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Photograph: Steve Parsons/PA

▲ Ruth Aktins of Marcham: the first British volunteer to be injected with the experimental Ebola vaccine in trials run by The Jenner Institute at the University of Oxford

I volunteered because the situation in west Africa is so tragic and I thought being part of this vaccination process was something small I could do to hopefully make a huge impact. I feel absolutely fine, it felt no different to being vaccinated before going on holiday.



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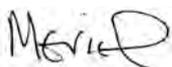
Dear Readers

This is the month when we put the clocks back and the dark nights arrive. This year the date is **26 October**.

I feel quite inspired by Ruth Atkins' positive action of volunteering to test the new Ebola vaccine - with so much negativity around it is wonderful to see such a selfless act. Well done Ruth.

Looking forward Apple Day on 18th!

until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Casual Vacancy

There were 3 people who put their names forward to be considered for the Parish Council vacancy that had occurred. The Council thanks all those who expressed an interest as they were all perfectly suitable candidates, and the Council was left with a difficult decision with only 1 seat to fill. The Council co-opted Sandra Hill from Chancel Way to serve for the next 7 months, until the Parish Council elections in May 2015. At that time all 10 seats will be available, so for those who just missed out, and any other resident interested in local parish affairs, now is the time to begin to think about standing as a candidate at election time.

Grants

The Parish Council considers any requests for grants at its November meeting. Grant requests are considered usually just once a year. 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 by the end of the month, stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts.

Anson Trust Proposals

The Council has set up a working party to carefully look at the proposals and consider the position and what it means for the parish should the Anson Trust's ideas as outlined in last month's MADNews go ahead, and also to consider the position should they not be granted planning consent.

Vale of White Horse District Council – Local Plan

Vale of White Horse District Council has announced it intends to publish the latest version of its Local Plan to 2031 in November. That Council will be inviting residents and businesses to comment on the plan. All comments provided during the consultation will be considered by a planning inspector during the examination of the Local Plan, which is anticipated will be spring/summer 2015. Of particular interest to Marcham is the fact that the field East of Willow Farm, South of the A415 has now been removed from the proposals.

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.

Planning Applications considered by the Council

P14/V1843/HH Construct a 4th bedroom and install dormer window of bed 1, reduce eaves and expand dormer window of bed 2 at 28 Parkside. The Council had no objections

P14/V1976/O Erection of 37 dwellings with associated works, garages, access road and public open space at the Priory on land off Packhorse Lane. This application included 16 dwellings previously approved, so in effect was an additional 21 houses. The Council objected to the application on grounds of proximity to the listed building, traffic, location of the junction, pollution, lack of footway, lack of links with the adjacent development at Willow Farm, height of one 2½ storey dwelling, no pepper-potting of social housing, impact on the sewerage system and insufficient accommodation at the primary school.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 8th October, 2014 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
clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Ron Rollinson

Pearl and family would like to thank our neighbours and friends for their kind words and condolences over the past two months.

Ron passed away suddenly but peacefully at home on 18th July 2014 and is very much missed.

£104 was raised in Ron's memory for the charity SeeSaw which offers grief support for children and young people in Oxfordshire.

We would also like to thank S&R Childs funeral services for their professionalism and continuous support and also Tony and Vanessa at The Crown, Marcham for their generosity and kindness.

The Crown, Marcham

Admiral Taverns have now let the pub and the new tenants hope that it will be open very soon.

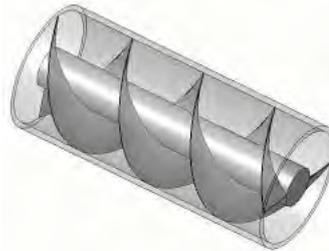
Welcome to Marcham!

RIP Priory Field

Priory Field died at 8 o'clock in the morning on Monday 14th July 2014 when the bulldozers moved in. Back in the Fifties ... clambering over the stiles each end, rooks caww-caw-cawing in the lofty elms, Aunt Ada's old dog sprawled out in the buttercups and sunshine, Coronation celebrations for everyone, with badges and a horrid drink made from orange-coloured crystals ... does anyone else remember, or is just me in my rose-tinted specs?
JAY

Archimedes comes to Abingdon!

