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5 Thur	Mobile Library, Sweetbriar 14.35 – 15.00		24 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 – 15.30	5
6 Fri	Quiznight, MSSSC, Anson Field, 20.15	7	28 Sat	Nearly New Sale, Appleton Village Hall, 10.00 – 12.00	15
10 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 – 15.30	5	December		
10 Tue	Marcham Society, All Saints' Church, 19.45	7	4 Fri	Marcham School Christmas Fayre, 18.00 – 20.00	13
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14 Sat	Councillors' Surgery, Marcham Village Shop, 09.00-11.00	11	5 Sat	Appleton School Christmas Craft Fair, 13.00 – 15.00	15
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19 Thur	Mobile Library, Sweetbriar 14.35 – 15.00		19 Sat	Ex-Servicemen's Christmas Draw, 20.30	15
19 Thur	Marcham WI, Denman College, 19.30	7			

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

Dear Readers

I had a comment from a reader last month about the Vale's terminology for bin colour.

The Vale always refers to the bin for rubbish as a "grey" bin, whereas in reality our bins are made from black plastic! So if you see a note about grey bins... it means the rubbish bin.

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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, and you have not yet done so, please write to the Clerk by Wednesday 4th November at the latest, stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts.

Remembrance Sunday – Road Closure A415 Frilford Rd, Church St, New Rd

A Road Closure Order for the section of Frilford Road between Church Street and North Street, Church Street itself and New Road has been obtained for the latter half of Sunday morning 8th November. This is to allow the parade from the Church, after the Church service, to the War Memorial in Frilford Road, in order to lay wreaths. Please note that the diversion will be along North Street to St. Peter's cross roads, then left to the junction with the A338, and left again to the Frilford Service Station.

School Admissions – Entry to primary or infant school September 2016

If you are a parent or carer of a child 3 or 4 years old then you need to apply for a primary school place now. This is for children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012. You still have to apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. For further information and to apply online go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/online-school-applications The closing date for applications is 15th January, 2016. If you do not have internet access, then you can access the internet at many of the County Council's libraries, or telephone 01865 815175 for further information.

Fireworks

Please be considerate for neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when letting off your fireworks. Please notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

Parishioner of the Year Award

The annual award for the parishioner of the year is presented in May each year. It therefore seems possibly a little early to begin to consider worthy recipients, but from next month the Parish Council will be inviting nominations for the next award. Please therefore begin to think about who you would like to put forward.
Footpath link Kings Field phase I, phase II and Hyde Copse Development

The Parish Council is working hard to

try and negotiate with the developers and the planning officer at the Vale of White Horse District Council to ensure that there is a proper footpath linking all three developments with Howard Cornish Road. With different landowners and developers involved, trying to reach a satisfactory solution to providing a footway link to serve the new houses is taking a while.

A415 - X15 bus stop

The Westbound X15 bus stop is just at the point where the entrance into the new Pye development is located. Arrangements are being made to relocate the bus stop just a few metres in an easterly direction towards the traffic lights.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered:

P15/V2136/HH 2 storey side extension at 5 Hyde Copse. The Council had no objection
P15/V2204LB and P15/V2206/FUL Installation of photovoltaic panels in various locations at Denman College. The Council supported the application

P15/V2326.LB Form new dormer window at 21 North Street. The Council supported the application

P15/V2312/HH 2 storey rear extension at 8 Morland Road. The Council supported the application

P15/V1867/HH Demolition of existing store at side of dwelling and erection of two storey extension to provide additional living accommodation (amended) at 16 Parkside. Council commented on the front appearance.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 7.30p.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

Any member of the public is most welcome to attend any of our meetings. There is a section near the start of each meeting for public participation, where any member of the public is able to speak about any topic which is relevant to the work of the Parish Council (for a maximum of three minutes). Members of the public are also welcome to observe some or all of the rest of the meeting.

www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

CLIFF WRIGHT

Barbara and John Kinchin and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and donations totalling £600 for Cancer Research UK received during our sad loss. Your love and support has been greatly appreciated.
A special thank you to Nigel and Phill and all the staff of Edward Carter Funeral Directors for their care and services.

Dear Editor

LIBRARY VAN SERVICE THREATENED !

