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**MVS**  
MARCHAM VILLAGE SHOP

**Marcham Village Shop**  
Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 13.00  
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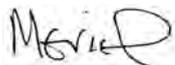
Dear Readers

At last **Marcham Village Shop** is open nearly full time ... with a few more volunteers we could open a bit longer at the weekends. The loss of the PO for a few weeks is a shame but I am looking forward to the new PO Local.

This issue has lots of other opportunities for your spare time: more volunteering, table tennis, jogging, painting, drama, planning the new facilities ... you are spoilt for choice.

I just wish this "work" thing didn't keep getting in the way!

Until next time



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October 2012

**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Marcham Community Shop**

The Parish Council would like to congratulate all those involved in getting the community shop open and running for the benefit of the village. A lot of hard work and effort has paid off, and there is much positive feedback from villagers. The Council has received formal notification from the Post Office Authorities that the Post Office within the shop has closed on a temporary basis, and that it will re-open the third week in October. See article opposite.

**Trick or Treat - 31st October**

It is approaching that time of year when children can be tempted into going out trick or treating. Normally it is a harmless pastime for children, but it can also be both frightening and intimidating. Much distress is caused by unexpected knocks on the door or loud noises. Some residents may welcome treat or treating, others do not. If your children do go out, please encourage them to call only on those whom they know and to respect the wishes of anyone who does not wish to participate.

If you do get an unexpected caller, make sure the chain or door bar is on before you open the door. Do not let anyone in your house unless you are happy with their identity. If you need to talk to the police call 101 or dial 999 in an emergency.

**Fireworks**

November will soon be here, and the letting off of fireworks seems to spread over several days rather than on just 5th November. A reminder therefore, to be considerate for neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when letting off your fireworks. Please notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

**Grants**

The Parish Council considers any requests for grants at its November meeting. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Marcham residents benefit which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant, then please write to the Clerk before the end of October stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts.

**Oxfordshire Broadband**

Oxfordshire County Council is trying to develop better broadband in Oxfordshire. An OXOnline partnership spans private, public and community sectors and is supported by the six local authorities in Oxfordshire and the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership. The project aims to bring the next generation of high speed broadband access to Oxfordshire by 2015. Go to <https://myconsultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk> and register your demand for better broadband. Registration will show that there is an active demand in the county and should improve Oxfordshire's chances of an improved service for the area.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

**Wednesday 10th October** at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place.

**Clerk to the Council:** Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833

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

**Marcham Village Shop is OPEN**

As you will no doubt be aware, the Post Office is closed temporarily so that we can carry out the necessary refurbishment work and transfer of ownership to Marcham Village Shop Ltd. We have agreed a schedule of work with the Post Office, the main bulk of which will be carried out during the week commencing 15th October.

The Post Office will operate from a new open plan counter located next to the shop counter, and apart from minor changes, we will be offering the same range of services you have been used to - with the benefit that our opening hours will match those of the shop. So if you need to get something posted pop into the shop on your way to work - and why not pick up a paper and sandwich for lunch at the same time? For details of all the services we will be able to offer, we have literature in the shop which you can pick up on your next visit.

During the short period of closure our nearest Post Offices are situated in Kingston Bagpuize, Gainsborough Green in Abingdon and West St. Helen St (situated inside the Co-Operative Store); should anyone require transport during this time, please contact either Chris Ricketts, Ruth Mander or Natasha Kingsbury.

At the same time, we will be increasing our opening hours during October, shutting only over the lunch-time period and re-opening from 3.00-6.00pm Monday - Friday. Our weekend hours will remain the same 7.30am-1.00 pm. Finally, after two months of trading we'd like to say a big thank you to our volunteers, without whom MVS would not work! If you haven't visited the shop yet, why not call in to see the wide variety of products we stock - everyone who has become a regular shopper has been delighted with our range and pricing - you'll find that we offer fantastic value.

**The Management Team at your local shop** <sub>3</sub>

Dear Editor

In response to Frank Buckingham's letter last month, I would like to echo his sentiments regarding the generosity of the ex-serviceman's club. It was a pleasure for my daughter to receive a Jubilee Mug, which she will no doubt treasure for years to come. However, I would like to clarify that Pre-school did not make a complaint about the group not receiving commemorative mugs. When planning our own celebrations for the Jubilee, Marion (the Supervisor) merely enquired to an ex-serviceman's club member whether the Pre-school group would also receive a mug. She was told in no uncertain terms "why would you, you're not part of the school and in any case in a few months you probably won't even be there". We subsequently made our own arrangements for marking the Diamond Jubilee with the pre-school children.

However, the attitude that Marion's enquiry was met with is still inexcusable. This is our 5th year within the school, and having worked in a formal partnership over that time we have built a superb continuity of care and education for our members (most of whom live within Marcham) as they enter Pre-school and move on through the school. It is disappointing to say the least, that after the 'outstanding' efforts of the pre-school staff, the committee, the teachers at the school, governors and parents, (and not forgetting the children themselves) there are some members of the village who still consider that Pre-school are not an important part of the school community. Those families who have had recent involvement with the group will know what a valuable role we play in the children's early years, and have worked hard to ensure that our success as well as our continued presence and partnership within the school WILL continue well into the future. We are secure in our position, continue to grow and thrive as part of Marcham's local community (and the surrounding areas) and will continue to do so thanks to the support of those that matter.

