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30 Aug - 2 Sept	Holiday Club, All Saints' Church	15

Holiday Waste Collections		
Normal day	Revised day	Which bin?
Wed 31 Aug	Thurs 1 Sep	Green, food, brown

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

**Dear Readers**

The new PCSO for Marcham popped into the shop recently - Rich Osborn has taken over from Adrian Wright and will introduce himself fully in the September issue of MADNews, in the meantime if you would like to contact him, his email is:

Richard.Osborn@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk  
He covers the areas: Wootton, Marcham, Sunningwell, Bayworth, Shippon and Dalton Barracks.

In other news.... it's the summer so we are taking a break, we'll be back in September.

*Enjoy the summer  
Until next time*



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS  
Annual Meeting of Electors – 25th May, 2016 – Environment Agency**

The annual meeting of electors took place on 25th May. Reports were given by the Parish Council on its activities over the last year, the County and District Councillors, parochial charities and Marcham Primary School. It was easy to see, after hearing about everything that is going on, what a very busy village Marcham is. The guest speakers were the Environment Agency who outlined the plans for the Oxford Flood Relief Scheme to reduce flood risk for Oxford. They also spoke about the plans to help Abingdon's flood problems Modelling was being undertaken for a flood storage area for Sandford Brook and also the river Ock. The storage area was likely to be west of the A34 and south of the A415. Modelling will be complete in the next 2 months or so. The Oxford Scheme will be presented at a drop in event in Oxford Town Hall, on 28th June between 2.00 p.m. – 8.00p.m.

**Grass Cutting**

Like last year, the County Council, owing to its budget restraints has had to restrict the number of times the grass verges alongside the roads are cut. The Parish Council expressed great concern to them that the sight lines when leaving Howard Cornish Road and joining the A415 had effectively disappeared owing to the length of the grass, and the junction had become very dangerous. At the Parish Council's request this junction has now been cut as a one off arrangement.

**Mobile Library**

Unfortunately the mobile library service in Oxfordshire will cease in September. The County Council has reached this decision as part of its huge financial savings that it has to make. The last round of visits will be on Monday 5th September 2016, and the final day of the service will be Friday 16th September. The County Council will continue to work with the users of the service to find alternative ways for them to access library services either through the network of library buildings, the online library service or Home Library Service.

**Changes to Bus Services**

Following the withdrawal of bus subsidies by the County Council owing to its budgetary constraints, the bus companies have been working with the County Council to see how the affected areas could be best served. As a result some changes to the local bus services have had to be made. Fortunately the 31 is a commercial service so is unaffected, but the X15 Abingdon to Witney, will be renumbered 15, and will have a reduced timetable. It will still run

Monday to Saturday, but it will no longer stop at Millets Farm, however it will serve Howard Cornish Road. See timetable at <https://tis-kml-stagecoach.s3.amazonaws.com/PdfTimetables/XOAO015.pdf>

**A338 – Proposed new bus stop**

The junction of the Faringdon Road and A338 is entirely within Frilford parish. That parish has been talking with the County Council regarding the provision of a bus stop at this junction near the Dog House Hotel. The Council has learned that unfortunately, owing to difficult sight lines, no stop can be provided northbound, but a southbound stop is likely. This should go, some way to helping the residents in the Faringdon Road, A338 and Tubney have slightly better provision as far as the X30 bus service is concerned.

**Unitary Authority Proposals**

Workshops and forum sessions are being held by both Oxfordshire County Council and the Vale of White Horse District Council to outline proposals and have discussions with the parish and town councils regarding plans for a future unitary authority. Marcham Parish Council is sending two representatives to each of the sessions to learn more about what each Authority is considering.

**Youth Shelter**

The youth shelter in the Anson field is looking rather tired, and in need of painting. This is currently being considered, and it is hoped that it can be repainted over the summer period.

**Planning Applications considered by the Council**

P16/V1109A and P16/V1367/LB

New signage at The Crown Public House, Packhorse Lane. Council had no objections  
P16/V1148/HH Single storey side extension, single storey rear extension with 2 storey centre element at 12 Parkside. The Council had no objections.

P16/V0546/HH and P16/V0547/LB

Demolish previous extensions and extend principal dwelling and former barn with both single and two storey additions, (amended plans) at Marcham Mill, Mill Road. The Council had no objections to the amended plans, but reiterated its comments on the first application to ensure account had been taken of any effect on the watercourse.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 13th July 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place. This will be the annual meeting of the Council  
**Clerk to the Council:** Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833  
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Any member of the public is most welcome to attend any of our meetings.



Maurice Shepherd

I would like to thank on behalf of the family of Maurice Henry Shepherd everyone who has sent their thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. I would also like to thank those who attended my Father's service on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. As promised the poem I read out is printed on page 11. Rosemary, despite not knowing my Father you did him proud. My Father was born in the Village, lived in the village, and worked here all his life. Dad fell in love with my mum, Ann, while working in Denman College gardens. They lived at Sheepstead, the Orchard, Mill Lane and finally in the Gap. I have been reading his diaries and been amazed at the work he has carried out during this time. From the 'youth shelter' near the cricket field, the Baptist Church toilets, many houses have been altered or built, the Ha Ha at Oakley park, turned Sheepstead house into two dwellings, and finally his passion of Natural Stone walling all over the fields and pastures of Marcham and Frilford. These walls were built with strong foundations, much like my Father's passion for Marcham. In his coffin he requested 3 items: a clod of Turf, a cutting from the Willow tree and a small piece of Dry Stone Wall - epitomises my Dad.

He was the last surviving founder member of the Ex-Serviceman's club, which Marcham has also sadly lost this year. When I was little he used to make me chop lighting wood to take round to Nancy Brown, Miss Hyam, Miss Tyrells, Nelly Gosling...the list was endless. Never took a penny because that was what the Oldies did back then. Help one another, we could all learn a thing or three from their example. In fact a few of you, and you know who you are, have been so kind and helpful these last 2 weeks, without your help; the sharing of words over a cuppa, this would have been doubly difficult.