The fortnightly library van could become a victim of the next cost-saving cuts to public services, denying those unable to get to the library in Abingdon (the elderly and disabled) one of their chief leisure activities. To defend this much valued service, please write to or email Jillian Southwell, Library Service Manager, Cultural Services, Oxford Central Library, Westgate, Oxford. OX1 1DJ
AN AVID READER

FOR SALE

- Corby 7700 Trouser press (never used) £50
 - Jane Activa Highchair convertible into small table and chair £50
 - Sturdy PVC frog shaped sand box with lid, diameter £10 ono
 - Canon camera tripod £15
 - Sony camera tripod VCT-950RM with bag £ 30 (never used)
- Contact: 01865 391 548 (evening preferably)

For Sale: 2006 Golf GTI

Metallic silver, 5 door, FSH, one owner from new, really good condition, 99000 miles, manual, electric sunroof, 6CD in dash, alloy wheels, multi function steering wheel controls, cruise control, electric folding mirrors with puddle lights, climate control, auto mirror and lights, K & N air filter. Cambelt and water pump changed at 60,000 miles, MOT due April 2016

**Drives like new, best car I've ever had.
 £5000**

01865 391833 07710 858668

Bath Christmas Market Coach Trip

3rd December 2015

£14.00 per person

pick up from Abingdon at 9.15am (Arriving in Bath approx 10.30am and returning at 4pm)

If you would like to join us for the day and to book your place please contact:

Laura on 07827 235429 for Abingdon pick up

Seats will only be confirmed on receipt of payment in full, in advance. Please note that the cost of this trip is non-refundable unless we are able to fill your seat.

Cheques made payable to Age UK Oxfordshire and send them for the attention of Laura Freeth to: Age UK Oxfordshire, St Edmunds House, 39 West St Helen, Street Abingdon, OX14 2NQ marked *Bath Coach Trip*.

Marcham Village Shop and Post Office

Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 18.00

Sat: 07.30 - 13.00

Sun: 08.00 - 13.00



Visit us on Facebook: facebook.com/marchamvillageshop

In November the Post Office will have been open and run by volunteers for 3 years. Since the original 6 volunteers went for training in Oxford we have grown to train 10 volunteer staff, but we would still like a few more volunteers. So if you want to learn a new skill, give something back to the community and can commit to 1 or 2 shifts a week, please call Ruth, sub-postmaster at Marcham Post Office on 01865 391 940 to find out more.

Pudsey with the Post Office is again collecting British and foreign money for Children in Need. If you have coins or notes, new or old, from any country please pop them in the box on the Post Office counter. We also have Be a Hero badges on sale for £1 each raising money for Pudsey. These are available to purchase via the Post Office counter.

Remember, Christmas stamps go on sale Tuesday 3rd November.

Raffle tickets for the shop's Christmas hamper go on sale this month, £1.

LAST POSTING DATE	DESTINATION
International Economy (formerly known as Surface Mail)	
Tuesday 3 November	Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey
Tuesday 17 November	Western Europe
International Standard (formerly Airmail) and all International Tracking and Signature services (formerly Aisure® and International Signed For®)	
Friday 4 December	Africa, Middle East
Monday 7 December	Asia, Cyprus, Far East, Eastern Europe (except Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia)
Tuesday 8 December	Caribbean, Central and South America
Thursday 10 December	Australia, Greece, New Zealand
Monday 14 December	Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland
Tuesday 15 December	Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA
Wednesday 16 December	Austria, Iceland, Ireland, Portugal, Spain
Thursday 17 December	France
Friday 18 December	Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland
International Standard HM Forces Mail - British Forces Post Office® (BFPO)	
Friday 27 November	Operational BFPOs
Friday 11 December	Static BFPOs
UK Inland Services	
Saturday 19 December	2nd Class and Royal Mail Signed For® 2nd Class
Monday 21 December	1st Class and Royal Mail Signed For® 1st Class
Wednesday 23 December	Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed®



This year's Poppy Appeal for Marcham, Garford and Frilford will continue to run until Saturday 7th November 2015.

We hope that people will give as generously as they did last year but all donations are gratefully received.

With many thanks

Malcolm and Christine Denton
 01865 391497

Do you have any used greetings cards that Sheila Dunford can transform into new ones?

Please put them in the box at Marcham Shop.

Proceeds will be donated to All Saints' Church and The Churchill Hospital.