**NICKY SANFORD**

Dear Editor

I have been informed privately that the Anson Trust will not be making a public response to my open letter last month. Sadly they also felt unable to provide a spokesman to appear with Bill Heine, myself and others on Bill's 26th August Sunday morning program on Radio Oxford to discuss the issues either. This was particularly unfortunate as there were many questions we would have liked to ask them including those I posed in my open letter.

If you missed the broadcast I have made a 19-minute excerpt available. If you want to hear this and see the drawings I

provided to The Vale planning committee or if you would like to read in more detail why the Anson Field development is such a poor outcome for Marcham then all this is available on the Internet at <http://ansontrust.scilutions.co.uk/>

It seems the days are now numbered for the Anson Field; presumably the Anson Trust will break their silence soon and share with us when we may expect the diggers to be sent in to start tearing it up. No doubt before then the Anson Field will be surrounded by barriers and made inaccessible to all for fear that the village will mark the occasion with a fitting protest.

**BOB ANDERSON**

Dear Editor

**Marcham Replacement Facilities Update**

We appreciate it may seem like things have gone quiet on our proposals for Marcham – this is far from the case. We have been working with officers at both the District and County Council to prepare the legal agreements to secure the necessary contributions and other matters to enable a formal decision to be made. These discussions have been and will continue to take place but we will shortly be issuing a newsletter to all to provide an update on the project as a whole.

Hopefully this newsletter will answer any questions that you may have but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 01235 541900; [twomarcham@taylorwimpey.com](mailto:twomarcham@taylorwimpey.com); or Suite J, Windrush Court, Abingdon Business Park, Abingdon, Oxon. OX13 1SY

**TAYLOR WIMPEY OXFORDSHIRE**

**ANSON TRUST ACCOUNTS**

The Anson Trust company (The Arthur Anson Memorial Trust Limited) has completed its final accounts for the year ended 31.12.2011 and these have been submitted to Companies House.

In accordance with the Directors' policy of providing as much information about the Trust as possible to parishioners, the full accounts are being made available on the MADNews website (and on the Trust's website [www.ansontrust.org](http://www.ansontrust.org)).

For those who do not have access to the website or would rather not view the full set of accounts, the principal figures are as follows:-

<b>Anson Field</b>	
Income	£13,343
Expenditure	£17,076
<b>Institute</b>	
Income	£6,530
Expenditure	£4,603
<b>Trust operations</b>	
Income	£685
Expenditure	£7,702

This means the Trust made a 'loss' of £8,823 in 2011. This loss, together with those that we have suffered historically and the prospect of them only worsening in the future, serves to reinforce our view that the recent successful planning application represents a very significant step forward for the Trust and the community of Marcham.

Anyone wishing to see the full accounts, but who does not have web access, can obtain a paper copy from our Company Secretary, Louise Butt, 8 Hyde Copse, Marcham OX13 6PT

Email: [ansontrustmarcham@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ansontrustmarcham@yahoo.co.uk).

Dear Editor

**North Street Hedges**

On the west side of North Street some hedges and ivy etc. hang over the pavement. This makes it hard to walk along without getting your hat knocked off. Cutting back would be much appreciated.

**D MATON**

**THE ANSON TRUST  
DOGS ENTERING SCHOOL  
PREMISES**

On a few occasions over recent weeks dogs have been entering Marcham School playing field through the hedge from the Anson Field side.

Please could owners walking their dogs around the Anson Field be vigilant to prevent this occurring as dogs fouling on the school playing field is not only unpleasant for all involved in clearing up the mess, but also represents a health hazard for the children.

**The Directors of the Arthur Anson  
Memorial Trust Ltd.**

**LITTER BLITZ**

We will be holding an Autumn Litter Blitz on **Sunday 14th October** commencing at 10:00am in the Anson Field by the Sports and Social Club. This is your opportunity to volunteer and help your community foster the Olympic spirit. Protective clothing and litter picker sticks will be provided.

We look forward to a great gathering of public-spirited parishioners

01865 391497 / 0751676 1040

**All Welcome**

*Where Litter Lies, Beauty Dies*

Personal adverts in MADNews are free so if want to put in a notice or have something to sell, call the editor on 391725 or email [editor@madnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@madnews.co.uk)

**LOST AND FOUND**

There is a new Lost and Found tin in **Marcham Village Shop** so if you have lost a key, a pendant, a watch or a pair of child's trainers, pop into the shop and have a look. Likewise, if you find something, take it in and do a bit of shopping at the same time!

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**



The 2012 Poppy Appeal will take place from 27th October through to 10th of November 2012. Collecting boxes will be available around

the area and there will be a house to house collection. This is a very important charity and we urge you all to give as generously as you feel able. In addition to the traditional poppies there will be large silk poppies, wrist bands, badges and remembrance crosses available and we urge you to support these items with an appropriate donation.

This is the first time we have organised the collection and if you feel able to help us with a street collection please contact us.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**CHRISTINE AND MALCOLM DENTON**  
01865 391497

**VILLAGE RESOURCES**

**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 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 Meriel Lewis (391725).

**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.*

The Denman College  
Marcham  
Urgently requires  
**Casual Restaurant**  
waiting staff

Evening and weekend shifts.  
A minimum of 3 hours per shift  
£6.50 per hour  
Please telephone: 01865 391991  
and ask for Peter Kilby

**ALLOTMENT RENT COLLECTION**

Marcham Parish Clerk will be in attendance from 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 10th October in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place for the purpose of collecting allotment rents.  
Would allotment holders please remember to bring their rent card with them?

