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1 Thu	Midweek walk, Fox and Hounds, Uffington 12.30 lunch / 13.30 walk	7	15 Thu	The Spy Who Came In From The Cold, ABCD Film Club, 19.45	15
2 Fri	Bonfire Family Friday, All Saints Church, 17.30-19.00	20	17 Sat	Gift and Craft Festival, Dicot Civic Hall, 10.30 – 16.00	2
3 Sat	Men's Breakfast, Baptist Hall, 08.30	20	17 Sat	Bazaar in aid of CRUK, Hanney WM Hall, 10.00 – 14.00	15
5 Mon	Men's Night, The Crown, 20.00	20	17 Sat	ADMS Autumn Concert, STHSTK School Abingdon, 19.30	2
7 Wed	Music at the Unicorn: AJ Clarke & Dave Pegg, 19.00	15	20 Tue	Deadline for next MADNews, 17.00: editor@madnews.co.uk	
7 Wed	Church Prayer Meeting, All Saints' Church, 20.00	20	21 Wed	Arts Society Abingdon Lecture, Sarah Dunant, Trinity Church, Abingdon 10.30 & 14.00	2
8 Thu	Sunningwell Gardening Club, 19.30	7	22 Thu	The Other Side Of Hope, ABCD Film Club, 19.45	15
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9 Fri	Marcham School Disco: KS1 disco 17.50- 18.50; KS2 disco 19.00-20.00	9	29 Thu	Marcham Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch, The Crown, 12.30	7
10 Sat	Changing Room (Women's Breakfast), Baptist Hall, 08.30	20	29 Thu	Christmas Street Fair, Broadway & Orchard Centre, 16.00-21.00	2
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Details of events may change after publication, please check with the relevant organisers before attending events.

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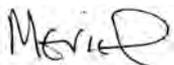
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Christmas stamps go on sale on 1st November and don't forget the PO is open on Sundays so you can buy your stamps and post your cards then too, without the queues!

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

A Road Closure Order for the section of Frilford Road between Church Street and North Street, Church Street itself and New Road has been obtained for the latter half of Sunday morning 11th November, although access is being maintained for emergency vehicles. This is to allow the parade from the Church, after the Church service, to the War Memorial in Frilford Road, in order to lay wreaths. Please note that the diversion will be along North Street to St Peter's cross roads, then left to the junction with the A338, and left again to the Frilford Service Station. Access is being maintained for emergency vehicles.

Overhanging Shrubs

The Parish Council has had reports of footways, paths and in some cases roads being affected by shrubs and hedges that are overhanging. It is appreciated that occupiers may not necessarily be aware of the difficulties. Where growth overhangs a public path or highway, it is the landowner's responsibility to cut it back. The Council will be contacting those affected, and it would ask for assistance from landowners to cut hedging back, if your property is one of those causing problems.

New Street Names

The Vale of White Horse District Council has allocated the names Barrow Close to the new development in the Anson field, and Lion Close to the houses at the rear of the Institute. The flats within the Institute are to be given North Street numbers.

Vale of White Horse District Council –

Community Awards Lunch

Dr. Eric Dunford and Mr. Simon Blackmore have been nominated on behalf of the volunteer team for their work in regards to the Trendles archaeological dig, to attend the Community Awards Lunch hosted by the Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council.

Fireworks

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

Parishioner of the Year Award

The annual award for the parishioner of the year is presented in May each year. It therefore seems possibly a little early to begin to consider worthy recipients, but the Parish Council will soon be inviting nominations for the next award. Please therefore begin to think about who you would like to put forward.

Planning Applications

P18/V2375/HH First floor extension to form new bedrooms at Hyde Farm Bungalow, Abingdon Road. Council was concerned about the bulk of the building at the entrance to the village and the need to maintain a tree screen.

P18/V2368/FUL Variation of condition 4 (approved plans) of planning permission P15/V3042/O to develop Anson Field. Council had no objections.