Sovereign: Duffield Place

We have a number of ground floor properties available to rent for people over 50 years old. The properties are comfortable, warm, secure and convenient for independent living. 24 hour alarm for emergencies are available if required. Available for immediate occupation. Viewings can be arranged.

For more information, please contact the Lettings Team for Sovereign Oxfordshire and Borders on 01235 536001.

SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

2.00-3.30 pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 10th and 24th November

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



The
Marcham
Society

Next meeting: January 12th
Astronauts, Fitness & Food - Jeremy Curtis

Rosemary Kitto
The Hush-Hush Factory in Tubney Woods
All Saints' Church, Marcham
7.45pm Tuesday 10th November

Non-members always welcome £2 www.marchamsociety.org.uk
Further details: Sheila Dunford (391439) or Judith Fontaine (391275)

MID-WEEK WALK:
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5TH.

For this month's walk we will eat at The Cock Inn in Church Walk in Combe overlooking the green (Map Ref: SP412159) at 12.30 for lunch. Combe is between Long Hanborough and Stonesfield. We will start our walk of 4 miles at 13.30 and explore some of Blenheim Park, including a stretch by the lake. Members free, non-members £1. We welcome new members. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details.



Marcham Society Exhibition
celebrating 20 years
Marcham School
14 - 15 November 2015



Saturday: 10am - 4pm Sunday: 2pm - 4pm
All Welcome

Come and find out about Marcham's past... and future
Bring your photos and memories!

MSSSC: Marcham Sports, Scouts & Social Club
The pavilion & field off Morland Road

Quiz Night
NOTE DIFFERENT DATE !
FRIDAY 6 November

This month's quiz will be held on Friday 6 November in the Sports and Social Club on the Anson Field, starting at 8.15pm. Questions are on a range of subjects and aimed at everyone's ability! The quiz nights run on the last Friday of each month. Teams of up to four people are invited, but if you are alone or a couple, come along, and we could fit you into an existing or even new team!

Everyone welcome, members and non members. Just turn up on the night for a friendly evening of fun and banter. Further details from Trevor Hill - 01865 391321

Everyone welcome - members AND non-members
We look forward to seeing you at the club

Marcham WI

Next Meeting
Date: Thursday, 19th November
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Denman College
Marcham WI - November 2015
at Denman College, Marcham



For the November meeting we will be having a craft evening when we will be getting some ideas and inspiration for **crafts for Christmas**. Do come and join in, or just come along and watch and have a chat..

New members and visitors are always welcome.

For further information, please contact:

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The Club held its Presentation Dinner at The Crown in Marcham in October.

It was an enjoyable occasion with an excellent Dinner followed by presentation of Awards to 1st & 2nd XI players and Clubman of The Year. The OCA AGM is set to take place later in the year after which more will be known regarding Fixtures for the 2016 Season.

Please contact Trevor Hill (391 321) for information relating to the Club, including playing or umpiring for Marcham.

And finally ... A bowler delivers a ball and the receiving batsman gives it a mighty hit and starts running; thinking the ball had carried a good distance the batsman embarks on a second run and is well short of his ground when a well-aimed shot from a fielder hits the wicket. Despite the usual appeal from players the Umpire declines to give the batsman out. Likewise with a perfectly valid LBW appeal off the second delivery from the bowler - Umpires shakes head. The bowler's third delivery beats the batsman comprehensively and his wicket is impressively demolished. "Nearly got him that time!" the bowler exclaimed to the Umpire.



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November 2015

MARCHAM PLAYERS

It's been a good few months for The Marcham Players. Max Hutchinson (formerly of Marcham Players fame) is performing professionally and a group were delighted to see him in The Merchant of Venice at the Didcot Cornerstone at the end of September.



On 8th October, National Poetry Day, the Players joined forces with Marcham School to share "with great pleasure" readings on the theme of Autumn. As well as hearing many published poems (ranging from Keats to Adrian Henri) many of the children shared poems that they had written themselves. The standard of writing was very high indeed - Autumn is clearly an inspiring subject! Prose got a look in as well with extracts from "My Naughty Little Sister" and "Danny the Champion of the World". We also learnt why Autumn and the Fall are so named. The shortest poem prize went to Will Cumber with the following:

No Birds,
No Bees,
No Flowers,
No Trees,
No wonder November

We meet for our Christmas dinner at The Crown on Friday 11 December - if you would like to join us for this occasion, or for more information about The Marcham Players, please contact Simon Blackmore on 391 922, simonblackmore@tiscali.co.uk.

