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Diary for September

1 Sat	Kennington Memory Club Sale, St Nicolas Church, Abingdon, 10.00-12 noon	20	20 Thur	Deadline for next MADNews, 17.00: editor@madnews.co.uk	
6 Thur	Music at the Unicorn: Sally Barker, Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon, 19.00	15	20 Thur	Marcham WI: Desert Island Discs, Denman College, 19.30	9
8-23	Sculpture in the Vineyard, Bothy Vineyard, 10.00-18.00 each day	2	22 Sat	Writing the First World War, Oxford Brookes, 10.00 – 17.00	22
8 Sat	Ride and Stride for Churches	15	24 Mon	Opening of Kennington Memory Club, Kennington Methodist Church, 09.30-15.30	20
8 Sat	Wantage and Grove Lions: Bingo, Grove Village Hall, 18.45	15	25 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00-15.30	9
11 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00-15.30	9	27 Thur	Marcham Senior Citizens' Club, Duffield Place, 14.30	9
11 Tue	Marcham Society: Seeing Britain from the Sea & AGM, All Saints' Church, Marcham, 19.30	9	28 Fri	Line Dance, All Saints' Church, Marcham, 18.45-22.00	22
12 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 19.30	3	29 Sat	Faberdashery Sale, Denman College, 10.00-15.30	21
13 Thur	Midweek Walk: The Plough, Finstock 12.30 lunch / 13.30 walk	9	30 Sun	Manor Festival, Weston on the Green, 11.00-16.00	22
14 Fri	Eclectic Cabaret, WADS Community Centre, 20.00	14			
19 Wed	Arts Society Abingdon: Zaha Hadid lecture by Colin Davies, Trinity Church, Abingdon, 10.30 & 14.00	2			

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Saturday 8th Official Opening at 12 noon by Jane Beedle, garden designer and GBBO finalist, and Sculpture in the Vineyards' patron!

Saturday 8th 2 - 4pm: Howard and Friends: musical entertainment

Sunday 9th 2.30 - 3pm: Harmony InSpires, award-winning, local *a capella* ladies choir sings a selection of songs from the shows and other favourites

Saturday 15th 11am - 12 and 3 - 4pm: The Scantlebury Consort – a selection of classical and newly-written music for recorder, viol, harpsichord

Saturday 22nd 1 - 2pm: Confluence Collective - Andrew Shoesmith, Chris Hills and Sylvia Vetta: Poetry, dance and song

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Send in your answer to this question by 7th September to be in with a chance to win a pair of tickets to Sculpture in the Vineyard 2018:

Who will be showing you how to see nature in close-up on 16th September?

Send in your name to editor @madnews.co.uk or call 01865 391725 with your answer



The Arts Society Abingdon (ex ADFAS) is holding its monthly lecture on **Wednesday 19th September 2018, 10.30am and 2.00pm**, at Trinity Church, Conduit Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DB.

Zaha Hadid - Architectural Superstar

by The Arts Society Lecturer Colin Davies

Architect Dame Zaha Hadid died suddenly in March 2016, aged 65. She was born in Iraq, but made Britain her home early in her career and received the UK's most prestigious architecture award in both 2010 and 2011. Her reputation was global - this lecture maps her career from the visionary projects of the 1980s, through the years when her designs were considered unbuildable to the prolific crop of successful international projects built in the last decade of her life.

Non-Members welcome, £6.00 including coffee/tea. The lectures are one hour long, but leave extra time for announcements etc.

For more information on future lectures and other activities see our website or email info@theartsocietyabingdon.org.uk www.theartsocietyabingdon.org.uk

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24th October 2018 - The Lumberjills

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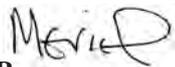
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I hope you have enjoyed the summer – it seemed to fly by for me!

September is packed with things to do, a sculpture show in Oxfordshire's oldest vineyard just up the road, Ride and Stride in aid of local churches, an Eclectic Cabaret, Line Dancing, a Faberdashery Sale and Arts Society Lecture, as well as the usual meetings of Marcham Society, WI, Senior Citizens, singing and the MidWeek Walk – the list is almost endless...

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Marjorie Evans

The Council was saddened to hear of the death of former Parish Councillor, Marjorie Evans. Marjorie served, not only on the Parish Council for a considerable period of time, but she also served as the Councillor for the Marcham division on Oxfordshire County Council. See obituary page 5.

Grants from the Parish Council

The Parish Council has adopted a new grant policy for awarding grants to local worthy organisations. A copy of the policy itself is available for viewing on the Parish Council's website, or available from the Clerk. The Council now has a grant application form too, which it requires to be completed when an organisation wishes to apply for a grant. This is a change from previous years when a letter of application was sufficient. The application form is available from the Clerk, so any organization wishing to apply for a grant should email: clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk to request a form. The Parish Council will continue to consider grants once a year in November, so all grant application forms together with relevant accounts have to be received by the Council by 15th October.

