fitted for a standard price of £99 each. At this low price insulation pays for itself fast in reduced energy bills. If you are 70 or over, or receive means-tested benefits, you may even get the work done free. The Council's £99 deal is subject to funding and offered on a first come, first service basis. You may have to pay more if your property is larger than average for the number of bedrooms, or access to walls or loft is restricted or extra vents are required. The Council's insulation offer is being managed exclusively by Cocoon, a long standing partner of the Council. Cocoon offers a fast on-line self-referral option at www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk To find out more, call 0800 8048 777 and ask for the 'Oxon Deal'.

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

As some of you may have heard, I have been made the Minister for Culture, Communications and the Creative Industries. This is a long title, possibly one of the longest in Government. It also includes in effect two jobs. One is to cover the arts, libraries, broadcasting and the creative industries over at the Department for Culture Media and Sport (known as DCMS). The other is to cover broadband roll-out, telecoms, and illegal filesharing over at the Department of Business (known as BIS). Phew.



As a local MP, it is interesting to consider how these responsibilities affect people in the constituency. The first and most obvious is broadband rollout. About ten per cent of all homes do not have broadband at all, and about one in 3 have very poor broadband, mainly in rural areas. There are some parts of the constituency that remain affected. Our aim is to get everyone to have a basic broadband service by the end of 2012, and to roll out high speed broadband over the next few years. If you have any issues with broadband do let me know.

I also cover what is known as illegal filesharing. This is a hugely controversial new law which would allow internet companies to temporarily disconnect people if it could be proved that they have been copying music or films without proper authorisation. This is something we have to act on, as every piece of music that is copied illegally takes money away from artists and creators, who provide a lot of money for the economy. We're looking to introduce the new measures next year, but no one will be cut off (and then only temporarily) without plenty of warning and a chance to change their behaviour.

Another issue that is likely to be prominent is libraries, which I also cover. Libraries are very important to local communities, but as money becomes tighter, they may suffer. I will use my position to try and ensure that we can make responsible savings so that libraries continue to provide important services for local people - not just book borrowing, but also education and access to broadband and other local and national services.

One local issue has already cropped up which affects my ministerial responsibilities directly. The local television transmitter burnt down, and cannot be replaced until September (they have to build a new one from scratch). Many people have had their TV coverage affected and are understandably looking for a speedy solution and I am looking into this.

I continue to focus on other local issues as normal. I met with those campaigning against the reservoir, ahead of the public enquiry. I am continuing to campaign for a new station at Grove. And I was delighted that the new Government threw out the housing targets which have led to plans for huge housing developments across the constituency. It may not affect those where planning permission has already been granted but it could lead to a rethink where no decision has yet been made.

Recent constituency engagements include a spot of metal detecting (I also cover archaeology!) and as a judge for Didcot's Got Talent, a great night for pupils aged 6-11 to show off their talents. I tried not to be too Simon Cowell-ish!

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

9 July	Grove: Old Mill Hall, Old School Lane
23 July	Didcot, King Alfred Drive, Community Centre
Contact Ed Vaizey, MP for Wantage and Didcot by	
Post	The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
E-mail	vaizeye@parliament.uk
Web	www.vaizey.com
Tel	020 7219 6350

July / August 2010

Marcham/Frilford Dig News 2010

This is a reminder that this year as before the public are welcome to visit this fantastic and large Oxford University Training Dig. Archaeologists are at work every day except Saturdays for the 4 weeks from Sunday 4 July and the site is open to visitors.