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

Bank Balance
£20,193

Local Events
£11,830

Donations
£8,260

2014 - 2015 Membership
Voting: 72 Junior: 18

5p Coins
6626

Marcham
Community
Group



Latest Open Meeting and Plans

An open meeting to discuss community facility proposals was held at Marcham School on 30th September. This included a presentation on the latest stage of the proposals to build new community facilities, which continue to evolve through the CFSG, and proposed management arrangements for the new facilities. A number of questions were raised and there was helpful discussion of the developments.

The MCG AGM was also conducted, and we welcomed Carolyn Blackmore, who was elected to become a trustee after being seconded a few months ago. Members present at the meeting (and proxies) voted unanimously for resolutions to make the MCG structure and funds available to manage the new facilities, if CFSG decide that to be the best way forward. The Parish Council voted this month to support this proposal. We have received legal advice (supported by a Parish Council grant) that this should be relatively straightforward to arrange. We will keep you posted as we move forward.

In the meantime, MCG continues to work with the other groups on CFSG to develop the proposals and business plans for the facilities. Thank you for your continued support—it is much appreciated!

Still moving forwards!

Marcham Community Group: Company No 7470307 Charity No 1144407
391727 (Jim)

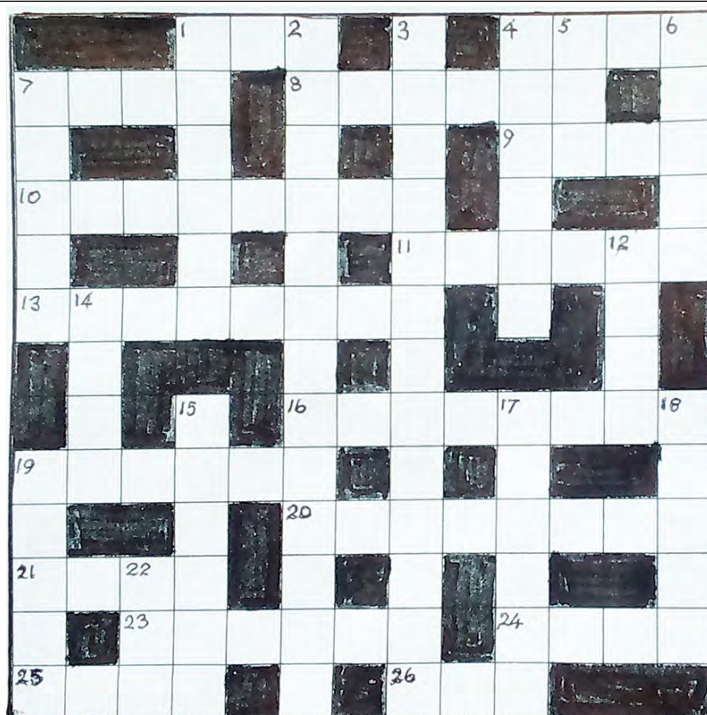
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CROSSWORD BY ALISA

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Across: | Down |
| 1. Quoted exactly (3) | 1. Attitude (6) |
| 4. Fish (4) | 2. Sobell event (9.4) |
| 7. Bird (4) | 3. Venue of 2 (6.7) |
| 8. Gap (6) | 4. The bazaar is for this Church (6) |
| 9. Animal (4) | 5. Employ (3) |
| 10. Building with a water wheel near East Hanney (4.4) | 6. Brother of Moses (5) |
| 11. Number (6) | 7. Of a city (5) |
| 13. English City (8) | 12. Needle case (4) |
| 16. Fragrant (8) | 14. Finished (4) |
| 19. Railway carriages (6) | 15. Belt (6) |
| 20. Training of Hawks (8) | 17. Bird (6) |
| 21. Second-hand (4) | 18. Part of Church (5) |
| 23. Type of buttress, colours or saucer (6) | 19. Part of an elephant (5) |
| 24. Way out (4) | 22. Newt (3) |
| 25. Bird (4) | |
| 26. Devour (3) | |



IT MAY NOT BE A SPORT BUT IT IS STILL GREAT FUN!