MW.107/18 Details pursuant to condition 19 of permission MW.119/15 at Upwood Quarry (water monitoring). Changes in chemical data was noted. The Council requested regular monitoring of the site and analysis by an independent body.

P18/V22470/FUL Variation of condition 2 - approved plans for the erection of 47 dwellings at Kings Field Phase II off Sheepstead Road. Council requested the provisions of paths, play facilities in the public open space and a traffic management plan in place.

P18/V2485/HH Construct single storey rear extension and two storey side extension at 12 Parkside. Council commented on the impact of the extension on the adjacent access road, and requested any felled trees to be replaced.

P18/V2324/T28 Notification that BT are installing a new green broadband cabinet at the junction of Frilford Road and Church Street.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 14th November 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.

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This is a very important charity and we urge you all to give as generously as you feel able. In addition to the traditional poppies there will be large silk poppies, wrist bands, pin badges and remembrance crosses available and we urge you to support these items with an appropriate donation. We would like to thank everybody in advance for the generosity you show

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Remembrance Sunday

Please join the nation in observing the 2-minute silence at 11am on Sunday 11th November.

Wherever you are – in the shop, church, pub, street, in your car or at home, please stop what you are doing and give silent respect to all those who have given so much to protect our freedom.

100 Years of Remembrance

In addition to ringing before the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 11th November, the bells of at All Saints' Marcham will ring from exactly 7:05 pm as part of the special Ringing Out For Peace event to mark the end of the Great War in 1918.

There will be a nationwide day of commemorative events marking the Centenary of the end of the First World War and paying tribute to the millions killed or wounded in battle, and those on the home front who struggled amidst pain and loss to help ensure freedom survived. More information about all the events happening on the day can be found at www.brunopeek.co.uk

Marcham's ringers will be happy to talk to anyone who wishes to find out about bell ringing after we finish ringing at about 7:30 pm that evening. We are always happy to welcome new members and had two new ringers join us this year who are both progressing well. Marcham's bells date from 1816 and were last refurbished in 1988. After 30 years of service since then the bell mechanisms are in need of some repairs and the Church now needs to foot a bill of £1800 in order to keep the bells ringing. Any donations to help with the cost would be gratefully received by the Parish Administrator and could be further supplemented by Gift Aid.

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Our November meeting will be our Annual Christmas Lunch held in The Crown Marcham at 12.30pm on Thursday 29th November. Members should call the secretary to advise of their intention to attend prior to 10 November. All members are advised that your committee have decided that the club will close due to lack of membership and attendance. All members have been advised separately in writing of this decision which takes effect immediately after the Christmas lunch on 29th November.
 John Woods (Secretary) 391705

Marcham WI

Date: Thursday, 15th November
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Denman College
Topic: First Aid



For our September meeting we held a Desert Island Discs evening; our Castaway was Marcham resident and WI member, Christine Whild. Christine gave an amusing glimpse into her very full and fascinating life, with a special mention to the important role the WI had played in giving her so many opportunities to take part in such a varied range of activities and education. Music has always been a very important part in her life and we enjoyed hearing some of her favourite pieces and how she had come to appreciate them and their relevance to her life story.

Our meeting in November will be on First Aid. Please come along to make sure you are prepared in case you need to help in an emergency. You never know what can happen next!.

*New members and visitors
 are always welcome*

*For further information, please contact:
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MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK:

Thursday, November 1st.

For this month's walk we will meet at The Fox and Hounds Inn in High Street, Uffington (Map Ref SU305890), SN7 7RP at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for a walk of just under 4 miles towards the downs to Woolstone, but staying within the Vale. 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.



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There was a large audience at the Marcham Society on 9 October to hear a talk by Mark Davies about Oxford Castle.

In 1152 Matilda (granddaughter of William the Conqueror) was imprisoned in the castle by her cousin Stephen. During a snowstorm, she escaped across the frozen river wrapped in a white sheet and gained the throne for her son, who became Henry II. Another 12th century resident was Geoffrey of Monmouth, who lived there when translating Welsh folk tales into Latin.