**PICKING FUNGI**

This time of year is when you often see fungi collectors out there in the countryside, foraging for the fruiting fungi, taking them home to eat afterwards. Obviously care needs to be taken for this activity, as some are toxic to humans and you really shouldn't take wild mushrooms from nature reserves or land protected for the benefit of wildlife. The majority of fungi are made up of water, and the dry substance is a mixture of fat, carbohydrates, vitamins and protein. So one can instantly see why these fruiting bodies are sought after.



Good rules to stick to when collecting fungi to eat are:

Only take those that you can identify with certainty, that are not a rare species; Cut the fungi off carefully near to the hole which is then left in the soil; Clean these where you picked them so the spores spread in an area that the particular species likes; Take the produce home in containers with good air circulation, never in paper or plastic bags; Keep edible fungus separate from any you are unable to identify in the field and are transporting home to look at under the microscope otherwise you could contaminate the edible ones rendering them completely inedible.

Once home, you can freeze fungi, but only the ones freshly harvested and that have the flesh intact and firm. Fungi must be sliced then cleaned before freezing, and once frozen can last for up to 5 months. When you are ready to use them, do not thaw them out, fry them in a pan from frozen.

As I say though, be very careful with picking fungi, as a lot are toxic. Also a lot of destruction is caused on the fungus forays that are organized around Oxfordshire, as people pick everything they find only to realise most are not fit for our consumption. It is better to only pick what we know we can eat, and not lay waste to entire swathes of countryside in the hope that what we get home may just about be fit to cook.

I don't want to ruin people's enjoyment of the local environment, but pick fungi responsibly as they play an important and fascinating role in the local ecology.

*Happy Gardening,*  
**STUART MABBUTT** Wildlife Gardening Specialist, 01865 747243

**MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK**

**Thursday, October 4th.**

For this month's walk we will meet at The Red Lion Inn in Lower Wolvercote, (Map Ref: SP488097) at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for the walk of about 4 miles. We will walk over Port Meadow, with its famous views of Oxford, cross the Thames at Binsey and return along the towpath; no hills!



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



The  
**Marcham**  
Society

**Evening Meeting**  
**The History of Culham Laboratory**  
*Peter Kirby*

*All Saints' Church Tuesday 9th October 2012, 7.45pm*

Following meeting 13th November 2012  
Members' Evening

Non-members £2

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

Further details: Janey Cumber (391327) or Judith Fontaine (391275)

**ED VAIZEY WRITES...**

One of the best things about being a local MP is being invited to some great celebrations. Recently, I was asked to present medals to some of the children who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Using local libraries and with the help of lots of local volunteers, hundreds of local children each read 6 books over the summer. The enthusiasm and excitement of the children, and the pride both they and their families felt in their achievement, was wonderful! That's not the end of the many activities available in local libraries for children (and adults!) so do visit your local library to see what you might interest you.



I am very glad to see that the work to improve Didcot Parkway station is finally underway. Thousands of people from across the constituency travel through the station every day, and the improvements will make their journeys much easier. As the work will take around 15 months to complete, it may get worse before it gets better, but I'm sure that this partnership between the various local councils, Network Rail and First Great Western will eventually be good for everyone.

This summer has been an eclectic couple of months for my office mailbox. The parliamentary recess has been so full of amazing sport and other spectacles that people have been very distracted from political campaigns. But as soon as the parliamentary term began again on September 3rd I was flooded with emails and letters. I have continued to receive representations on same-sex marriage; I've had a quite a few emails about the price of petrol; and, more recently, a few submissions for the consultation on internet parental controls. However, by far the largest campaigns have been for the Post Office DVLA contract and the reduction in Air Passenger Duty tax.

Unfortunately, while I very much support the post office bid to run DVLA services, the DVLA is required by EU law to tender the contract competitively and so the Government cannot take sides on this occasion. As for the Air Passenger Duty campaign, it may be the largest one-issue campaign I've ever seen as an MP. In the past few months almost 500 people have got in touch to express their views. I know that my colleagues in the Government have also had their mailbags flooded with similar letters: they have already taken firm steps to limit any rise and will continue not to levy VAT on domestic flights.

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

**MARCHAM AND DISTRICT**

A hot summers day enjoyed by all who attended the Club's Family Fun Day, held on the 18th August in the Club car Park. Hot Dogs, Burgers and soft drinks were all free for the children and the parents enjoyed the low club prices. The Tortoise Racing, yes tortoise racing, was great fun. As the night drew in, people went into the Club for a Social evening of conversation and the children continued with the free drinks. A great time was had by everyone.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday 27th October 2012: Race Night.**  
**Open from 7.30 pm first race at 8pm**

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

**MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY**

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

Oct 12	<b>Faringdon</b> , Pump Rooms, SN7 7HL
Oct 19	<b>Wantage</b> , Civic Hall, OX12 9BX
Nov 9	<b>Didcot</b> , King Alfred Drive, OX11 7NU
Nov 16	<b>Wallingford</b> , Town Hall, OX10 0AD
<b>Contact Ed Vaizey MP by</b>	
Post	The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
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Tel	0207 219 6350

**GARD**

Since last reporting there has been little real progress, but studies by Thames Water and their consultants are happening, albeit slowly. We are promised results in November, by which time the Environment Agency and Thames Water will have decided what the increased demand for water by London will be. We cannot challenge the figure until we know what it is and how it was calculated! It will be this demand figure to supply London which will dictate the range of options available for meeting it. I will report as soon as I have further details, but will not bore you with repetition.