Local organisations receiving grant funding last financial year were:

Marcham Senior Citizens Club – running costs	£175
Marcham Parochial Church Council – coach costs for children from Friday Club for pantomime visit	£250
South and Vale Carers Centre – running costs	£150
Marcham Football Club – equipment costs	£300
Marcham Cricket Club – grass cutting costs	£500
Marcham Rainbows – running costs	£400
Marcham Primary School – changing facilities	£500
Marcham Parochial Church Council – workshop sessions on the topic of adolescent mental health	£500
Wantage Independent Advice Centre – running costs	£100
Marcham Parochial Church Council towards the costs of its community worker	£1500
South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau – running costs	£750

Play Area and Youth Shelter - Litter Bins

Unfortunately the litter bins in the play area and at the youth shelter in the Anson Field have had soiled nappies and cat litter as well as other household refuse deposited in them. These bins are for general light pedestrian litter only, and not for domestic waste. Depositing household or trade waste in the litter bins can be regarded as fly-tipping, and can lead to action being taken by the Local Authority. Would residents please dispose of such items in their own black wheelie bin.

A415 - Vehicle Activated Signs

Several people have mentioned that the vehicle activated signs at the both ends of the village along the A415 are not working. These have been reported to the County Council.

Emergency Plan

After the excellent presentation by the County Council's emergency planning officer in May at the annual meeting for electors, the Parish Council has been considering whether a formal emergency plan should be prepared. One of the requirements is to have a convenient reception centre in case of evacuation. The Council has deferred the idea of preparing a Plan for the time being, as any new village hall would probably be the reception centre. It will review the idea of an Emergency Plan once Marcham has a village hall.

Street Naming

The Parish Council has been asked by the Vale of White Horse District Council to suggest street names for the new developments in the Anson Field and at the Institute site. If anyone has suggestions that they would like to be considered, then please contact the Clerk.

Planning applications

P18/V1472/HH Installation of vehicle and pedestrian gates at Pendlewood. Council supported the application but sought confirmation that the gates were opening inwards.

P18/V1570/HH and P18/1563/LB Variation of condition and amendments to previous consent at Marcham Mill. Council had no objection.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 7.30p.m. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place. Please check noticeboard outside the Institute and/or the Council's website www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk in case arrangements change.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833 clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk
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Alicia Davies

Alicia Davies' contribution to the village community was recognised by a presentation by Marcham Parish Council Chair, Ruth Mander, this summer. The letter of thanks included details of Alicia's work at these village activities:

- Village Cafe
 - Guides
 - Friday Club
 - Children's Holiday Club
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Marjorie was born at home in Boston in Lincolnshire on 8th December 1930 - the only daughter of Wilfred and Florence May Wright. Her father was a Bank Manager for the National Westminster Bank or National Provincial Bank as it was called then, and as a result, he was posted to different banks across the country during the course of his career: Stevenage, Folkestone, Newton Abbot and Exeter but it was Devon that Marjorie called home, and where she spent most of her childhood.

Her love of gardening came from her father, who was also an avid bee-keeper and once sold a pot of honey to Winston Churchill at the Royal Kent County show. He commented on how rosy her cheeks were – or so the story goes....

Marjorie used to look after the various children who had been evacuated from London down to Devon during the war. There was one particular evacuee, a boy who she called “Little John” who had a lisp and a stutter. Unfortunately he was being picked on by the other children but Marjorie took him under her wing and helped him to stand up for himself, and find his voice. Mum and “Little John” became firm friends for life after that.

After leaving Bishop Blackall School in Exeter, she went onto Exeter University where she obtained a First Class Honours Degree in Geography. Something that she was always, quite rightly, very proud of. After University, she went to teacher training college in Stoke Rochford Hall in Grantham in 1953 and she spent 5 happy years there training to be a teacher. Then down to London to Goldsmiths College, where she trained to be a lecturer. It was whilst working as a lecturer at Kestervan College that she completed her PhD on the Hanseatic ports in only two years whilst working at the same time.

Marjorie continued to teach and lecture in Geography for a number of years after that and then in 1966 she decided to spend the summer in Canada and accepted the position of visiting professor at McGill University in Montreal. She was also “Dean of Women” which meant that she had responsibility for a ladies-only hall of residence. She quickly became an expert at comforting girls who were homesick or who had boyfriend troubles.

It was during the summer of 1966 in Montreal that Marjorie met her future husband, Ellis. He was wandering around the campus completely lost and she offered to show him around. That afternoon they went to a fete together in the little village of St Anne-de-belle-vue ... the beginning of a long and happy marriage!

They returned the following summer to Vancouver as visiting Professors at the University of British Columbia and they were married in Newton Abbot in December 1967, subsequently moving to Beckenham in Kent where Elizabeth was born in 1971.

Marjorie worked as a District Inspector of Schools and Ellis worked as an Educational Psychologist, both for the Inner London Education Authority.

