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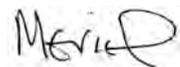
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Dear Readers

We have some thinking to do this month and the next - voting in the local and general elections, commenting on the Vale Plan 2, and Marcham Parish Council will be judging gardens.

There are lots of opportunities to get your gardens looking beautiful with plant sales (page 17) and learning about preparing to open your garden to the public (page 15) ! Mine would need quite a lot of preparing before I let anyone in!

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Parish Council Vacancy**

The Parish Council would thank those who applied to be considered for the vacancy that had occurred on the Parish Council. The Council appreciates the great interest shown in the village and the current problems that affect it. It is always a very difficult decision for the Council, when there are several people keen to become involved, and there is only one seat available. After careful consideration, and a very close vote, the Council selected Ian Charles from The Farthings, to fill the vacancy until the next election in 2019. Ian has strong local government connections and experience, having been a local government officer, and also a previous councillor. He has lived in Marcham for almost 30 years and therefore knows the village's issues well.

**Defibrillator**

The South Central Ambulance Service will be providing a community awareness session regarding the new defibrillator sited outside of the primary school. This will explain the processes and how it works and provide general training in its use. The idea is to create confidence in the community, so that residents will find it easy to use should the need arise. The date of the training is currently being arranged, but likely to be a Saturday morning in early June.

**Marcham Garden Competition 2017**

Do not forget that the first round of judging will take place next month. Judges will view the gardens from the roadside without the need for entering. Winners will be notified in due course, and invited to attend the September meeting of the Parish Council when prizes will be awarded.

**Vale Local Plan Part Two Preferred Options Consultation The Local Plan Part II**

The Parish Council has voted to object strongly to the Vale of White Horse District Council to the proposal to include two more sites at the Eastern side of the village for housing in the policy plan document that is being prepared at the moment. The sites would not help the air quality problems on the main road, they are not connected to the village by pedestrian routes, so residents would drive, no real plans for a bypass, and no accompanying infrastructure which would be necessary should any further development in the village take place.

The Vale of White Horse District Council will analyse all the comments, will make amendments where it is thought appropriate, and will produce the draft Plan for formal consultation in due course.

**New Noticeboard Morland Road**

The Council has been considering a new noticeboard in the vicinity of the school, as a means of promoting information to residents on the Eastern side of the village. The Council would not wish any idea to site a noticeboard there to interfere with the planned construction of new classrooms, so the matter will be reconsidered once the building works are complete.

**Howard Cornish Road – street name plate**

The street nameplate at the junction with North Street/Sheepstead Road is being replaced, as the existing one is broken. The new nameplate will have just the name Howard Cornish Road, and will not list the street that are accessed off of Howard Cornish

Road, as the current one does.

**Village Car parking**

The Council would thank those who contacted the Council regarding the letter it wrote to households in some parts of the village regarding problems which were caused by car parking. It is very much hoped that a joint approach to solving the issues raised will be for the benefit of the whole community.

**Youth Shelter – Litter Bin**

Unfortunately the litter bin next to the youth shelter has been damaged beyond repair, and is in need of replacement. A new concrete bin is being ordered, and will be installed shortly.

**Police non emergency number**

A reminder that the telephone number to report an incident to the Police is 101. This is the number to use when the issue is less urgent than a 999 call, and does not require an emergency response. This number can also be used to give police information about crime in the area, or to speak to the police about a general enquiry.

**Planning applications**

The Council has considered the following applications:

P17/V0712/FUL Conversion of car port and storage into residential annex at 1 The Green  
The Council commented that appropriate car parking requirements be heeded should the development be granted permission.

P16/V3224/FUL Erection of 49 dwellings with associated means of access on land off Sheepstead Road. The Council commented that no bungalows were planned on this site, and had concerns regarding a planned footpath close to where vehicles had to reverse.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 7.30p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place. Please check noticeboard outside the Institute and/or the Council's website [www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk) in case arrangements change.

**Clerk to the Council:** Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833  
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If you witness fly-tipping or wish to report dumped rubbish on a public highway verge, please contact the Vale of White Horse District Council.

The true scale of fly-tipping on private land is not clear but it is estimated the fly-tipping on private land costs £50m to £150 million to clear up each year.

Land managers, occupiers or owners of private property are responsible for clearing and disposing of any fly-tipping found on private land. Whilst the Local Councils will not clear waste dumped on private land free of charge, they may investigate such incidents where appropriate. In the event that a successful prosecution is brought, the Council can apply for the Court to order that the landowner's clean-up costs be reimbursed.