There is an interesting planning application for a large solar panel electricity generation farm with a 25 year life just opposite the Steventon Storage Depot! An interesting reaction after the farmer has had the land blighted for so long

**NICK THOMPSON** Hon Chairman GARD

**NOT ANOTHER QUESTIONNAIRE THIS YEAR!**

- Q. What's big and green and spends an hour in Marcham every other Tuesday morning in green bin weeks?
- A. Our Mobile Library!
- Q. When did you last go to the Mobu? a) recently b) in the dim and distant past c) never
- A. If you answered a), well done. Everyone else READ ON...
- Q. How dear or difficult is it to join the Mobu?
- A. Neither, it's free and easy. Pop in to the van and ask the friendly staff about borrowing books.
- Q. When and where does the Mobu van stop in Marcham?
- A. From 10.00ish till 10.15 in Duffield Place, then till nearly 11 at Sweetbriar (behind Marcham shop). Dates for the rest of the year are: 9 & 23 October, 6 & 20 November, 4 & 8 December.
- Q. What's in it for me?
- A. Nothing, unless you're interested in large print books, children's books, popular novels, life stories, local places, faraway places, cookery and crafts, painting and photography, gardening nature, sport, trains and boat and planes... for a start!



**Our Mobile Library Needs US!**

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/mobile-libraries](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/mobile-libraries)

TOTALS TO DATE

<b>2012 - 2013 Membership</b>  Voting: 85 Junior: 12	Local Events £10,124	Donations £5551
	Bank Balance £14,904	5p Coins 3542



**A village united (?)**

Since news of the Vale Planning Committee meeting on 15 August reached the wider community (see MCG page in last month's issue at [www.madnews.co.uk](http://www.madnews.co.uk)) there is one thing that seems to have united those who opposed the Taylor Wimpey planning application and those who supported it: a feeling that the planning approval process was extremely unsatisfactory. So much for localism! At the time of writing this, formal planning permission has not yet been granted. The target date was 29 August.

**MCG—what comes next?**

This experience of the National Planning Policy Framework in action in Marcham has vindicated the membership's decision of nearly a year ago. MCG agreed to work through discussions with the Anson Trust and Taylor Wimpey to try to ensure that their proposed community building met community needs, in case it did get planning permission.

Over the past year MCG has progressively taken on the role of enabling local groups and others interested in the proposed community building to understand what was proposed and to ask for changes they felt were necessary to the layout. MCG presented the results of the two User Group Forums to Taylor Wimpey and the Anson Trust and pressed for the recommendations to be implemented. The MCG committee believes this process needs to continue as there are still some aspects of the internal layout that could be improved. In addition, with the prospect of the proposals becoming a reality, it believes it is time for user groups and the wider community to get involved in planning the future management of community leisure facilities.

If you have any interest in community facilities in Marcham, please join us at the Open Meeting on 16 October (details below) to discuss these and other issues.

**MCG Open Meeting    8.00 pm    Tuesday 16 October    All Saints' Church**  
**MCG – WHAT COMES NEXT?**  
**All welcome – come and share your views, whether you are a member or not**

**Joint Users Planning Group (JUPG)**

Until now MCG's facilitating role has been reactive—we have sought user and community views after proposals were made. The committee felt that a proactive approach would be better and held preliminary discussions in August with the main village user groups to see what interest there was in forming a joint group able to represent all interested groups in discussions with the Anson Trust and Taylor Wimpey. The Joint Users Planning Group (JUPG) held its first full meeting on 12 September when the Anson Trust outlined its business plan for the new community facilities. Individual user groups are considering this information and the JUPG will hold further meetings with the Anson Trust over the coming weeks to review the plan in more detail.

**The JUPG intends to become an effective single voice for community groups.**

**MCG 2012-2013 subscriptions are now due. Renewal deadline is 31 October.**

**Individual £5.00    Family £8.00    Children under 18 free**

**To renew or join download a membership form from [mail@marcham.org](mailto:mail@marcham.org) or phone 391193 (Suzanne)**

**If you support what MCG is trying to achieve, join now. The more support we have the more effective we can be.**

MCG Open Meeting 8.00 pm Tuesday 16 October All Saints' Church MCG – WHAT COMES NEXT?





## Marcham WI in October

Our next meeting is to be held on **Thursday, 18th October 2012** and is Family History and Genealogy. The speaker is Catherine Hitchens. This is a subject of wide interest, and should result in a well attended evening. You are asked to bring a childhood photograph, to be used during the evening in a quiz.

Some events at County level in October and November - Visit to the Royal School of Needlework, London - Thursday, 11th October

Music Tasters with Barry Collett - Tuesday 23rd October at Benson Parish Hall

Winchester Christmas Market - Wednesday, 28th November.

**Your local WI - A voice for women - and a place to make friends**

Contacts for new members Christine Whild 01865 391270

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ABINGDON HOSPITAL

Have you thought about doing some voluntary work?

Volunteers are very important to the running of our hospital.

