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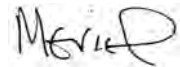
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13 Fri	Quiz Night, MSSSC, 20.30	15	<i>Please ensure your rubbish bags aren’t left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.</i>		
14 Sat	BBOWT Plant Sale & Coffee Morning, Botley, 09.00 – 12.00	15	Normal day	Revised day	Which bin?
14 Sat	Moonwalk, London	13	Monday 2 May	Tuesday 3 May	Grey
14-15	Marcham Tennis Association Renewals, Marcham School, 16.00 – 17.00	15	Tuesday 3 May	Wednesday 4 May	Grey
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20-21	Abingdon Bowling Club Open Days	15	Monday 30 May	Tuesday 31 May	Grey
			Tuesday 31 May	Wednesday 1 June	Grey
			Wednesday 1 June	Thursday 2 June	Grey
			Thursday 2 June	Friday 3 June	Grey
			Friday 3 June	Saturday 4 June	Grey

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

Dear Readers

AV or not AV, that is the question this month! As well as voting there are lots of events this month including parish meetings, fly fishing lessons, bowls and farm open days, bridge with BBOWT, tea dances and all the other usual activities – so no chance of anyone being bored! And if you have to stay indoors you can keep busy with the crossword ... who says MADNews doesn't have something for everyone!

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

New Council is formed

The term of office for the current Parish Council is coming to an end and a new Parish Council will be formed from the 4th day after the election (5th May) to serve for the next 4 years. There are 10 seats on the Council and 7 local people have been nominated to fill the seats. As the election is uncontested, no formal ballot is needed. Your new Parish Councillors will be:

- Colin Bough 28 Kings Avenue
- William Cumber Manor Farm, Mill Road
- Malcolm Denton 10 Kings Avenue
- Matthew Hillis 77 Howard Cornish Road
- Ruth Mander 11 Orchard Way
- Samantha Turney 20 Longfields
- David Walton 19 The Farthings

Full contact details for the members, will be advertised on the Council's noticeboard once the first meeting of the new Council has taken place.

The following current Parish Councillors Jennifer Allan, Marjorie Evans, and Christine Ricketts have not put themselves forward for nomination. The Council wishes to express its thanks to them all for their efforts on the Council, and their work on behalf of the community over the last 4 years.

Vacancy on the Parish Council

As only 7 parishioners were nominated for 10 seats, there are 3 seats on the Council which remain to be filled. The Parish Council can proceed to co-opt someone within a statutory timescale.

The Parish Council maintains the children's play area, runs the allotments and Cemetery along with Frilford parish and is a consultee on planning applications and many local issues. It plays a vital part in representing the interests of the community which it serves and is an effective lobby group influencing the other decision makers. If anyone is interested in filling one of the vacant seats and joining the other members in helping improve community well-being, then please contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

District Council Elections

Did you know you can register with the District Council to receive the local election results by text message? Text the word ELECTIONS followed by a space and the number of the ward you would like results for to 07797 870371. The number for Marcham and Shippon is 221 and the number for all of the wards is 240. The numbers for other specific Vale wards, and for other information, see the noticeboard and Post Office window

Children in Roads

At the last meeting of the Council it was reported that children had been playing in certain roads around the village. The Council would remind parents of the dangers of the roads and would ask parents

to encourage their children to walk on the pavements, and play in the recreation areas where it is safer.

Youth Shelter

Unfortunately there have been recent episodes of vandalism at the youth shelter and nearby litter bin in the Anson field. Would anyone seeing inappropriate behaviour in the area please report the matter to the Police on the non urgent number of 0845 8 505 505 or alternatively if you have information, particularly as to those responsible, you may prefer to contact crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 11 May 2011 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place. This will be the first meeting of the new Council

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

Kenneth Sidney Knott
25.12.1921 – 30.3.2011

Betty, Julia, Sara, Lindsey and Jonathan would like to thank everyone who attended Ken's funeral on 6 April to pay tribute to a special person.

They would also like to thank all those who have given them support and sympathy during this time.

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Ken was a former Lancaster bomber pilot who was shot down over Germany and imprisoned during WWII.

He continued flying with the RAF until his retirement in 1976. His final posting was as the commanding officer of No 6 Air Experience Flight, based at RAF Abingdon.

Following his retirement from the RAF, he became the volunteer commanding officer of the Oxfordshire, Bucks and Berks Wing of the Air Training Corps, undertook voluntary work for Save the Children and was also Chairman of the RAF Bomber Command Association's Oxfordshire branch.

Garford Parish Meeting

AGM

Tuesday 24 May

7.30pm

Garford Village Hall

Dear Editor

It has been a great pleasure talking to residents in Marcham and Shippon over the few weeks as I call door to door before the forthcoming District elections and referendum. Everyone is keen to see the community shop reopen and many have mentioned volunteering to me. Please do let Ruth Mander know. The working group has a lot of positive news to move forward, but need your help. I am really happy to have received so many positive comments about the Vale's new waste collection service as well as a few constructive suggestions for improvement.