After four years of research and planning, Abingdon Hydro is near the end of the bureaucracy required for generating hydroelectricity from the Thames. The £1 million scheme will harness the sustainable, green power of the river without diverting it or enclosing it. Some of the water currently flowing over Abingdon weir will instead go through two reverse Archimedes screws, 3.3m in diameter. Up to 5 tons of water per second can pass through each screw, generating a total of up to 100kW of electrical power. Environment Agency records for the Thames go back up to 70 years, giving confidence in the expected long term output.



This project was set up as a community enterprise to make the profit available to support environmental community projects in the town. As far as we know this is Abingdon's first green, ethical, community investment, and the opportunity to buy shares will be launched on 1 November. This is a long term investment, with a target return of about 4%. The minimum investment is £500 and it will qualify for a tax rebate under the Enterprise Investment Scheme. We hope to also have a scheme to enable parents or grandparents to buy shares on behalf of children under 16.

There is more information on the website: www.abingdonhydro.org.uk where you can register to receive updates on the project and share offer.

Or you can email info@abingdonhydro.org.uk or write to Abingdon Hydro, P.O.Box 627 Abingdon Delivery Office, Ock Street Abingdon OX14 5AD

CLEANER WANTED

Cleaner wanted in Marcham, 2 to 6 hours weekly.

FOR SALE

Light metallic computer station (30.5x27.5x21.5 “): £25.00 ono
 Dark grey melamine desk on castors: (35.5x28.5x19 “): £50.00 ono

If interested, please ring 01865 391950.



Wish you were here!

There are now two versions of the Marcham postcard available from Marcham Village Shop. If you have a high resolution image that you think would be suitable for a future postcard, please send it in to

editor@madnews.co.uk

stating when and where it was taken. Images of people or private property will not be accepted without the permission of the person or owner.

The Harding Bequest

The Harding Bequest is a small charitable trust which for some years has made grants to a variety of community causes in the parish. The funds available to the trust have now nearly all been distributed and so the Harding Bequest will shortly be coming to an end.

The Trustees would welcome any final applications from village organisations that might benefit from a small grant by 31st October 2014. Please contact Jenny Warwick (392 076), Secretary to the Harding Bequest, for an application form.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2014

This years appeal will run from

Saturday 25th October 2014 until

Saturday 8th November 2014.

We hope that everyone will give as generously as possible to commemorate the 100 years since the start of the First World War in 1914 and remember all those who gave their lives for us then and to the present day.

If any one in the village is willing to help with door to door collections we would be most grateful for their assistance, please contact us on the number below.

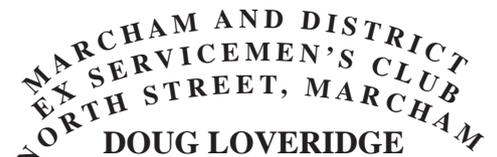
Christine and Malcolm Denton 01865 391497



The Captains of Frilford Heath Golf Club, Gwyneth Goss and the YoungDementia UK charity would like to thank everyone who attended or contributed to the Coffee Morning & Sale in Tubney on 5 September. The total raised has now reached a wonderful £2,600!

Allotment Rent Collection

The Clerk will be in attendance from 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8th 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.



DOUG LOVERIDGE

singing in the club on
 Saturday 4th October at 8.30pm

Membership available
 Contact a member of the club committee

Community Mini Bus

The Mini Bus is available to any organisation or resident of the village in return for a donation replacement of the diesel used. The driver must have passed their driving test before 1997 to be able to drive the Mini Bus. Please contact Marion Belcher 07507 797757.

Have Your Say Online

You can now send non-emergency messages to the police using the online form on the Thames Valley Police website. For you to do that please follow the link: **Have Your Say - contact your local team.** Please allow some time for a reply as the mail box is only checked at certain times of the day.

Bank Balance
£14,100

Local Events
£10,934

Donations
£6,814

2014 - 2015 Membership
Voting: 115 Junior: 18

5p Coins
5516

Marcham
Community
Group



**FREE
ENTRY**



Please bring apples for identification and pressing.

Donations to the apple produce table will be very welcome.

Fun with apples for all the family
Apple Day Saturday 18 October
12 noon – 3pm Marcham School

Games

Activities

Apple pressing—you can bring your own

Apple produce

Family BBQ

Coffee, tea, soft drinks

Competition - decorate a cake on an apple theme

Apple Day Saturday 18 October 12 – 3 Marcham School

Community facilities

The MCG Open Meeting on 25 September to discuss a new community initiative will have taken place after the MADNews deadline.