There are a variety of roles that volunteers undertake and we

have vacancies in the following areas:

Emergency/holiday cover in the Coffee Shop

Serving patient's mid-morning refreshments

Serving patients' lunches

Answering the phone/taking messages from 5pm to 7pm

If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, or have other skills that you would like to offer, please contact the Voluntary Services Organiser:

Laura Hodges, telephone: 01235 205705,

email: [Laura.Hodges@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:Laura.Hodges@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)



### MARCHAM PLAYERS

Autumn is upon us and Marcham Players is holding a play reading at Manor Farm boardroom on **Friday 19th October at 1930hrs**. All are welcome, as it is an ideal opportunity for like minded people to meet and to introduce themselves, if they have not been before: As we need new blood!



Marcham is going to have a new village hall and within will be full theatre facilities; As the Players are becoming somewhat antedeluvian, the wrong side of fifty and finding it difficult to remember lines, we will need new members to continue the thespian tradition and to take advantage of what are going to be fantastic new facilities.

If we can attract new members, it will give us time to rehearse a play thoroughly, for a spectacular opening night. I am sure that there are plenty in the village who would like to join, so! 'carpe deum', bury the inhibitions and come along on October 19th.

We look forward to seeing you.

Any enquiries regarding Marcham Players can be made to Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 or Cheryl Sewel on 01865 391200

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www.marchamplayers.co.uk  
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### CROSSWORD BY ALISA - ANSWERS

**Across:** 1 Fiddle 3 Summer 7 Stargazing 9 Walk 10 Omega 12 Six 13 Village shop 14 Ash 17 Thorn 19 Thus 20 Blackberry 21 London 22 Avenue

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### GERANIUMS

I have a quantity of geraniums that I've got to lift to make room for spring bulbs and my greenhouse is full. If you are interested contact Bernie Cole by sending your telephone number to [bjc32@btinternet.com](mailto:bjc32@btinternet.com) and we can arrange a collection.

### YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

What a difference the volunteers made at London 2012 and at the Paralympics too, people couldn't praise them enough, they were called the 'Games Makers'.

It might be too late to volunteer for the Games but it's certainly not too late to make a difference as a Volunteer!

If you are:

- a good listener
- persistent
- some free time
- aware of need for confidentiality
- reliable
- not afraid to ask questions
- approachable
- empathetic

Then you are just the sort of person we at Parent Partnership Oxfordshire would love to have as a Volunteer Independent Parental Supporter. (IPS)

#### Interested?

For more information and dates of next training course available,

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on 01865 810516

e-mail [parentpartnership@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:parentpartnership@oxfordshire.gov.uk)



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### NEW LOCAL JOGGING GROUP FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS

We are looking to start a new jogging group in Marcham.

The group will be run by a qualified jog leader with the GO Active (Get Oxfordshire Active) project, aimed at encouraging everyone the chance to take part in some regular exercise.

Everyone will be welcome to join up, whatever their age (16+), size or ability. A fully trained group leader will make sure that you are well looked after and having loads of fun.

If you would be interested in joining this group (time/date tbc) please get in touch with Anna (GO Active coordinator for the Vale) [anna.capel-davies@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:anna.capel-davies@southandvale.gov.uk) or 01235 540377 for more details.

**Bubble Wrap** - regular quantities from local business. Free with a donation to Keith's India charity.

Abingdon Blinds & Curtains  
Marcham 391881

Do you enjoy painting and drawing? But need some stimulation. I would like to contact anyone interested in meeting regularly, in or around MARCHAM to set up a painting group. Please contact me BRIAN GOWER by telephone. 01865 391224

Do you play table tennis? Would you like to play in a league? Home games Monday night starting late September - call Keith 391881

**Junior Drama Classes**

**Spaces available in all classes now!**

**Abingdon Drama Club** runs three different age group Drama Classes. The classes are for children who are interested in all aspects of theatre and performance and are run by our professional drama teacher, Andrea Mardon.

We still have a few spaces left for courses during term time!

**Juniors 1** For young people aged 11 - 13 years  
Sessions are from 9.30am - 11.30am every Saturday morning

**Juniors 2** For young people aged 13 - 14 years  
Sessions are from 11.30am - 1.30pm every Saturday morning

**Juniors 3** For young people aged 14 - 17 years.  
Sessions are from 5.30pm - 7.30pm every Sunday

In addition to the above we also run a **Performance Class** - this is for young people aged between 11 - 17 years who are interested in performing in an actual production. You may be attending one of our Juniors classes or you may just want to do the Performance Class. Rehearsals are from 3.30pm - 5.30pm on Sundays.

**Abingdon Drama Club**, 6 Marcham Rd, Abingdon OX14 1AA  
www.abingdon-drama-club.com  
enquiries@abingdon-dram-club.com

**Andrea Mardon** is an actor, director and teacher in Oxfordshire currently teaching for Stagecoach, Oratory Prep School, Manor Prep School, Faringdon Junior School, Kingfisher School and Abingdon Drama Club. She also coaches students privately for LAMDA examinations as well as drama school entrance auditions.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OXFORDSHIRE LINK SURVEYS**

**Oxfordshire LINK: Your voice on health and social care in Oxfordshire**

As a member of the public you have a right to be involved in decisions about health and social care services in Oxfordshire. You can influence the way services are run by sharing experiences and ideas with your Local Involvement Network (LINK). The LINK finds out what people like and dislike about their services and feeds this information back to health and social care providers, helping them to plan and deliver better services which reflect the wishes of local people. The more people who get involved in the LINK, the stronger and more influential we are. Please contact the LINK for more information.