In 1981, Marjorie accepted a job with the NFWI as Principal of Denman College and the family moved into the Show House in the new Farthings development. A gate was quickly knocked through the old stone wall in the back garden so that she could have a quick walk to work! Before long Marjorie had made friends and was fully immersed in the Marcham community. After a couple of years at Denman, she taught Geography at Headington School and then accepted a job at the University of Oxford, Delegacy of Local Examinations as Senior Subject Officer for Geography, which was the role from which she retired in September 1994.

Despite having a busy and fulfilling career, Marjorie would always make time for Marcham. One of her first achievements was to build a new play area for the village which is still loved by children and parents. She played a key role in the tree planting in the Millennium Arboretum and, in her role as Chair of the Parish Council, she campaigned tirelessly for a bypass for Marcham. From 1997 to 2001 she was a Conservative County Councillor and was also Chairman of Governors for Marcham Primary School for several years. She loved the community at All Saints' Church and would regularly read intercessional prayers and spent several years organising the flower rota. She always strived hard to improve Marcham for all its residents and to support the community's growth and prosperity and was thrilled to be awarded Parishioner of the Year in May 2016 in recognition of the many contributions she made to village life over the years.

Ellis died in January 2008, and Marjorie's health declined but she was able to stay in the home that she loved so very much with the support of her carers, family and friends .

Marjorie loved many things: her home and garden, Marcham and the community here, her many cats over the years, chocolate (of course), Wimbledon tennis, Archeology, the Royal Family and especially the Queen, but what she loved most of all, without question, was her family.

Adapted from the eulogy given at Marjorie's funeral by her daughter, Elizabeth Peasey

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 Millennium 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

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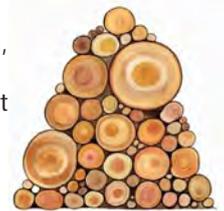
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Next Meeting: Desert Island Discs

Date: Thursday, 20th September

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Denman College



The summer is over and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again in September. For our meeting on 20th September we will be off to a **desert island**, where we will be inviting our mystery 'castaway' to choose some of her favourite music, along with a luxury item and a book to accompany her on her island. Our castaway has led a fascinating life and we will be hearing what music inspired her along the way. Come and enjoy a fascinating and entertaining evening.



*New members and visitors
are always welcome*
For further information, please contact:
Pippa Hoath 01865 391349
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MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK:

Thursday, September 13th.

For this month's walk we will meet at The Plough Inn, High Street, Finstock (Map Ref: SP362162, Post Code OX7 3BY), south of Charlbury at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for a walk of about 4½ miles in a gently rolling and wooded part of the Cotswolds. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for further details and car-sharing, 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.



MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The season is coming to a close. Due to the development of the field, all home games have now been played, leaving the first and second teams with just two away league matches each. Both teams have had a difficult season, but avoiding a bottom two position in the league tables. Recent wins for the first team have been in home fixtures against West Ilsley and Kidlington. In chasing West Ilsley's 180 runs for 9 wickets, we reached the 181 target for the loss of just 3 wickets. Dan Barnes scored his maiden 'fifty' with a 'knock' of 75, which everyone, including the second team returnees to the club house, heard about for the rest of what unfortunately was a hot, and therefore long evening! Stuart (Geordie) Armstrong scored 75 not out. Andrew Horseman (Horse) continues to impress with his 'spin', when he relinquishes the 'keeping gloves', and took 5 wickets for 58 runs.



The win against Kidlington by four wickets saw Tom (Belly) Mooring scoring a typical quick 38, enabling us to reach the 149 target with plenty of overs to spare. With 'Horse' again spinning the opposition out with 4 wickets for 18 runs and Andy (Snake) Chalmers taking 4 wickets for 31.

The 'second' team's recent wins have been against the second teams of Kilkenny and Kennington. Both have been the result of good all round team efforts. Setting 172 for 9 wickets, Kilkenny fell short of the target by just 15 runs (157 all out). A tight, thrilling match. Bottom of the table Kennington set only 84 as a total in our other win, which we achieved with the loss of just 4 wickets, with skipper Phil Barnhill top scoring with 31.

Other notable individual performances have included 'Geordie' Armstrong scoring 85 against Risinghurst and 59 against Dorchester; young Ollie Armstrong taking 4 wickets for 63 runs against a rampant Bampton first team that amassed 339 for 5 on another fast scoring Marcham 'track' and outfield; Deepak (Dippy) Patel who has to date for the season taken 17 wickets for 297 runs; and young Harry Phipps for his continued improved batting and encouraging his dad to take up the art of 'flaying the willow', though he has some way to go yet to master it!

The club are pleased to have welcomed some new players from the village to its numbers. Any others interested should contact the secretary Trevor Hill on 07748696733. **TH**



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MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Our next meeting is on Thursday 27th September at 2.30pm in the Lounge at Duffield Place.