Dad is now at peace next to the love of his life, in his churchyard, in his village.

Garry Shepherd.

Dear Editor

I am researching Peter Anthony Bennett who gave his life during WWII (25/04/1944) flying for the RAF. Son of Cecil H. and Evelyn G. Bennett, of Frilford, Berkshire. He is buried in Belgium and his father's grave is at Marcham (All Saints) churchyard.

If any of your readers have any information about him or his family, I would be very interested.

**FILIP DOMS**, Belgium

Contact Filip via editor@madnews.co.uk

Dear Editor

This is an annual request for people to check their overhanging branches, shrubs and other greenery which may have had a sudden spurt of growth. These branches can catch people by surprise, whether pushing a buggy, strolling with a stick or walker, the partially sighted or just anyone. Please take a couple of moments to check around your property and have a snip!

Thank you

**NAME SUPPLIED**

## Lost Property

Did you leave your brolly, coat or plate behind at the celebrations on 12 June? There is a selection just waiting to be re-united with their owners! Come down to the shop and claim your lost items!

Personal adverts in MADNews are free so if want to put in a notice or have something to sell, call the editor on 391725 or email editor@madnews.co.uk  
The deadline for all personal adverts is 20th of the month.

## Community Facilities Steering Group

Further delays at the Vale Planning Office in completing work on the planning application means that it will not come to committee before late July. We hope that it will not be delayed for too much longer and we remain patient.

It will be important to have a turn-out of people from Marcham to show the strength of community support for this plan. Please let us know if you may be able to come to the meeting (email: [jim.asher@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.asher@btinternet.com)) and we will let you know when the date has been confirmed - we will also put information on the MADNews website

*The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) was set up with the clear objective of developing plans for new community facilities in Marcham and is made up of representatives from local groups with an interest in village facilities. If you wish to have more information on the CFSG, or you think you can help, please contact Jim Asher (391727).*

**CFSG - Opportunities without Obstacles**

## NEW ROAD NAMES

I have been asked about the origins of some of the new road names.

Marcham has over 250 new homes proposed or being built at the moment and new roads are required to serve those estates. Some road names have disappeared from Marcham like Rhubarb Alley. However, here are some of the new street names that you might be asked about:

- Abbots Grange on Priory Field derives from the ancient monastery that was there.
- Harding Way on Kings Field is a local family name.
- Willow Farm off Packhorse Lane is named after the farm that was there.
- Bakehouse Lane off Packhorse Lane - there used to be an old bakehouse near this site.
- The Paddocks off Packhorse Lane is named after the house at the front.

Most of these roads already have signs up making it easier to direct someone if lost.

But there are also new road names still to come which have been agreed by the District Council:

- Pointer Place off the Willow Farm development is a local family name.
- Greenwood Grove, Lea's Lane and Plantation Avenue off Longfields: these match the surrounding themed roads Longfields and Hyde Copse
- Higgins Row for the 4 houses on North Street opposite The Crown pub. The Higgins family owned the land for their coach company.

However, there are still more roads to name. The Parish Council looks at historical, family, local knowledge and connections and consults with local groups. It then compiles a shortlist to send to the District Council for consultation and agreement. Any ideas for road names are welcome. Please send these to the Clerk.

**RUTH MANDER**

*Chair, Marcham Parish Council.*

## MARCHAM SOCIETY MID-WEEK WALKS:

### SPECIAL JULY WALK: MONDAY JULY 11TH

After the success of last year's special all day outing, we plan another morning and afternoon 2-part event. We will meet at the Visitor Centre of the Crickley Hill Country Park above Gloucester (Map Ref SO930164) at 10am. We will take a walk of about 3 miles along the Cotswold Escarpment taking in the Iron Age Fort.



We will drive to the Colesbourne Inn (SP000133) on the A435 for lunch at about 12.30. From there we will drive to Chedworth Roman Villa (Map Ref SU053133) near Northleach to spend an hour or two on site.

Everyone welcome. We will have the village mini-bus available leaving Marcham at 9am. The cost will be about £10, depending on numbers (National Trust admission to Chedworth not included).

To gauge numbers, particularly if you would like a seat on the bus, and in case there are any last-minute changes, please let Eric Dunford (email; e.dunford@btinternet.com) or John Guast (391420) know if you would like to come. The Inn asks us to pre-order our food, which we will do on the Monday morning after arriving at Crickley Hill. If you travel separately, please let one of us know to avoid confusion.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH

Join us for another summer walk. We will meet at 12.30pm for lunch at The Pheasant Inn (Map Ref SP654143, post code HP18 9TG), 39, Windmill St, Brill. We will start our walk of 4½ miles at 1.30 and will be walking past part of Bernwood Forest to the hamlet of Boarstall. Note there is a climb at the end of the walk back up to the hill-top village.

**Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts, further details and to check for any last-minute changes. Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers.**

### TUTORS NEEDED

- Oxford Media & Business School are looking to recruit part time tutors to teach Advanced IT, Teeline (Shorthand) and Business – September start and term time only. If you can offer any or all of these subjects please send your CV to andrea@oxfordbusiness.co.uk

## Marcham WI

### Next Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, 21st July

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Denman College



The July meeting is our last before the summer break, when we will be welcoming Jane Stubbs, who will give us her talk on '**Corsets, Crinolines & Mangles**'. Although there is no meeting in August, there are various visits planned over the summer break before the next meeting in September. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

*For further information, please contact:*

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com

## MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

OCA Fixtures for the summer are as follows:

July	1st XI	2nd XI
9th	Hanborough (Away)	Risinghurst II (Home)
16th	Tetsworth (Away)	Chalgrove II (Home)
23rd	Kidlington (Home)	Eynsham II (Away)
30th	Eynsham (Away)	Sunningwell II (Home)
Aug		
6th	Kilkenny (Home)	Britwell Salome II (Away)
13th	Stanton Harcourt (Away)	Chadlington II (Home)
20th	Westcott (Home)	Stanton Harcourt II (Away)
27th	Hanborough (Home)	no match

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

And finally ... famous commentator John Snagge once reported "Yorkshire are 232 all out, Hutton ill - I'm sorry, Hutton 111" **CSB**



## Marcham Village Shop and Post Office

### Opening hours

**Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 17.30**

**Sat - Sun: 08.00 - 12 noon**



*If you're going away don't forget you can order your foreign currency from Marcham Post Office. Euros are usually in stock but order before 1pm and collect the next day. Just a reminder to all our customers that the Shop and Post Office will be closed Bank Holiday Monday 29th August.*

**Why not brighten up the long lazy days of summer with a bag of mint imperials. only 50p a quarter**

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

Against Breast Cancer is pleased to announce that former British Gymnast Suzanne Dando is once again backing The Breast Walk Ever, our day-time walking full or half marathon which is open to everyone. This year on Sunday the 4th of September we even offer a 10 kilometer walk to boot. The full walk follows the beautiful Thames riverside from Abingdon to Beale Park. Those doing shorter distances will start in either Walingford or Goring. Against Breast Cancer is a charity dedicated to funding groundbreaking research to improve detection, treatment and increase survival after breast cancer diagnosis. 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 at [www.breastwalkever.org](http://www.breastwalkever.org)**



Planning a night out with friends?

A birthday trip with the kids?

A family trip to the beach?

Whatever your plans, why not use the Community Minibus!!

14 seats plus your driver, aged between 25 and 70 (you will need to ensure that your licence covers driving a minibus)

A standard donation is requested for each booking to cover diesel/maintenance.

We are also looking for more volunteer drivers to help with the weekly run to Tesco for any residents with transport difficulties.

Leaving Duffield Place at 10am and returning from Tesco at 12 noon.

Do you have a couple of hours free every few weeks and would be willing to join our rota?

The more drivers we have the fewer trips you'll be asked to make!

Contact Marion Belcher on 07507 797757

to make your booking, volunteer as a driver

or for more information

Bank Balance  
£20,295.80

Local Events  
£11,830

Donations  
£8,260

2016 - 2017 Membership  
Voting: 72 Junior: 18

5p Coins  
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Marcham  
Community  
Group



## Marcham Community Street Party—Q90B

### A massive thank-you to all!

The Marcham community event to mark the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen was a great success, despite the interesting weather on the day. We switched the church service into the school. However, a small corps of hardy souls even managed to eat lunch in the street under umbrellas—defying the downpour of rain.

Perhaps the biggest success of the day was the Q90B Dog Show—a fun event for all, with some very accommodating dogs showing off their owners in hot sunshine—and great entertainment for the crowd! In total, we raised £700 in donations towards community facilities during the event. Marcham Community Group would like to thank everyone who donated, helped or supported the event, especially the following:

All Saints Marcham  
Dan Barnes  
Marion Belcher  
Christina Berry  
Mike Blanch  
Boundary Vets  
(Danni & Jamie and all the staff)  
Gordon & Christine Brown  
Dave Burfitt  
Dave Clark  
Jeremy Collins  
James Crafer  
Malcolm & Christine Denton  
Lez Dix  
Colin Fane  
Rob France  
Jane Jack

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Marcham Society  
Marcham WI  
Peter & Alice Narramore  
Neil & Jill Rowe  
Ian Scott-Blelloch  
Michael Walton  
Ed & Joe Withers  
Christine Whild  
Richard Zair  
and everyone who worked behind the scenes!  
**See some photos of the day on page 22**

**Look out for details of our next community event—Apple Day, on 16th October.**

Marcham Community Group: Company No 7470307 Charity No 1144407  
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Queen's 90th Birthday—Marcham Community Street

## CROSSWORD BY ALISA - ANSWERS



Across:

1. Under (3)
4. Ocean (3)
6. Cream, box or lolly (3)
9. Hospital photographs (1.4)
11. Walks lamely (5)
12. Warning device (5)
15. Joncare sells these (11)
16. Attraction at Millets (7.4)
17. Witch's transport (5)
19. Horse's belt (5)
20. Greeting (5)
21. Invite (3)
23. Insect (3)
24. Posessed (5)

Down:

1. Pieces of chocolate (4)
2. Minstrels songs (4)
3. Marcham organisation (1.1)
5. Phrases (11)
7. Climax (11)
8. Special nursing career (9)
10. Curved roads (9)
13. Not decorated (5)
14. Part of leg (5)
18. Observed (4)
19. Happy (4)
22. Knock-out (1.1)



## A Shooting Man

*A shooter died and went up there  
Where everything is fine.*

*An angel appeared and said to him,  
"Your a little bit behind.  
We expected you before today  
But your name I could not find."*

*"Here take this gun, it's just for you,  
It hasn't long been made.  
You see your name upon the side,  
Beautifully engraved."*

*He took the gun, the balance right.  
The feeling simply fine.  
He turned to thank the angel,  
Who said, "Your a little bit behind."*

*"Can I go and try it out,  
And see what I can kill?"  
"Yes" the angel, said, "you can.  
Try over by the hill."*

*"I might be gone some time." He said.  
"I will look in every bush."  
"That's alright," The angel said.  
"Up here there's little rush."*

*He had gone for what seemed days.  
The gun it carried so light.  
Then he saw the angel  
Who asked, "Is everything alright?"*

*"Oh the view is smashing,  
The landscape simply fine.  
But although I looked in every bush,  
Not one bird could I find."*