Telephone 01865 883488

Email link@oxonrcc.org.uk

Web www.oxfordshirelink.org.uk

**Dentistry Survey**

The Oxfordshire LINK is recruiting volunteers to carry out a survey of information provided for patients by NHS Dental Practices. The survey will be looking at information on the range of services offered, the charges relating to those services, and about entitlement to receive certain services on the NHS. LINK volunteers who conduct the survey will find out if the information is clear and helpful to patients and highlight areas of good practice. If you want to help with the survey please contact the LINK

**Post-Natal Maternity Services Survey**

The Oxfordshire LINK has teamed up with Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to carry out a survey of post-natal maternity services in Oxfordshire. Post-natal services are those services used after birth including breast feeding clinics, the Newborn Screening Programme, Neonatal Unit, Special Care Baby Unit, Birth Afterthoughts, and Health Visitors. If you have any comments about these services please contact the LINK office. If you have any spare time and would like to be part of the project group to help with research please contact the LINK office.

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**MARCHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

We run all through the year, regardless of school holidays, on Tuesdays from 10-11.30am at the back of All Saints Church. The first visit is free, then just £2 per family each session. Just turn up, or phone Tess on 392833 if you would like someone to introduce you. **Do come and join us!**

**MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

**Do you have a child born after September 2008?**

**Do you live in Marcham, Garford or Frilford?**

**Do you want OUTSTANDING Pre-school provision for 2012/2013 or beyond?**

Word has spread and we are now receiving more and more enquiries from families in Abingdon and the surrounding areas. Spaces at our sessions are limited and we are passionate about providing pre-school services for families within the local community of Marcham, Garford and Frilford. To secure your place or register your interest, please contact us TODAY!

Call 01865 392101 to discuss your requirements, or e:mail marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk

**MARION, NICKY, KATHARINE, SAM AND NATASHA**  
marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk

www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com



**ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS**

At Little Angels we have been looking at fruit and vegetables and Harvest, the children have had fun apple printing, making carrot top gardens and cooking with cooking apples making delicious apple crumble which we all ate at tea time. We enjoyed a walk around the farm and bought some eggs, and made scrambled egg with toast for tea, it was delicious. The children have also been busy weaving baskets and looking at books of tractors, combine harvesters etc. The children also had fun in our fruit and veg shop in the garden, they sorted fruit and vegetables into groups and used play money to pay, great for their mathematical skills.



The after school have been busy with lots of new children and we have been getting to know each other by completing all about forms and talking to each other, we have also been able to spend lots of time on the field playing football, badminton, skipping and rounders.

Both Little Angels and After school club were very lucky to have an Olympic Torch to look at, The children all had the opportunity to hold the torch and look at it in detail, it was great and all the children from age 1-10 were excited and keen to hold the torch and have a photo taken. A great day and great once in lifetime opportunity, We would like to say a big thank you to our parent who was kind enough to lend us the torch for the day.

If you would like any further in formation about Abingdon Little Angels Nursery, After School Club, Holiday Club or Art Club please feel free to call in or telephone us on 07516 474287 or at info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk.



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Tuesday 3.30 - 4.15 pm Marcham Primary School  
Mon, Wed, Fri 4 - 4.45 pm at Tennis Centre, Abingdon

**MARCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB**

It's been a mixed start for both the First team and Reserves at the beginning of the 2012/13 season. The Reserves travelled to Radley for their 1st game of the season and came away with all 3 points in a hard fought 2-1 victory. The Reserves found themselves a goal down at half time but came back strongly in the 2nd half with Wes Costar equalising and Tom Coates getting the winner.

A week later the First team had an opening day to forget and found themselves on the wrong end of an 11-0 thumping at the hands of Coleshill. With 18 players unavailable for selection it was a very inexperienced Marcham team that took to the field and found themselves well beaten in all departments. A real wake up call for many of the younger players as to what will be expected in the coming months of the season.

Roll on a week and both teams found themselves in action at the same time for the first time this season. The First team playing in the 1st round of the North Berks Cup at Radley and the Reserves away to Div 3 pace setters Harwell Int Reserves. The First team triumphed 2-0 with goals from Dan Barnes and Johnny Lloyd and will meet Warborough United in round 2. The Reserves went down by 7 goals to 1 with their consolation goal being scored by Leighton Jackson.

The Club would also like to wish Gary Harris a speedy and full recovery from serious injury sustained at the beginning of last season(11/12). Gary who has played for the club for 10 years sustained a bad knee ligament injury a year ago after a dreadful challenge whilst playing against Benson Lions. It was hoped a long period of rest and rehabilitation would be enough to see Gary make his comeback this season however after breaking down at the beginning of pre-season it has been decided that Gary will require surgery. He is about to undergo surgery which will require his kneecap to be fractured and the ligaments repaired. Everyone connected with the club hopes that the operation will be a success and we hope to have Gary back playing for us after his predicted 12 months recovery time.

**Fixtures**

Sept	Marcham First Team	Marcham Reserves
Sept 29	Drayton (1430 Recreation Ground, Drayton)	Hagbourne Utd (1430 Anson Field)
Oct 6	North Berks Cup - Warborough United (1430 Anson Field)	Kintbury Res (1430 Kintbury FC)
Oct 13	Ardington (1430 Anson Field)	Stanford in the Vale (1430 Cottage Rd, Stanford)
Oct 20	TBC	AG.Kingham Cup - Saxton Rovers Res (Caldecott Rd, Abingdon)
Oct 27	Charity Shield - Challow (1400 Reynolds Way, East Challow)	

LINDSAY MUDIE, Chairman, Marcham Football Club

**MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB**

The 2012 OCA Season has now come to a close.