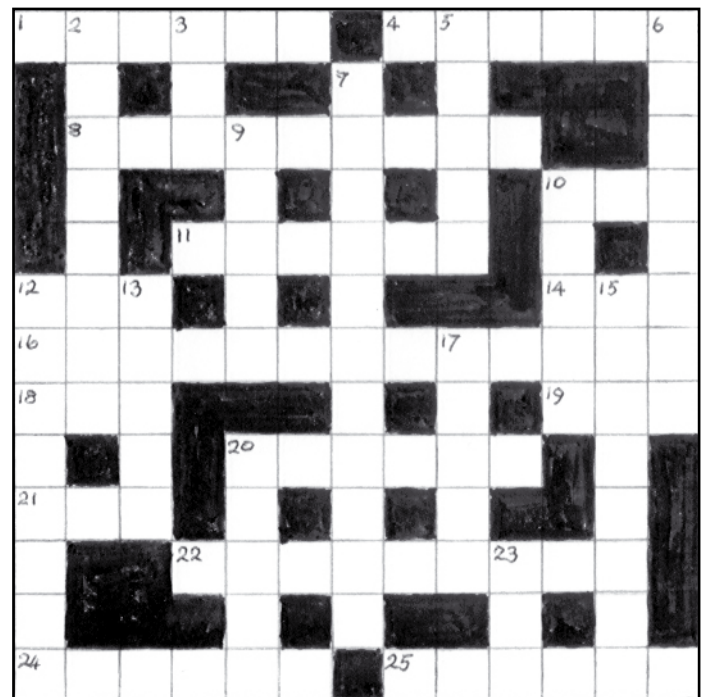


The best day to come will be **NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY - SUNDAY 25 JULY 10-4** when there will be guided tours and other attractions.

Watch out for posters! You can look at http://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/research/research_projects/marcham to find out more about the dig.

It is not too late to apply to dig in the 'People's Trench' for a day or two - intended to give an ENJOYABLE hands-on archaeological training and experience to local people. The dig runs six days a week (Saturday is a rest day) from Sunday 4 July to Friday 30 July. Those who do not want to dig all day or at all can sit down for a few hours or a day and 'pot wash' (wash finds) - pot washing is on offer on the following dates in July from 10-4: Thursday 6, Tuesday 13, Thursday 15, Sunday 18, Tuesday 20, Thursday 22, Tuesday 27.

For further information please contact Janey Cumber on 01865-391327/391840 or email janey.cumber@tiscali.co.uk.



ACROSS

- 1 Lead writer (6)
- 4 Yearly (6)
- 8 Uncontrolled mirth (9)
- 10 Young animal (3)
- 11 Bowman (6)
- 12 Stitch (3)
- 14 Drink (3)
- 16 Dig site (8.5)
- 18 Managed (3)
- 19 Cunning (3)
- 20 & 22 Have your say at Duffield Place (6.9)
- 21 No (3)
- 22 See 20
- 24 See 23
- 25 Cricket line (6)

DOWN

- 2 Mayfly (8)
- 3 Lettuce (3)
- 5 More agreeable (5)
- 6 Letter of rooms (8)
- 7 Study going on at 16 (11)
- 9 Weary (5)
- 10 Red birds (5)
- 12 Power (8)
- 13 Peter's friend (5)
- 15 Regular ovals (8)
- 17 Difficulty (5)
- 20 Interval (5)
- 23 & 24 Olympic game (3.6)

JULY CROSSWORD BY ALISA

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The Club's OCA fixtures are as follows:

Aug	1st XI	2nd XI
7		Kings Sutton <i>Home</i>
14	East Oxford <i>Home</i>	Eynsham II <i>Away</i>
21	Shrivenham <i>Away</i>	Steventon <i>Home</i>
28	Tetsworth <i>Home</i>	Combe II <i>Away</i>
Sep	1st XI	2nd XI
4	Horley <i>Away</i>	Uffington II <i>Home</i>
11	Westbury <i>Home</i>	



In addition to the above Fixtures, the Jez Bailey Memorial Match is to be played on Sunday 11th July at Home at 14.30.

Information relating to the Club may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317).

Also, please contact Graham or Terry if you are interested in representing Marcham C.C. as an umpire.

CSB

Have your say...
the new name for police surgeries
 at Duffield Place, Marcham

- Friday 16th July 1500-1700

PCSO Laura Schmid C9932
Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill
Non-emergency number: 0845 8 505 505

LOST CHILDHOOD

*Often we would sit in a field in the summer
 My little friends and me,
 We would blow the seeds from a dandelion clock
 To tell if it was time for tea.*



*There was no doubt at all that you liked butter
 If you held under your chin
 A buttercup with petals of gold
 And it's colour glowed on your skin.*

*At bluebell time we would go to the woods
 And a picnic maybe take,
 Then with bunches of the sky-blue flowers
 Our homeward way we'd make.*



*We would go for walks along quiet lanes,
 Perhaps see a robin's nest,
 Pick ripe blackberries from the hedge –
 In September they were best.*