The Environment Agency will investigate major incidents with a greater potential to cause harm to human health and damage to the environment, such as the larger scale incidents of fly-tipping (generally those involving more than a lorry/tipper load of waste), incidents involving hazardous waste, and those involving organised gangs of fly-tippers. By taking this approach it allows the system to reflect the needs of the community it is serving.

There are a number of steps that landowners and managers can take to prevent fly-tipping on their land. These include:

- Physical improvements such as the installation of gates and barriers and improved visibility;
- Better site management – keeping areas tidy and removing fly-tipped waste quickly;
- Deterrence – this can be in the form of successful prosecutions, signage, CCTV, security patrols etc;
- Working with others including your neighbours, local businesses and any existing partnerships.

Regardless of whether land is public or private, if you find fly-tipped waste you should report it to The Vale.

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**NEWS FROM OUR PCSO**

There has been criminal damage carried out during the night to parked cars in the North Street / New Road / Church Street area of Marcham. If you have had damage done to your car and you have not reported this to please could you report this to me via the 101 non-emergency number.

If you have any information about the damage and why it is happening, or you have CCTV of any suspicious activity in

the area please let me know via my e mail address [richard.osborn@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:richard.osborn@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

We have stepped up patrols in the area, if you would like any crime reduction advice please contact me on the above e mail address. If you see or hear any suspicious activity don't delay in reporting it to us if you suspect that a crime is taking place at that time call 999 if it has already happened and there are on offenders on scene use the 101 number.

**PCSO RICH OSBORN C9323**

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**Community Facilities Steering Group**

**Public Exhibition – new community facilities**

The Vale of White Horse District Council has now signed the Section 106 agreement and has formally given planning permission for the new community facilities.

An exhibition of the updated design drawings for the community hall facilities was held in the church on 22nd April. Many Marcham people came along and had a chance to see and comment on the drawings, providing helpful feedback. Detailed drawings with any further adjustments to be submitted as amendments for planning approval. The plans will be on display in the shop and online at [www.madnews.co.uk/cfsg](http://www.madnews.co.uk/cfsg) and you can comment up until 12 May.

*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).*

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### Next Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, 18th May  
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### Discussion on WI Resolutions, followed by speaker Cyril Mannion, 'A Captain at Work - Airline Pilot'

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Thursday 18th May when we will discuss this year's WI resolutions, followed by our speaker, Cyril Mannion, an airline pilot. So, come along for a lively discussion and then enjoy listening to our speaker on 'A Captain at Work'.

*For further information, please contact:*

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com

## MARCHAM SOCIETY MID-WEEK WALK: THURSDAY, MAY 11TH.

For this month's walk we will eat at the Red Lion Inn (Map Ref SU530856) in Chapel Lane, Blewbury (OX11 9PQ) at 12.30pm for lunch, starting the walk of about 5 miles at 1.30. We will be walking up past Churn Knob into the Downs and back through the numerous Gallops. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details, especially if you are not on our email list as sometimes late changes have to be made. Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers.



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

### Quiz Night 26 May 8.15pm

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!

Quiz nights usually take place on the last Friday of each month. Everyone welcome, members and non members. Just turn up on the night for a friendly evening of fun and banter. Questions are on a range of subjects and aimed at everyone's ability!

Further details from Trevor Hill - 01865 391321

*Everyone welcome - members AND non-members  
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This is the meeting where residents of Marcham can raise issues about the village or wider parish. The guest speakers will be staff from the Vale of White Horse's planning policy team who will talk about the Local Plan part II, and the new housing sites that have been identified.

**Light refreshments will be served  
You are invited to take part**

## MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Our March meeting, held on 30th in Duffield Place lounge was enjoyed by those members attending. John brought along some humorous poems which created some laughter followed by some video cartoons including some pictures of unusual carrier bags.

The usual raffle was followed by tea and biscuits.

Our May programme includes an outing to a Garden Centre and at our meeting we will hold a general knowledge quiz. New members very welcome. We meet in the lounge at Duffield place at 2.30pm on the last Thursday of the month.

### NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME

For more information contact  
John Woods (Secretary) 391705

## May Quiz

3<sup>rd</sup> May 7.15 pm White Horse pub  
Ock Street, Abingdon-on-Thames

Please support your Abingdon Community Hospital by entering a team in a general knowledge quiz.

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Senior Extra Care Scheme Manager Kim Nichols says, "As Petypher House hasn't been open very long, the residents and I are all 'newbies' together. We're enjoying our lovely surroundings and learning together what it is to build a community."