There will be a report and a full update in the next issue.





The
**Marcham
Society**

*All Saints' Church Marcham
7.45pm Tuesday 14th October*

Evening Meeting & AGM

Gary Lock: Hill Forts of the Ridgeway
Living with the White Horse
November meeting: Tony Hadland Foray to the Falklands

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

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

INTERNATIONAL GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday December 2nd 2014 is International Giving Tuesday and Rosie's Rainbow Fund has joined this global day of giving, which encourages people and businesses to give their time, money or voice to charity for one day. #GivingTuesday is a charitable antidote to the pre-Christmas spending frenzy, encouraging people to devote one day amid the holiday shopping rush to doing good. The movement asks individuals, businesses, schools, and organisations to do one simple charitable act on 2nd December, and it is hoped that #GivingTuesday in the UK will replicate the successes of the US, where they have seen a huge spike in donations on the day.



The trustees and volunteers of Rosie's Rainbow Fund, the Maidenhead-based charity supporting hospitalised children at The John Radcliffe Children's Hospital, the Royal Berks and The Stoke Mandeville Children's Hospital are taking the lead locally in the Thames Valley by inviting the staff of businesses and retailers throughout the Thames Valley to hold a Rainbow Lunch!

To participate, each person is asked to donate £3.00 and to bring a colourful food item for a shared office lunch! The charity has a Pinterest Board with ideas and recipes for rainbow-coloured food <http://uk.pinterest.com/RosiesRainbow>, but the dish could also be as simple as a zesty salad or colourful slice of pizza. Rosie's Rainbow Fund invites all participants to take 'Selfies' of themselves and their lunches and post them to the charity's website (www.rosiesrainbowfund.co.uk), Facebook (www.Facebook.com/Rosiesrainbow), or Twitter accounts (@rosiesrainbow).

A team of judges will then choose the best-presented and most colourful luncheons from across 6 Thames Valley-area locations. Winning teams will receive a free pizza dinner at a restaurant in their area. Donations can be made directly to Rosie's Rainbow Fund's accounts at Just Giving or Virgin Money, or through their website.

www.rosiesrainbowfund.co.uk

#GIVING TUESDAY

MARCHAM PLAYERS
With Great Pleasure

If you have heard tell of the famous "With Great Pleasure" evenings organised by Marcham Players but have never been able to attend, you now have another chance. On Friday, 7th November, from 7.30 in the Board Room at Manor Farm, we will be gathering to hear contributions on the theme of "Wartime" - the readings can be poetry or prose - funny or sad.

Do come and join us for what is always an enjoyable way to spend an evening - liquid refreshments will be available.

For more details about joining in with the Players, call Dave Hutchinson 01865 391964 or Joey McLean 01865 391242.

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www.marchamplayers.co.uk

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MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The Club ended its O.C.A 2014 Season in an up-beat manner with both the 1st and 2nd XIs winning their respective fixtures.

The 1st XI finished in 3rd place in its Division and the 2nd XI finished in the lower half of its Division.

April / May 2015 will arrive quicker than one expects and next Season will be upon us. With this in mind, the Club has already carried out some "end of Season" work on the Field.

Please contact Trevor Hill (01865 391321) for any information relating to the Club, including playing or umpiring for Marcham.

CSB



Marcham WI

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, 16th October

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Denman College



Our next meeting on Thursday 16th October will see the welcome return of **Nick Brazil**. This time Nick will be enlightening us with the story of **Billy Biscuit**. Nick's entertaining style brings history alive and if you would like to find out more on this intriguing character, please come along and hear more..

For any questions, new members or visitors, contact Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK.

Thursday, October 9th.

For this month's walk we will meet at The Bull Inn in Langford, a small village NW of Faringdon, (Map Ref: SP248027, Post Code GL7 3LF) at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for the walk of about 4 miles across the many footpaths to Broughton Poggs and Filkins, wonderful names and pretty Cotswold villages..

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



SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

2.30-3.30 pm Tuesday 14th October (Note later start time for this session)

2.00-3.30 pm Tuesday 28th October

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



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Bullfinch and beyond..