Did you once enjoy a game of Bridge, but have not played for a number of years? Do you still play the occasional game, but would like to play more often? Would you like to learn to play this exciting and absorbing game? If so, why not come along to Marcham Bridge Club on Monday evenings? There is an annual subscription of £5 plus £1 per evening, which includes coffee. If you would like more information ring Joe Featherstone on 391426 or Rob Hall on 391626.



Stamps for Young Dementia UK



There was a good response for this stamp collection and sincere thanks to all of you who helped me to collect several kilos of stamps. I intend to close this appeal on November 30th so hurry if you do find some more stamps to donate before I take away the box.

Thank you
GWYNETH GOSS

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

Earlier this month I attended the annual Conservative Party Conference in Manchester. I'm always impressed by how many charities attend – and it's always useful to meet them to hear what they are doing nationally and locally.

Amongst those I visited was the Cancer Research stand whose admirable ambition is to accelerate progress so that 3 in 4 people survive cancer within the next 20 years. I will do all that I can in order to help them achieve this goal.

I also visited Pharmacy Voice who gave me a sheet of statistics about the health and wellbeing of the people of Oxfordshire. One of their statistics which staggered me was that only 52% of at risk individuals receive the flu vaccine, well below the target level of 75%. At this time of year I would urge anyone reading this, who is in that at risk category, to have this jab as soon as possible. A further check I would also suggest to those eligible is the NHS Health Check at a GP's surgery or Pharmacy. It appears that only 21% of those entitled to this free check in Oxfordshire are taking advantage of it.

This month, my mailbag has been dominated by emails and letters about adding mothers' names onto marriage certificates. Currently, marriage certificates include the couple's fathers' names, but not their mothers. This is clearly outdated, and I would agree that mothers should be able to add their names. The Government is currently reviewing the marriage certificate system and will be looking at making appropriate changes. Others issues featuring this month are the TTIP free-trade agreement, changes to the Student Loan system and the Volkswagen emissions tests.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or dicksonce@parliament.uk. 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. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please do email me at badyaljb@parliament.uk or sign up at www.vaizey.com.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)

COUNTY REPORT

OCC Budget

In tough economic times, tough choices have to be made. Making savings within an already hard-pressed budget, is not much fun and certainly not what any of us got involved in local government to do. The problem with making cuts is that some will be very difficult to put back if/when things improve.

It is very possible that we could lose all our children's centres, all bus subsidies and most of our recycling centres in an effort to make the books balance over the next 5 years.

However, it is possible that the Government will allow a fairer allocation of New Homes Bonus (presently 80% goes to Districts and only 20% to Counties). Although it may be too late to stop some of the cutting, the newly announced Business Rate arrangement (where Councils will keep all the revenue, but not be allowed to raise rates, and where other obligations are likely to be passed on to Councils to manage) will probably have a small overall benefit to thriving counties like ours. Senior staff restructuring could yield a small saving, and a major revue of Council-owned property a rather larger saving.

Councils are also encouraged to consider ways they can generate



extra income. With all this mid-term uncertainty, we need to be very careful when making irreversible cuts to highly valued services. In the case of Children's centres, the future cost impact of more people falling into vulnerability will need to be carefully considered.

Oxfordshire is a wealthy county. There is plenty of money out there. The problem is that too little of the money is in the hands of the Council, which has to provide the infrastructure – hence infrastructure cannot keep up with economic growth.

Many people, whose opinions I would value, have told me that many of the Council's contracts represent poor value for residents, and the County is paying way over the odds for them. All this tells me that we should be considering investing in a new department. I haven't got a name for it yet – but let's call it the County hard-nosed department. Employ a small team (well paid to get the best) to oversee all major contracts as they come up for renewal- a team which would ensure that residents are getting the best possible value and that there are tough penalty clauses for non-delivery of good service. The same team would be responsible for developing a commercial arm of the council to consider ways the council's current expertise can be marketed to businesses, academies and other organisations at a fair price. I suspect that such a department would pay for itself in a very short time in savings, and might well have the capacity to generate a sizeable additional revenue.

I would urge everyone to look at the budget ideas out for consultation on the OCC website, form their own opinions and send in a response.

RICHARD WEBBER CLLR OCC

SC & Marcham Division.

Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com or 01235 534001

DISTRICT REPORT

Grants

At the risk of repeating myself, can I raise the issue of applying for grants from the Vale, which opened on September 7th and will close on November 6th. So you only have a few more weeks to get your applications in. To remind you - there are three different grants, and you can seek advice as to which grant suits your project/group from the Vale : (01234520202)

- A) The Festival and Events grants, which are for smaller events and allow you to apply for up to £1,000 from a pot of £15,000.
- B). The Capital grant which is for much larger projects and allows you to apply for a minimum of £1,000 up to a maximum of £62,406, which is the whole pot.
- C) New Homes Bonus where there is no limit for individual applications from a pot of £100,000.

All these grants are available for projects which aim to improve the village facilities/life, and they have to be spent in one year.

The Vale Local Plan

Mr Malcolm Rivett, the inspector of the Local Plan, has now come back from his inspection of part 1 of the Local Plan, to say that, after the first public hearing and his perusal of the plan, he is now granting permission for the next stage (stage 2) of the Inspection, but adds, "However, this does not guarantee that the plan as a whole or any particular part of it will be found sound." Furthermore, much of the most controversial aspects of the Local Plan, especially around possible building on the Green Belt and AONB (Areas of Outstanding Beauty), are in stage 2. We don't know for sure when the second public hearing will begin, but I'm led to believe that it is likely to be in February, 2016.

Garden Waste

Extra garden waste collections will take place in the Vale from 19th October. Garden waste customers can put out double their usual garden waste for one week only.

Next Surgery

We look forward to meeting residents at the Village Shop 9-11am

Saturday November 14th!

CATHERINE WEBBER Cllr VWHDC

01235 534001 or catherinewebber@hotmail.co.uk

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

As promised, we took a group of children out on a great adventure in October! After much preparation, we travelled by mini-bus to Didcot and boarded a train to Oxford Station. The children (aged from 2 - 4) were extremely well behaved and enjoyed every minute of the journey. We were greeted by the station manager who gave each child a souvenir ticket wallet before escorting us to the platform. We talked about the stations and watched some passengers purchasing their tickets. The most exciting part was sitting on the platform waiting for our train to arrive to take us back to Didcot. All the children (and staff!) were very tired when we returned to pre-school but we all had a wonderful morning. We are enjoying the photograph display and everyone is still talking about our 'day out' at the train station. Trains are still the favourite topic for play, and I can see that this will carry on for the rest of the term! **Toot! Toot!**



If you would like to join us, please do get in touch. Our telephone is 01865 392101 or you can email marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk. **All aboard!!**

www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com

Little Angels have had a very busy Month, this month's theme was all about Autumn. We have done many different activities to do with Autumn and had lots of time outside.



BABY ROOM We have had a busy time in the baby room this month enjoying walks around the field and village looking at Autumn. The babies have enjoyed making their own versions of Autumn trees using finger painting with lots of different colours for the leaves. From the leaves we collected we have made hedgehog collages and Autumn collages as well.

PRE-SCHOOL ROOM We have been looking at Autumn including walks in the field collecting different coloured leaves, conkers and looking at how the trees have changed. We took back what we found to look at the leaves and talk about how they feel, count and have maths problems using conkers and even used the leaves to make our very own trees. We also looked at foxes, squirrels and had a great day learning about hedgehogs including our story and playing hide and seek.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB October has been a busy month and thankfully we can still enjoy playing outside on the field! Especially our football sessions every Wednesday. We have also been looking at Autumn and done some leaf printing which allowed us to look at how and why the leaves changed. Our latest new item is an electronic keyboard, we think that our music is fantastic and have a lot of new composers in Marcham!

If you would like any further information about Abingdon Little Angels Nursery, Afterschool club or Holiday Club please feel free to pop in or call us on 07516 474287.

MARCHAM SCHOOL NEWS

Giraffe class visited the Imperial War Museum in London. We took part in a fascinating workshop on 'A Wartime Childhood'. We had a brilliant time and were thrilled to see a real war hero, **Johnson Beharry**, while we were there.


Oxford Vitality Half Marathon Schools Challenge

On Sunday 11th October 18 Marcham Pupils took part in the Oxford Half Marathon Schools Challenge. The children had run a mile a week for 12 weeks and the 13th mile was run on part of the adult half marathon course. It was an early and very chilly start to the day but everyone was excited to run their 13th mile and complete their half marathon. The children all put in lots of effort at running club over the last few weeks and it really paid off on the day. All the adults and children really enjoyed the day and we

want to encourage the children to keep on running. Well done to Martha, Becca, Charlie, Dylan, Lara, Zlaty, Daniel, Luke, Sophie, Danielle, Mia, Poppy, Harry, Aiofe and Amelie. Very well done to Mrs Sucksmith (Year 5 teacher) who ran a brilliant time of 1:46. We look forward to more running activities as she prepares for the **London Marathon**.