*How innocent were our childhood pursuits
 Compared with the youth of today,
 But perhaps we had more freedom and fun,
 Though we had less money than they.*

*Sometimes I think I'd like once again
 To explore the woods and the fields,
 Take a leisurely walk down a quiet lane
 Which from the hot sun a hedgerow shields.*



*But there are housing estates where once the were fields,
 A motorway replaces the lane,
 And it's not always safe to walk in the woods –
 Only my childhood memories remain.*



Doris Dowling

Marcham School Fête
Saturday 10th July 2 -4 pm.
Entrance: Adults 50p, children free

- There will be a BBQ, chips, a beer tent, cream teas,
- demonstrations, lots of games, facepainting, nail painting
- and tattoo art, tombola, cake stall, WI stall, fire engine
- and police van, Roley the dog and lots more!
- Also a raffle to win lots of days out plus photography
- studio sitting and free print.

We would love for you to join us
whatever the weather!

MARCHAM SCHOOL NEWS

Foundation and Duffield Classes have been on a school trip to Roves Farm near Swindon. Here are some of their thoughts about their visit.

- At Roves Farm I liked the tractor riad (ride).
Samuel aged 5.
- At Roves Farm I liked the goats and the lamb.
Mia aged 5.
- At Roves Farm I gave milk to a baby goat.
Megan aged 4.
- At Roves farm I liked feeding the goats bottles of milk.
Elliot aged 4.
- We went on the tractor, it was bumpy.
Ryan aged 6.
- I went in the grass, the grass tickled me.
Tori aged 6.
- We stroked the duck and it had just grown its feathers.
Mia aged 6.
- I looked at the wheat on the farm, there was millions and hundreds of it.
Oscar aged 6.

Anson Class Trip to Hill End Field Studies Centre

Last week Anson class went on a trip to Hill End. We met a man called Mr Bee and he taught us about plants. I enjoyed climbing to the top of the hill and then running down again. I really enjoyed this trip.

By Luke in Year 2

Denman Classes Trip to Swindon Museum

On Monday the 21 of June, Denman Class went on a trip to Swindon Museum, for our topic on Ancient Egypt. We all gathered in the art room and held ancient Egyptian pots. They were over 3000 years old. Then we had a go at being archaeologists and dug in a sand tub to look for ancient Egyptian artefacts. After that, we went to look at the ancient mummy-it was in a room of its own with the walls painted in hieroglyphics and pictures to make it feel at home and relaxed. Just before we left we looked around the rest of the museum, and saw lots of things including a huge Indian crocodile. Over all it was a fantastic day out!

By Lawrence in Year 6

Come & Play Tennis
Membership Registration
Renewals and New Members
Join now to play tennis all year round!



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

£4 key deposit for new members

Plans for the New Season: • Regular Club Night • Ladder
 • Summer Tournament • Holiday Coaching

Tel: 01865 391201 Email: stuartmaw@btinternet.com

JANE HANNA OBE

Jane Hanna, District Councillor for the Marcham and Shippon ward and part-time Director of Epilepsy Bereaved has been awarded an OBE for services to families in recognition of her charity work over the last 20 years. In 1990 Jane was a law fellow at Keble College, Oxford but she gave up her academic career to work on prevention of sudden death in epilepsy. Jane's then partner, barrister Alan Pring, died suddenly 20 years ago following his fourth epilepsy seizure, five months after being diagnosed. Jane founded Epilepsy Bereaved in 1995 together with four other women following the sudden unexpected deaths of Alan aged 27; William aged 22; Matthew aged 21; Natalie aged 22. They were shocked to find that neither pathologists, nor coroners nor doctors were able to explain why or how these young active people had died; and that there was no one had heard of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy.

Thanks to *Epilepsy Bereaved*, it is now recognised that three people die each day from epilepsy in the UK, the majority of deaths being SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy). A national report led by Jane established that 40% of deaths may be avoided. Epilepsy Bereaved are committed to helping health professionals and families understand how sudden death in epilepsy can be prevented and there is good information now available on how the risk of SUDEP can be reduced. Epilepsy Bereaved responds to 1000 calls a year from bereaved families and provides specialist information and emotional support to people negotiating the inquest process following a sudden death: Jane said "This is wonderful recognition of the importance of the SUDEP cause. I'm proud to accept it on behalf of the many people I have worked with over the years, for whom the cause of awareness and prevention of SUDEP is paramount.