The topic for discussion is 'The New Westgate Centre in Oxford' and all opinions are welcome. Also at this meeting we shall be planning our programme for 2019 and members (and non-members) are invited to suggest anything that they might like the Club to consider. **YOUR INPUT IS ALWAYS VALUABLE.**

October's meeting (Thurs 25th) will be a visit from Sobel House with the chance to obtain Christmas cards and other seasonal items.

New members are very welcome; just come along at 2.30pm on the last Thursday of the month or give me a ring.

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Pre-school finished the school year with a day of tears, reminiscing and celebrations... not only did we say goodbye to 17 of our 'experts' as they graduated pre-school ready for 'big school' - we also said goodbye to Katharine Broadhurst. Joining us in 2007, Katharine has been a much valued member of staff, a colleague, a friend and a Key Person! Although she will be greatly missed, we were delighted to have the opportunity to present a 'surprise' farewell, joined by her family, parents and children, (past and present), committee and friends! I'm not sure she has recovered from the shock yet..... though, she will no doubt have plenty of time to do so in her 'retirement'! Have fun, Katharine!!



We're preparing for a busy year ahead - with 17 new children joining us in September, we're now full, although we are holding a waiting list for September 2019 and beyond! It's never too early to add your child's name to our list, there's no obligation and no registration fee to pay... but if you leave it too late, you may miss your chance! Contact us today at marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk

Nicky Sanford,

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NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS**Baby Room**

Our little angels have loved the garden during the past sunny month playing in the water trays, building sandcastles and riding around on our push bikes and cars. The babies have also been enjoying their sensory play this month playing with scrunchy paper, exploring different textures and smells! We have welcomed lots of new babies into our little angel's family over the summer. *Welcome, it's so lovely to see you settle in so well!*

**Pre School Room**

We have been very busy in our pre school room. Our theatre role play has been a big hit and our little angels have been putting on shows daily. Our pre school children have enjoyed the new addition of 'Magical Maths' on a Thursday, a maths session for children aged 3 and above taught by a qualified primary school teacher. Is your little angel engaged in maths? Why not book them in for a Thursday session to join in the fun! Some of our children will be leaving us for primary school this September. They enjoyed our annual 'Graduation Ceremony' where they received their diploma from nursery wearing their yellow gowns and celebrated their development with their friends and family in the sunshine. It was a lovely evening had by all!

Exciting News

We have been nominated for our second award in 6 months!

Our amazing manager **Kaye Merriman** has made it to the final 3 for Nursery Worker of The Year from the Townergate Care Awards. She is an outstanding manager and works so hard to provide an amazing learning environment for the children and the staff and deserves to be recognised for all her hard work! We need your VOTE.. watch the video and vote for Kaye Merriman by going to: <https://www.townergateinsurance.co.uk/care-awards/nursery-worker-of-the-year/>



If you would like to be part of Little Angels Family, where our home is your home, please contact us on 01865 819992 or marcham@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk, see www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk and follow us on Facebook: [littleangelsmarcham](https://www.facebook.com/littleangelsmarcham)

PTA Update

A big **THANK YOU** everyone who came out and supported the school's summer fete in July - it seems an age ago now! You helped raise a total of £2,261, a fraction more than last year, money that will go towards supporting the school in providing the best education experience for the village's children.



A special thank you to our main sponsor, Breckon & Breckon, who alone raised nearly 15% of the total. Thank you to everyone who had a 'For Sale' board outside their house, who filled in a Breckon & Breckon flyer, or who took a shy at a coconut on the night.

Thank you to all the PTA team, the school staff and other parents who rolled up their metaphorical sleeves and pitched in to help us in the stalls. We are exceedingly grateful for your help in allowing us to put on a wide range of activities this evening.

And so, as we enter September, we start another school year. The PTA will be putting on all our usual events - discos, Christmas and Summer Fetes - but this year we hope to have a few new events to whet your appetites and encourage you to dip into your purses and wallets! We'll be advertising dates and details here, on Facebook and in the school newsletters, so keep your eyes peeled. The PTA AGM is scheduled for 4 October. All parents and staff are members of the PTA, so everyone is welcome to attend and help shape the way the PTA is run. You don't need to join the PTA committee, but the start of a new school year means the arrival of new faces in the school, and it would be great to see a few more new faces on the committee. Each year we lose some members whose children have left Marcham School for new educational challenges, so if you're new to the school (or not!) and can spare a couple of hours a month to help us raise funds to support the school, please drop me a line or give me a call and I'll be happy to chat about what's involved or how you can help. You don't need any special skills or qualifications, just enthusiasm and a 'can-do' attitude. I look forward to hearing from you.

See you on the school run

Peter Kidd

PTA Chair 07708 251312 peter.kidd61@btinternet.com

Winter 2018 Flu Vaccinations at Marcham Road Health Centre

This year the NHS is providing different flu vaccines for different age groups. This will mean that flu clinics will have to be arranged by age to ensure each patient receives the correct, most effective vaccine for them.