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



And finally.....the famous Yorkshire bowler Fred Trueman was known for his acerbic comments; the following example was directed at the Rev David Sheppard after he had dropped a catch off Trueman's bowling: "You might keep your eyes closed when you are praying Vicar, but I wish you'd keep 'em open when I'm bowling!" **CSB**

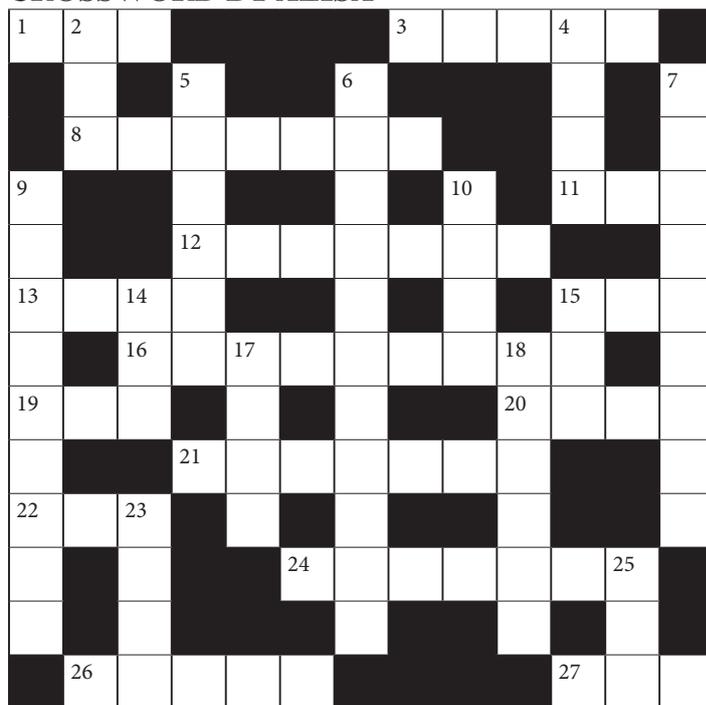
**Old Fashioned Farming for Wildlife at City Farm Eynsham by Dr. Alan Larkin - The Marcham Society April talk**

Alan Larkman is chairman of the Oxford Ornithological Society and has, since 2010, been heavily involved with the project at City Farm Eynsham to halt the decline of wildlife, bird and plant species that have been in steep decline since the introduction of intensive farming using pesticides and herbicides. Since 1978 nineteen species have been in steep decline, with decline in the species reliant on traditional farming declining by 70 per cent since 1978. Alan firstly explained why this was the case, the root of which was food shortage in the winter caused by lack of seeds from wild flowers that are traditionally eaten by such birds. Switching from Spring to Autumn sowing with no overwintering stubble, together with the use of chemicals has all caused this situation to happen. City Farm, at 250 acres of mixed farming, is being farmed using traditional methods last seen in the 1960s, not using intensive methods, with the aim to reverse the damage to wildlife. It has been spectacularly successful in bringing back lost plant species and was recognised as a site of national significance in 2015 and then going on to the higher accolade of a site of European significance in 2016. Alan illustrated his talk with excellent photography, which was unfortunately marred slightly by a mysterious projector fault which resulted with it not showing the true glorious colour of the plant and bird species. He was not deterred however and the appreciative audience were full of admiration for the success of the project and a lively question session followed.

Visitors are very welcome at our meetings. The charge is £2, which includes light refreshments

**PETER STEERE**

**CROSSWORD BY ALISA**



**Across**

- 1. Breakfast food (3)
- 2. TV programme (5)
- 8. Theatre in Abingdon (7)
- 11. Not dry (3)
- 12. Rewarding sort of walk (7)
- 13. Sound repetition (4)
- 15. Total (3)
- 16. Quartet who performed at the 8 (5.4)
- 19. Consume (3)
- 20. Storms and needles have them (4)
- 21. Builders at Southmoor do it (7)
- 22. Digit (3)
- 24. Severe (7)
- 26. Composer of Holberg Suite (5)
- 27. Female animal (3)

**Down**

- 2. Wildebeast (3)
- 4. It falls in winter (4)
- 5. Surname, not quite royal (6)
- 6. Where a Spring Plant sale takes place (3.8)
- 7. Those who look on the bright side (9)
- 9. Place beyond Drayton (9)
- 10. Group of three (4)
- 14. Shelter (3)
- 15. Blue, lark or rocket (3)
- 17. Reserve in advance (4)
- 18. Smoothly (6)
- 23. Always (4)
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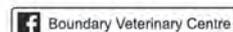
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**ED VAIZEY WRITES...**

Thank you to all those who contacted me after the incident which took place in Westminster recently. My team and I are fine and offer our sincerest condolences to each of the victims and their families. PC Keith Palmer lost his life protecting MPs and their staff and his bravery and professionalism will never be forgotten.