Wantage MP Ed Vaizey said: "This OBE gives much deserved recognition to her and the team at Epilepsy Bereaved in Wantage. I know from working with the charity that they have not only had an impact on national and international research and clinical practice, but the core to their work has been support to ordinary people whose lives have been devastated by SUDEP including many families in Oxfordshire."

Beth Fleming, Chair of the White Horse District Council said: "Jane's award is a testament to her years of hard work and devotion to Epilepsy Bereaved borne out of personal tragedy. I can speak on behalf the Councillors and Officers of the Vale of White Horse District Council when I say that we are thrilled that she is honoured in this very prestigious way and hope that this will help to promote awareness of this extremely worthwhile cause".

A film of Epilepsy Bereaved's work can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAq97vw3Nh8

John Inverdale will be presenting a national appeal in support of Epilepsy Bereaved on Radio 4 on July 25th.

See www.sudep.org for more details.

REPORT FROM GARD

Thank you to all those who have supported the GARD campaign, and those who turned out on 15 June to support GARD and the other objectors to Thames Water's plans on the first day of the Inquiry. We are hopeful that the reservoir will be removed from the plan but it will be a tough fight with a powerful company. We have had good PR coverage and no doubt the press will keep you updated. The Public Inquiry is now well under way and the cross-examinations will continue for about a month.

We may not know the result for several months .
NICK THOMPSON Hon Chairman GARD

UPDATE FROM MARCHAM MOLDOVA LIFELINE

Thanks to many people in Marcham, over £10,000 has now been raised for the Marcham Moldova Lifeline, far surpassing our expectations! As a result, we have been able to do a lot more to help some of the poorest people in Europe, through our local partners in Moldova.



Marcham Moldova Lifeline

All the money raised goes directly out to Moldova; our only recurring overheads are a small bank fee. This gives us real value for money compared to big charities. We also have the opportunity to see what our money is doing at first hand: Mary Embleton recently visited Moldova and saw our funds hard at work. Not only is all the money carefully accounted for; it is obviously going a long way to make a difference in people's lives.

How?

In addition to supporting some of the key workers in our partner charity, we have:

- provided new car mechanics textbooks for a vocational school, which will help young men find employment; (£400)
- helped 19 extremely poor individuals with emergency food, medicine and supplies (£1000)
- greatly improved the homes of 3 very poor families. (£750)

The words of Natalia say it all: 'I still can't believe that now we have a bath and toilet in the house. It was very difficult with 3 children to ask neighbours for a bath. I waited all my life for a kitchen!' Her husband Anatole adds 'Please send our thanks and regards to people from Marcham. Without the help we received, we couldn't have done much.' (A full report is available on request).

It is very exciting that we are able to 'love our neighbours' like this.

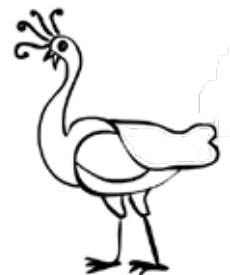
Thanks to everyone who has bought sunflower seedlings to support Moldova. Don't forget you can enter your best plants in our competition in the autumn.

Thank you for all your support!

MARCHAM MOLDOVA LIFELINE

PEAHEN REWARD

Mrs Busby of the The Willows is offering a £25 reward for the return of her PEAHEN. If you see the bird, please call Mrs Busby on 391404 who will come and retrieve it.



Please DON'T CALL if the peahen is up a tree!



Can you support people with learning difficulties to live the life they want?

West Berkshire, Reading and Oxfordshire Region are now recruiting in their Oxford area: Headington, Cowley, Didcot, Kidlington, Abingdon and Steventon

- Support Workers can earn up to £7.75 per hour
 - Senior Support Workers up to £9.29 per hour
- Successful applicants would need to be enthusiastic and friendly, have good listening and communication skills, be outgoing and open to new challenges.

Contact Katherine Dixon on 0118 9297922 for more information or visit our website www.dimensions-uk.org

**Learning to Illustrate:
The Ancient Danube Valley Workshop
with Su Goddard**

Fri 20 Aug, 11am - 3pm
Cost: £35.00 (all materials included)
Booking essential

In discovering a Lost World of Old Europe (5000-3500 B.C.) our expert on Prehistoric Art Su Goddard offers you a day of learning to illustrate ancient artefacts using the 250 artefacts in the Danube exhibition as examples.