From the early 13th century, part of the castle became a prison and site of the assize and county courts. During a trial for sedition at the "Black Assize" of 1577, 300 of those present mysteriously fell ill and died, although the accused, Roland Jenks, survived. Public executions were held and the bodies claimed by the anatomy school, unless relatives could manage to recover them first.

In 1785 the county bought the site from Christchurch College and a new governor, Daniel Harris, replaced the inaptly named Solomon Wisdom. Harris's first act was to build new walls, as far too many prisoners had been escaping. Much of the work was done by inmates, who also helped build the new canal basin nearby.

The last public execution was in 1863 and the prison finally closed in 1996 and is now home to the Malmaison Hotel.

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PTA Update

Parents of children reading this will know that the issue of the new classrooms for the school is back on the agenda. There was a hiatus following the collapse of Carillion last year, but the project now has a new contractor and a new project manager, and the plan is to start work by Christmas and have the two new classrooms ready for use by September 2019. So the pressure is on to furnish and equip these classrooms, and the money for that won't be coming from the Council's funding. It will need to come from the school's existing budget and from any additional funds that can be raised. So the PTA and Board of School Governors have a busy ten months ahead of us.



Our next fundraising event will be the first school disco of this school year on Friday 9 November. Put it in your diary now – KS1 disco 5.50-6.50pm; KS2 disco 7.00-8.00pm. £2 on the door per child. Free refreshments. Current Marcham School pupils only please.



Our Christmas Fair this year will be on Friday 7 December – always a great event with loads to interest the whole family. That's another date for your diary. As is the Magic of Christmas family magic show on Tuesday 18 December. More details will be published shortly, but for now just put the dates in your diary or on your family calendar so you don't miss out on any of the festive fun.

Keep checking school newsletters, Marcham Facebook groups and, of course, MADNews for details of what your PTA is doing for your school and your kids. Because it is your PTA.

If you'd like to join our merry band, drop a line or give me a call, or see me on the school run.

Peter Kidd

PTA Chair 07708 251312 peter.kidd61@btinternet.com



been enjoying their weekly session with our Seriously Sport's coach, playing football and cricket! Another great month had! Enjoy your half term break and see you soon for the winter term!

Job Vacancies

After-School Club Assistant We are looking for someone to join our After-School Club family currently located at Marcham Primary School. Do you have experience of working with children and looking for a new challenge? Mon – Fri 3-6pm (term time only)

Kitchen Assistant We are looking for someone to join our Little Angels family during the day to prepare the children's lunch, snack and tea. Do you understand food preparation and food hygiene? Training and support will be given. Mon – Fri 10am-4pm

Cleaner We are looking for a cleaner to join our Little Angels' family to help with the end of day cleaning of the setting. Mon – Fri 3-6pm For more details please go to our website : <https://littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk/work-for-us>

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

MARCHAM GUIDES

Marcham Guides are busy making poppies by recycling plastic drinks bottles. We are hoping to display these around the village, so keep your eyes open during the week before Remembrance Day!

How many are there?!"

NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS

Baby Room

Our Baby Room has had a makeover this month! We have created a new black and white sensory corner which the babies are really enjoying stimulating their senses. Their new favourite area is the touch and feel wall covered in different materials they can touch! Our babies have been enjoying lots of open-ended play with the wooden treasure baskets and waving the ribbons around. They have also enjoyed getting out in the pushchair around the village, wrapped up warm ready for a windy autumnal walk! Why not pay us a visit with your little angel and see our new room design!



Pre-School Room

Our pre-school children have also enjoyed getting out and about this month; they collected lots of conkers and leaves on their autumn walk which they brought back to nursery to create collages and enjoy them in water play. You may have also seen us at the park this month as some of our older children have been practising their balancing skills and showing resilience by continuing to try the balancing beam and not giving up. We were so proud to see them achieve their goals and walk all the way along the balancing beam – well done! Our pre-school children have also been enjoying their newly designed pre-school room especially their new 'Reading Garden' a quiet, natural resourced area where they can lie down with a book and act out stories with our new story-themed baskets. A great month had by all!