*"Come my friend the Lord awaits  
Your judgement day, go through."  
"Mmmm, I wonder what he looks like,  
I'll tell him a thing or two."*

*"Just leave the gun." The angel said.  
"Stand it by the door.  
In fact I can tell you now my son  
You won't need it anymore."*

*The lord he said "Sit down my son.  
Sit in the golden chair.  
Although this is your judgement day,  
You will find me very fair."*

*He then said to the angel,  
"Get me the big black book.  
I will see what I can do for you.  
But somehow I think you're hooked."*

*"Look here Lord." the shooter said.  
"In religion I don't believe,  
And if it's all the same to you Lord  
I would rather like to leave."*

*"Don't you like our permanent sunshine?  
Don't you like our permanent green?  
Just look at that landscape,  
Is it not the finest you have seen?"*

*"I admit it's very nice Lord,  
And I've had a walk around.  
But it's no good having sunshine mate  
When not one bird can be found."*

*"You can't just keep me here Lord.  
I want to go back home.  
I know what rights I'm entitled to,  
And I would like to use your phone."*

*The Lord he said, "I have the book,  
And the charges read like pain.  
But if you think I have read them wrong,  
I will read them out again."*

*The shooter knew that it was right,  
All those rules that he had broken.  
Seldom had he been to church,  
Little gospel had he spoken.*

*The angel said, "Lord, check charge five.  
Where he really had his thrill.  
When he went out with dog and gun  
Everything he did kill."*

*The Lord he said, "When you had your  
gun,  
You did not stop to think.  
You shot the very last bird on earth.  
Now every bird is extinct."*

*The angel said, "Animals were next.  
It states so in charge nine.  
You should have been here long ago.  
Your a little bit behind."*

*The Lord he said, "I've given much  
thought,  
And you may think this very unpleasant.  
But I'm going to send you back to earth,  
And you're going as a pheasant."*

Maurice Shepherd. '93.

Maurice wrote many poems for  
MADNews over the years,  
and he will be much missed.

### SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

2.00-3.30 pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
Tuesday 12th and Tuesday 26th July  
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

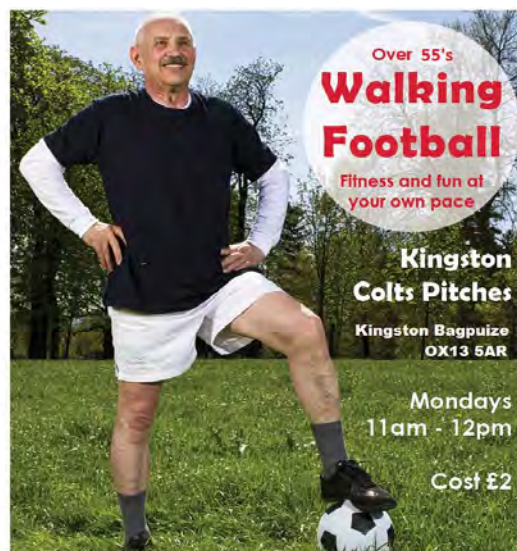


### MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL - VACANCY

Now that Colin Bough has left the Council, there is a vacancy for someone to fill the seat until the next election in May 2019. To find out more about this interesting opportunity to help provide local services within the parish, please contact Linda Martin, Clerk to the Council, on 01865 391833 or email or email [clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### St Lawrence Church, Tubney Sunday Services in July

July 17th 10.30am Holy Communion  
The traditional service using the Book of Common Prayer. All Welcome  
Parking is available in the field opposite the church but do take care crossing the road or if you can then please use the Bus, there is a stop adjacent to the Church.



### To book contact:

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## ED VAIZEY WRITES...

I was delighted to see that a local charity, based at Long Wittenham, The Earth Trust, has been given The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. It is thanks to volunteers like this that many of us have access to large areas of open space, which they use freely and widely, such as Wittenham Clumps, Thrupp Lake, and the Castle Meadows in Wallingford. The work done by the Earth Trust Volunteers is undoubtedly deserving of this award.



Young people looking for volunteering opportunities over the summer months might be interested in the programs run through the National Citizen Service. This is a program for 16 and 17 year olds, and runs for three weeks in the summer, followed by a 30 hour community action project. The scheme brings together young people from different backgrounds and helps them to develop greater confidence, resilience, self-awareness, responsibility and skills for work and life. Over 200,000 people across the UK have already taken part in NCS. Further information on the 2016 programme can be found at: <http://bit.ly/28nEaty>

I recently met some amazing young people undertaking apprenticeships at Oxford Instruments, a local company. Apprenticeships are an increasingly popular choice for school leavers and more information on the current apprenticeship drive can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1PiTemU>

I frequently get contacted by constituents who are experiencing problems on the roads. Highways England have informed me that they are updating their route strategies which will inform projects for the period 2020-2025. This is one of the key steps of research required to help provide information on the use and performance of roads and shape future investment priorities. An online mapping tool has been launched that allows the public to inform them about the performance, impact, and challenges the road network faces. Further information and the mapping tool can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1RYiN6a>

During the last month, I have taken part in a number of debates on the EU referendum, with the first being held at Didcot Civic Hall on Friday 27th May, and the second in Faringdon on Friday 3rd June. The third and final public debate on the EU referendum that I am taking part in is due to be held in Wantage at The Beacon on Friday 17th June at 7pm.

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](mailto: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.

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

## COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

### Beware the man with forked tongue

The trouble with experts is they do not always agree. Even those employed to give independent, dispassionate advice to the decision-makers often give conflicting advice. There is a similar danger that the two firms, paid to advise us all on Unitary Government in Oxfordshire, may also wind up giving us conflicting advice. The problem is compounded if the "experts" appear to have been "got at" by people seeking only the advice they wish to receive. This devalues the perceived integrity of independent advisors and, as with the EU Referendum, it leaves the decision-makers (in that case you and me) in a state of confusion as to whom to believe.

