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*Dear Readers*

I was completely taken aback to be presented with the Parishioner of the Year Award at the Annual Marcham Parish Meeting on 21 May – I am still recovering! Thank you to the Council and whoever nominated me in the first place.

On a much sadder note, we record the passing of two stalwarts of Marcham life – Glyn Davies, ex-headmaster of Marcham School and Mike Hudson who played a key role in getting our Village Shop up and running. My condolences to all those who have lost someone dear to them.

*Until next time*



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July / August 2014

**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Casual Vacancy**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Parish Council following the resignation of Jude Brown. The Council would thank her, for her efforts on behalf of the community since she joined the Council. There will be an election in May 2015, so the current seat is only vacant until then. At the moment the vacancy is being advertised in accordance with statutory requirements, but the Parish Council may be permitted to co-opt should an election not be called for. If there is anyone who is interested in joining the Council until the election, then you would have the chance of seeing what Parish Council meetings are like and what is involved, before deciding whether to stand as a candidate. Contact the Parish Clerk for further information about the role.

**Sheepstead Road**

Comments are regularly received regarding the speed of traffic in Sheepstead Road, the difficulties exiting from the lanes and properties off Sheepstead Road, the speed at which traffic enters and leaves the village and the general unsuitability of the road for a 60 mph limit. The Council will be discussing the issue at its next meeting, to see if there is anything that could be done to lower the speed limit and generally improve safety for all.

**Planning Applications**

P14/V1032/FUL Demolition of existing garage. Erection of four dwellings with associated parking at Marcham Service Station, North Street. The Council commented on the narrow width of North Street and the problems for buses and long vehicles negotiating the corner. Also should consent be granted, it did not want contractors vehicles parking on the village green.

P14/V1045/HH Erection of two storey side extension at 3 Mill Road. The Council had no objections, but did not wish to see parking on the road itself.

P14/V1070/HH Proposed single storey rear extension at 62 Howard Cornish Road. The Council had no objections.

P14/V0983/HH Single storey side and rear extension at 3 Orchard Way. The Council had no objections.

P14/V1031/LB Alterations and repairs to room over cart entrance and formation of access from existing first floor bedroom at 15 Church Street. The Council had no objections. In addition the planning application for the erection of 54 dwellings at Willow Farm, Abingdon Road, was considered by the Vale of White Horse District Council at its planning committee meeting on 29th May. The Committee resolved to approve the application..

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**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 9th July, 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place.

**Clerk to the Council:** Mrs. L. Martin,  
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**LOST CATS**

**Samson** is still missing - seen but not home yet. If you see him (or if you can catch him and keep him safe) please call Charli 0777 565 4445

**Lola** is missing from her home on Orchard Way. She is grey and white and likes a walk but never missed a meal before. Please call Anna 0797 497 7716.

*Dear Editor*

I am writing in response to letters recently from MP Ed Vaizey and a constituent called Jeremy concerning the Housing developments being proposed in the Vale of White Horse. Whilst i appreciate there is concern by indigent population, we have to bear in mind that the reason why so many homes need to be built is because we have not built anywhere near what was needed in the last decade!

Oxford City alone is now the most expensive city in the country, over taking London with income to house prices ratios over 11.25. It will not be too long before affordability becomes out of the reach for the majority not the minority. Recent developments in Southmoor have released homes for sale in excess of £500,000. Now mortgage companies usually offer 3.5 times your household income to purchase a property, and this would mean household incomes of in excess of £142,000 to be able to afford this level of house price. Is this really sustainable if we continue to reduce the number of homes we need to build?

I appreciate the point Mr Vaizey makes on looking at a review of the Green Belt and this has already been questioned at Cherwell District Council's local plan examination because they have not taken into account what the most recent figures from the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) were. The figures in the SHMA will have to be validated by assessing whether there is enough land available to build this many homes and then evaluated for sustainability reasons, which you refer to about transport infrastructure and schools.

We also need to be reminded that the current Coalition Government introduced simpler planning rules called the National Planning Policy Framework which have made it easier for Developers to contest planning applications that local authorities have agreed but can't agree on the Section 106 contributions and therefore sometimes



make schemes non-viable. It has also made it easier where local authorities do not have local plans in place for planning applications to be considered by the secretary of State in absence of such a local plan. This will have more threat to the Green Belt than increased numbers of homes needing to be built.

I would finally like to raise a question to MP Vaizey on the main reason why we also have high house prices. Why is it that we allow Land Owners to sit on land and wait until the Housing Market is sufficiently over heated for them to then sell their land to developers at a ridiculous price? All this does is make the starting position for a developer worse than it needed to be. Developers have to make 20% profit margins to enable them to get loans from banks, and if they have high land prices to pay for first then it is no wonder that house prices are subsequently high. Would MP Vaizey consider raising the question to his Government over how this problem could be overcome? Because if it can't be addressed then the power will always be in the land.

**GARY PARSONS, Tubney**

*Dear Editor*

Five people from Marcham: Kathleen Macnee, Chloe Hopgood, Gwyn Upjohn, Georgia Upjohn and Ben Upjohn will be cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats this August in 10 days, for a charity close to our hearts; Vasculitis UK.

My brother Ben was recently diagnosed with Polyarteritis Nodosa, a rare branch of a life threatening disease called Vasculitis. Vasculitis UK is a charity that not only supports individuals, and their families, affected by the condition, but also funds research into the causes, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of the condition. Put simply, vasculitis is an auto-immune disease: the body's immune system attacks blood vessels instead of defending them against infection. After 4 months of continuous investigations at three of Oxford's top hospitals Ben was diagnosed with Polyarteritis Nodosa, a rare branch of this life threatening disease. During those 4 months the disease continued to attack Ben's body, including the blood vessels in his brain. This shouldn't have to happen to anyone else. By the hard work of this charity and researchers, fingers crossed a diagnosis will be much quicker in the future, and one day a cure.

We have a just giving page also where people can donate, or if people know any of us personally we have sponsor forms.

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**GEORGIA UPJOHN**

## Marcham Parishioner of The Year 2014

### Awarded to Meriel Lewis

*Meriel has a passion and commitment for local issues and village life. She has great skills in publishing, which is evident in her generous contributions to the village. These range from her being editor of the monthly Marcham & District News for the last ten years, supporting the Marcham Community Group with the publications they produce and, as if this was not enough, she helped produce the Coral Rag. Then in 2009, working with Marcham Society, she went on to design Marcham Remembered, a first class book showing how village life has developed and changed from a rural idyll to today's cosmopolitan community.*

*She also finds the time to offer help in times of need, for example producing the order of service for the funerals of some of our parishioners and help to local groups when printing is needed. She is also regularly known to help many in the village with their computer issues.*

*Meriel can often be seen volunteering in the Marcham Post Office and Community Shop; she gives both her time and technical skills to help and support the smooth running of this important asset.*

*She is selfless in her contributions to village life and is always willing to listen and offer advice and support. Her cheerful enthusiasm is infectious and brings much joy to those around her.*

## GARD UPDATE

At our AGM in April the present Executive Committee members were re-elected and after seven years as Vice Chairman Michael Robson handed over to Dr Derek Stork. We are grateful for all Michael has done. He will carry on his website responsibilities.