The County Council have decided to undertake a review of bus services and as part of this are "consulting" with local communities. The 31 Bus Service is part of this review and I would urge you to register your views. I know it is a vital service especially for youngsters and the elderly as well as those who choose not to drive. You can post your comments online on the County Council's website or write to them at County Hall by June 4th 2011.

JANE HANNA, District Councillor

Dear Editor

THE INSTITUTE/COMMUNITY HALL

After reading both letters in the March MADNews from the Directors of the Anson Trust and the MCG, I would like to make the following comments:

I agree that the Institute is not adjacent to open space but is easily accessible via the path from the side of the Institute; therefore as previously stated this would give access to parking and the use of the Institute before and after activities on the Anson field.

The Institute has been used many times for village recreations and pastimes, such as weddings, theatre groups, pre-school groups, dancing, wakes, indoor aunt-sally, birthday parties, and possibly many more uses, without it being, as stated in the Anson Trust letter, too small.

The Trust also says the Institute 'does not have facilities the village wants to use'. At present this is possibly true; the Trust closed the hall losing income, and then did no maintenance.

The Institute requires being brought back into use. The Trust says that they do not have the money to do this work. In their 'Options for the Future of the Trust' they state that there is 'Money available in existing endowments '£200,000. (Pages 15 and 18) The estimated cost of refurbishment is £89,300.

In the Options for the Future of the Trust the Institute Car Park is mentioned as (.....currently required to improve the Institute...)

What ever happened to the 2004 development of six properties with individual parking plus a further 17 or 18 places for the use of the Institute? At the same time drawings were produced for demolition at the rear of the Institute, a new entrance on the side and a refurbishment
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of the front and all areas inside, all presumably paid for by the sale of the 6 house development

In April's MADNews, Jane Hanna our District Councillor says in her letter on page 5 "I have been working with Vale officers and the Chair of Planning to ensure that significant funds released as a result of any development behind the Institute (Anson Trust's 2004 planning permission) will be used for the future provision of village facilities. My working group (established 4 years ago) also awaits news of any application upon which we can consult.

It appears that with the release of significant funds as stated by Jane Hanna, the money available in existing endowments, as mentioned in the Trust 'Options for the Future of the Trust and the income from the sale of development behind the Institute, there can be money available for the Anson Trust to do the right thing for the village.

Surely it is time that the Trust, the MCG, the NAF, the County Council, the users of the Anson Field and the Institute Small Hall all pulled in the same direction for the benefit of the whole community and its future?

Preserve and refurbish the Institute, gifted by the Anson sisters, and make it into THE MARCHAM COMMUNITY HALL, without the substantial expense of buying land and building in an area away from the centre of the village or the development of the Anson Field which will in its self create large problems for MARCHAM SCHOOL. If the Anson Trust go ahead and sell part of the field to developers to construct 47 affordable family homes, this will increase the demand for many more primary school child places at the school.

The school, as many of you may recall, struggled to allocate places to an intake of village children in 2008 (see MADNews edition April 2008, letters from Denise & Jim Asher, Rachel Gaisford and Chris Hillier). This year parents fear that with the expected demand the school will be unable to accommodate all the requests.

An increase of 47 houses could easily mean the possibility of an increase of 80 or more requests for primary school places at Marcham and this would surely mean without doubt that the school would be unable to accept all village children.

Prospective parents may also like to be reminded of the note that was issued in the April 2008 edition of the MADNews which states 'With no sibling at the school already - distance is determined by LA based on shortest public route (via roads, street and footpaths) and not as a crow flies'.

This will in turn make any development on the Anson Field the closest to the school (with the exception of Morland Road residents) and therefore give residents of the new build priority when allocating places by bridle way. This will then presumably result in village children having to travel out of the village for schooling.

BRIAN HARROW

Please can **dog walkers** on the Anson Field ensure that they use the special bins for the disposal of their dog waste. The green waste bins located near the SSSC and the children's play area are for the disposal of general waste only.



DIRECTORS OF THE ANSON TRUST
See www.madnews.co.uk to download a Dog Walker notice

Dear Editor

Well done to the two young lads who politely and willingly helped me clean up litter strewn around the over-flowing bin by the play area on 21 April. They are a credit to their parents and Marcham school. Lovely idea to enjoy a picnic in the field during the warm spring weather. Even better idea, take the cans and packaging home again!

RECENT LITTER-PICKER

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

It has been reported that underage drinking and inappropriate behaviour is taking place around the youth shelter. On the morning of the Litter Blitz copious number of bottles and cans were found scattered all over the Anson field. Youths have been seen urinating in the children's play area. The Sports and Social club has also been broken into and alcohol and sweets taken. This behaviour costs all of us money as the precept funds repairs and clearing up behind these individuals. As a village we must know who these people are and should have no issue in reporting them if they are causing any distress. Mothers have told us they will not take their children to the play area because of the activity taking place and this is a very sad situation that cannot be allowed to continue.