Some drawing experience is preferred but not essential.
Online payment & booking required or telephone 01865 278015
www.ashmolean.org/exhibitions/events

**Vacancy for Clerk to
Appleton with Eaton Parish Council**
From mid-August 2010. 30 hours per month.
Full details are on the Parish website:
www.appletonwitheaton.org.uk

DIABETES – DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR?

There are currently over 2.6 million people with diabetes in the UK and up to half a million people who have the condition but don't know it according to Diabetes UK. NHS Oxfordshire wants to raise awareness of the condition.

The main symptoms of undiagnosed diabetes include extreme tiredness, increased thirst, blurred vision, passing urine frequently (especially at night), and regular episodes of thrush.

In Type 1 diabetes the signs and symptoms will usually be very obvious, developing quickly. In people with Type 2 diabetes the signs and symptoms will not be so obvious or even non-existent in people with Type 2 diabetes. If you're older you may put the symptoms down to 'getting on a bit'.

The key is taking early action, so if any of these symptoms apply to you ask your GP for a diabetes test. In both types of diabetes, the symptoms are quickly relieved once the diabetes is treated. Early treatment will also reduce the chances of developing serious health problems in the future.

Katie Seal, Community Diabetes Nurse Specialist, said: "If you or someone you know has recently been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes there is support available, such as the diabetes2gether course, to help understand, live with and effectively manage the condition."

To find out more about diabetes2gether go to:
www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/your-health/

**GARDEN OPEN at Peads Farm, Ford Lane, Frilford
in aid of funds for Saint Nicolas' Church, Frilford**
Sunday 4th July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Admission £3.00 to include a drink of refreshment. Accompanied children free. Parking on site. Mixed herbaceous borders, large pond, one acre vegetable garden, orchard and fruit garden. Plants on sale. For further details please phone 01865 391 365.

CANCELLED

**THE RED QUEEN, SNARKS AND MAD HATTERS
OXFORD'S ALICE'S DAY SATURDAY 10 JULY 2010**

A surreal Snark Hunt in Oxford University's Botanic Gardens, a children's tea party in Christ Church Cathedral, and a Jabberwocky celebration are just a few of the new events planned for this year's Alice's Day in Oxford on Saturday July 10.

The full programme is now available online at www.storymuseum.org/alice and also features some new locations: families can see the Red Queen and playing-card sentries perform in Oxford Castle's Market Square, and Wonderland Illusions at Science Oxford. Families are invited to come in fancy dress and bring a picnic. Most events are free.

www.storymuseum.org/alice

July / August 2010

An Experiment with an Air Pump

by Shelagh Stephenson

This play is unsuitable for under 16s.

Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon

Wednesday 14th - Saturday 17th of July at | 7:30pm

Tickets: £8 (Conc. £7) from The Bookstore, Abingdon Precinct. See website for more booking details:

www.abingdon-drama-club.com



**BBOWT Berkshire, Buckinghamshire
and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
BEES IN YOUR GARDEN**

A talk on wild bees by
Ivan Wright of Shotover Wildlife
with some examples for closer inspection
Upper Hall The Methodist Church
High Street Witney OX28 6HG
Saturday 3 July 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Admission free (donations welcome)
Contact: Shirley 01865 371297
shirley88jarvis@googlemail.com



ISIS Chamber Orchestra

Classical music for a Summer Evening
with orchestra & Helen Maxey soprano.

All Saints' Church Marcham
8pm, Sat. 3rd July 2010

Wine and refreshments available

Tickets: £10 (£8 Concessions), available on the door or in advance from Manor Farm, Marcham or Neil on 01235 820874.

All proceeds from this concert will go towards the
Moldova Lifeline, Send a Cow
and Vila Maninga projects.

www.isischamberorchestra.org.uk



**Unfortunately Graeme Innes is not available this
summer for your gardening jobs**

BUT the good news is JOS ROWE IS!!

GET HIM BOOKED QUICK!!

References available on request.

Pond digging, hedges, strimming, lawns....

£6 per hour. 07849 078089




ABINGDON
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

You are very welcome to come and visit us at anytime.
We have a few places left for September 2010 except in Years 2 and 6 where waiting lists apply.