When I first joined the County Council, Operation Bullfinch was well underway. This was a combined, co-ordinated project to understand, to learn from and to ensure that the chances of Child Sex exploitation ever raising its head again in this county would be very small. It took honesty, courage and determination to admit past mistakes and put new, more thorough procedures in place. Last May it seemed that Oxfordshire might be seen as the "home" of child sex exploitation. As a result of Operation Bullfinch, I am happy to say that Oxfordshire is now seen as leading the way. CSE is a national problem, needing national solutions - but we can all take heart in our county having come to terms with the problem first.

A policy of no hope..

About 3 months ago, I heard a County Highways Officer talking about the Council's policy on how to manage road maintenance and improvement in an atmosphere of ever tightened budgets. He talk of a policy of "managed decline". I assumed that this was a personal view rather than a council policy. Yet last week, I heard on the evening news, the County Cabinet Member for Highways use the same expression. "Managed Decline" could be argued to be a reasonable short term policy in tough times, but as a long term plan, it seems a policy of total gloom and doom. Very gradually we will manage our road conditions downwards until potholes fuse and all traffic is at a standstill. Surely, we should have a long term strategy to improve things. OCC has the temporary (2 days a week) use of 2 large machines that operate like roadside combine harvesters. They clear out, fill and resurface in one operation, leaving a permanent repair ready to drive over in minutes. The same machines spend 2 days a week on the roads in Essex, where I am told the potholes are like tank traps.

Doubtless the machines are fiendishly expensive to hire or buy. But could a number of counties not get together to get more of them? What about prudential borrowing? At least its the sort of idea which might fix the problem and offer us a more hopeful policy than one of "Managed Decline!".

Grants

Any Community Groups needing small sums of money (£100-£1000) have a possible source in the County Community Grants. Please let me know if you have ideas...

RICHARD WEBBER CLLR, OCC

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

First, I hope that you all have enjoyed the Summer holidays and that the return to school, and a new academic year, has begun well. I have started to get around Marcham, but have also found that our regular Surgeries and helping behind the shop counter is putting both Richard and I in touch with more and more of you ... not to mention the excellent barbecue for shop volunteers we attended! Kings Field development has raised the concern of some of you plus the Tree officer and the Landscape Officer because of the unexpectedly large number of trees that have been cut down. Originally only two large trees plus some scrubby copses were to be removed; instead most of the poplars have had to be removed because of the discovery of an infestation of the Hornet Moth, but worryingly so have several large groups of trees. I am raising this at the next Planning Meeting, and am urging the committee to add a condition to the application to put forward a generous replanting scheme recommended by the tree officer and landscape officer. Furthermore, some of you have expressed concern that the path from the Kings Field development to Howard Cornish Road needs to be extended to the bus stop and Longfields path. I am raising this too at the next Planning meeting, but I don't feel so optimistic about this.

Can I remind you that there are a variety of small grants available to communities which need to be applied for. For more details, see the Vale website or ring the main Vale number 01235 520202 or contact me.

Finally, we are expecting imminently the next stage of the Local Plan for consultation. Enjoy the peace and quiet of late Summer while you can. Things are bound to hot up!

CATHERINE WEBBER, CLLR

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RDA Abingdon Group CHRISTMAS FAIR

Tuesday 28th October 10 am - 4 pm

Lains Barn, Nr Wantage OX12 7QG

coffee/tea etc and light lunches available

Silent Auction Raffle

Entry £2.50 (children under 12 free)

Begin your Christmas shopping in good time and help us raise much needed funds to keep the group going !

Wantage & Grove Lions

10am to 4.00pm

Saturday October 11th

CRAFT FAYRE

The OLD MILL HALL GROVE

Admission is FREE

Assorted Craft and Gift Stalls.Refreshments available all day.

Anyone needing more information can ring 391257.

DIDCOT RAIL 2014

The Abingdon & District

Model Railway Club

will be holding a Model Railway

Exhibition at the Didcot Civic Hall

Saturday 18th October 2014.

10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Entrance Fee: £6 for an Adult. Up to two children less than 16 years of age can enter for free, if accompanied by a full fee paying adult.

The Exhibition will comprise 14 layouts, showing what can be built in a restricted space, and will include the Club's new Sodor Island Layout.

There will also be six traders covering a wide range of modelling activities.

Demonstrations, Displays and Refreshments.