We have notified the police and they will be increasing their patrol activity but it is our village and if you as a resident see anything suspicious or you witness anti - social behaviour please report it to the police immediately on the following number 0845 8 505505. Just remember any damage caused in the village is personally costing you money via your council tax.

As parents do you know what your offspring are doing?

POLICE REPORT

There has been a spate of anti social behaviour (ASB) lately on the sports field in Marcham, with reports of drinking, urinating and groups generally being an annoyance to local residents. This will not be tolerated and such behaviour will be challenged. If groups do congregate please be mindful to residents and clear up any mess.

PCSO CARLY MILWARD C6517
Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team
0856 8 505 505

Marcham Community Group

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

www.marcham.org

mail@marcham.org

**LOGO
SOON**
Competition entries
being short-listed
see www.marcham.org for details

	Membership	Donations	Local events	Bank balance	5p coins
15th April TOTALS TO DATE	132	£1007	£412	£1718	767

Isis Chamber Orchestra All Saints' Church Saturday 21st May 7.30 pm

MCG—THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

Moving towards MCG's aim of new facilities for the local community requires a number of different steps.

The start was to set up a company, get a bank account, apply for registration for gift aid and set up a membership scheme. That done, we are now planning monthly or bi-monthly fundraising / awareness-raising events.

MCG is also in process of talking to all village organisations and we will be carrying out a **house-to-house consultation** in the late summer to ask for **your** views on what a new community facility should offer. Then we can refine the business plan, and start talking to architects and grant-giving bodies.

That's the framework. But it will take the whole community to turn it into a tangible result. Which is where **YOU** come in. **A large membership and active local fundraising will be vital in showing grant-giving organisations that the project has significant local support.**

So, if you support our aims and want the village to have a community-run hall **join MCG** (see right above), **support MCG events**, and **tell your friends** why they need to give their support too.

THEY ARE SMALL AND NOT MUCH USE TO YOU but would help MCG

MCG has started collecting 5p coins.

We have found that a number of people collect their small change in bowls because it is a nuisance to carry around. If you have such a bowl please bring your spare 5p coins to any MCG event.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND JOIN MCG

Download a membership form from www.marcham.org, collect one from the MCG display at the Post Office or at any MCG event, or ask for one by phoning 391193 (Suzanne).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ISIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT in All Saint's Church on Saturday 21st May at 7.30 pm. (Note change from date in April MADNews.) Includes works by Delius, Finzi and Beethoven. Interval refreshments. Tickets £10 (concessions £8) at the door. Phone 391327 to reserve tickets. Proceeds kindly donated to MCG.

JOIN IN THE GREAT GARAGE AND GARDEN SALE throughout the village on Sunday 12th June 2.00—5.00 pm

Arts, Crafts, Cakes, Unwanted Valuables, Toys, Games
Plants, Tools and Equipment, Bicycles, Garden Furniture, Gnomes

All those things you have saved because they might be useful one day could be just what someone is looking for now.

You will need to get your address on the sales list and map and receive an MCG poster as a participant.

**To register phone 391439 (Sheila)
or email sheila.dunford@btinternet.com**

You can register from now until 5th June for a fee of £5.00
Donations from sales proceeds welcome.

Enjoy this easy and convenient way to recycle items that others will value. All proceeds to MCG funds.

THE NEXT OPEN MEETING TO REPORT BACK TO MEMBERS, SUPPORTERS AND THE COMMUNITY will be in July

There will be an evening and an afternoon session.

Thursday 7th July at 7.30—9.00 pm in All Saints' Church
Details of afternoon meeting in next MADNews.

We hope that those who have not been able to get to evening meetings will find the afternoon time convenient.

TO CONTACT MCG email mail@marcham.org or phone 391193 (Suzanne), 391727 (Jim) or 391507 (Jessica)

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MCG thanks Marcham Parish Council and the Harding Trust for start-up grants.



Marcham WI May 2011

This month members will have received their new programme for 2011/12 which has a variety of interesting speakers and events for the coming year. The County also has many trips planned for the summer months to come. Our speaker for May will be Victoria North talking about podiatry. She will tell us about good foot health, footwear, common problems and mobility. During the meeting the resolutions on local library closure and proposed mega farms will be discussed and voted on in preparation for the Annual General Meeting in Liverpool in June. There will also be a plant stall and a quiz.

Our lunch meetings at two local hostelrys have been well attended and very popular with members.