The Government have now invoked Article 50 and formally commenced the UK's process of withdrawing from the European Union. Over the next two years, the Government will now be tasked with negotiating a positive new partnership with the EU's remaining member states. The Prime Minister has made clear that she will attempt to deliver an outcome that works in the interests of the whole of the UK and will not ignore those who voted to 'Remain'. MPs will be able to debate, scrutinise and vote on important negotiating decisions and I will make sure that the voices of the constituency are heard throughout.

Some of you may be aware of the 1940s film "Magic Town" in which the owner of a company which performs consumer surveys lacks the funds to compete with its larger rivals in the field. Instead, he comes across a small town which he believes is perfectly representative of the nation's views and uses it to conduct his research. This month, the team at ASI Data Science used modern data science methods to establish an English "Magic Town" - an area that is most representative of the whole country. Their verdict? Our very own Didcot! Of course, we have always known that Didcot is indeed a "Magic Town", but it is great to see it finally get the official recognition it deserves!

I am pleased to see that the Oxfordshire Cycling Network has launched its vision of a future Strategic Cycle Network for Oxfordshire. This will be a county-wide 'all ages, all abilities' cycle network linking major towns, workplaces and transport hubs with safe, direct and attractive routes. The 366-mile network could cost £120m and take 15 to 20 years to build, but it would bring transport and health benefits of worth at least 7 times that in the 20 year period alone.

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**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Over the last few weeks, Richard and I have been working very hard all around the whole of the Sutton Courtenay and Marcham division on the County Council elections, so please forgive this rather brief District Council report and lack of a County Council report this month. I thought I would highlight two pieces of information on the Vale website.

**Grants**

It is that time of year when grants can be applied for. There are three types of grants:

- 1. Capital grants scheme** for the Abingdon and NE surrounding areas with a total of £42,110 to give away....if you are a not-for-profit organisation you can apply for a minimum of £1,000 and up to 50% of the cost of capital projects (eligibility criteria applies)  
Round 1 runs from 1st April to 15th May 2017  
Round 2 opens 20th August to 15th October 2017  
Round 3 opens 1st December to 10th January
- 2. New Homes Bonus Community Grant scheme** for the Abingdon and NE surrounding area with a total of £34,802 to give away. The above details also apply to this grant.
- 3. The Festival grant scheme.** This opened on 1st April 2017 and will close on 28th February 2018.

More details about the grants and how to apply for all them can be found on the Vale website.

**Syrian Families in the Vale**

In June 2016, the councils pledged to resettle eight Syrian refugee families under a Home Office funded scheme. Four families have already been settled in South Oxfordshire and the Vale, with two more families arriving in May. The Vale are now looking for private landlords who can offer two more three-bedroom properties for future refugee families. If you know of anyone who fits this picture, the Vale asks you to contact Thon Gaunt on 01235 422442.

PS. Please can I remind you to exercise your democratic right by voting on 4th May 2017.

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**Marcham Motor Club 21st March: World of Tanks**

Marcham Motor Club, still under one year old, invited its first external speaker for the meeting on the 21st of March. Over 20 people came to hear Les Tyler, ex-Programme Manager for the Challenger II tank design, talk to the club about tank design generally, and then concentrating on the design decisions taken for Challenger II, Britain's main battle tank, moving from a likely threat from North West Europe to a war in the desert of the Gulf of Arabia. Designs from the USA, Germany, France and Poland were all assessed by H.M. Government before awarding the contract to BAE systems in 1991. The tortuous procurement and negotiation process was also part of the talk and the final video was an exciting view of what the Challenger is capable of; moving at speed across rough ground whilst maintaining a stable and fast firing platform. Its ability to do this was as much to do with the sophisticated software systems employed as it was to the mechanical engineering involved. The talk was followed by questions, all entertainingly answered by Les Tyler. Our thanks go to him for providing us with an insight into current tank design thinking.