Fixtures were, not surprisingly, somewhat disrupted by less than clement aspects of the weather this summer. However, all is not gloom. There is some cheering news. The 1st XI and the 2nd XI ended the Season 3rd and 1st, respectively, in their particular Divisions.

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



**SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!**

I may not be Gareth Malone, but come to my little singing group, and I am sure you have an enjoyable time.



Tuesday 9th October 2 - 3.30pm  
Tuesday 23rd October 2 - 3.30pm

Tea and cake follow the singing. Give it a try!  
Christine Whild, 62 North Street Marcham Tel 391270



**Splash Of Pink Day – 27th October 2012 – 10 am – 4 pm  
Abingdon Market Square**

Abingdon will be turning pink once again on Saturday 27th October when the ladies of the Abingdon Action Group hold their annual Splash of Pink day, the climax of their fundraising efforts taking place throughout Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This year the group have once again recruited local shops, pubs and restaurants to the cause. They'll all be blowing up the pink balloons and hanging pink ribbons in an attempt to raise vital funds and to win the coveted 'best dressed window' prize and with it the coveted 'Splash of Pink trophy'. Throughout the day visitors and families to Abingdon town centre can expect to be entertained by performers, choirs, belly dancers, stalls and raffle. They'll be bringing along a bra-bank and a community recycling box, so please bring along your old bras, printer cartridges or mobile phones, all of which can be recycled into vital funds to support our research!

**The Firewalk – 27th October 2012 –  
Abingdon Market Square - Evening**

Fundraising doesn't get much hotter than this! We are looking for courageous souls (aged 18 or over) who don't mind getting a little hot underfoot as they take on the challenge of walking on burning wood embers to raise vital funds for our research. Can you take the heat? Taking place during Octobers Breast Cancer Awareness Month, participants will be joining a challenge event like no other! This event is being organised for us by MIB Unlimited, who have over 20 years' experience. Participants will receive full professional training beforehand during which time they will learn all about firewalking and how to overcome fear in order to undertake this challenge safely. Registration is just £20 per person and we're asking all those taking part to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100.

For further information please contact events@againstbreastcancer.org.uk or call us on 01235 534211.



**MADAGRAMS by Jay**

**Is your road hidden here??**

**THIRD TEE**

**DO FAX FOR ROD**

**GO, DRAW MY IDEA**

(first three include village initial)

**CUFFED IDLE PAL FROTH ETC.**

Answers from last month...

**CUT ONE'S HAIR = HAINES COURT**

**HENS FIGHT RAT = THE FARTHINGS**

**A CHILL DOCTOR = COTHILL ROAD**

Another "All-in-One Just-For-Fun" quiz pack is imminent!

# Being a Community (God's Way!)

Ruth and I have lived in the village now for four years and have been impressed by the good community spirit. We have made some friends since being here, have been to a number of village events and had some good fun. Last evening we filled in the questionnaire that will help, along with the views of many others, to shape the Marcham Community Led Plan. Whilst Ruth and I were completing the form, I reflected on what it means to be a community and particular what that means in connection with a living faith in God.

What does it mean to be a community in God's eyes?

Christian communities have been shaped all over the world ever since the first one took shape in Jerusalem nearly 2,000 years ago. The following few verses from the book of Acts in the Bible is a paraphrase of what is recorded of the early days of the church. The passage tells of the ways that the early and vibrant church operated in the weeks that followed the resurrection of Christ – the very event that caused the formation of this bold and dynamic new faith.

*All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions and gave to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And God added to their number daily those who were being saved*

This is a story of people sharing together, helping those in need in practical ways, having fun together and all with a focus on God. They ate together, sharing their food and they sold what they did not need, in order to give the proceeds to those in want. Faith in God through Jesus Christ is not something that is realised through being dry and religious. It is about a living faith that impacts lives on a deep and personal level. It's about being sacrificial, giving to those who need help – giving not only financially but being generous and free in the giving of time and of resources.

I came to faith in Christ at around the age of forty and one of the things that struck me early on in my Christian walk is the many times that the words 'one another' or 'each other' appear in the New Testament. We are told to 1) *Live in harmony with one another*, 2) *Be devoted to one another*, 3) *Love one another*, 4) *Accept one another*, 5) *Stop passing judgement on one another*, 6) *Encourage one another*, 7) *Be kind and compassionate to one another*, 8) *Forgive one another* ..... the list goes on and on. This is a significant part of the way that God calls us to live together in community, preferring the needs of others above ourselves. It's a tough call – one that is not easy to follow but God does not call us to go for the easy options and what God did for us through Jesus Christ was not an easy call either.

Even if at this time you don't have a Christian faith, there is much to commend those sentiments that echo throughout scripture. Living a sacrificial life, caring for others and looking out for the needs of those around us are ways that we can all surely aspire to live.

But what about the verse that precedes the verses in the Book of Acts quoted above?