The period of calm has continued while Thames Water finally get their plan for 2014 to 2019 signed off by the Department for Rural Affairs and Agriculture which will happen this month. The plan says that the demand for water during this period will be met by treating and re-using waste water. Somewhat to Thames Water's surprise the public reaction to this has not been one of disgust, probably because the good people of London thought that their present supply of drinking water had already passed through several kidneys! It could be that recycling processes will be successfully developed in the period to enable this source of water to be increased much further. Thames Water also hope to reduce per capita consumption of water by compulsory metering and public education. If re-cycling is unable to be expanded after 2019 there is a different story, with all options opening up again, so it behoves GARD to ensure that the option of water transfer via the Severn, with a connection the over the Cotswolds to the Thames, is properly researched and the costs established by unbiased experts as soon as possible. This is what our consultant will be mainly focusing on.

Although far less likely now than it was in 2010, the threat of a reservoir rearing its head again remains real. Despite the existence of PV solar farms and development proposals for a garden city the site is still earmarked by Thames Water. During the next five years the picture will become far more clear and GARD still has the funding to fight against the construction of a massive reservoir and will continue to do so.

**NICK THOMPSON** Hon Chairman GARD  
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**Thanks to EVERYONE who helped with the Village Litter Blitz on June 21<sup>st</sup> Let's try and keep it tidy this summer!**

## NEWS FROM OUR PCSO

Concerns have been raised about dangerous and illegal parking outside Marcham School and so members of the inner and outer Abingdon Neighbourhood Teams were recently outside the School during closing time to monitor the situation. On the day that the Teams were in Marcham, many drivers were observed parking their vehicles in a way that caused an obstruction to other road users, obstructing views for those pulling out of junctions and also obstructing the view for people crossing the road. Please when you are dropping off or collecting your children from Marcham school (or parking anywhere in the village) ensure you park considerately and we like to remind you that **causing an obstruction and parking within 10 metres of a junction is an offence for which you can receive a £30 fixed penalty notice**, one driver received this during our visit. We will be conducting further patrols in the area in the future and when we do please feel free to speak to us about any other issues or concerns you have or simply say hello. I would also like to take this opportunity to inform residents of Marcham who do not already know that I am trained in carrying out **home crime reduction surveys**. If you would like to take the opportunity to have some advice on security and crime reduction at your home please contact me via e-mail at [mccormack@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mccormack@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or the non-emergency number, just dial 101 and ask to leave me a message. PCSO Andy McCormack C9461

## Glyndwr (Glyn) Davies 1924 – 2014

Glyn's family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support. As the last head of the "old school" and the first head of the "new school", Glyn was one of the last links between old and new Marcham.

The following is adapted from the address given by Jonathan Page at Glyn's funeral on 21 May 2014 at All Saints' Church, Marcham.

**To quote Dylan Thomas: "To begin at the beginning..."**

Glyn was born on St Andrew's Day, 30th November 1924 in Tonyrefail to Ivor and Ellen Davies. He had a brother Ken, two half brothers Idris and Morris and a half sister Marie. Glyn was the youngest of them all.

After grammar school he worked first as a farm hand and then as a painter, working on hangars on a nearby airfield. He was called up in 1943 and the following year was posted to Norway where he served as a Morse and radio operator. But according to Glyn, the only thing he learned there was how to ice-skate. And when he was de-mobbed he got work as a carpenter. It was his brother Ken who got him into teaching, by persuading him to enrol at the Teacher Training College in Newport.

He married Vera, (who worked in the post office in Tonyrefail) on 7th August 1950 in the parish church of St David. That year they moved to Shrivenham and Glyn taught at Faringdon Secondary Modern. They lived next door to the Carter family and ever since, every month, the two clans have met for "Carters Tea". Although Glyn is the last of that generation, the tea continues. After a spell as head of Longcote School in 1961, Glyn took the post of head teacher of Marcham Primary School. Now known, of course, as the old school.

As head, Glyn's recruiting technique was somewhat unorthodox. One evening, chatting with Ken Page over a beer in the Crown, Glyn asked if Jean (Ken's wife who was taking a break from teaching) would be interested in a job. She started the following week, accepting the post on condition that, at the age of four, their son, Jonathan, could start school. When the new bigger school and the Howard-Cornish estate were built, the family moved from Parkside to Haines Court. This was where they lived when Helen was born – a sister to Martin, Sue and Meirion.

After treatment for back trouble, Vera was then diagnosed with cancer. She died around nine months later on 5th April 1970. Martin was eighteen at the time and Helen was just five. And so Glyn, simply, pragmatically and lovingly devoted himself to his children. In those years, there were never many holidays as there was not much money. When he was older Glyn was heard to remark, ruefully, that now he had money when he didn't need it. When he needed it, he didn't have it. Head teachers were not so well-paid as they are now. But there were holidays, usually camping, usually in Wales, usually wet. Somehow, Glyn managed to find the money to buy Helen a pony – an investment that cost much in money, time and effort, something Helen says she only realised when she had children of her own.

Glyn loved opera and classical music and had a very fine tenor voice with which, as a young man, he won many an Eisteddfod. Unfortunately, he failed miserably to pass on his singing voice to any of his children!

Glyn had an unerring accuracy, in the class room, with a piece of chalk, which would whip through the air and sting the ear of anyone chattering or whose attention was wandering. Oddly, he never quite managed to translate that accuracy to the game of darts which he, nevertheless, enjoyed along with crib and dominoes. Glyn enjoyed sport and was a regular spectator at Marcham Cricket Club and also served as a Vice President. And on a couple of occasions when they were absolutely desperate, he even played for the

team. For the last seven or eight years Glyn was a regular at the County Ground watching Swindon Town and enjoying the atmosphere and community of friends in the disabled section.

Back in the eighties and nineties Glyn made a number of long visits to his brother Ken who had emigrated to Tasmania. It was only in more recent years that the family came to know quite how supportive Ken had been in the months and years following Vera's death.

In 2002 Glyn suffered a stroke from which he never recovered. And for most of the years since then, Mei was his carer. In later years his visits to the Crown continued, but in his wheelchair, with Mei pushing, a familiar sight in the village.

As a character, Glyn was patient and fair – especially with children. Well, patient most of the time... Helen says she got to know the warning signs, the curl of his lip, and would know not to push him any further. Certainly, there were times when he put the fear of God into pupils at the school.

Glyn was always one who would help out – with no fuss. This was particularly true for family members who would often return home to find that some job or other had been quietly and efficiently completed in their absence. It seemed as though Glyn was far happier putting up a shelf in school, than marking books!

He was not a demonstrative man but his care was evident, and he had a deep love for all his family which, of course, as well as his children, extended to spouses, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren who will all miss him greatly.