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

As the NHS guidance to the practice was changed late in the day there will be a national difficulty for surgeries and pharmacies to get flu vaccine supplies. Delivery of vaccine stocks are spread from late September until November.

This may mean that you have to wait to have your vaccination. We have been asked to vaccinate those aged 75 years and older as a priority. Text messages and letters will be sent advising individuals which flu clinic to attend.

Unfortunately, owing to the complexity of the programme this year, we will not be offering vaccinations outside of designated flu clinics. This means that if you are attending the surgery for a routine appointment, you will not be able to receive your vaccine at that time. Also, if you attend the incorrect clinic you will not be able to receive your vaccine at that time.

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Marcham Centre—project progress

MarchamCentre — project progress

The project to build new community facilities—Marcham Centre—continues to make progress, although it is taking a little longer than we hoped to make a full start on the construction phase.

We have had to resolve some matters relating to planning and section 106 funding with the Vale of White Horse planning department, partly due to the complexity of the project. Fortunately, none of these are show-stoppers, but they have led to extra work which caused us some delays, which are being cleared. The current timetable is for site work to begin in autumn (subject to contractor arrangements) with a target completion date of late 2019.



MCG trustees are meeting regularly to make progress with the final hall design details, lease and service agreements, arrangements for external storage, fund-raising plans, hire and pricing policies, business planning including setting up a trading company to work alongside the charity, risk assessments, licences, insurance, and contracts for utilities and services, maintenance of the field and boundaries.

Much of the detailed work is being delegated to the three committees of MCG: Hall Committee (Chair: Chris Ricketts—chris.ricketts47@btinternet.com), Field Committee (Chair: Trevor Hill—trevor3chancel@aol.com) and Finance & General Purposes Committee (Chair: Warren Brooker—WarrenBrooker@outlook.com). The three Chairs have made good progress identifying people to join these committees, and there are still some seats to fill.

We are keen to have people drawn from across a range of interest areas and, especially, to involve people who have recently moved to Marcham who may have skills, experience and new ideas that we would value. Warren is new to Marcham and brings valued business experience and ideas. Please contact Jim Asher (as below) or the relevant committee Chair if you would like to know what is involved.

The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) continues to oversee the project, with MCG increasingly the focus for the actions. We will keep people in Marcham updated regularly on progress and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this project.

We are keen to recruit more members for MCG. This helps to support our case for external fund-raising to complete/equip the new facilities. Annual subscriptions are £5 (single) and £8 (family). Please contact Jim Asher (jim.asher@btinternet.com) for details and a membership form. Thank you also to all those who have been collecting 5p coins to donate to MCG— we are nearing the 10,000 coins mark! We would be delighted if even more people did the same—it all helps move us forward.



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All Life Gets A Thirst

I'm writing this in the middle of another heatwave – 2018 looks like it's going to be a long and hot summer. I'd need to check the data, but I personally compare this to the summer of 1976. Who remembers the population explosions of ladybirds and thunder blights?



We're not seeing that this summer, although the hot weather is making it clear what plants like the conditions. There's one thing I know though – most life still needs the wet stuff, H2O, water!

This morning I spilt a cup of water on my concrete path, and almost immediately a wasp landed and started to drink. I could almost see its excitement as it kept returning. It got me thinking, we need to make sure there is water available to wildlife in our gardens in hot weather. We also need to remember that wildlife easily becomes dependent on that water source. So to stop putting it out could be catastrophic.

So where is the line between helping nature, and making nature too reliant on us? Artificially propping up and distorting populations of birds, insects and other creatures? Are we keeping some animals alive, that would naturally die out? Should we be preventing all extinctions, or is that part of nature in and of itself? The panda for example, is a kind of evolutionary dead-end, not really helping itself by low birth-rates and specific habitat needs.

My point, well, it's to start a debate about when man gets involved with food chains, like those found in wildlife gardens. How far should we go in helping nature?

Is what we perceive as helping, something to the contrary?

Happy Gardening!

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Drug use I have had reports of drug use in the woods at the bottom of the playing fields in Wootton. High visibility patrols will be increased in the area. If you witness this or have any information please call 101.

Phoning the Police Our call handling teams are receiving a large number of calls and many of them are not police related. 999 is an emergency number so please think:

- Is it an emergency?
- Is it a police matter?

If it is not an emergency please call 101. Other agencies would also be better suited to deal with some issues. For example you should contact Environmental Health for noise issues, Trading Standards for rogue traders and the Highway Department for potholes etc. Finally if a car is parked on a road, and as long as it is taxed, insured and has a valid MOT and is not causing an obstruction or going against any parking restrictions (like yellow lines) it will be parked legally. Feel free to email me using the address at the bottom of the page if you would like to discuss anything.

What we have been doing I attended the WADS Stock event on the 28th and engaged with lots of people who attended. I also attended the Dalton Barracks play day and lots of children enjoyed locking each other in the van cage!