If you are interested in hearing more about what the Marcham Motor Club does and coming along to the next meeting then please see the following web page: [http://asm.churchinsight.com/Groups/275610/Marcham\\_Motor\\_Club.aspx](http://asm.churchinsight.com/Groups/275610/Marcham_Motor_Club.aspx)

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**NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS**

**Baby Room** We are enjoying the lovely weather in April! This means we have been outside in the baby garden, spending time outside in the fresh air is an



important aspect here at Little Angels, looking at the great field we have around us to see the dogs being walked, birds and we know its nearly summer because the tractor is back cutting the grass on the cricket pitch! There has been lots of sand play, learning the concept of empty and full but filling the sand bucket up!

We were also treated over Easter by a visit in our garden, they left paw prints to show us where they have been. The Easter bunny left us lots of different size eggs - they are intriguing to feel and put in and out of baskets.

**Pre-School Room** We enjoyed Jill visit where she told is the story of Easter. All the children listened intently and could tell the adults here why we celebrate Easter. There was also a visit from the Eater bunny, leaving tracks in the garden for us to find the eggs, we then used our mathematical ideas to look at sizes, weight and placed them into groups to compare them.

We also had to develop our hand eye co-ordination, by competing in our egg and spoon race- it was great fun and also we learnt that sometimes you need to move slowly to balance the egg on the spoon! Then we created our own Easter bonnets and paraded around the garden in them, we are always very proud of what we achieve and the teachers who help us also very proud of what we accomplish!

We have also been very interested in the mini beasts in our garden, so much that we made a hotel for them to stay in using natural resources we could find in the field, we made sure there was small and dark places for them to feel safe. Then we created a water habitat for water insects, it was so much to see how we could manipulate the water to make bubbles and space for the mini beasts to live.

We could not forget that the doctors came to check we were all ok, Laia was not feeling too well so had an appointment to check she was ok! They checked her temperature, ears and eyes! Even some bandages were used to make Laia better!

**Breakfast & Afterschool Club** Although there have not been many weeks in April, it has been very busy. We were very fortunate that our local PCSO is our friend, he popped in to say hello and check we were all ok. He even let us have a look in his Police Van and the equipment he uses! Here at Little Angels we believe it is important to be part of the community, and that includes those who help look after us here in Marcham.

There was also lots of fun and competition with our very own egg and spoon race, we helped each other to make sure our eggs stayed on the spoons!

Are you joining Marcham School in September? There is limited space available in our Breakfast and After School Club, contact Kaye at [kaye@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](mailto:kaye@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk) to arrange a time to look around and see what we can offer to support you.

To find out more and see what we have been up to follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/littleangelsmarcham](http://www.facebook.com/littleangelsmarcham) and take a look at our website: [www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](http://www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk)

**PTA Round-up**

Many thanks to everyone who bought a ticket for our Easter raffle, and particular thanks to Lisa Newport who singlehandedly put together the Easter hamper and sold the tickets, raising a total of £93.



By the time you read this we will have held our Spring Disco. We've needed to rearrange the Family Quiz Night we had planned for 19 May, and as soon as we have a new date we'll let everyone know. Don't forget to put Friday 7 July in your diary, the day of the PTA Summer Fete. It's guaranteed to be lots of fun for all the family and one of our biggest fund-raiders. Many more details will follow.

*See you on the school run*

**Peter Kidd, PTA Chair**

**NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL**

**Birmingham Symphony Hall**

On Saturday 25th March 12 children from Marcham Primary School travelled to Birmingham Symphony Hall to take part in the 75th anniversary concert of Oxfordshire County Music Service. We were part of a massed choir of primary and secondary school pupils who sang a piece called Apollo's Lyre.

First it was a long drive because it took about 2 hours to get there. When we got there we didn't know where the Symphony Hall was but it was right behind us. Then we walked in and it looked like a shopping aisle. The hall was massive inside and there were red seats everywhere and there were some seats almost going into the ceiling. Then we had a practice and it went really well. After that we had our tea. Then it was the real thing and it was terrifying but we did it. We felt special because we sang at Birmingham Symphony Hall, one of the most important concert halls and we felt tingly because we were very proud of ourselves. After the interval there were lots of great things to listen to. We really enjoyed Hot Mikado by the Oxfordshire Youth Musical Theatre Group.

At the very end Ollie went to the front and sang Land of Hope and Glory with the County Youth Orchestra. Then there was a massive balloon drop over all our parents. It was so much fun. We didn't get back until 2 o'clock in the morning and some of us didn't wake up until 10 o'clock the next day.