**Memories from family and friends:**

**Richard (Glyn's oldest grandchild):** Glyn was known by many different names, as a teacher (Mr Davies), as a friend (Glyn), within the family (Jockey, Granddad), to name just a few.... *Growing up until the age of eight without a father figure of my own, I bestowed that responsibility on to my Granddad. For as long as I can remember I have always called you Dad, it seemed natural then as a child and still does now (in fact you are the only person that I have ever referred to as my Dad). Being in the Army for the last eighteen years, often we teach about the values that define you as a man, Loyalty... Integrity... Professionalism... Honesty... these are values that are looked at to enable us to improve. When I was asked last year to name a person that inspires me, instantly I thought of you.*

I spoke to Helen and mum a while back about how they would like all the grandchildren to remember the man before the stroke; I remember Helen saying that although her Dad was lost in many ways, if somebody in the family was troubled or had problems, you would get a glimpse of concern from within his eyes and for a few seconds know that he was back with you. I too can relate to that, I've seen that look when I knew without any doubt that he just knew.

My children only ever knew their great grandfather as an old man in a wheelchair, with a cough and just one tooth. However, I will tell them how he used to be, and I will remember him that way... how he would want to be remembered.

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- *Glyn had such a positive impact on so many lives in this village during his time as headteacher.*
- *Despite the sadness [of being a young widower] and his recent incapacity, he coped magnificently, and yet gave the impression that he was Mr Ordinary, who just like a social pint, and a quiet life.*
- *I always admired him so much, ever since his loving care of his dear Vera in her painful illness. I shall miss his cheery greetings and smile from his wheelchair... it was lovely that he continued to enjoy his life well into old age.*



## Michael John Hudson 1959 – 2014

Mike was born on 17 September 1959 in Aldermaston, Berkshire, to Bunty and Ken. He was a very bright boy; before going to school he loved to learn to read and write and showed a passion for cooking which remained with him for the rest of his life. His mother fondly remembers him helping her to prepare pastries for Ken for when he came home from work. He also showed a keen interest in cars and knew the make of every car on the road before he started school.

His baby sister Margaret arrived when he was 4 and he proved to be a caring and loving brother. Margaret described how Mike always looked out for her when they were children; he was the typical big brother figure. She remembers one occasion when they were at primary school (Margaret was 5 and Mike was 9) when you could buy a snack at morning break to go with your free milk. However, on this particular day Margaret had forgotten her penny and went into Mike's classroom to tell him this and to say that he had to give her his penny – which he did! This was just so typical of him and it never stopped. Mike always looked out for Margaret. At the age of 8 the family moved from Aldermaston to Benson and he was enrolled at Benson Primary School. From a young age, Mike became involved in the community through being a Cub Scout and acolyte and altar server in Benson Parish Church.

It was at primary school that he met his lifelong best friend Stephen. This marked the start of many mischievous adventures together of which the family still talk about to this day. They continued to secondary school together attending The Abbey School and then Peers School. Whilst at The Abbey School, Mike learned to play the trumpet and became the leader of the school orchestra.

He loved the school outward bound activities and the trips abroad; always enjoying travel and adventure. It was whilst on a school trip with Stephen, that they managed to find themselves in the wrong end of the train from the rest of their party. The train split and he and Stephen ended up on their way to Yugoslavia whilst the others were heading for Venice. Luckily, by a strange twist of fate, they had the teacher's handbag so had money to get tickets back, much to the amazement of everyone else!

Mike's first job, apart from his paper round was whilst still at school when he worked for Waitrose in Wallingford. He started working full time in 1977 when he got a job at the Halifax Building Society in Abingdon. On his first day he was shown to his desk by an 18 year old girl from Northern Ireland called Jenny and the rest is history. They married in August 1980 and moved into a flat in Abingdon. Mike then transferred to the Oxford branch as married couples were not allowed to work together.

He subsequently left the Halifax and worked for the Scottish Amicable Insurance company before becoming an Independent Financial advisor with Assured Investments of which he later became sole director. In 1981 he and Jenny bought their first house in Grove and moved back to Abingdon in 1984. Their daughter Natalie was born in 1985 followed by Katie in 1988.

The family moved to Marcham in 1999 and Mike then relocated his business from offices in Abingdon to his home.

He became involved in village life some years later, initially volunteering to drive the elderly of the parish on shopping trips in the village minibus. He later became involved in the Marcham Community Group and was instrumental in establishing Marcham Village Shop. His barbeque is well known in the village and has been wheeled to various events over the years at the Primary School, social club and street parties.

Mike was a keen golfer and enjoyed his weekends away with his golfing buddies. He and the rest of the family were very interested in Formula 1 and went to races both in the UK and abroad.

As a husband, Jenny couldn't have asked for better. He was calm, supportive and always put the family first. They had a wonderful 33 years of marriage and packed in many unforgettable holidays with friends and family. His organisational skills were second to none and he always prepared a holiday itinerary to ensure that nothing was missed. He and Jenny have a wide circle of friends and enjoyed socialising at every opportunity. As many of you will know Mike was a wonderful cook and delighted both friends and family over the years with his culinary skills.

As a Dad he was fondly known as 'wench' due to the fact he did everything for his girls. This began with taking them to swimming lessons, dance classes and even accompanying them to pop concerts. Katie assures me that he danced at the Steps concert!

He became a member of the PTA at the girls' primary and secondary schools and regularly went as a parent helper and minibus driver on day and residential trips. All of the girls' friends were extremely fond of Mike and have referred to him as 'an absolute legend'.

The girls are thankful for the wonderful family holidays Mike arranged where they would pack up the people carrier with everything but the kitchen sink and drive across Europe. A particularly amusing memory was Mike dragging the large shoe bag in and out of every hotel and apartment on their travels. On most occasions only a few pairs were ever worn but nevertheless he still carried on without complaint!

For Mike and Jenny's 25th wedding anniversary they planned a holiday to New York, but of course the girls had to come too. The annual family holidays continued right up until 2012 and the family became known amongst the girls' friends as the 'Swiss Family Hudson'.

As a son, Bunty describes him as the **best son** ever. She and Ken were always so proud of him and his wonderful family.

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Mike will be sadly missed by mother-in-law Mabel and family circle in Northern Ireland. Some people make such a difference in our lives. By simply being who they are, they make the world a better place, and when they're gone we realise how lucky we are to have known them.

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Donations are gratefully received for Sobell House or Cancer Research UK. Donations and all enquiries to Tonks Bros F/D of Abingdon Tel 01235 539444 or tonksbrothers@aol.com

### Poem for Dad

Every time I see your eyes gazing back at me,  
Your nose, your cheek, your touch I feel, as all these things make me.

We miss you so much, I don't think I can explain,  
We have amazing memories, but naturally still feel this pain.

Known as a legend and a master chef, so many things to admire,  
For the rest of my life I will still look to you and know I will be inspired.

Your presence is still here with us, I can feel you are near,  
I still talk to you every day and I know that you can hear.

I promised you that I'd be string and pull myself together,  
No matter how hard, I'll look after the girls, now and forever.

You lived for us and now we live for you,  
We will make you proud and do all those things you wanted to.

I know you're somewhere making a place for us, where one day  
we shall reunite. Until that day Dad, sweet dreams, big kiss and a  
peaceful, sweet goodnight.