Car Parking and Disabled Access.



THE SOBELL CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR at

RADLEY COLLEGE

Saturday 22nd November 10am – 5pm

Sunday 23rd 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



MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a great start back to pre-school with LOTS of new children joining us!! How wonderful to witness new friendships blossoming (see cover) as well as existing ones reunite after the summer break. The children have returned with renewed enthusiasm and we have been following their interests with diggers, water play, stones (see cover), ice-creams, dinosaurs..... who know what tomorrow will bring! We have only a few afternoon vacancies now available for this academic year, and our numbers are rising for 2015 and beyond! Whether you are thinking of a place this year, or at any time in the future, please do contact us to register your child. There is no registration fee to pay, and no commitment, but it is important that we know estimated requirements for future years so that we may try to accommodate all local families.



We can be contacted on 01865 392101,
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or via our website www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com

Make your own mark

In 2017 the United Kingdom will introduce a brand new £1 coin – and The Royal Mint invites the nation to create the design it will carry. A fantastic opportunity for members of the public, professional artists and designers alike. Designing a United Kingdom coin is something that most people would never have thought possible. This is a chance to put your art onto the reverse (the ‘tails’ side) of what will be the United Kingdom’s newest coin, one of the most eagerly awaited coins in circulation. The winner will receive a £10,000 design fee. More importantly, they will have the pleasure and pride of seeing their design replicated on millions of coins that will be used by the people of the United Kingdom for years to come. The winner will also be invited to The Royal Mint to see their design transformed into actual United Kingdom coins. More details: www.royalmint.com/newonepoundcoin



CHANGE AHEAD ROADSHOW

From September 2014 the law is changing for **Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disability**.

What does this mean to you and your child?

We will be coming to a venue near you with presentations, information & answers

1. Choose a venue near you

Oxford City – Wed 1 Oct 7pm-9.30pm County Hall
Didcot – Fri 3 Oct, 10am-1pm Civic Hall 10am-1pm

2. Choose two workshops

- Support at School Action & School Action+
- Replacing Statements with Education Health & Care Plans
- Personalisation & Personal Budgets
- Co-production & getting your voice heard

3. Book your FREE place

By emailing your choices to Michelle:
parents@carersvoiceoxfordshire.org or call 01235 520440



NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

Kangaroo Class have had a fantastic start to the new term with lots of new learning going on. But they were all particularly excited about the arrival of Mrs Bruce, from the County Music Service, for their first violin, cello or double bass lesson. The children were all wondering which instrument they would play and what sound they would make.

‘I was very excited because I haven’t held a violin before.’ **Callum**
‘I felt a bit worried because I didn’t know what to do and the double bass is very heavy.’ **Jemma**

‘I felt very excited because I had never held an instrument apart from a recorder before.’ **Esme**

‘I was a bit nervous because I had never played something that you needed a bow for before.’ **Emily W**

‘I was nervous in case I dropped my cello.’ **Daniel**
‘We learned how to play a march by plucking the string’. **Nathan.**
VIV HUTCHINSON

Table Tennis

Marcham Table Tennis Club meets most weeks from September to April and plays in the Didcot and District League, currently playing in the 5th Division. Last season we came runners up in our division, with notable success from all of our players including Robin Butt, Robert O’Higgins and Sian Liwicki, whilst Harry O’Higgins won the prize for the player with the most wins in our division. At present, we are not really a club with the resources to teach someone to play from scratch but if you already can play to a reasonable standard, would you like to join us for an occasional match? Please contact Keith Mersh on 391881

 **Southmoor and Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club**

We are holding a special event with Dr Pippa Greenwood on Tuesday 7th October at the Village Hall in Draycott Road, Southmoor OX13 5HX come along at 7.00 pm for the start at 7.30 pm. The topic is ‘Greener Gardening – keep pests away the natural way! With best-selling author Pippa Greenwood who is a trained botanist and expert on garden pests and diseases, also a regular panellist on BBC Radio 4’s Gardeners’ Question Time, and a past presenter on BBC 2’s ‘Gardeners’ World’. Pippa will be providing lots of ideas for avoiding and sorting out common garden pests and other problems without using chemicals. She will also be keen to hear about your gardening problems and answer your gardening question. Advance tickets Members £7 Non-members £10. During the evening there will be a Grand Raffle and a licenced bar. To book your ticket/s and for more information about S&KB Gardening Club call Steve or Sharon on 01865 820399 or email skbgardeningclub@gmail.com

 **Oxfordshire Advocacy**

**We are looking for volunteers
for our next training course**

Charity no: 1131403

Oxfordshire Advocacy is an independent, confidential free service supporting adults in Oxfordshire to get their voice heard and their wishes taken into account.