On Tuesday 13th October, **Kangaroo and Zebra** classes went on a trip to **Hughenden Manor** as part of their World War 2 topic. They spent the day learning about Hughenden's secrets during the war and what life was like at the manor during the 1940s. Also, they took part in activities based on rationing, map reading, 'make do and mend', 1940's toys and Morse code with the manor's volunteers. *Overall, it was a great day.*

Rainbows meet on Monday nights from 5pm until 6 at Marcham Baptist Hall. Please contact Claire McGill for details about joining! 07538 907813 or clmcgill@gmail.com
1ST MARCHAM RAINBOWS



MARCHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We have places for parents to be, new parents and babies, toddlers, carers and grandparents! Do come along with a friend if you wish, first visit is free then £2 per family.

It is an informal relaxed session, activities, toys and music for the children, and a chance for adults to chat and get to know one another – light refreshments included.

The group meets Tuesday mornings 9.45-11.15 at All Saints Church everyone in the village and district is welcome

Do come and join us! **SUE GIBBLING** [Treasurer]



Marcham School Christmas Fayre
Friday 4th December
6 - 8 pm
Everyone Welcome!



Getting the right care at school for children with diabetes

To help both teachers and parents, we have produced a free booklet entitled '**Diabetes – Parents Passport for Schools**'. This booklet is completed by the parents and then given to the school so teachers have the necessary information. The InDependent Diabetes Trust (IDDT) has a wide range of free booklets, contact us on 01604 622837 or email martin@iddtinternational.org

www.iddt.org

If you are holding an event within or near the MADNews area, please contact the editor for more publicity! 01865 391725 or editor@madnews.co.uk

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

Christmas draw will be on
Saturday 19th December
starting at 8.30pm
Tickets are available in the club,
50p a square

Women's Christmas Craft Morning 9.30am -12.30pm Saturday 5th December All Saints' Church

Come along and have a go at making Christmas wreaths, cards, candle holders, table decorations and more.
Or... just come along and have a chat!
Refreshments provided. Entry is free, but donations towards the cost of materials would be appreciated.
Open to all women and girls year 7 and above.
For more information contact Rachel on 391432

The Sobell Christmas Fair 2015 at Radley College

Saturday 21st November 10am - 5pm,
Sunday 22nd November 10am - 4.30pm
Over 60 stalls • Refreshments • Unique Gift Ideas
Something for Everybody
Entry £6.00 Concessions £3.50
Radley College, Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 2HR
www.sobellhospicecharity.org.uk

Nearly New Sale

Saturday 28th November

10 am — 12 noon Appleton Village Hall

Quality toys, clothes, baby equipment and household goods – all at a great price! £1 entry fee

Time for a clear out before Christmas?

Want to sell some pre-loved items?

Hire a table for £10 (sellers take 100% of their profits)

All the proceeds go to Appleton Village Pre-School

For more information or to book a table email

Fiona McCree (fionamccree@hotmail.com)

LOCAL BADMINTON CLUB

Do you want to play badminton in a friendly, mixed club, with a wide range of ages and abilities, for both social play and league matches? HLBC meets on Monday evenings at Larkmead School in Abingdon, from September to March, and would welcome new members.

To find out more contact: info@harwellbadminton.co.uk



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Give blood

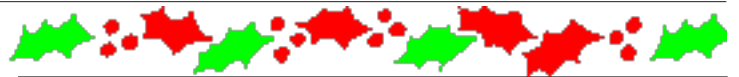
Do something amazing
today – give blood
96% of us rely on the other
4% to give blood.

Please don't leave it to someone else. Most people can give blood. You can give blood every 16 weeks, and it only takes a few minutes.

To find a session contact

www.blood.co.uk 0300 123 23 23

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



"Crib Scene Creations"

Calling all groups, organisations and clubs of Marcham

You are invited to design and make a nativity scene and display it in church over the festive period.

There will be a short service on Friday 11th December, at 6pm, when we will celebrate everyone's handy work.