By the time you read this, the Referendum will most likely be done and dusted, but the one question I have been asked time

and again over the last few weeks is "How can I believe what the experts say?". Leaving aside the question of whether you and I are capable of making a decision requiring a detailed understanding of economics, the best answer I can give is – find the experts you trust most, and question their possible motives for giving the advice they are giving. At the same time look at the advice being given by those with least to gain or lose from any outcome. It is interesting therefore, that Vladimir Putin, Marie le Penne and Donald Trump all think we should vote to leave the EU. That advice, together with what I hear from most young people makes my decision as to which way to vote on June 23rd much easier!

The same issue arises over Unitary argument. We are depending on Price Waterhouse Cooper, (employed by the District Councils to advise them) and Grant Thornton, (employed by the County Council to advise them) to give us genuinely dispassionate, independent advice on which way we should go. When asked by GT what I wished from their report, I was very clear that whatever they had to say, it must be independent advice based on their independent analysis. In my view the integrity of the whole process will be blown away if any Council is perceived to have tried to pre-judge or sway the consultants. I expect GT's analysis to be scrutinized for independence and I will be doing my best to ensure that the PWC analysis is subjected to the same scrutiny..

**RICHARD WEBBER CLLR OCC SC & Marcham Division.**

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## DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

### The need for bungalows

The other day I went to speak to the site manager of the Willow Farm development about a rumour that had been circulating in Marcham, namely that the four bungalows that we had worked so hard to get included in that development had been sold to the developer! The site manager was very polite, listened to my concerns and then told me to contact Rachel Lewis of Pye Homes as she was responsible for collating the sales, although Thomas Merrifield is actually selling the homes. Rachel Lewis reassured me that no bungalows had been sold and that they were not going to be released for sale until this August or September, although a lot of interest has already been shown in them. She urged that people could get their names on the list by contacting Pye homes on 01865 373903 or by email at [enquiries@pyehomes.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pyehomes.co.uk)

I can hear you saying "Why can't there be more bungalows in the mix of housing on these developments?" Clearly there is a real need for them, especially with our ageing population, which needs to downsize into suitable housing. But, alas, we are in the hands of developers, who need to make as much profit as they can from any development. The bigger the house and the smaller its footprint, the more profit they make. So of course bungalows are way down on their list of priorities of building types ... a bungalow takes up more land with its footprint and cannot be sold for such a high price as a house. I have tried to persuade each new developer to include bungalows in all Marcham's new developments, but, only Pye Homes, to their credit, have agreed to build a few.

The other risk in building a bungalow is that once it gets into private hands there is the strong likelihood that it will be converted into a chalet bungalow and maybe, eventually, into a full house, like the one next door to us in Drayton. So our stock of bungalows diminishes again and the cry goes up for more bungalows again. So what is the answer? Maybe we should be looking at semi detached bungalows or even quarter bungalows with much smaller gardens to care for and therefore with a smaller footprint. Alternatively we could be asking for more ground floor flats. If anyone has a better idea please let me know...

**CATHERINE WEBBER Cllr VWHDC**

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## A NEW YOUTH WORKER FOR MARCHAM

In July, Rob, Jay and Felicity will be moving to Marcham to work alongside the young people in our community. Please do look out for them and give them a warm welcome. Here is a short introduction to them...

Rob and Jay are stoked to be coming to Marcham. This couple have worked with young people their whole adult life. They have been married for five years and have a beautiful two year old daughter, Felicity. This lovely family are moving to the village from Dorset where Rob has been serving as a Youth Minister for the last three years whilst completing his MA, specialising in children's and community work.

Rob is a keen runner and completed his first marathon this year; he also loves action movies and lots of sweets. Jay is an avid fan of stage musicals and likes to spend her spare time making cakes. Felicity's hobbies include spinning around and stealing food from her parent's plates.

"I can't wait to arrive and meet as many of the young people in Marcham as possible and see how we can serve them and work alongside them", said Rob. With so many new housing developments, the couple are looking forward to welcoming new families to the community and all the new opportunities this will bring.

### SOBELL HOUSE HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE are seeking to recruit a new group of VOLUNTEER BEREAVEMENT WORKERS

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Julian Bond, Bereavement Service Co-ordinator on 01865 225857 or [Julian.Bond@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:Julian.Bond@ouh.nhs.uk)

The Bereavement Service will offer you a 70 hour induction training course starting in October 2016 and then ongoing supervision and team meetings designed to support your casework with allocated bereaved clients.

The use of a telephone and car are essential requirements; and all legitimate expenses will be reimbursed

Two 'Open Evenings' have been scheduled to help prospective volunteers to find out more about the role, the Bereavement Service and the wider hospice organisation. These will take place at Sobell House in the Churchill Hospital in Oxford on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June (6pm to 8pm) and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July (4pm to 6pm).

The Bereavement Service was set up in 1985 in response to the demand for continuing psychological and social support from family members. Volunteers are an integral part of the service, and currently we have 21 working with bereaved clients in the client's own home or in 'counselling' rooms here at the hospice. We ask Volunteers to give 12 to 16 hours per month to the role.

We do not encourage those who have experienced a significant bereavement in the last two years to apply.



## The Alzheimers Society in Oxfordshire

is holding a fund-raising sale in Saint Nicolas Church Abingdon (the church in the Market Place) on Saturday 30th July from 9.30am to 12.00 noon



Rainbows had lots of fun celebrating the Queen's birthday, we got dressed in red, white and blue and had our own mini street party, with crown pizzas and pin the tail on the corgi! It was a lot of fun!

We meet on Mondays at the Baptist hall, 5-6pm. Email [clmcgill183@gmail.com](mailto:clmcgill183@gmail.com) for more details.