**ISLA HILIS & CHARLOTTE WILSON**

**Marcham School Easter Egg Hunt**

I'd like to say a big thank you to Marcham Village Shop, who have been extremely kind in donating chocolate eggs for our school Easter egg hunt this year. You can only imagine the delight it brings to the children when they find their eggs (their squeals can be heard right across the school) and this joy has been made possible by the shop's generosity. Thank you!

**V HUTCHINSON**



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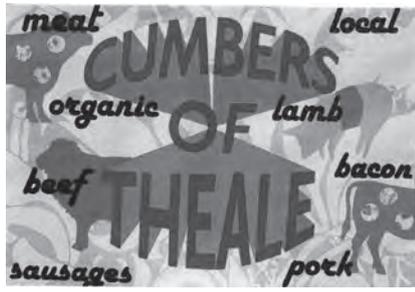
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## Community event on 13th May — Fund-raising concert

We are delighted that Marcham will again have the pleasure in May of playing host to a concert by the Isis Chamber Orchestra, which has generously offered to support community facilities.

### ISIS Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 13th May 2017, 7.30pm

All Saints' Church, Marcham

Conductor: Chris Gill

Flute: Rachel Wright

Clarinet: Ruth Foxman

Music: Vaughan Williams - Two Hymn Tune Preludes (Dominus regit me, Eventide) for small orchestra

Danzi - Sinfonia Concertante for flute, clarinet and orchestra, Grieg - Holberg Suite, Haydn - Symphony no. 80

MCG will provide food and refreshments for the concert, with proceeds from the evening going to support community facilities through MCG. Please come along, support the event and enjoy this evening of great music.

Tickets (£10, concessions: £8 Children under 16: £4) available from Marcham Village Shop in early May.



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Saturday 13th May 2017, 7.30pm

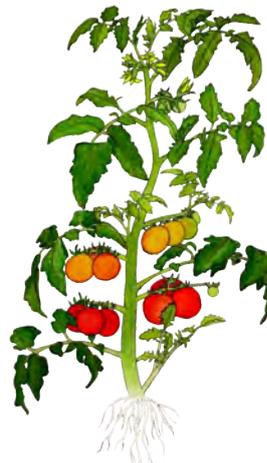
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Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a **plant and garden bit and pieces sale** at East Hanney British Legion Hall on Saturday May 6th. Also cake stall and refreshments come & get your spring plants open 10am - 1.30pm.

## SPRING PLANT SALES



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# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH PAGE

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

Dear Friends,

There are times when we become increasingly aware of the fragile nature of the world around us; whether that is in a global sense [e.g. environmental concerns such as climate change, international tension and conflict, wildlife species on the brink of extinction], a more local sense [e.g. increasing traffic concerns, additional houses being built, reduced public services], or in a personal sense [e.g. bereavement, loss, changed circumstances, health concerns]. At present the world appears to be particularly fragile, and as a result some can feel very vulnerable.

Being aware of our human vulnerability is not necessarily a bad thing. As human beings we can exhibit amazing strengths and great resilience, but also great weakness. We like to think that we are all self-sufficient, that we can live independent lives from one another (and God) – do our own thing regardless, and pay only lip service to our vulnerabilities.

In fact, as with so much of life, we are not meant to be independent beings, but **interdependent**. We need one another! And if we follow this train of thought from a Christian world-view, we soon come to the place of recognising that as human beings made in the image of our Creator God, we are called to be interdependent and also dependent on the life and guidance that our Creator alone can provide. He provides a framework for life that enables and enriches our lives, provides healthy moral and spiritual boundaries that are in place for our overall wellbeing – and given that we may know a rich and deep fullness of life. Rather than being confining, these boundaries are liberating, freeing and a source of blessing, and a framework for community.

The well-known, and much loved, Psalm 23 speaks powerfully about knowing the shepherding care of God, even in a dark and scary world. The psalm speaks of the living presence of God, and that this takes away the fear of darkness and evil, and more than that, speaks of God pouring out his blessing. 'I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me'. God can renew our strength, restore our soul, provide quiet places for rest and restoration – he has our wellbeing at heart. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, whose death and resurrection provides the means of life that we might know for ourselves this shepherding care of God, individually and as community. Easter anticipates Pentecost!

May the month of May be one of interdependent blessing for you and those you love.

Richard

Revd. Canon Richard Zair, Vicar

## Regular services

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

*Wednesday: 10.30am at Duffield Place*

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>,  
8.30am at the Baptist Hall

**Changing Room (Women's Breakfast)**  
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