Future Events

- May 9th A Group Meeting at Drayton – Edith Piaff
- May 11th A visit to Dorchester in Dorset
- June 13th The real Larkrise at Appleton Village Hall
- June 14th Ladies' Lunch with speaker Julie Summers at Benson
- June 21st A visit to hidden London and Regent's Canal

NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm Thursday 19 May 2011

Victoria North – Podiatrist

Resolutions – Quiz – Plant Stall

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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

SENIOR CITIZENS

At our last meeting we had a large table top and everyone was kept pretty busy serving or buying. This is one way of us all pulling together to boost our funds to pay the rent and running costs. Afterwards Dolly did her memory game, I think there was a bit of cheating going on but all in good fun so no harm done.

We had our first outing of this year on April 15th. A lunch outing to Burford followed by a visit to Lechlade Garden Centre. A lovely day and very enjoyable. Hope for more outings soon.
JOYCE PARRY

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, 12th May 2011.

This spring walk will explore some of the woods on Wytham Hill again, by special permission of the Conservator. As before we will meet at The White Hart in Wytham (Map Ref: SP 476087) at 12.30 for lunch or 1.30 for the walk. The route of nearly 5 miles, gives super views over Oxford and the Cotswolds, but does involve a climb from the village up to the top of the hill; hopefully the bluebells will be at their best. This time we will walk down to Swinford and complete the circuit along the Thames back to Wytham Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.

Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 18th May, 2011 at 7.30 p.m
Marcham School Hall

Guest speakers:

- Squadron Leader Deborah Easby, former pupil of Marcham primary school, who will speak about the role of the RAF's critical Care Air Support Team (CCAST) in bringing home injured personnel from Afghanistan.
- John Nichols, Divisional Director - Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, South Central Ambulance Service will speak about the Ambulance Service and its bid to become a Foundation Trust.
- In addition to the two guest speakers there will be reports from local councilors and school on their activities over the past year, together with a display table arranged by Marcham Community Group.

*You are invited to take part
Light refreshments will be served*

Have your say...police surgery

- Friday, 27 May 2011 1400-1500
Duffield Place, Marcham
- Monday, 20 June 2011 1200-1300
Police Office, Wootton Community Centre
- Sunday 26th June 1800-2000
Duffield Place, Marcham

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

LITTER BLITZ

On behalf of the Parish Council may I thank all the people who kindly gave up their time to give the village a spring clean on the 9th of April. Over 20 bags of rubbish were collected by a group of 20 people. It is a shame we have to do this but we seem to live in a society that just discards rubbish without any thought to the impact it has the village. Special thanks should go to one volunteer who went round the village specifically clearing up dog faeces and this could so easily be avoided if dog owners were responsible and cleared up after their pets. Surely it's not too much to ask?
MALCOLM DENTON



COMMUNITY SHOP

Since the last edition of MADNews the working group have managed to secure the initial investment required to start the funding process. Our next move is to set up a registered company with 3 directors in order to move the project forward. Legal advice is being sought in order to carry out this task. A business plan has been prepared and forms the basis of our application for further funding. We are now in the process of applying to The Plunkett Foundation who specialise in funding Community Shops. We have also been encouraged by a good response of volunteers putting their names forward as helpers and we will obviously be seeking many more as the project comes to fruition.

Watch this space!!



Members' Evening
Marcham in 20th Century
plus reports on other members' research
All Saints' Church Tuesday 10th May 2011, 7.45pm

Non-members £2 www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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

SPRING

Just a short article this month as Spring has sprung and I am busy out in the garden, just like you all are no doubt, and struggling to find time to tap out my thoughts into the computer.



Two things are at the forefront of my mind, basically as I have been dealing with both issues today, and they are, failing Crown Imperial bulbs and controlling Chaffer Bugs.

Crown Imperials flower well in the first year of cultivation, but need work to get them to keep flowering. If grown well they have huge yellow or orange flowers, but poor flowering is almost always down to the fact they are in poor soil. They need deep, loose soil with copious volumes of organic matter, they like gritty, well-drained soil in a sunny place. They prefer alkaline soil but will grow in neutral soil too. If you want them to flower year after year, they must be planted about 1ft deep on a 5 inch layer of grit. When the shoots first appear it is also worth applying some grow more to help them along. Stick to these guidelines and the rest, as they say, is "Chicken Feed".

The other matter on my mind today as I say is Chaffer Bugs. They eat the root of grass, turning your lawn yellow and, if badgers and birds find them, they will dig up your lawn to get at these scrumptious morsels. These bugs can be controlled biologically by using nematode worms that you can buy via mail order or on the internet. The nematodes are mixed in water and applied direct to the lawn by drenching – almost flooding the infected area. After applying, to keep the nematodes effective the lawn must be kept moist for the rest of the growing season. If it dries out, the nematodes die.

Spring is great as the gardening starts in earnest, but so does the gardener's perennial fight against pest.