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## RED CROSS WEEK 2016

Many thanks to you very generous donors in our village who between you raised the magnificent sum of £596.96 towards the annual Red Cross appeal last month. This is our highest total so far, due in part to the newcomers who have made their homes here recently. Thank you. This money will be used by the Red Cross administrators wherever medical help or supplies are needed as they very much are at the moment. Our personal thanks go to our willing collectors (regular and new) for their time and efforts, knocking on doors in all sorts of weather. Your help over the years has been much appreciated. We hope you will be able to carry on.

As we have previously mentioned, this year, however, is now our last as village co-ordinators. If there is anyone out there prepared to take this little job on next year, please let us know (soon), so that we can advise the District Co-ordinator in Abingdon, otherwise this very worthwhile cause will be £600+ poorer next year and subsequent years. (We will be very happy to give any volunteer a run-down on what's what.)

Just give us a call ! **TONY & JO BLACKLER** (391519)



**BritishRedCross**



**Save the Date: Saturday 17 September**  
**All Saints Church with**  
**Opera Anywhere**  
**Pirates of Penzance**  
**on the Thames at Appleton Lock, in**  
**aid of Balsam Family Project**

Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a bingo at Grove village hall on Saturday 20th August  
Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm  
*hope to see you there*



**Are you looking for over 55 housing?**  
**OPEN DAY**

**Petypher House, Kingston Bagpuize**  
**Friday 8 July**

**Join us between 10am and 3pm to view our beautiful Extra Care apartments set in stunning landscaped gardens Call 01235 515900 to book your viewing**  
**[www.soha.co.uk](http://www.soha.co.uk)**



## All Saints' Church Holiday Club 2016

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Do your kids love the All Saints Holiday Clubs? Wouldn't it be great if kids from other places could have a holiday club like our kids?

Well, this summer a group of teenagers and adults from All Saints' Church are going out to Moldova to do just that. We will be taking a group of about 20 kids from Moldova up into the Romanian mountains for a 4 day holiday club.

### We need your help!

Some of the children that would really benefit from this cannot afford to come. It will cost about £60 for each child for travel, food, accommodation. Would you help by sponsoring a child? Any amount you could give would be so gratefully received and would enable a life changing experience for a Moldovan child.

Think how much fun our kids have each summer!

Please contact Jill Rowe for more details on 07811 165351, or leave donations at the post office.

**Thank you so, so much.**



**Marcham**  
**Moldova**  
**Lifeline**



## MARCHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group of parents, grandparents & carers who meet with our babies and toddlers every Tuesday at 10am in Marcham Church. Come and join us for playtime, singing, stories, crafts and refreshments for only £2 per family.

Please note our last meeting before the summer break will be Tuesday 19th July, starting again on Tuesday 6th September. For further information please contact Rebecca on 07876598307.

## MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

In the merry month of May (7th to be precise!) Marcham Pre-school took to the streets of Marcham for our sponsored 'Welly Waddle', all wearing our boots of course!

We walked, talked and enjoyed the journey around the village before returning to the Sports and Social club for food, drinks, fun, crafts and a raffle!

Thank you to everyone who joined us, supported us or gave us a 'shout out' on our way round. A fantastic £600 was raised and we all had a great time to 'boot'!!

To join us in September 2016 or beyond, please get in touch as soon as possible at [Marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk)

### Why Marcham Pre-school?

**PARTNERSHIP** - we work closely with the Primary school, giving a smooth transition from pre-school to 'big-school', based within the school itself, we have a central location for the village children and families.

**PLAYGROUND** - we have a huge, well-resourced playground where children from pre-school through to year 2 can play and learn together. We also have a separate area for our own use when needed as well as supervised access to the school playing field.

**PLAYING AS WE LEARN** - children learn best through activities which interest and engage them. Our curriculum is child-led and built around children interests, needs and skills.

**PROFESSIONAL** - The team at Marcham Pre-school is dedicated, experienced and qualified, graduate-led and with a variety of skills to support the children as they learn.

Want to know more? Please contact us on 01865 392101 or [marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk) to arrange a visit and see for yourself.



**Marcham Pre-school**  
producing effective learners since 1968 ...  
[www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com](http://www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com)

## NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS BABY ROOM

Our youngest angels have had a very busy month, we have been having sensory play with the different textures in the Gruffalo, looking at big and small items with the Smartest Giant in Town, explored the items the witch dropped from her broomstick in our very own sensory basket. Yes, we have been looking at the Julia Donaldson stories!

There has been lots of exploration with sand and water, filling, emptying and pouring, seeing how different items change shape in water. We have also been enjoying toddler group each week, making new friends there and becoming part of the community.

### PRE-SCHOOL ROOM

The pre-school angels have also been exploring Julia Donaldson stories. To support their phonics we have been looking at letter sounds in her books and their characters, Kim's games to help us remember what items we dropped off our broom sticks just like the witch in Room on a Broom. We became the Smartest Giant in Town, looking at the rhymes and about being kind to all our friends and helping those in need. Unfortunately, we also had witch and chips for tea just like the dragon!!!! There has been lots of outside play, being mums and dads, going to the shops to buy



a present for the Queen! We also had a fantastic day celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday - we all joined together for a birthday tea celebration with sandwiches and cake.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

This month we have embraced the Euro's - looking at all the countries that were involved and the rules of the game. We made scarecrows out of hay, discussed how they scare the birds away. Also we embraced the Monarchy - learning about the Queen's life, how long she has been our Queen and all the things she has done in her reign. We made crowns out of connectors, sang the national anthem and happy birthday. We had a group birthday tea for the Queen which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

This has been a great year for the After School and Breakfast Clubs, we are all looking forward to starting the new school term in September. However, to keep us entertained in the summer holidays we are running holiday clubs:

### Holiday Club

1st August Space Camp - learn how to survive in space just like Tim Peake!!!