Breakfast and After School Club

It's been another busy month at the After-School Club currently run at Marcham Primary School. We have been continuing our 'Harry Potter' themed term. The children have been designing and writing their own magical potions, creating characters, making wizarding ID badges and even playing ping pong quidditch. They have also



Also this term we are very busy on a Cheese Challenge - we have had a cheese scone making competition, judged by Christine Whild and won by Meg Pooley; we have been to Tesco and completed a cheese survey; we made cheesecakes using a variety of cream cheeses; we are working on an a - z of cheeses (still a few letters to find!); and over half term we are visiting Cotswold Cheese Company in Burford and a farm that makes cheese!

In November we have Cath from Wells Cheeses at Peachcroft Farm coming to do a talk and cheese making demonstration.

We plan to round it all off with a Cheese and Shloer party, with homemade cheese biscuits.

By Christmas we will be well and truly cheesed off!!

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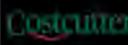
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MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

At our AGM on 10th October, we were delighted to welcome on board a new group of volunteers to support Pre-School and become our Committee for 2018-2019. However, the evening was tinged with sadness, as although we knew it was coming, Chris Ricketts announced her 'retirement' from her role as Chairperson and stepped down from the Committee. During our meeting, Chris told us about her journey with pre-school.



I have so many wonderful things to say about Chris, her commitment, her enthusiasm, and her passion for ensuring that

the wonderful children of Marcham Pre-School (and beyond!) have all the services and provision they deserve during their childhood and for generations to come. Chris' support never ends there though and she is always thinking about what others need and making sure the staff at Pre-School are happy and feel supported! For that (and more), we can't thank you enough Chris. Enjoy some time for yourself, Chris, before the next village 'project' calls out for your help! With much love and best wishes, Marion and Nicky and everyone at Marcham Pre-school

Nicky Sanford,

Early Years Teacher, Marcham Pre-School 01865 392101
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"I have been involved in Marcham Pre-School Playgroup since my oldest child was three – he's now 45 years old! When he started Playgroup (as it was then known) we met in the hall of the Institute. Then by the time my second child was three we had renovated the old boiler room at the back of the Institute and made a brand new Playgroup room in there behind the stage. We also cleared the area behind the Institute, paved and grassed it as an outdoor play area for the children.

We spent many happy years in this room right up until my first grandchild started there in 2002. During this time, I was also running the Youth Club in the Institute and we managed to raise enough money to buy and place the Portacabin in the cricket field so that we could have a place of our own (which is at present housing Little Angels). That was in 2003. It was only shortly after that the Anson Trust decided to close down the Institute which left Playgroup homeless, so we were invited to share the Portacabin with the Youth Club.

So we were on the move again. That was quite a task including having to fence an area around the Portacabin for the children's outdoor play area, but it all seemed to work very well for a few years. Then the idea came from Oxfordshire County Council about forming Partnerships between local Primary Schools and Pre-Schools. After many hours of meetings with the school and filling in forms from Oxfordshire County Council we actually formed the Partnership and moved over to a spare classroom within the school in 2007 and thankfully we have been here ever since.

Mrs. Hutchinson has always been very supportive of Pre-School within the school as she shares our views that it makes the transition into school for the children so easy. There are no more tears on their first day at school as they have been going there for perhaps 2 years already and can't wait to go from a blue sweatshirt to a red one and moving over into that new classroom. It is brilliant.

I would like to say a big thankyou to all past and present staff for the commitment and truly hard work they have put into Marcham Pre School playgroup to make it what it is today. Obviously they need a great committee behind them in order to achieve what they do, and I can truly say that over the years we have had some really good committee members, and also some excellent committee meetings, Most we can remember, but some may be harder to remember as we were somewhat inebriated, but that was due to staying on after all the official decisions were made, fortunately!