**Happy Gardening,
STUART MABBUTT**

ED VAIZEY WRITES

I'm writing this just after the Budget. One of the major issues that people contacted me about in the run up to the Budget was, of course, fuel duty.

Expensive petrol is an unfair burden on families; they need it for the school run, to get to work, and for even more basic needs if they live in a rural area like ours. The cost of running a family car has sky-rocketed in recent years, and the recent instability in the Middle East has caused leaps in the price of oil. However, the Chancellor has been able to make things a little easier by reducing the duty that the Government levies on fuel.

The last Government initiated a gradual rise in fuel duty called a fuel duty escalator, which has, so far, increased the price by 3p per litre; the next step was to add another 5p. This Budget has cancelled all escalator rises for the life of this Parliament and instead brought in a Fair Fuel Stabiliser. This will use a tax on the profits of oil production to freeze the duty on oil for a whole year, and even then only raise it in line with inflation.

The Chancellor has also decided to cut fuel duty, outright, by 1 penny per litre, and you should have already seen the effects of this in the petrol stations.

Another Budget measure that will help us in the constituency will be the cut in duty for low-alcohol beers. This will help out pubs that are hard pressed at the moment, especially in rural areas. The cut, which will help pub goers, comes with a rise in the duty on high-alcohol beers which will hurt binge drinkers who give responsible drinkers a bad name.

Finally, the Chancellor himself announced in the Budget speech that he will use some of the money from the Bank Levy to fund the new European Space Centre, based in Harwell, which is very good local news.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

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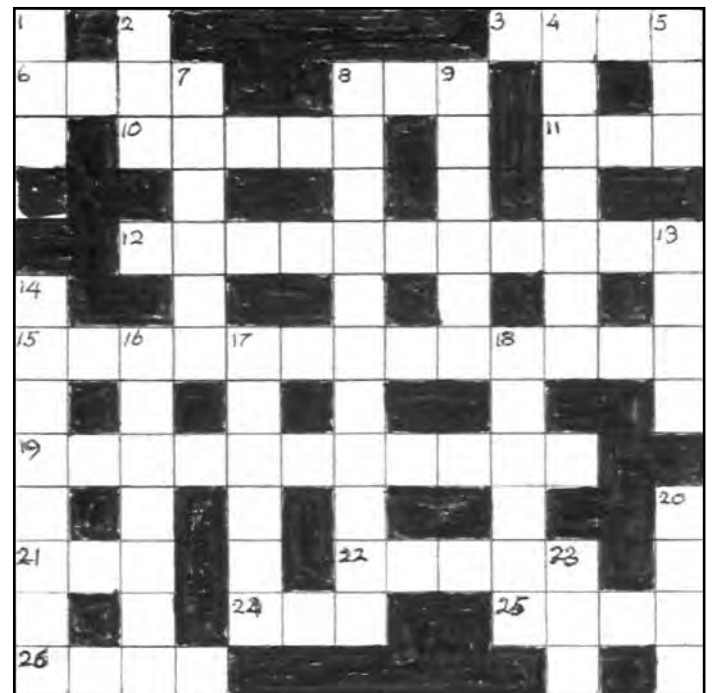
MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The Marcham Cricket Club OCA Fixtures for May as below. **The Club will be pleased to welcome new players or umpires.** Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for information relating to Marcham CC.



CSB

May	1st XI		2nd XI
7	Westbury Home	8	Freeland 2nd XI Away 1st Round Osberton Radiators Cup
14	Horley Away	14	West Ilsley 2nd XI Home
21	Charlbury Home	21	Faringdon 2nd XI Away
28	Garsington Home	28	Uffington 2nd XI Away



ACROSS

- 3 We get them at the Post Office (4)
- 6 Needy (4)
- 8 Where the Royal Botanic Gardens are (3)
- 10 Caribbean republic (5)
- 11 Employ (3)
- 12 Bird (11)
- 15 Marcham hopes to start one (9.4)
- 19 Wherein an iron fist may lurk (6.5)
- 21 Sign of agreement (3)
- 22 What bowlers bowl (5)
- 24 Note (3)
- 25 Reptile (4)
- 26 Apiece (4)

MAY CROSSWORD BY ALISA

DOWN

- 1 Not shut (4)
- 2 Keynote (3)
- 4 Stew (7)
- 5 Begin lawsuit (3)
- 7 Radioactive element (6)
- 8 Village near Bletchington (11)
- 9 Where the A415 goes (6)
- 13 Catch sight of (4)
- 14 Search among rubbish (8)
- 16 Tuneful (7)
- 17 Able to be used (6)
- 18 English and Welsh river (6)
- 20 Bird (4)
- 23 Group (3)

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

May 6	Didcot, King Alfred Community Centre, OX11 7NU
Contact Ed Vaizey MP by	
Post	The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
E-mail	vaizeye@parliament.uk
Web	www.vaizey.com
Tel	0207 219 6350

SCHOOL CAR WASH HELPS HEROES

At the end of last term the Year 4s in Morland Class were learning about finance. As part of this topic the children decided to raise some money for the charity Help for Heroes. The children decided to have a sponsored car wash. They washed staff cars on Friday 8 April and village cars on Sunday 10 April.