8th August Detective Club - each day a different crime to solve, who did it?

15th August Superhero Camp - hone your superhero skills and graduate our Superhero camp.

The holiday club will run from 9.00am-3.00pm, Monday to Friday in the Sports and Social Club, Marcham.

If you would like any further information about Marcham Little Angels Nursery, Afterschool Club or Holiday Club please pop in or call us on 07516 474287 or at [little-angels@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:little-angels@hotmail.co.uk).

## NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

Almost the end of another school year and, as ever, it has been crammed with things that we can be proud of and can celebrate. In an educational climate that is forever changing - and at an increasingly rapid rate - we hold on to our principles and values for the education of our children: friendship and community, respect, compassion, responsibility, perseverance and courage. The seemingly shifting ground of education drives us to continually consider what we do in light of our moral purpose. A part of our vision for the school is that our children are able to contribute positively to the world. It's great that they do well academically (and they do at Marcham) - but to what end? We are not just about taking and acquiring, but about giving back and we are passionate about encouraging children to be the best that they can be so that they can make the world a better place.

Last year, I was delighted to announce that we had been nominated as a Global Learning Expert centre. Mr Codd and I, who lead it, have had 17 schools on our 'books' and we lead training for staff from these schools, from which staff lead their schools and pupils. We have looked at concepts of globalisation and interdependence, images and perceptions and tried to wrestle with the complex and thorny issue of poverty. In our last session we looked at the 17 Sustainable Development Goals - set in September '15 where 193 member states of the United Nations, sought to find ways in which to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all. These followed on from the Millennium goals (8 anti-poverty targets) which made enormous progress - but not enough. Some of you may know about these goals (SDGs). If you don't, may I encourage you to do so: it may just spur you on to thinking of ways in which, working together, we can make things better - in Marcham and further afield. We have been really excited about this aspect of our educational outreach but it is but one of many...Our reputation and visibility within the Abingdon Partnership of schools continues to grow, as Mrs Johnson continues to train Middle Leaders from a range of Oxfordshire schools and Miss Bowles begins her training to do the same in Early Leadership skills.

Some of you will know that the Local Authority have agreed

Here are the 26 answers to the takeaway quiz for the recent royal birthday celebrations. QUEENLY is a real word from the Oxford English Dictionary, by the way.

# QUEENLY QUIZ ANSWERS

- A Queen Elizabeth the Second's Coronation Year was 1953.
- B Queen's University is in Belfast.
- C Queens Park Rangers' home ground is Loftus Road.
- D 'The Queen of Spades' opera was composed by Tchaikovsky.
- E Queen Alia Airport is in Jordan.
- F Queen Victoria was The Queen's great-great grandmother. (The Queen's parents were George VI & Elizabeth, grandparents George V & Mary, great-grandparents Edward VII & Alexandra and great-great grandparents Victoria & Albert.)
- G England's 9-Day Queen (1553) was Queen Jane / Lady Jane Grey.
- H The Queensberry Rules apply to the sport of boxing.
- I The Queen's House, Greenwich, was designed in 1616 by architect Inigo Jones.
- J The late Queen Mother's former name was Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.
- K The Queen Vic pub's landlady in 'Eastenders' was Peggy Mitchell.
- L The Queen Elizabeth II bridge, also known as the Dartford Crossing, is on the M25.
- M The storybook writer whose characters include the Queen of Hearts is Lewis Carroll.
- N The Queen's first corgi was called Susan.
- O Chess may start with queen's gambit.
- P Queen Alexandra, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Maud mountains are in Antarctica.
- Q Brian May, guitarist with pop group Queen, has a scientific interest in astronomy.
- R Mary Queen of Scots' son was King James (James I of England / James VI of Scotland).
- S The Queen's "annus horribilis" was 1992.
- T Glasgow has a Queen Street Station, so does Cardiff.
- U Queen Mary 2, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth luxury cruise liners belong to Cunard.
- V Queen Gertrude of Denmark is Hamlet's mother.
- W The capital of Queensland is Brisbane.
- X The Queensferry Crossing will be the new Firth of Forth road bridge.
- Y Dame Judi Dench won an Oscar as Queen Elizabeth the First in 'Shakespeare in Love'.
- Z The Queen was born in 1926.

to supply the school with two new classrooms to cater for the expanding numbers in the village. This, too, is an enormously exciting prospect and I'll be keeping you up to date with developments as they occur.

But of course, most of our excitement has been around the work done with the children. We relish opportunities for our children to learn beyond the school gate and they have either visited, or will be visiting Youldbury Scout activity centre, Hughenden Manor, Abingdon Hospital, The Imperial War Museum, The Sheldonian Theatre; 'Junior Citizen' training in Oxford; various farms in the vicinity; Bristol Aquarium and the Chipping Norton Theatre for a whole school trip to the pantomime. In addition to these, we have also been visited by Abbey Baptist Church; "Tattybumpkins"; the Fire and Rescue Service; Chris Frost and colleagues who have worked with classes and the whole school on a number of exciting scientific explorations – much to the delight of pupils and staff; Marcham Historical Society, Art teachers from both Larkmead and John Mason schools, Mayan Workshops, IGNITE sports coaches and we were privileged to work with the Creation Theatre Company.

We have taken part in a range of activities including groups of children (and staff) running the Oxford Half Marathon, a number of sporting competitions and a joint poetry evening with the Marcham Players. We have just announced the winners of our Janey Cumber Cup competition for poetry and performance; children were encouraged to write their own poems and perform them in front of the school. Theo Platten was the KS1 winner, with his poem, "My Cat" and Ellie Warwick was the overall winner with "Wonderland". We hope to publish these poems in MADNews soon. We also held our annual "Pro- Am Bridge tournament, where pupils from Years 5 and 6 have picked their wits and strategies against 14 experienced and seasoned players of the game from Marcham and beyond. Look out for more information about these in the next edition of MADNews. We have also taken part in the Oxfordshire Maths Challenge, participated in the string section in the Abingdon and District Schools Music Association concert at Radley College and our crowning achievement was winning the "S" Factor Salsa dancing competition. The cup is enormous. The children of Marcham School are fabulous: they work hard and we believe that they are proud of their school and their achievements.