Volunteer advocates work with people who need support to challenge decisions, uphold rights, attend meetings or make a complaint. We have a new project supporting adults over 50 who have been affected by cancer.

Next training course is in Oxford on 2nd 3rd, 10th October 2014.
For an informal interview prior to training, contact
jacinta.sands@oadg.org.uk Tel: **01865 230201**
Website: www.gettingheard.org



Do something amazing today – give blood

96% of us rely on the other 4% to give blood.

Please don't leave it to someone else. Most people can give blood. If you are generally in good health, age 17 to 65 (if it's your first time) and weigh at least 7st 12lb you can donate. You can give blood every 16 weeks, and it only takes a few minutes.

Next local session is on 17 October at Preston Road Community Centre, Abingdon OX14 5NR

If you can't make that one find another session contact

www.blood.co.uk 0300 123 23 23

If you are already a donor, why not take a friend next time!

Bazaar

**Saturday 15th November
Hanney WM Hall
10 till 2pm**



Grand Raffle
Christmas Decorations and Gifts
Toys, CDs, DVDs, Books Crafts, China
Refreshments, Sweets and Cakes
Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research

New pamphlet on sale

The Hush-Hush Factory

sited in Tubney Woods during WWII.

£3.00 each from Rosemary Kitto

01865 390466 e-mail rosemarykitto@gmail.com

KICK START YOUR AUTUMN

If gym and exercise classes seem a bit too vigorous but you want to be doing some exercise, then AGE UK Oxfordshire has the perfect solution – a new seated exercise class specifically designed for those who would like to improve their fitness, balance and strength.



Maybe you have been a little hesitant at the thought of going to an exercise class because you aren't sure what to expect. So here's a quick guide to the session:

- It's fun
- It's friendly
- It's deceptively effective
- The routines are easy to pick up
- The exercises can be done standing or sitting to suit everyone
- No special clothes required, just wear something comfortable and non slip shoes.
- It will improve your fitness, strength and balance
- There's no age limit so it's never too late to start!

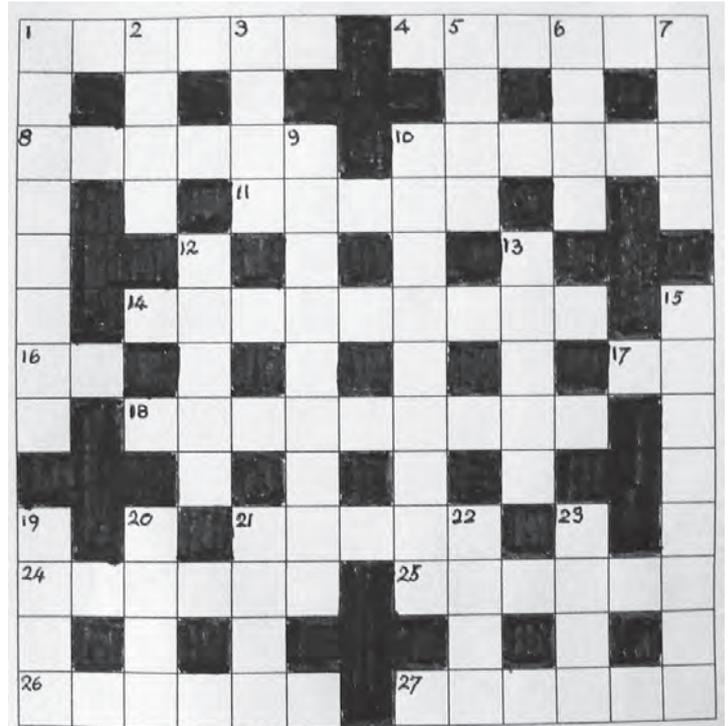
It lasts for one hour in the Marcham Sports and Social Club every Thursday at 10:30am to 11:30am. Age UK Oxfordshire classes are very popular and run by our friendly qualified staff, and you'll come out feeling better for it.