For more information, or to make an appointment, please call Jacky Barratt on 01865 391570 or email registrar@abingdonprep.org.uk

Autumn Term Open Mornings:

- Pre-prep - Tuesday 19 October
- Years 3,4 and 5 - Saturday 13 November

We look forward to seeing you



All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

For many of us July and August are the months when we look forward to holidays and the opportunity to take a break from the usual routines of daily life. These occasions for rest and relaxation are so important for our wellbeing. They are times when we can usually put the troubles and cares of our working lives to one side, take stock of where we are in life's journey and enjoy some space for recreation. Hopefully, for many, the pace of life slows down a little – but not for everyone.

On our local farms the summer represents a busy time of year – especially as fields of corn ripen ready for harvesting and harvesting gets under way.

Whether on holiday or harvesting, consciousness of our environment is an ever present concern. The huge oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico and Nigeria only serve to underline the importance of our stewardship of plant earth. We can all play our part, and many of us actively try to reduce our 'carbon footprint' in whatever ways we can. The challenge is great and we must encourage one another to persevere. In All Saints' we have a working group exploring these important issues as part of our own integrity of faith.

May God bless these two months to us all, whether on holiday or at work, and may we know His active grace and help with all the challenges of 21st century life.

With my warmest greetings

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for times to rest, for relaxation, for recreation.
Thank you for opportunities to reflect and take stock of life. Thank you for our families, for fun, for friendship, and for the gift of faith.
May we know your protection and blessing through these summer months, whether at home, on holiday, or at work.
May your kingdom come, your will be done, moment by moment and day by day.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

July / August calendar:

- **CONCERT: Sat. 3rd JULY 8.00pm at All Saints'.**
The **ISIS Chamber Orchestra** are performing:
- Arne: "Morning" Cantata & Symphony No. 4
- Bach: Wedding Cantata & Brandenburg Concerto No. 3
- Boyce: Symphony No. 4
- Telemann: Water Music.
Tickets are £10 (£8 conc.) and are available on the door or in advance from the Revd Richard Zair. All proceeds to charity.
- Sat. 17th July: 8.30 am Women's breakfast at Manor Farm.
- Sat. 7th Aug: 8.00 am Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club. (No men's breakfast in July)
- **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB:** August 23 – 26 at All Saints' Church. Contact Jill Rowe for details.

Parish Diary:

The redecoration at All Saints' has begun and work will continue during July and August. Thank-you for your continuing patience. Our apologies for any inconvenience whilst the work is taking place.

Regular services:

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

Wednesdays: 10.30am Holy Communion
at Duffield Place

Sundays at St. Luke's: 10.30 am on the first
Sunday of the month

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Janey Cumber *Administrator* 391327

Jenny Warwick *PCC Secretary* 392076

Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

July / August 2010

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 am

(Communion every first Sunday)



Our speakers for July are

4th July Mr. Tony Houghton of Wantage Baptist Church

11th July Mr. Nigel Chown of Abingdon Baptist Church

18rd July To be announced

25th July Mr. Paul Wilson (one of our members)

**There will be services every Sunday throughout August,
led by local ministers and lay preachers.**

Everyone welcome

The Seasons

When we are young, we can't wait to grow up. When we are old, we look longingly to former years. How ironic! God wants us to accept joyfully each season of life. Whatever our age, He asks us to commit our way to Him and accept the struggle He allows along with the strength He provides.

A woman who was facing the trials of growing old asked her minister "*Why does God let us get old and weak?*" He thought a moment and then replied, "I think God has planned the strength and beauty of youth to be physical. But the strength and beauty of old age is spiritual. We gradually lose the strength and beauty that is temporary so we'll be sure to concentrate on the strength and beauty that is forever. And so we'll be eager to leave the temporary, deteriorating part of us and be truly homesick for our eternal home. If we stayed young and strong and beautiful, we might never want to leave."

Are you in life's springtime? Trust God's timing to fulfil your dreams. Are you in life's summer or autumn? Face your daily challenges head on. And if you feel the chill of winter, strive to know God better. His presence can make every season of life one of strength and beauty.

Bory Pilgrim

For further information on church activities:

Contact Mr R Barrett 01865 391356

Mr W Dyer 01235 814986

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