Future events/meetings I will be at the Jamaican Jerk festival on 18th August at the Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre and will be assisting with a burglary Day of Action on Sunday 19th August in the Cumnor Hill and surrounding area. I hold regular Have Your Say meetings for you to come and talk to me about any local issues. **Contact us** If you use social media please follow us for daily updates from the South and Vale Policing Teams @ tpsouthandvale and Facebook/tpsouthandvale.

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If you have to organise a funeral for someone and there are no clear instructions in the will, bear in mind that you can organise the procedure without using the services of a funeral director. The Cemeteries and Crematorium Department of your local authority can offer help and guidance, and there are many sources of help online, for instance the Natural Death Centre at www.naturaldeath.org.uk. At the current time, when the high prices charged by funeral companies are under government investigation, an alternative funeral can also cost much less. If you're on certain benefits you might be able to get help paying for the funeral. Citizens Advice has guidance for people planning a funeral for themselves or their near ones:

- Shop around and get quotes from local funeral directors. These quotes can vary surprisingly, sometimes by as much as £2,000. Also, try asking for a "basic funeral" and get the costs itemized so you can see what you are paying for.
- Choose "direct burial" – that way, there is no need to pay for embalming or visiting rights.
- Purchase a biodegradable cardboard or cloth-covered coffin, or a wicker basket.
- A woodland or "natural" burial site is an option. There are 200 of them around Britain and several in Oxfordshire.

For more help, contact Citizens Advice on Adviceline 03 444 111444, or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale



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ED VAIZEY WRITES...

Every year in September, **Heritage Open Days** sees places across the country throw open their doors for free to celebrate their heritage, community and history. It brings together over 2,100 organisations, 5,500 events and 46,000 volunteers, and is coordinated nationally by the National Trust, with support from players of the People's Postcode Lottery. This year they are accepting nominations for a statue that recognises living women that have benefited the community around them. If you would like to nominate someone you can do so at putherforward.com.



The latest funding round for grants for local charities open in three of the Postcode Trusts funded by players of **People's Postcode Lottery**. More information can be found at the three websites for the local trusts, each one has a different funding focus and I recommend charities ensure that they apply to the Trust most relevant to them. postcodetrust.org.uk focuses on projects which focus on prevention of poverty, promotion of human rights and equal rights. postcodelocaltrust.org.uk focuses on projects on health and wellbeing through grass roots sports, arts and well-being programmes and postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk focuses on projects supporting outdoor spaces, local environment and wildlife.

Constituency Visits

This month I was very pleased to visit the site of the planned **Rosalind Franklin Institute** in Harwell. When completed, it will be a national institute, dedicated to bringing about transformative changes in life science through interdisciplinary research and technology development. I also visited **Be Free Young Carers**, an amazing local charity supporting young carers in Oxfordshire. You can find out more about their work and how you can support them here.

This month's mailbag

This month I have received 428 items of correspondence (emails and letters) from constituents. Subjects raised with me include Brexit, local infrastructure and Wantage Hospital.

The most important event of the political year is upon us, The **Westminster Dog of the Year** - organised jointly by Dogs Trust and the Kennel Club - is taking place on 6th September. I'll be taking part with Pepper, a new addition to the family.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 01235 768 888. 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. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. You can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Privacy, Openness and Transparency

Last week, we met a friend, to whom we have not spoken for some time over the garden wall. We spent a happy twenty minutes catching up. Within the hour, we received a phone call from the same friend to tell us that she had just received a message from Google asking her to rate her visit to Orchard Barn (our home). The first reaction was to laugh, the second was to wonder how Google knew of our conversation. The third was to realize how much Google (and others) can find out about us via mobile phones, emails and social media. There was absolutely nothing in our conversation which would have interested anyone else, but it was a private conversation. It's a scary world.

Whilst I believe passionately that privacy is an important principle that we should do everything possible to protect, privacy is too often a defining principle in Government – both national and local. On a recent visit to Nottinghamshire County Council to find out how they run themselves, we were told that they are now passionate about openness and transparency. Everything they say, think and do is put in the public realm. No more secret papers. All salaries, plans for the future and failings of the Council are published alongside their successes. The only papers kept from public view are those that concern commercial confidentiality (while bids for contracts are coming in) otherwise everything is open to public scrutiny. They claimed that this approach had already had three major benefits.

- One:** There was a noticeable increase in trust of their Council by Nottinghamshire residents.
- Two:** There were now no time-consuming and costly Freedom of Information requests.
- Three:** Their relations with the local Press had improved immeasurably.

To be fair to Oxfordshire, it is probably more open and transparent than many local authorities. Its new Corporate Plan will contain not only a list of the Council's successes, but also a list of its failures and what it intends to do about them. This is all commendable. Not so transparent are the conversations around shared services and management with Cherwell District Council, or the discussions around the Growth Deal and the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway.