*Katie Hudson*

From the makers of THE OPERA IN THE COW SHED



## The Pirates of Penzance

performed by Opera Anywhere

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6 pm**  
(picnics from 4.30 pm)

at Millets Farm Centre



The performance will take place in the large marquee by the farm animals. For the full experience, please join us for a pre-performance picnic. **BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS/RUGS AS NO SEATING IS PROVIDED.**

Fancy dress encouraged – a prize for the best dressed pirate!

Tickets: £15 (£12.50 concessions and £5 under 18s) available from Jenny Warwick (392 076), online or at Marcham village shop. Ticket sales in aid of Send a Cow.

**Join us for an adventure on the high seas.....**

## MARCHAM AND DISTRICT Marcham ex-servicemens club

Saturday 5th July 2014

Entertainment by

Ashby Clarke

Singer/guitarist

From 8.30pm

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

## ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY CLUB 26 - 29 AUGUST

4 days of fun with games, crafts, activities and so much more.... Open to all children of primary school age (or about to start): 4 - 11 years.

To book your place contact Jill Rowe - 07811 165351 or jill.rowe.ymc@gmail.com

Cost - £27 for 4 days (or £7 per day) if booked by the end of term (18th July), £30 thereafter (or £8 per day).

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS by ALISA

**Across** 1. Always 4. Bowls 6. Fly fishing 7. Zip 8. Ago 9. Epoch 13. Boundary House 16. Doubt 18. Odd 19. Fly 20. Delinquent 21. Minim 22. Nieces

**Down** 1. Allegro 2. Agile 3. School reunion 4. Bunch 5. Lupin 10. One 11. Cod 12. He 13. By 14. St Denys 15. Alibi 16. Dream 17. Toque

## GOODBYE TO A LANDMARK

The demolition of the three southern most cooling towers at Didcot Power Station is schedule to take place in the early morning of 27th July, 2014. There will be an exclusion zone surrounding the towers and road closures in place. Access will be restricted for health and safety reasons.



## VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN

The District Council is running a Summer activity programme for children during the school holidays. For further information see [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/holidays](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/holidays)

Bank Balance : £14,100  
Local Events: £10,934  
Donations: £6,814  
5p Coins: 5356  
Membership: Adult: 78 Junior: 5

Marcham  
Community  
Group



[www.marcham.org](http://www.marcham.org)

## Dates for your diary

**THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**AGM and OPEN MEETING**

7.30 pm Marcham School

ALL WELCOME

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY FACILITIES  
MCG's FUTURE ROLE

**SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER — APPLE DAY**

12 noon — 3.00 pm Marcham School

FUN WITH APPLES FAMILY LUNCH

COME AND JOIN IN

## Update – community facilities

We have now had the disappointing confirmation that the proposal which was the subject of an exhibition last October will not go ahead. (For details of that proposal see MADNews, November 2013, p.7.) A number of people had worked hard over the past months on a draft business plan for those proposed new facilities, based on the concept that they would be run by a new community organisation.

This is yet another setback in a process that began nearly three years ago when Taylor Wimpey and the Anson Trust unveiled their initial plan. In the light of the continuing difficulties in developing a proposal into a viable project, MCG will be looking at other options to try to find a solution that works. We will let you know in due course what progress we have made.

We can also report that we have had a response from the Anson Trust to our recent letter. The Trustees repeated their earlier view that a discussion with village groups would not yet be appropriate.

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



## SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

2.00-3.30 pm 8th and 22nd July  
12th and 26th August

We meet in the common room at Duffield Place. Come and join us, you will be sure of a warm welcome ... and tea and cake!  
Phone 391270 for more details  
**Christine Whild**



## ED VAIZEY WRITES...

As you may have read in the press or seen on TV in recent months, there have been many web sites springing up which claim to offer government services. While these sites are not illegal, it is hard to see why they are necessary. These "third-party sites" charge for services that people can get for free, or at a lower cost, through GOV.UK websites – the official government sites. The third party sites usually exaggerate the benefits of their additional services, don't tell you what you can get through GOV.UK, or imply an affiliation with government, and the sites can be very convincing. The services most affected have been:

- Booking Driving Tests (theory and practical)
- Driving licence applications (including the free service for over-70s)
- Passport Applications (and bookings for emergency appointments which are actually provided for free)
- European Health Insurance Cards (EHICs) applications which are also provided free by the Government.

The Government has been working with a range of organisations, such as Which? and the National Trading Standards Board, to try to combat the problem and has had some success, with increasing numbers of users going straight to the Government sites, but there is still some way to go. I hope readers won't mind me using my article this month to add to the efforts to publicise the best way to avoid being caught out.

If you need a government service, then the best way to find it on-line is to go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk), where you'll see the very wide range of ways you can access government services on-line. If you go straight to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk), you will always get the real service, directly from the right department and at the lowest possible cost. More and more services are now accessible on line and it is the quickest way to get all sorts of things you may need like vehicle tax discs and advice on visas.

More widely, in my mailbox this month, a number of constituents have contacted me with their concerns about modern slavery and supply chains. I abhor slavery in all its forms. It is an affront to the dignity and humanity of us all. I therefore welcome the Government's Modern Slavery Bill, which will disrupt and imprison the organised criminal gangs behind much of the modern slave trade. It is the responsibility of us all to help stamp out slavery, and the private sector has to play its part. Firms must ensure that they do not do business with suppliers involved in trafficking, and the Home Office will continue to work with businesses and the Gangmasters' Licensing Authority to prevent the exploitation of workers.

Other issues featuring in this month's mailbox include live animal exports, making the school run safer and the human rights situation in the Central African Republic.

Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Surgery details can be found below and at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com)

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



## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

One of the headline conclusions of the Marcham Community Plan was that an overwhelming number of people would like an HGV Ban in the centre of Marcham. The problem with HGV traffic, apart from noise, is the particulates in the exhausts from these vehicles. In health terms and in safety terms, it is difficult to oppose such a ban. We all accept that HGV traffic is a necessity of modern life and it has to go somewhere. There are then a number of issues.

1. Is there an alternative route for HGVs currently coming along Packhorse Lane?
2. What are the cost implications in upgrading other roads to take the diverted traffic?
3. What is the impact of such a traffic diversion in other areas?
4. How would such a ban be enforced whilst still allowing for Marcham traffic (agricultural and other)?

It is all going to take time to answer these questions – but work is now being done to do just that. Having been informed, and firmly announced, that last year would be the last year in which County grants would be available for local transport initiatives, I am very pleased to announce that there has been a reversal of policy. In view of this, I would like to apportion some of the pot to upgrading the Packhorse Lane pedestrian crossing with brighter lights (shielded to minimize light pollution). Residents can see such lights as they enter Wantage from the East – you cannot miss them! Westbound traffic could not miss them. *Please let me or the Parish Council know if you agree or disagree with this proposal.*

As well as Highways grants, the County has also managed to find some money to keep the Community Grant Scheme going. If there are any village activities in need of small sums (£100-£500) – please let me know and I will give you more details.