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer ..... and to praising God.*

Could you investigate faith for yourself? Might looking into the apostles teaching (as recorded in the New Testament), or spending time talking to God in prayer, or praising God with others on a Sunday morning be something that you could do too? I would be delighted to chat with you to help you investigate faith for yourself but if that's a step too far, then why not get a modern translation of the New Testament, spend some time reading it and talk to God about what it means?

Ruth and I plan to be here in Marcham for some time to come yet and we look forward to seeing the ways in which our community develops over the coming years.

Every blessing

**Keith Mersh, Pastor Marcham Baptist Church**

For more information, contact

Keith Mersh - Pastor 01865 391881

Bill Dyer - Elder 01235 814986

## Speakers in October

7 Oct - Keith Mersh  
14 Oct - Chris Richards  
21 Oct - John Maxwell  
28 Oct - Stephen Harrison

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



# All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

## Dear Friends,

Beginning this month we are running an Alpha course in All Saints (see box opposite). Whilst this has been widely advertised in last month's MADnews, I would like to extend a personal invitation to members of our community to take part. It will provide an opportunity to talk honestly about the questions and issues do with faith, with no pressure to do anything as a result.

Such opportunities for honest, open discussion are rare. So please consider coming along. Because we will be providing a meal on every occasion of the course, we would be most grateful if you could let our course administrator, Jenny Warwick, know if you intend coming.

The autumn colours are beginning to tinge the trees and hedgerows – a sure sign that the year is turning. My youngest daughter has already assured me that there are less than 13 weeks to Christmas! I do enjoy the changing seasons in this country. The regular pattern of the seasons give me a sense of reassurance, as well as interest. Whilst so much in life is fast-moving and in a constant state of pressure, the seasons of nature are more gentle, and the pace of change more manageable. I enjoy watching the subtle ways in which the seasons develop: the changing hues of the landscape, the different intensities of light and shade, the unfolding cycles of nature all around us.

The writer of the Psalms in the Bible includes the following: 'Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.' [Psalm 34:20] I'm not very good at waiting, but it is as we wait in trust and faith, for God to unfold the next steps in our journey of life, that his presence and a sense of peace can enfold us. To know that our lives are in his care and keeping – at one with him and the creation around us – brings an inner peace and sense of belonging.

May you know that peace for yourselves.

With my warmest greetings,  
**Revd Richard Zair**

## A Prayer:

Lord, please help us to know your peace in the middle of full and busy lives. Amen.

## Alpha – Life is worth exploring

We warmly invite to join us on our Alpha course, an eight week introduction to the Christian Faith. Starting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in All Saints.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Richard Zair (391 319) or Jenny Warwick (392 076).

*I believe the Alpha Course touches lives. I have seen so many people find a personal relationship with God & a quiet strength in their life after doing the course - me included - and it takes a proud man to say he never needs any help.*

*Alpha is a non pressured, and fun course, and it shows us how Christianity can be relevant and empowering to our lives. **Bear Grylls, TV Adventurer***

## Parish People:

During September we welcomed in baptism: Freya Walker, Monty Frost, Ajaydon Abraham, Leah Holmes-Berry and Finley Berry.

We celebrated the weddings of Kate Hutchings & Gary Heneage, and Lisa Ward & William Sadler.

The funeral of Mrs. Dilys Howells, aged 93, took place on 4<sup>th</sup> September. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

## Regular services:

**Sundays at All Saints':** 10 am and 6 pm  
**Wednesdays:** 10.30 am Holy Communion at Duffield Place  
**Sunday at St. Luke's:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.30am

## Contacts:

Revd Richard Zair 391319  
41 North Street, Marcham ([r\\_zair@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:r_zair@yahoo.co.uk))  
Jill Rowe *Youth and Children's Minister* 07811 165351  
Deborah Flint *Churchwarden* 391056  
Janey Cumber *Administrator* 391327

[www.marcham-with-garford.org.uk](http://www.marcham-with-garford.org.uk)

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**STOWE HOUSE**  
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**AUTUMN CRAFT FAYRE**  
**Saturday 13th October**  
**Old Mill Hall Grove**  
**10.00 am -16.00 pm.**

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*Come and enjoy good company and food*

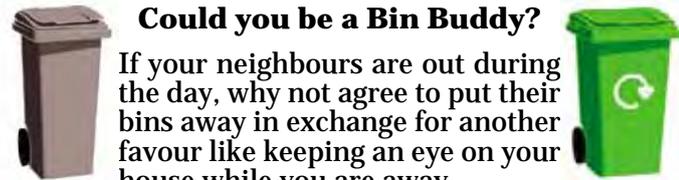
**RDA Christmas Fair**  
**Southmoor Village Hall**  
**Saturday**  
**13th October 2012**  
**10.30 - 3.30**  
**Tea/Coffee and Light lunches available**  
**Entrance £3 under 12 years FREE**



*THE SOBELL CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR*  
*RADLEY COLLEGE*  
*Saturday 24th November 10am – 5pm*  
*Sunday 25th November 10am – 4.30pm*  
 \* Over 60 stalls \* Refreshments \* Unique Gift Ideas

Come and support Sobell House Hospice Charity  
 www.sobellhospicecharity.org.uk  
 Entrance £5 Concessions £2.50

**Could you be a Bin Buddy?**



If your neighbours are out during the day, why not agree to put their bins away in exchange for another favour like keeping an eye on your house while you are away.

**Art Club**

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 s.gurung2@hotmail.co.uk  
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 and let's talk about it!  
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**DEMENTIA INFORMATION LINE AND WEBSITE**

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