Details will be sent round to groups very soon.

More info - Jill Rowe 07811 165351

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday Nov 14

Hanney WM Hall

10 till 2pm



- Christmas Decorations & Gifts
- Jewellery
- Glassware
- Toys & Games
- Crafts
- Toiletries
- Tombola
- Hot and Cold Food

Hanney Fundraisers for CRUK



friends of appleton school

Appleton Primary School Christmas Craft Fair

Join us for Appleton Primary School's Christmas Craft Fair and Market. Fun for all the family including Christmas gift stalls, a brass band playing favourite carols, hog roast, hot drinks, mince pies and mulled wine, Scalextric, Father Christmas in his grotto and loads of exciting craft activities for children.

When: Saturday 5th December

Where: Appleton Primary School OX13 5JL

Time: 13.00 until 15.30

Entry Fee: £1.00

Age UK Oxfordshire is calling on

nimble-fingered knitters in Oxfordshire

to whip out their wool and needles and

create little woolly hats for Age UK and

innocent's Big Knit and help local older

people keep warm, safe and well in winter.

Now in its 12th year, **The Big Knit** returns

and budding knitters across the UK are being

called upon to knit miniature woolly hats to

adorn innocent smoothie bottles, which will be

sold in stores nationwide from February 2016.

For each be-hatted smoothie sold, innocent will donate 25p to help

Age UK fund national and local winter projects. Age UK Oxfordshire

is calling on local knitters to get as many hats as possible to them

by Friday 4th December 2015 and needs knitters of all ages to help

make this a reality.

Last year alone, more than 16,000 hats were lovingly created in

Oxfordshire, raising over £3,000 for Age UK Oxfordshire's

Information and Advice helpline during the winter months.

To get involved in the Big Knit, knitters can contact Age UK

Oxfordshire on 0345 450 1276 to get a free hat pattern or visit the

website www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/bigknit to download

one. Please send completed hats to Age UK Oxfordshire, 39 West

St Helen Street, Abingdon OX14 5BT by Friday 4th December 2015.





Dear Friends,

Over the summer I was treated to a day at Goodwood motor racing circuit, and had the experience of driving a variety of classic cars, including an original AC Cobra. Roaring down the back 'straight' (it's really a gentle curve) at over 95 mph in an open top Cobra will long stay in my memory!!

God is not confined to what we normally regard as 'church'. He is involved in the whole of life, and the interests we have that bring a healthy and life-affirming fun and enjoyment. One of the joys of our faith is knowing that He is with us in the whole of life, and that our faith can be expressed in the challenges and joys of leisure, work and home.

November also reminds us that God is with us in the dark times, in Remembrance, in the pain and sorrow of conflict. Jesus was no stranger to the painful and political conflicts in our world - it led to His crucifixion. However, November also looks beyond - to Advent and thus to hope, to new life, to resurrection! Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is with us always - He is our hope and our Rock.

With my warmest greetings,

Richard

Regular church services

Sundays: 10am & 6pm at All Saints'
Wednesdays: 10.30am at Duffield Place

This term we will be continuing to look at 'God's Big Picture' and seeing how the Bible fits together

St. Luke's Remembrance Service, 12pm at the War Memorial

"Do you love singing? Gig is gathering together a group of anyone who would like to sing a 'gospel choir' rendition of 'Oh Happy Day' at this year's Crib service on Christmas eve.

Think of it as a one-off Marcham Church Gospel Choir or Marcham's answer to Sister Act/Gareth Malone.....

First rehearsal Sunday 22nd November 4pm in the church (with probably another 3 Sunday afternoon rehearsals before Christmas....)
Open to all adults and kids (over 8 years old).
Come on.....you know you want to!!"

Coming up..

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 7th November, 8.30am at the Sports and Social Club.

Remembrance Service, Sunday 8th November at 10.30am

The Changing Room Women's Breakfast, Saturday 14th November, 8.30am at the Baptist Halls on Packhorse Lane. Please contact Heather Sandiford on 739798 if you need a lift.

Sunday 22nd November, 4pm, All Saints' Church - 1st rehearsal for Marcham Church Gospel Choir!

Women's Christmas Craft Morning, Saturday 5th December, 9.30-12.30 at All Saints'.

Friday 18th December, 6pm - Mrs. Scrooge at All Saints'

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