**RICHARD WEBBER CLLR, OCC**

Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com or 01235 534001

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

One of the problems of living in an area with high employment and predicted high growth is that we need a shedload more houses if we are to house our children and grandchildren, and if they are ever to afford to live in the area. Precisely how big is the "shed" was the problem supposedly addressed by the "SHMA" – the Strategic Market Assessment. A group of apparently very high-powered sociologists and economist concluded that we need in excess of 20,500 more house between now and 2031. The figure is strongly disputed. The reliability of the SHMA figures was first questioned when the experts announced that agricultural employment would increase from 2000 to 4000 between now and 2031. This reminded me of a very famous world computer study of the 1970s, which predicted a dire catastrophe caused by pollution by the middle of the 21st century. When someone asked for the programme to be run backwards to see if it reflected what had happened in the past, the programme came to the conclusion that the human race started in 1711. Clearly, we should be very wary of expert predictions.

The fact remains that we almost certainly need at least 15,000 extra homes by 2031 in the Vale. If you wish to argue that we are full up – you should see Hong Kong! Not that I would ever advocate such a drastic change. However, we have never managed to deliver homes at that rate, and there is considerable doubt that we have the bricks, the bricklayers or the builders to deliver. Successive governments over at least 30 years have failed to build enough houses. Is it realistic to think we can solve the problem in 10 years as the Local Plan consultation proposes? Where can all these houses be added?

1. To our towns (Abingdon, Wantage, Grove, Faringdon and Didcot) or
2. As the Plan suggests, to our larger villages, including Marcham, or

<b>MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY</b>	
5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise - no appointment necessary	
4th July	Wallingford Town Hall OX10 0EG
<b>Contact Ed Vaizey MP by</b>	
Post	The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
E-mail	<a href="mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk">vaizeye@parliament.uk</a>
Web	<a href="http://www.vaizey.com">www.vaizey.com</a>
Tel	0207 219 6350



3. We could start afresh with new towns (probably a better term than "garden cities"), or

- Some combination of 1, 2 and 3.

I am not sure I see a solution that does not involve a major component of no 3 above. New communities can be built to 21st century standards with 21st century infrastructure.

True, it would take longer to solve the problem, and we would still have an enormous problem of how to help our children, but at least our grandchildren could look forward to being able to afford to live and work in the Vale. Those of us who think our towns have had enough, who wish to protect our historic villages and who are worried about villages and towns "merging" need to talk about it now, not in another 10 or 20 years.

**CATHERINE WEBBER, CLLR**

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## MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALKS

**Thursday, July 10th.**

For this month's walk we will have a second attempt at exploring some hidden stretches of the Thames and the Oxford Canal. We will eat at the Turnpike Inn (Map Ref SP5483123, OX5 1PJ for SatNav users), on the Woodstock Road in Yarnton at 12.30pm for lunch, starting the walk of just under 4 miles at 1.30.



**Thursday August 7th.**

In August we will meet at the Killingworth Castle Inn (Map Ref SP438203), just north of Wootton by Woodstock for lunch at 12.30. We will be starting our walk from the parking by the Post Office in Glympton (SP427216), just off the B4027. This will be along the River Glyme, taking in two tiny estate villages. Parking is limited so please share cars if possible.

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

## Do you Care? So do we ...

Do you provide unpaid help to a family member, friend or neighbour, to help them with everyday living? Do you look after someone who has a long-term illness or disability or who is elderly or frail? Do you have a child with special needs? Do you help a relative or friend who is about to be discharged from hospital? Are you under 18 and caring for or helping to care for someone in your family, who has a long-term illness or is disabled?

If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, then you would benefit from contacting **South and Vale Carers**.

South and Vale Carers is a specialist charity that supports unpaid carers and provides a personal, professional and confidential service offering advice, information, and practical and emotional support, visiting you in your own home at a time to suit you.

**South and Vale Carers can help you with:**

- Emotional support and practical advice
- Help in claiming Allowances and Benefits
- Completing a Benefits Check to maximise your income
- Knowing your rights, including at work
- Help with Appeals and Representation at Tribunals
- Advice on your entitlement to services
- Advice on choosing and paying for care
- Trips and activities to give you a break – you deserve one!

Last year we helped over 1,000 carers and supported carers in achieving in excess of £920,000 in benefits and allowances for carers. If you would like to know how we could help you, please call South and Vale Carers on 01235 510 212 or visit our website ([www.svcarers.org.uk](http://www.svcarers.org.uk))

As an independent charity we do not receive any statutory funding. If you would like to support our work, please get in touch, your donation would make a difference.

## MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

Fixtures for Marcham Cricket Club for July and August are as follows:

	OCA Division 4	OCA Division 8
<b>July</b>	<b>1st XI</b>	<b>2nd XI</b>
5	Wootton and BH Away	Witney Swifts II Home
12	Deddington Home	Radley II Away
19	W. Ilsley Away	No match
26	Brightwell Salome Home	Combe II Away
<b>Aug</b>	<b>1st XI</b>	<b>2nd XI</b>
2	Kidlington Home	Wolvercote II Away
9	Hailey Home	Chadlington Away
16	Swinbrook Away	Radley II Home
23	Charlbury II Home	Hanborough II Away
30	Hanborough Away	Uffington II Home

## July Charles Hoile Downs League

Start 18.15 Wednesday Evenings

2	Sutton Courtenay Home
9	Falkland Away



At present the 1st XI is in the lower middle order of its OCA Division; the 2nd XI is in the lower half of its Division. Marcham C.C. is in the upper middle half of its Downs League Division.. Please contact Trevor Hill (01865 391321) for any information relating to the Club, including playing or umpiring for Marcham.

**CSB**

## Marcham School Summer Fête

**2-4pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

Everyone welcome!

Free Entrance for Children

BBQ and Bar

Bouncy Castle - Cake Stall - Maypole

Raffle – Tombola - Games



## Marcham WI

**Next Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, 17th July

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Denman College



We are looking forward to welcoming the Revd John Sturney as the speaker at our July meeting. Please come and join us to hear about 'The Ups and Downs of Hospital Chaplaincy', which must be a very demanding but rewarding job and a great comfort to patients and their families.

There is no formal meeting during August and we hope to see everyone again at the September meeting after the summer break.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

For any questions, new members or visitors, contact Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 [pippahoath@gmail.com](mailto:pippahoath@gmail.com)



## MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

During June, Pre-school had a fantastic Family Day at Cutteslowe Park. The children enjoyed a gloriously sunny day exploring the park and sand pit, climbing areas, duck pond... as well as some good company!

We had a great day together, made very special with a visit from Peppa Pig! The children were thrilled to have their photograph taken with her..... what a great day!

If you are interested in a place at Marcham Pre-school, please contact us as soon as possible, we have some spaces for September, and we are currently building a waiting list for 2015 and beyond! It's never too early to register your child - there are no registration fees to pay. We can be contacted on 01865 392101, marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk, or via our website [www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com](http://www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com)



## ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS

**Baby Room:** What a busy month we have had in our baby room. We have been enjoying the world cup by making our own football



shirts, scoreboards and the flags of each country. The nice weather also means we have spent lots of time outside splashing in water! Music is our favourite past time at the moment, we love hearing the beat of music and dancing to it with lots of shapes and bouncing. Then having our picnics outside on the field.