This is what Lucy Sharrock and Robyn Cotterel said about the Sunday car wash:

“On Sunday 10 April some of the year 4’s in Morland Class had a car wash at the school. We also sold some cakes and drinks. We were raising money for Help for Heroes. It was a sunny afternoon and we washed lots of cars and also had fun! From the two car washes we raised £157. We are very proud of ourselves and everyone enjoyed it.”

A very special ‘Thank you’ to Mrs J Kidd, who organised it with the children, and Mrs Capel for her support.

Walk the Walk UK: the London Moonwalk

On 14th May 2011 Ceri Hopgood (Longfields), Helen Richardson (Haines Court), Teresa Sumner (Howard Cornish) and Jane Jefferies (Parkside) are power walking 26 miles through the night in London, for breast cancer charities. You may have seen us striding around the village or up and down the Marcham road during our training. If you do see us give us a wave to show your support or you can sponsor us on line by going to <http://www.walkthewalk.org> and clicking on sponsor a walker and put one of our names in the search box. We would be grateful for your support, many thanks.

JANE JEFFRIES

ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS

Little Angels have been celebrating the Royal Wedding, by creating our very own Prince William and Kate, wedding invites to each other and designing our very own wedding dresses! We are all looking forward to the great occasion by having our very own street party in our garden the day before the wedding. The street party will be full of our own decorations, food and Little Angel-made memorabilia to commemorate the occasion!



We have also all been learning about Easter where we turned our summer house into a church with thanks to the Big Angels making our own crosses in woodwork activities in Holiday Club. Learning about Easter has brought lots of fun with Easter Egg hunt to making our very own last supper scene out of junk modelling!

For more information about the Angels Out of School Club please contact Helen or Kaye on 07516 474287 or at info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk.

MARCHAM SOCIETY MEETING MARCH 2011

Our scheduled speaker this month was sadly taken ill, so at short notice Tony Hadland gave us an “Introduction to the Museums of Oxford” and a brief outline of his involvement with the Family History Society, The Vale and Downland Museum, and Pendon. There were once over 40 museums in Oxfordshire, and in pride of place was the oldest museum, The Ashmolean. Tony showed some slides of artefacts and described how there was a transfer procedure of items and even display cabinets between the county museums. The categories of Museums in Oxfordshire, are University, Transport, Town, Village and Others, the county store at Standlake is an “Other”. The museums are run by the University, Oxford County Council, various Town Councils, Learned Societies and one, Oxford Castle, is run by a commercial organisation. Tony also explained how funds could be raised from admissions, gifts and cafés but as a great many were free entry, they needed grants, benefactors and volunteers. He cited Henley River & Rowing Museum who had calculated an entrance charge of £20 to cover all their costs; however the admission was set from £6 to £8. Other museums like Wallingford are run entirely by volunteers. Museums always

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have far more exhibits than space to show them so artefacts have to be stored in facilities such as Standlake and Wroughton, but these also cost money. Bequeathed gifts should be checked with the museums to see if they can utilise the gifts! Oxford Museums Council publishes a guide to all the museums with their opening times and these are available at libraries, Tourist Offices etc. At the end of this very interesting insight into the Museums of Oxfordshire he took questions from the audience and was given a vote of thanks by Jim Asher.

MALVIN DRAKELEY

Just a Moment

**We know they are there, the fields, the trees
And the river that flows 'neath the bridge in the town,
But the longer one looks the less one sees,
And we seldom stand on the bridge to look down.**

**Maybe tomorrow we'll find time to gaze
At the river and really admire the view,
But not at this moment, one of these days,
Today, we've other things to do.**

**But it only takes a moment to pause for a space
And really listen to the song of a bird,
Or bring a smile to a worried face
By making the time for a cheery word.**

**It takes just a moment at the end of each day
To reflect upon all we've seen and heard,
The moments so quickly melt away,
And time flies by like a startled bird.**

Doris Dowling

GARD UPDATE: RESULT

The outcome contained in the Inspector’s Report following the Thames Water Plan Public Inquiry could not have much more satisfactory for GARD and all opponents of the reservoir.

The Secretary of State for DEFRA published the report by Inspector Wendy Burden on the Thames Water Plan on 1st March. She accepted the Inspector’s conclusions which were that the plan was not fit for purpose and did not meet the statutory requirements under the Water Industry Act. She said that the measures Thames Water proposed to adopt were not fully justified by the evidence the Company submitted. The massive reservoir proposal is therefore ruled out for the immediate future.