Until Government treats those who elected it as wholly deserving and capable of being involved in discussions and considerations of policy, they can hardly be surprised if they are not trusted.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

What should we do about disposing of our bulky rubbish?

Waste, particularly large stuff like furniture, is a constant problem for residents, who don't want to pay for their waste to be removed, and for the Vale, who have to deal with the result of those people who resort to fly-tipping. So, I thought it would be useful to know what to do with different types of rubbish, particularly as I understand that recently some large items of rubbish were left outside a house in Marcham for several weeks.

Bulky waste, such as washing machines, fridges, freezers, furniture (like sofas), mattresses, televisions can be disposed of by the Vale, but will need to be booked for collection by the waste team (01235 422406) and will need to be paid for. The cost is £36 for up to three bulky items and £7 for each additional item, but there must be no more than six items per collection.

The Vale has had some success in catching and prosecuting some people who have resorted to fly tipping....a particularly underhand method of getting rid of rubbish, not least because it is an eyesore and a health hazard for those who live nearby. Recently, a man was ordered to pay just over £1,300 for dumping two mattresses outside the Sue Ryder shop in Abingdon. Another man, who was caught on camera when he dumped 70 wooden pallets in Cumnor, was fined £1,200.

So can I urge people to use the Vale waste team to dispose of their bulky rubbish and not to risk the big fines that can be levied on those who resort to fly-tipping?

CATHERINE WEBBER Cllr VWHDC
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REPORT FROM GARD - AUGUST 2018**Thames Water concede the case for a second public consultation on their plans**

On 10th August, Thames Water issued a press statement conceding the case for a second public consultation on their revised draft Water Resources Management Plan 2019-2024 (known as rdWRMP19). They also announced a month's delay until 'early September' in producing the revised plan, which will be published alongside their response to all the public comments (individual and organisational) which they received in the first consultation which closed at the end of April.

This action by Thames Water is as a direct result of the pressure from Oxfordshire organisations, led by GARD, in demanding the right for the public to look again at Thames Water's plans, as it was obvious from the shambles of the first plan that they would be forced into making deep changes, and not just minor revisions. GARD, Oxfordshire County Council, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Wantage and Grove Campaign Group and Steventon Parish Council all wrote to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Michael Gove) putting a strong case that Thames Water must be forced to consult again. This call was heeded and it is a good example that public pressure works when we all work together. GARD would like to thank all the organisations for their support, and also particularly to Councillors Mike Fox-Davies (Steventon and Hendred) and Richard Webber (Drayton and Sutton Courtenay) for leading the County Council's campaign, and our MP, Ed Vaizey for his support in intervening with Michael Gove. The second consultation will last for 8 weeks. We now await the details of the new plan. GARD will be tackling the new plan, and looking particularly to see if it remains shrouded in secrecy as to how projects are compared on cost, and how decisions are made. If we find that the transparency of the plan has not improved (and hopefully it will have since both Ofwat and the Environment Agency asked for more transparency), then we are almost certainly going to join the Vale council in demanding a Public Inquiry. It is regrettable that the actions of Thames Water force these conclusions – it remains to be seen if they have had a culture change, or whether they must be dragged into a legal process in order that Oxfordshire's citizens can be protected.

We of course do not yet know the contents of the revised plan, but we do know, from statements by Thames Water on TV (ITV Meridian news - 10th August) and in the press (Oxford Mail - 10th August) that the mega-reservoir is still the centre-piece of their plans, and may even be advanced in time to be begun in 2030. GARD will be fighting such proposals every inch of the way, and insisting on an honest, level-playing-field comparison of options.

Thames Water finally forced to take action on leakage

Another snippet we know of the revised plan is that Thames Water have finally committed to a proper plan to reduce their appalling leakage. They are committing to reduce leakage by 50% by 2050. They have been forced into this commitment by the water regulator Ofwat, who finally lost patience with Thames Water's leakage programme, as leakage has actually got worse in 2016-2017 (going close to 700 million litres per day for the first time). Ofwat's report concludes that the failure to reduce leakage has little to do with the difficulty of the task and is mainly due to Thames' poor management, and lack of Board-level commitment to the leakage programme. In order to avoid a massive fine for missing the leakage target, Thames have had to commit to the Ofwat target of 15% reduction by 2025, and a 50% reduction by 2050. If this 50% reduction is met, it amounts to a saving of 300 Million litres per day of water, equal to the amount which the proposed reservoir

would supply. So, local residents would be right in concluding that the case for the reservoir would be even harder to justify.