**Pre-school Room:** Football fever has arrived! We have been in full throw of the World Cup by making our own football pitch, team and our own kit! We have also been practising our penalty shots in the garden and recording our score! The World Cup has brought countries of the world together, and we have celebrated this by looking at some of the countries flags and items that relate to this country. There has been great fun looking at the map to see where Brazil is and where the football is taking place. This month we have been enjoying the sunshine and had football games on the field, although the adults at Little Angels are not very good keepers and we score lots of goals! This must be due to the great skills we learn in our football sessions with Coach Mat on a Tuesday! Outside we have our very own builders hut, so we have been fixing every fence, block or object that needs it, you would have seen us with our builders hats and jackets on. We also now have a bird table, thank you to our friends Mo, Henry and Max, so we are looking at different birds who come to our garden. Over the summer holiday we plan to be busy celebrating Prince George's 1st birthday and going to the seaside.

**After School Club:** the grass has been cut on the field- which means we have made great use of the grass cuttings, making beds, shapes and nests! even some of it made potions and lovely food in our restaurant!! We have been tracing our own world cup mascots and looked at Brazil! You would have seen us on the field playing cricket, rounders' and football! We also put on a performance in the field. We also have a fantastic time in tug of war - it was a close call which team won! The 2013/2014 school year has been great time at the after school club and has seen us learning through lots of different fun activities, from science to art, all of us are looking forward to returning in September 2014 - although some of us will be having fun in the holiday club.

If you would like any further information about Abingdon Little Angels Nursery, After School Club, Holiday Club or Art Club please feel free to call in or telephone us on 07516 474287 or email [info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk](mailto:info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk)

## NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

It has been another cracking year at Marcham CE Primary School! There have been so many things, as a school, we have been delighted by and much to celebrate. This year however, has been dominated by the visit of OFSTED at the beginning of April. We were awarded a grade of Good for pupil attainment, teaching and Learning, Behaviour and Safety, Leadership and Management, giving us a 'Good' overall, with our Social, Cultural, Spiritual and Moral aspects graded as Outstanding. Staff and Governors are delighted to be finally recognised for all their hard work. However, our focus is not just about how we are seen by OFSTED. We are, have always been and continue to be passionate about the education for the children of our school and we strive for excellence in all areas.

We have had a whole school trips to the pantomime at the theatre in Chipping Norton, which was a delight, and KS2 residential visits to Youldbury Scout Activity centre, which helped to foster and enhance the school values of courage and perseverance. We have enjoyed and are enjoying trips to places such as Warwick Castle, Sulgrave Manor, The Living Rainforest, Abingdon Hospital, Oxford Botanic Garden, "Stargazing Live" and the Ashmolean Museum. As well as going out, we've had a range of visitors coming in - including Abbey Baptist Church, Zoolab, the Fire and Rescue Service, Barnabas in Schools workshops (RE specialists) It has been a packed but exciting year and we know that the children have benefited enormously from these experiences. We were particularly excited to be visited by Mark Richardson, the Olympic Bronze medal 400m relay winner (Atlanta '96) who joined us for a morning in November to talk about his own journey and inspire the children. His motto, "Better never stops", is one that can be often heard in our corridors, classrooms and on our field and playground by pupils and staff alike.

We have welcomed back Mrs Kidd after her maternity leave whilst waving to Miss Wagstaff who has taken time out to have her baby. We anticipate that she will be back with us for the final term next year. We have appointed three new members of teaching staff to our team for September: Mrs Hughes will be teaching Reception/ Year 1, Miss Bowles will be teaching Year 1/2 and Mrs Sucksmith will be teaching Year 5 pupils in the mornings. We look forward to the contribution they will make to our school.

Next year is not without its challenges. We have a new national curriculum due to start in September and schools across the country are working hard to prepare themselves for it. Locally, Oxfordshire County Council, who have been struggling to supply services to school due to the increasing efficiency savings measures, will be teaming up with a neighbouring local authority to offer support and services to schools. However, we are undaunted and strive towards providing the very best education we can for our children. We know that our successes are not due to our efforts alone. Enormous thanks go to our PTA and Governing Body who both work tirelessly for the school in different ways - the PTA raising funds to support some of the fantastic opportunities the children are given and the Governors overseeing the strategic direction and of the school and ensuring its continued improvement. We'd also like to thank Jill Rowe, Richard Zair, Sheila Dunford and Jenny Allen for their support of the school in delivering school assemblies and the many of you who support the school in many ways: listening to readers; helping children learn their times tables and general help in the classrooms; visiting and participating in our Christmas bazaar and Summer fayre and attending services at All Saints. Thank you all.

We do have fabulous staff at Marcham and I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their commitment to the children of Marcham and the surrounding villages, and for their extremely hard work. As a school community we have high expectations of ourselves and our children, and are determined to live out our mission to "to achieve excellence in education in a safe, caring and collaborative community where learning is fun".

VIV HUTCHINSON

**Little Jen's Childcare:** The children took part in Barnardo's Toddler during May and raised over a £100.00.  
**Well done to you all!**



## Coffee Morning & Sale

**Date** 10.30-12.30 Friday 5 September

**Venue** Tubney Farm House Abingdon Road Tubney OX13 5QL

Enjoy a cuppa and cake, and a chance to buy from stalls selling a selection of exciting, quality gifts, goodies, plants and produce. *Plenty of free parking.*

Details from Gwyneth on 01865 390483

Fundraising in aid of YoungDementia UK

[www.youngdementiauk.org](http://www.youngdementiauk.org)

70 YEARS: 1944-2014 Proudly presents the UK premiere

## ABINGDON DRAMA CLUB

of *I Do, I Do, I Do.*

By Robin Hawdon

Directed by Keith Hales

7.30pm Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> July

at The Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon

Wealthy banker's daughter **Diana (Hayley Jones)** has it all ... beautiful, intelligent, sweet-natured. She's the sort of girl men swoon over. There are three men in her life ...

**Tickets:** £10, £7 concessions

[tickets@unicornboxoffice.org.uk](mailto:tickets@unicornboxoffice.org.uk) / 0845 4636638

[www.abingdon-drama-club.com](http://www.abingdon-drama-club.com)

[enquiries@abingdon-drama-club.com](mailto:enquiries@abingdon-drama-club.com)



## Southmoor and Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

On Tuesday July 1st the Club's **Annual Garden Party** will take place at Glen Eden Faringdon Road Southmoor. 6.45 pm for 7.00 pm. This is a ticket only event and is open to all members and friends. Cost £7.00 per person (Bring your own drink and glasses). We will be holding our usual a grand raffle and you may wish to take part in a 'gardeners quiz'. Tickets will also be on sale at this event for our special evening on October 17th with **Dr Pippa Greenwood**. BBC Gardeners Question Time.

For more details about S&KB Gardening Club, call Steve or Sharon on 820399 or email [skbgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:skbgardeningclub@gmail.com)

**Sobell House** are looking to recruit new volunteers for roles across the hospice. We provide a structured induction programme, including communication skills training alongside the shadowing of experienced volunteers, and ask that each volunteer commit for at least 12 months. Travel expenses are available. Support your local hospice, develop new skills, join our friendly team. There are many volunteering roles across Sobell: drivers, gardeners, listeners and organisers for our Day Services activities. To express your interest please call Rebecca Norris on 01865 225868 or email [rebecca.norris@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:rebecca.norris@ouh.nhs.uk). You can find out more about Sobell House on our website: [www.sobell-house.org.uk](http://www.sobell-house.org.uk)



## Marcham Village Shop and Post Office

**Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 18.00**

**Sat: 07.30 - 13.00**

**Sun: 08.00 - 13.00**



Don't forget to pop in to order your **holiday money** from the **Post Office** – great rates and we will buy back any you didn't spend. Or order a **Travel Money Card**, great rates and no withdrawal charges when you are abroad.