GARD has played a major part in opposing Thames Water’s flawed plan. At the Public Inquiry last summer GARD was represented by an outstanding QC, using the evidence of two nationally acknowledged expert water resources witnesses. Their evidence clearly demonstrated that the need for the reservoir had not been proved, and that if the need for a large additional water resource arose in future there were cheaper, quicker and less environmentally damaging alternatives to the reservoir which the company had not properly considered.

In addition to GARD’s evidence, the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England), Oxfordshire County Council, the Vale of the White Horse District Council presented well prepared environmental cases against the plan, and the Environment Agency stated that the Thames Water demand figure was overstated by wrongly including assumed sustainability reductions (reduction in the permitted abstraction from the Thames for climate change and the environment).

GARD is most grateful for the support given by our local MPs, Ed Vaizey and Nicola Blackwood, other elected representatives including Iain Brown, and of course our members.

NICK THOMPSON Hon Chairman GARD

Ed: I am sorry that I can't print Nick's full report but it is online at www.madnews.co.uk



TABLE TOP SALE
Saturday 1 May
10am till 2pm
Hanney War Memorial Hall
Hot / Cold Food Raffle
To Book Table tel 01235 868527

Abingdon Bowling Club in the beautiful surroundings of Albert Park are holding Open Days for the public to try a free session of bowling for experienced bowlers and beginners on **Friday 20th May** (5.00-7.30pm) and **Saturday 21st May** (10.00 to 12.30am). All you need are some flat-soled shoes. The Club Car Park is opposite the west end of Abingdon School.

Further details 01235-525464 or see our web-site

www.abingdonbowlingclub.co.uk

Geoff Bailey, Recruitment Officer for ABC

FARMOOR FLYFISHERS CLUB FREE LESSONS

Free flyfishing training for anyone over the age of 10 years, male or female, will be held at Darlow Water by the Farmoor Flyfishing Club, on the following dates, in the evenings from 1900 until dusk.

18 & 25 May and 1 & 8 June

Tuition is by professional coaches and all equipment is provided free. Anyone interested please contact Joe Featherston on 01865 391426 for further information



DEW'S MEADOW FARM SHOP

Join us in celebrating our 25th Anniversary at our Open Days on **Friday 27th and Saturday 28th May**
Food and Fun for all the family!
www.dewsmeadowfarm.co.uk
 Oxford Road • East Hanney • Wantage • OX12 0HP

Tea Dances

Civic Hall, Portway, Wantage OX12 9BX

14.00 – 16.30 Fridays 6 May & 8 July

£3 including tea and biscuits.

Parking nearby £1 for 3 hours

3mins from 31 bus stop

Call 01235 763 456 for more details



ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY SHOW
 Sun 8th May, from 10am
 Abingdon Airfield / Dalton Barracks
 Avro Vulcan - Now Confirmed!
 Flying Displays, Vintage Vehicles, Rick Chase live music, Kids Amusements, Crafts and much more.
 Gate Admission; Adult £13, OAP £8, Child 5-15 £6, under 5s Free..
 Advance tickets available, enquire via the website:
www.abingdonfayre.com

Abingdon European Society
German Expressionist cinema
 Cyril Edwards
 Saturday 21st May 7.15 for 7.30 p.m
 St. Helen's Church Centre, St. Helen's Court, Abingdon
 AES Members at the door & Students £5 Visitors £6.
 Includes refreshments
 Contact: Adrienne Compton-James 01235 522 193

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MSSSC: Marcham Sports, Scouts & Social Club

The pavilion & field off Morland Road

Please remember there is a sports fixture almost every Saturday afternoon & you are welcome to join us after the game for a drink.

We are open every Friday night from 8pm, Families welcome
 Note the last Friday in the month is always a real ale, adults only night.

Friday 13th May – Quiz night, starting at 8.30pm

For more info contact Geoff Dix, secretary on 391577 or geoff.dix@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at the club

Have you got a couple of hours to spare? Sobell House Hospice in Oxford is hoping to recruit volunteers to help us provide the best care that we can to terminally ill patients.



We are looking for people to:

- Cover our reception area. (You will not be expected to use a computer) or
- wipe down returned equipment eg wheelchairs and frames; and shred confidential waste or
- use their own car to bring patients in to attend our day centre. Mileage is paid

We cannot offer any money for your time but we do provide tea and biscuits and the opportunity to work with a great team of people

If you think you might be able to assist in any way then please contact Paula Gomersall on 01865 225868 or paula.gomersall@orh.nhs.uk

BBOWT Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Sat 14 May 09.00 - 12.30

Plant Sale, Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale Shopping Centre & Seacourt Hall Botley

Plants for home, garden and allotment.

Contact Ros Grigson 01865 390540.