Our dedicated Governing Body remains committed, rigorous and robust and our PTA are enthusiastic as ever about raising funds to enhance the pupils' learning experiences. Thank you to Rob France, who chairs our Governing Body and Sam Hillier who has been brilliant but steps down from chairing the PTA at the end of this academic year. Our links with All Saints Church remains strong and we have continued to mark important times in both the church and the school calendar in services at All Saints church. A special mention goes to Jill Rowe for all her dedication and generosity of spirit and to Richard, Jenny, Sheila and who lead our Tuesday assemblies every week. I'd also like to mention Paul Davies and his team who lead cycling proficiency; Jenny Warwick for her co-ordination of links between ourselves, the Marcham Players and the Creation Theatre; and Joan Carter who regularly hears the children read and encourages them with her own enthusiasm and love of books. There have been many members of the village community who have volunteered and offered time and given help with reading, art, 'expert' information and general assistance. We know that you help to make our school the very special place we believe it to be. My last vote of thanks is for the staff of Marcham School, who constantly go above and beyond the call of duty in their commitment to the children of Marcham and the surrounding areas. A genuine and heartfelt "thank you".

Wishing you all a great summer, **VIV HUTCHINSON.**



## Orchestra of St John's Prom concerts at the Ashmolean Museum Oxford

Monday 11 July 7.30 : Angell Trio - violin, cello and piano  
Katherine Broderick soprano

Tuesday 4 October 7.30: OSJ with Wagner Moreira tenor  
Latin American songs

Tuesday 15 November 7.30: OSJ with Francesca Saracino soprano  
Mahler and Mendelssohn

Sunday 18 December 7.30: OSJ Ashmolean Voices  
Christmas carols

**Tickets [www.osj.org.uk](http://www.osj.org.uk) 01865 305305**



# All Saints' Church Page

## www.marcham-with-garford.org.uk

Dear Friends,

What an amazing 'roller-coaster' of events we have lived through in the last few weeks – the highs of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> celebrations and our community celebrations to mark the occasion, to the uncertainties of the Referendum, to the lows of rioting fans in France and possible exclusion from the rest of the European Cup. And, as a community, we have lost some much loved and cherished people through the deep sadness of illness and death.

On this 'roller-coaster' of a journey one thing that really helps to keep me sane is community – our shared life, being there for one another through the highs and lows of life, friendship and being able to walk beside each other (or jog as the case may be!).

This month we welcome to our wider community, as well as to our church community, our new youth worker, Rob Finch, together with his wife Jay, and their daughter Felicity. Through the generosity of members of All Saint's, Rob will be working with the teenage young people of our village across the board. There is a longer introduction to Rob elsewhere in this edition of MADNews. If you see him / them, please give them a warm welcome.

'Community' and 'generosity' are both central to our Christian understanding of God, and of Jesus in particular. Jesus founded a new community of apprentice-learners – the Church – and it is through His generous, self-sacrificial love that we can experience God's presence and love in our own lives today.

May God guide us all through these turbulent times, keep us valuing one another as people in community, and being generous in our living, not least to those in need.

May the months of July and August be 'life-building' and safe, wherever we may be. Happy holidays!

With my warmest greetings,

Richard

**Men's Breakfast, 8.30am at the Baptist Hall, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Changing Room (Women's breakfast), 8.30am at the Baptist Hall, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July: 'How walls help' by Rose Hime**

**Holiday Club, 30 August - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: More details soon.**

### Regular church services

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

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

**Sunday 17th July** - visit from Moldovan friends at 10am service followed by a picnic lunch afterwards in the Arboretum. Please bring your own picnic and rug/chairs.

Over the summer, we will be looking at the theme of 'sport' in our Sunday services. Have a look on our website for more info.

**Contacts:** Canon Richard Zair 391319 ([r\\_zair@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:r_zair@yahoo.co.uk)) \* Jill Rowe *Youth and Children's Minister* 390885 \* Tim Jack *Churchwarden* 01865 864900 Debbie Flint 01865 391056 \* Tamsin Gilbert *Parish Administrator* 391319 \* Parish Office: [parish\\_office41@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:parish_office41@yahoo.co.uk) **Parish Office will be closed during the summer. Please contact one of the church wardens if you need help.**

**Parish people:** Our prayers are with the families of Bill Dyer, Maurice Shepherd, Matthew Treadgold, Ann Greenough and Dolly Cox who passed away recently.

## Marcham Parishioner of the Year 2016 - Marjorie Evans

Marjorie has lived in Marcham for many years and has been involved in village life from the outset. She has shown a passion and commitment to improving the lives of parishioners of all ages, from being instrumental in seeking a better play area for children, providing more play equipment, an active proponent of the tree planting in the Millenium Arboretum, to being actively involved as a parish councillor for over 25 years. She was chairman of the parish council for several years and served on different working groups sorting out the various issues that arose.

Marjorie entered local politics when she was successfully elected as a county councillor for four years in 1997. She also served for many years as a governor of Marcham Primary School, and held the role of chairman of the school governors for several years.

Marjorie is a passionate and a generous parishioner who has the ability to think strategically, and would often suggest an innovative and ingenious solution to a problem. She has always strived hard to improve Marcham for its residents, and to support its growth and prosperity.



L-R Rosemary Stone, Rachel Gaisford, Richard Zair, Marjorie Evans and Ruth Mander

## Photographs from Marcham's celebrations on 12 June



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