What's more the first session is **FREE** to newcomers and thereafter each class will cost just £3.50.

Come along, bring a friend or make a friend there and you might be surprised at how much you will enjoy it.

For further details contact AGE UK Oxfordshire on 01235 849403.

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Across

- Reason for a course of action (6)
- Queen Victoria wasn't (6)
- Type of bomb (6)
- Capital city (6)
- Language (5)
- Place near Blenheim Palace (9)
- Sun God (2)
- At University (2)
- Building for welfare services (3.6)
- Tale (5)
- Young bird of prey (6)
- Runner-up (6)
- Knob on a root (6)
- Weekday (6)

Down

- Follows a winding course (8)
- Implement (4)
- Face covering (4)
- Satellite (4)
- Fizzy water (4)
- Oxford tutors (4)
- An Abingdon district (9)
- Radio users (9)
- Rag for sale in MVS (5)
- Winter garment (5)
- The 18th (5.3)
- Water mill on the way to Grove (4)
- Old (4)
- Animal with flippers (4)
- Twelve months (4)
- Animal with legs (4)

DENMAN

The WI is the largest women's organisation with over 214,000 members. It plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills. Denman, set in 17 acres of beautiful grounds, is based in Marcham, near Abingdon and offers a range of day and residential courses for WI members and non-members.



Domestic Assistants required

£7.45 per hour – 20 hours per week, 5 days out of 7, on a rolling rota to include every other Saturday and occasional Sundays. The role will encompass cleaning en-suite bedrooms and public areas of Denman. Experience is desirable, but not essential. There's something special about Denman, come and join our team.

Closing date for receipt of applications:

Friday 10 October 2014

In the first instance contact Kevin Glover on 01865 391991 ext 266 or email him at k.glover@denman.org.uk



All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

Community development and working together

From time to time in the life of a community there are opportunities to be grasped, not simply for our generation, but for generations to come. I believe we have such an opportunity right now – an opportunity to put the past behind us and to work together for the future.

We are being invited to pool our energies and experience to build community facilities that will serve our village into the future. Our village needs a purpose-built village hall and sports facilities, and with the help of organisations with the necessary expertise, I believe we can make it happen.

In Christian circles such moments are called 'kairos moments' – God-given windows of opportunity, that only appear once in a while. Such moments call for faith, trust and a willingness to pull together, and a determination to put the past behind us, so that old resentments and hurts, failures and disappointments don't deter us from the forward-looking task in hand. A willingness to forgive, and let by-gones be by-gones, are attitudes that will heal and help restore trust. Whilst never easy, such attitudes are possible, especially when we ask for God's help. As St. Paul wrote, 'we are to forgive one another as Christ has forgiven us', and such an attitude is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer.

I sincerely hope, and indeed pray, that we can rise to this opportunity together, and look forward to providing village facilities that we can be proud of, and that will serve present needs and the needs of this community for generations to come. We CAN do it!

With my warmest greetings,

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer for the Month:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunities we have to work together. Please help and guide our community as we strive to find the way forward. We ask your blessing upon our village and its life, and that You would help us to help one another. In Jesus name. Amen

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: Harvest Service Sunday 12th October at 10.30am.

Wednesdays: 10.30 am Holy Communion at Duffield Place

October Dates:

Saturday 4th – 8.30am, Men's Breakfast at the Sports and Social Club

Saturday 18th – 8.30am, The Changing Room (Women's Breakfast), Manor Farm Boardroom. Liz Hoare will be speaking on 'Wisdom and Wonder'

There is something about the ~~Psalms~~...

..That reassures...resonates...and renews

Come along and listen to your favourite Psalm being read. Share thoughts & learn from each other

10.00- 10.30am Psalm reading 10.30-12noon - crafts, games and refreshments

Duffield Place Lounge

Friday 17th Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec

Contact Rachel on 391432 for more information

Parish People:

Funerals:

Our thoughts and prayers for the families and friends of Margaret Bott, Ronald Cooke and Terence Edgington

Weddings:

We offer our congratulations to Rachel and Mark Williams who were married on August 9th

Baptisms:

Our prayers are with Bradley, Morgan, Freya and Aaron who were baptized at the end of Holiday Club on 29th August, and Evie and Jamie who were baptized on Sunday 14th September.

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