27 May: Calling all bridge players - Alert your bridge playing friends to join in a friendly day of bridge in comfortable surroundings. Ticket price includes coffee at 10 am, Lunch with glass of wine and prizes to raise funds for BBOWT Upper Thames
 Contact Liz Ince 01865 300 658 email lizince29@googlemail.com



World's Biggest Coffee Morning Internship Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire

4 July – 7 October 2011

Could you be a major part of one of the UK's most successful fundraising events, gain unrivalled charity fundraising, marketing, media and PR experience AND make a lasting difference to people living with cancer?

www.macmillan.org.uk/internships to find out more contact Eleanor Green 01869 322 279 egreen@macmillan.org.uk



Membership Registration Renewals and New Members

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May 2011 at the Tennis Courts (Marcham School) 4pm – 5pm

Join now to play tennis all year round!

- Adult £28
- Junior £14 (18 and under)
- Family £38

£4 key deposit for new members

Don't forget to bring your old keys!



Tel: 01865 391201 Email: stuartmaw@btinternet.com



All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

The month of May this year is a month of adventure for me, because I have the privilege of helping to lead two training conferences in Tanzania.

As you might imagine, my arms have felt like pin cushions for the past two months with all the necessary vaccinations needed for rural Africa! Hopefully all is now in place for the big adventure, and I am really looking forward to the trip.

One of the pieces of advice I have been given is a warning about the culture shock I am likely to experience. A very different culture, a very different life-style and with people whose whole experience of life is vastly different from my own. But one thing we do have in common – a living faith in a big God – in Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, in the love and care of God the Father. This faith is expressed in joy-filled song, with typical African rhythm and exuberance!

However, culture shock is something we can experience even in our own society – when we explore areas of life that are new to us, when we meet people from backgrounds that differ from our own etc. There can even be a sense of culture shock when we enter the world of church and faith – not irrelevant, simply different, 'seeing' through a different perspective. The Christian 'sees' a world in which God is central, through whom it all makes sense – the pieces fit together, rather than simply an apparently random chaos.

In the church calendar May is bathed in the light of the resurrection of Jesus, a time of celebration and of anticipation of Pentecost – a wonderful season of light, new life, and living hope! Enjoy the adventure!

With my warmest best wishes,
Revd Richard Zair

Prayer for the Month:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the joy of the resurrection of Jesus, the wonder of new life and the living hope He gives us. Help us to enjoy the adventure of faith, knowing You are with us, there to guide, to resource, to comfort – our ever-present Companion. Please be close to those who are struggling with life's pressures at the moment, to those travelling the hard path of illness, and those in the valley of grief and bereavement. May each one know Your presence and peace.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MAY calendar:

Saturday May 21st (not 14th as previously advertised) – ISIS Orchestra Concert in All Saints. Proceeds in aid of MCG. Tickets on the door. Refreshments will also be available.

Parish People:

We congratulate Caroline and Michael Walton of Packhorse Lane, Marcham on their recent marriage and the baptisms of Emily Grace and Jack William.

Funerals have recently taken place for Henry (Harry) Somerville of Frilford and Kenneth Sidney (Ken) Knott of Priory Lodge, Marcham, husband of Betty, and much appreciated former Church Treasurer and church member. We offer our sympathy and prayers to their families.

Children and youth work:

(Please contact Jill Rowe 390885 for further details.)

Children's ministry on Sundays: We welcome children of all ages to our services at All Saints. We have small learning groups on most Sundays whilst the adult services are taking place. Our aim is to help children enjoy their faith and to grow in their understanding.

Children's ministry midweek:

During the week we have lots going on:

Mondays: Guides and Rainbows

Tuesdays: TAG for 11s – 15s at Baptist Hall: 4.00 pm

Wednesdays: Brownies

Fridays: Friday Club: 5s – 11s in All Saints at 5.30 pm

Sundays: ASK group: 9s-12s at Jill's house 4.00 pm

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB: August 30th to Sept. 2nd
Book the dates NOW!

Regular services:

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

Wednesdays: 10.30 am Holy Communion
at Duffield Place

Sundays at St. Luke's: 10.30 am on May 15th

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Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

May 2011

**Sunday Morning Worship
at 10.30 am**

(Communion every first Sunday)

Our speakers for April include:

May 1st

Mr. Tony Houghton of Wantage Baptist Church

May 8th

Misses Becky Hembury & Helen Brooke

of Baptist House, Didcot

(This service supports BMS World Mission)

May 15th

Peoples' Praise

May 22nd

Mr. Paul Revell of Cholsey Baptist Church

May 29th

Peoples' Praise



Everyone welcome

Discipleship

Almighty God,

we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ,

who was baptised in the River Jordan

and passed through

the deep waters of death.

We praise you that you raised him to life and exalted him.

Help us to follow in his way

as disciples and faithful servants of his gospel.

By your grace, help us,

that being united with him,

we continually die to sin

and live to your praise and glory

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

(Taken from "Gathering for Worship" - Baptist Union Publications)

For further information on church activities:

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