**May takings** – the shop had 4409 customers in May with the average spend of £2.58. We will keep you up to date with more figures in September.

We are keeping lovely and cool in the shop this summer thanks to John Howden-Richards and Chris Ricketts, who made a presentation to Sovereign's Regional Panel in February and received a grant for £1000 for air conditioning. If you see any other opportunities like this, please contact the shop. We now also have a comfy window seat and cafe tables so come in, sit down and have a coffee and a cake!

## HELP !!

We need an adult(s) – not just any adult as you need to be **FEMALE** – **to help with a group of 7 – 10 year old girls**. Once a week on a Wednesday from 5.30 – 7pm term time only – occasional Church services and meetings. No experience needed, just lots of ideas, energy and patience! Perks of volunteering – six weeks holiday in the summer, all half terms and **LOTS OF FUN**. If interesting please visit us on a Wednesday at 5.30pm in Marcham Baptist Church Hall, Packhorse Lane during Term Time **Thanks**

**1ST MARCHAM BROWNIES**

## MARCHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Have you just had a baby or recently moved to the area with children under 3? Do come and join us at All Saints' Church on Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15, we are a small friendly group and would welcome new families/child-minders/carers. We have toys for babies and toddlers, refreshment, singing/story time and it's an opportunity to meet others for a chat. First visit is free then £2 per family. If you are waiting for your happy event, do pop in for a coffee and chat. Sue Gibbling [Treasurer]. **Do come and join us!**

**Abingdon couple, hoping to build their ideal home, seek a small piece of land or a building suitable for conversion**

**(or re-building) in this area.**

**If you own, or know of, a suitable property please call Trish on 01235 535984**



**All Saints' Church, Goosey SN7 8PA**

**Saturday 19th July 2014 at 6.00 - 7.00 pm**

**MUSIC IN THE VALE presents Vale Baroque**

*Sweet, stay awhile*

Claire-Louise Lucas - mezzo-soprano, Polly Elena Armitage - baroque flute, David Pedder - classical guitar and Judith Dallosso - baroque 'cello, in a chamber music recital including music by Bach, Dowland and Handel and the premier of a song setting of 3 Wendy Cope poems by David Pedder Admission by programme £10.00 book early as seating is limited

Reservations 01367 718420 [DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com](mailto:DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com)

If you have event to publicise for MADNews, contact the Editor on 01865 391725 [editor@madnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@madnews.co.uk)



## Fyfield Village Fete 2-4.30pm Saturday 12th July

**Manor Farmhouse, Fyfield, OX13 5LR**

With games, face painting, ice creams, a fancy dress competition and a magic show, it is a great place to come for a family outing. With live music from the Jubilee Brass Band, cream teas, stalls to browse and a raffle to try your luck on we look forward to seeing you there.

### Children's Fancy Dress Information:

What your little one to enter? Just bring them along dressed as a character from their favourite book! Classes are under 5s, 5-8 and over 8s with judging at 2.30 and results at 4pm.

## MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING Long Gallery, Abingdon Abbey Sunday 13 July 7.30pm

Abbey Strings, directed by Kate Bailey (violin) perform popular classics including Bach's concerto for 2 violins, Pachelbel's Canon and operatic arias.

Soloists: Matthew Bain and John Haworth (violins), Peter Willis (tenor).

Tickets from Mostly Books, Stert Street: £15 (under 16 £7) including Prosecco and strawberries.

All proceeds to The Friends of Abingdon

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ABINGDON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Volunteers are a very important part of the running of Abingdon Hospital. Both staff and patients greatly appreciate all that our volunteers contribute. We currently have vacancies for the following volunteers:

In the Coffee Shop Mondays 12.00-14.00.

On the Wards

- Serving patient's mid-morning refreshments 10am-12noon, Fridays and Weekends
- Assisting with patients' lunches 12-1.30pm, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays
- Answering the phones/taking messages 5-7pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays

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

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



This summer, the brand new Maggie's Centre will open at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford, offering anyone with any type of cancer and their families and friends, the practical, emotional and social support that people with cancer need.

At such an exciting time, we are looking for new volunteers to join our Centre Support Team to help introduce as many people as possible to our new centre and show them the fantastic support Maggie's can provide.

If you are sociable, confident and outgoing and willing to dedicate half a day a week to help Maggie's, we would like to hear from you. For more information, please contact [eleanor.green@maggiescentres.org](mailto:eleanor.green@maggiescentres.org) or call 07920 848825. For more information about Maggie's, please visit [www.maggiescentres.org](http://www.maggiescentres.org)

## Peace in the Park

Held in the meadows, woodlands and historical gardens of the Global Retreat Centre, Nuneham Courtenay OX44 9PG, this year's festival includes enlightening Mindset talks (small talks with big ideas), Round Table discussions, enchanting Meditation Pavilions, beguiling acoustic music, kids Creative Woodland area, Fairy Tale Theatre presents the 'Adventures of Alice', Tea under the Trees, Food & Soul demos, Feelgood Space, Changemaker Hub, Meditation & Music for the World ... plus lots more. Festival times: Friday 18 July 2.30pm to 7pm Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July 10.30am to 7pm This is a family friendly festival with a big heart Created with lots of love and offered without charge. No entrance or parking fees. This is a non-commercial event that is smoke/drug/alcohol/meat free - to help preserve this spirit please don't bring picnics into the grounds. We love animals but ask that you don't bring dogs to the event. Children will need a parent/carer with them at all times. Set in 55 acres with some uneven terrain.

For more information 01865 343551

[www.peaceintheparkfestival.org](http://www.peaceintheparkfestival.org)

## Evenlode Badminton Club ARE YOU LOOKING TO JOIN A BADMINTON CLUB AND PLAY COMPETITIVE BADMINTON?

Why not come along to our summer club.

Weekly from Monday 7 July

St Helen & St Katherine School, Faringdon Road, Abingdon

7.30 - 9.30 pm (£6/week)

For further information: [www.odbl.org/EvenlodeWebsite](http://www.odbl.org/EvenlodeWebsite) or contact James 01865 464154 or Lilian: 01235 530153

## Take a walk on the pink side and help us beat breast cancer!

Against Breast Cancer is pleased to announce that Ben Shephard from the Good Morning Britain show is backing The Breast Walk Ever, our day-time walking full or half marathon which is open to men, women, children and even dogs. The walk follows the beautiful Thames riverside from Abingdon to Beale Park on 14 September. Ben explains... 'I have been a Patron of Against Breast Cancer for many years and am glad to give my support to this new fundraising event. I'm passionate about sport and keeping fit so this event ticks all the boxes for me. Walking 26 or 13 miles is a challenge and I'm sure all your friends, family and colleagues will sponsor you - or better still, ask them to walk with you!'