GARD New Committee

Our Annual General Meeting was held in Steventon Village Hall, Millennium Room on Thursday 28th June at 7.30pm. The officers of the new committee, elected at that meeting, were:

Derek Stork – re-elected as Hon Chairman

John Broadbent – elected as Hon Vice-chairman

Deborah Bennett – re-elected as Hon Secretary

Chris Tooley – elected as Hon Treasurer

Nick Thompson, the Hon Chairman for over a decade and Hon Vice Chairman for the last two years, has stepped down as an officer, but remains on the committee. He was thanked by the meeting for his tireless contribution over the many years. In particular we are all indebted to him for his leadership which saw GARD win the Public Inquiry in 2010. Lesley Hotchin also stood down as Hon Treasurer, and was thanked for her work over the past year.

The other members of the new GARD Committee are Sharron Jenkinson, Ian Moodey, Nick Rogers, Clare Tooley and Wren Wooster.

Joining GARD

It is clear that we still have a fight on our hands to defeat the Reservoir project and ensure a sustainable water future for Oxfordshire and the South-east.

Our membership continues to grow, but we need even more members. At some point it will become very important to demonstrate the strength and depth of the local opposition to this plan, and, of course, we do need 'boots on the ground' to help push the message across. If you would like to join us, or get any information on this, please contact our secretary, Deborah Bennett, at gard.secretary@gmail.com. Lifetime membership is £10 (under 18s and full-time students £5).

DEREK STORK, Hon Chairman, Group Against Reservoir Development



Kennington Memory Club

Living well with dementia

The newly-formed **Kennington Memory Club** launches on Monday 24th September, and runs on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 3.30pm in Kennington Methodist Church. It will provide a safe place where people with a diagnosis of dementia can meet in a supportive environment for a range of interesting activities suited to their individual needs and preferences. There will be a choice of hot meals at a modest cost.

To find out more, contact Gillian on 01865 735590 or see their website at www.kenningtonmemoryclub.org.uk

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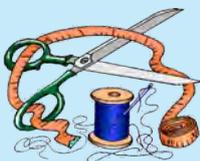
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However, we are pleased to say that the next **FABERDASHERY SALE** will be held at Denman on **Saturday 29th September**.

Our volunteers are busily packing lots of new stock. It's always surprising the items that are handed in. Everything benefits the College in general and the Teaching Centre in particular. Our shop helps provide those extras to make the Denman experience a little bit more special for the students. Things that aren't necessarily essential purchases by Denman but much appreciated by students, tutors and the teaching centre staff.

Please spread the word for us and make it known that all are welcome whether member, non-member, friend, family or neighbour.

As usual entry and car parking are free and tea/coffee are available although you will need to bring your own picnic.

We open at 10 am through until 3.30 pm.

Further information from me

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**Appeal for Oxfordshire Memories and Objects**

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (SOFO) in Woodstock is planning a new 1930-1970s Oxfordshire exhibition and is now appealing to the public for help filling new displays with local stories and mementos. The new exhibit will link the home front and domestic experience more closely with the county's military history and tell the stories of the women and children living in close proximity to the various military bases and locations that feature so heavily in the area's history.

Vicki Wood, SOFO's Education and Outreach Officer, says:

"We are looking to local people to help us find the stories and mementos for the displays and reminiscence boxes. Do you have small objects or photographs of domestic life in Oxfordshire from about 1930 to 1970? We're looking for ordinary items that are typical of each era – perhaps baby clothes, children's toys, empty tins and packets, and items from the home. Perhaps you have diaries, letters or memorabilia from family members who lived through the Home Front in the Second World War, post-war National Service or the Cold War?"

SOFO also plans to take boxes of objects out into the community for reminiscence and outreach work with objects, magazines, photographs and music to reflect a number of themes, including:

1. Childhood
2. Home Sweet Home
3. Working Week
4. School Days
5. Saturday Night Out
6. Celebrations and Jubilations
7. Keep the Home Fires Burning (WW2)
8. We're All Going on a Summer Holiday
9. Hobbies and Gardening
10. Local Oxfordshire Life - Town and Gown, Farming, Markets, Transport

SOFO Museum would be delighted to hear from anyone that could help with this appeal by donating their own objects, photos and stories. Please contact SOFO at: oxfordshirehome@sofo.org.uk. Alternatively, stories and images can be uploaded to the SOFO website directly by going to: www.sofo.org.uk/storiesofconflictcounty

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We invite you to join us for any of our services or events through September.

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2nd September

10am: All Age

6pm: Holy Communion

9th September

10am: Family Communion

6pm: Evening prayer

16th September

10am: Morning Praise

6pm: Holy Communion

23rd September

10am: Parish Communion

6pm: Prayer & Praise

30th September

10am: Harvest Celebration

6pm: Taize style service

Other Events

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Wednesday mid-week communion, 10.30am in Duffield Place Lounge.

Village Cafe, Wednesdays 12pm at the Baptist Hall

Saturday 1st – Men's Breakfast

Saturday 8th – Women's Breakfast

(both 8.30am at the Baptist Hall – just turn up!)

12-19th Send a Cow 'Mother and Child' photo exhibition

Friday 28th – Line Dancing Evening

Sunday 30th – Harvest Festival

More details about these last three to follow via our website



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