Against Breast Cancer funds pioneering research by expert clinical scientists at the University of Westminster in London. Its national Diet & Lifestyle Study of breast cancer survivors involves over 3,300 women in 57 hospitals across the UK. It is the largest study of its kind in the world. Ultimately, our goal is to discover a vaccine against breast cancer.

So are your boots made for walking? Don't delay - take a walk on the pink side and help us beat breast cancer. Sign up today

[breastwalkever.org](http://breastwalkever.org) #breastwalkever

[facebook.com/againstbc](https://facebook.com/againstbc)

Join our team today and help to make our dream of a vaccine against breast cancer a reality!

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



# Money - The Root of All Evil ??



Soon after CD's came into vogue and I had given away my turntable to charity, I then let all my LP's go - Queen's first album before they became famous, early Bowie and Rod Stewart and many others that were classics of their time. I sorely regret getting rid of them now, mostly because they were significant reminders of my earlier life like my old school cap and RAF beret.....All gone - banished to the rubbish bin due to my tidy nature and failure to consider a future, more nostalgic period of my life to come!

One of those LPs consigned to the bin was Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon, which I had bought on vinyl on its release in 1973. So when recently asked what I would like for my birthday, I asked for that classic album on CD (I had to have the artwork - so a download just would not do!). One afternoon I sat down to listen to it for the first time in decades and was struck by the words of one of the main tracks on the album "Money" - here are some of the lyrics.

*Money, it's a crime  
Share it fairly but don't take a slice of my pie  
Money, so they say  
Is the root of all evil today*

As happens so often, Pink Floyd frontman Roger Water's lyrics misquote scripture. Since playing that CD a few weeks ago, I have several times read or heard that same Bible verse incorrectly quoted, saying that money is the root of all evil. But it's just not true. The closest rendition of the Greek that St Paul wrote is that "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." Money itself is not evil - it's the love of it that creates problems.

In the recently released Sunday Times Rich list I discovered that the richest 1,000 people in Britain are now together worth £519 billion - 15.4% more than a year ago. That's £519 million each on average - double what they were worth in 2009, at the start of the financial crash. Yet in the last month we have heard on the news about the many super rich who squirrel their money away in dubious tax havens in order to avoid paying tax. Conversely, we have also heard on the news about the dramatic increase in the numbers in this country using food banks because they cannot make ends meet. Where is the justice?

Turning again to music, surely one of the most successful musical films of all time is Cabaret, with the MC singing "Money makes the world go around." Though the sentiments behind the song ultimately extolled the virtues of money over love, surely that particular line of the song is essentially true. Money does in many ways make the world go around. We do need money to buy food and all the other essentials of life but perhaps what is needed is a more even distribution .... and not money elevated over love but perhaps the application of money with love? I looked at [www.globalissues.org](http://www.globalissues.org) for facts and figures about poverty. The statistics are mind boggling but consider one fact from that website which focuses on issues around poverty - that if all the money that was spent in one year in Europe on ice cream (\$11bn) was redirected, then every single individual on the planet could have clean water and sanitation (cost \$9bn)!

God says many times in the Bible to care for the poor, the orphaned and the widows and to give generously - not just within our comfortable means but to go beyond that to give sacrificially. Maybe we can do that if we give up on "the ice creams" (metaphorically speaking), so that others can simply have "clean water" to live. We might not be able single handedly to change the world but by having a different perspective and being open handed and generous with our giving we can certainly make a difference.

**Keith Mersh     Pastor     Marcham Baptist Church**

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## **Speakers in July & August**

6 Jul	- Ralph Green
13 Jul	- Paul Revell
20 Jul	- 10.00am JOINT SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS
27 Jul	- James Allen
3 Aug	- John Hawley
10 Aug	- Keith Mersh
17 Aug	- Andrew Pearson
24 Aug	- Francis Blood
31 Aug	- Dave Page

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





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

Dear Friends,

The rate of change in our society is, or certainly feels to be, constant and increasingly rapid. Today's technology is outdated tomorrow. Buy the latest gadget today, and tomorrow there is something similar but more advanced. We all cope with this rate of change in different ways: some embrace it and are happy to ride the crest of the wave, looking forward to the next new horizon; others find it confusing, bewildering and hard to grasp; many are somewhere between the two!

There are certain things that we instinctively feel shouldn't change, and one of those 'unchanging' facets of life is faith. The Bible informs us that 'Jesus is the same yesterday, today and for ever' – His personality and character remain constant and consistent. This is gloriously true, and it means we can trust Him, trust His promises, rely upon His grace when so much else is shifting sand. And yet ...

And yet even faith changes: we are never static in our faith – God is always inviting us to go deeper, to grow in faith, to come closer, to experience the deeper depths of His grace and love, to understand more. And expressing faith in this fast changing 21<sup>st</sup> century world also adjusts and changes, so that we can relate and express faith in relevant and meaningful ways across the generations.

I am delighted that our Baptist friends and ourselves in All Saints' are actively working to draw towards a closer friendship and a greater sense of unity. Yes, we have certain differences of approach, and sometimes prefer to do things in slightly different ways, but essentially we believe in the same core truths, trust in the same Jesus Christ, and look forward to heaven where the old barriers are finally a thing of the past. We want to explore further ways of doing things together, and uniting in our shared concerns for the community.

As we enter the months of summer, the longer days, hopefully lots of sunshine, time to rest perhaps and take a break from the normal routines of life, let's reflect on the changes in our own lives, make any necessary adjustments, and hold fast to 'the Anchor of our souls' – to God our Rock, whose love is new every day, and whose grace towards us in Christ is faithful and unchanging.

Enjoy a wonderful summer, and every blessing!

Richard

We warmly invite you to any or all of our services in the Parish Church of All Saints', and to our monthly service at St. Luke's in Garford.

### Regular services:

**Sundays at All Saints':** 10 am and 6 pm

**St. Luke's, Garford:** No services in July and August, but you are warmly invited to join us at All Saints'

**Wednesdays:** 10.30 am Holy Communion at Duffield Place

### July dates:

- **Men's breakfast, Sat 5<sup>th</sup>,** 8.30am at the Sports and Social Club
- **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – PIRATES OF PENZANCE** by Opera Anywhere at Millets Farm, in aid of Send a Cow.
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm,** Manor School Shippon. **The Filling Station** – an opportunity for reflective prayer and worship. Open to all.
- **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>,** 8.30am, The Changing Room (Women's Breakfast), Manor Farm Boardroom

### August dates

- **Men's Breakfast, Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>,** 8.30am at the Sports and Social Club

**August 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> HOLIDAY CLUB**

**00J - 'Searching for Jesus'**

**10am-2pm**

**Contact Jill Rowe for more information**

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### Parish People:

#### Funerals:

Our thoughts and prayers for the families and friends of Mike Hudson whose funeral was held on 2nd June at All Saints'.

#### Weddings:

We offer our congratulations to Ceri and Thomas Chase who were married on 14<sup>th</sup> June, and Mandy and Geoff Legg who were married on 21<sup>st</sup> June

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