Although I am standing down tonight, I hope this will not be a complete close to Pre-School because I shall be around and hope to be able to visit regularly and maybe spend some time reading stories to the children. Thank you Pre-School for giving me many years of moving problems, staffing problems, financial problems – no, just joking – I have made many, many true friends during my time here and have enjoyed every moment of it.

Thank you all, and I will now stand down and be rest assured that Pre-School will continue to be as brilliant as it is for the next 50 years."



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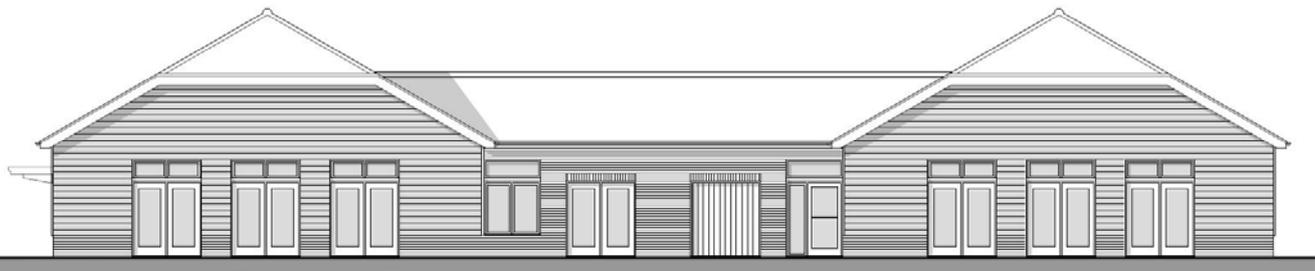


MarchamCentre — we are getting close

We are very close now to a real start of on-site work to build new community facilities—Marcham Centre—and the start of the construction stage.

The latest timetable is for ground works to begin on site in early December (subject to contractor arrangements) and the target completion date remains in late 2019.

MCG trustees are making good progress with lease and service agreements, external storage arrangements, 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.



Public Meeting and AGM

We will hold a **Public Meeting and AGM** on **Wednesday 5th December** at Marcham Primary School beginning at **7:30pm**. We will present progress with the project over the last year, details of the new building, construction plans and timetable and areas where we still need help. You will be able to ask questions and raise any issues about the project. During the brief formal AGM, there will be an election by members for three trustee seats— one trustee is retiring, creating a vacancy, and two trustees are standing down by rotation and are eligible for re-election. If you are interested in standing for election as a trustee, please contact Jim Asher for information. If you are not already a member, please join MCG if you wish to vote. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meeting and find out more about our new facilities.

The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) continues to oversee the project, with MCG increasingly the focus for 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.

The three MCG committees are starting work on practical details: 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). We have made good progress recruiting people to join these committees and we are filling the remaining seats. We are keen to involve people with a range of interests and, especially, people who have recently moved to Marcham who may have skills, experience and new ideas that we would value. Please contact Jim Asher (as below) or the relevant committee Chair to find out more.

Getting close—Public Meeting: 5th December



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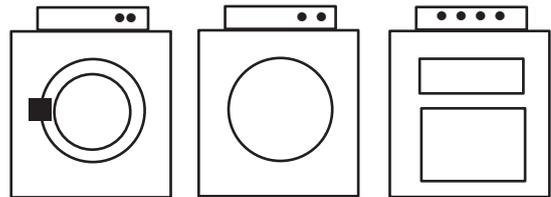
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Does Wildlife Have Neighbourly Disputes?

During a somewhat intense day recently I found myself by chance, or maybe even consciously, walking through a woodland. The sun was coming through the Autumn tree canopy, bringing with it a glowing light you often get at this time of year as the leaves change colour. Almost instantly I noticed within myself a deep peace, calm and lucidity. The intensity of the day soon returned on leaving the wood, though maybe more smoother around the edges and with a reintroduced sense of perspective.



During my time in these woods, which are surrounded by housing, I could hear voices coming through from the roads, shops and gardens that surrounded them. I vaguely listened to the various voices contributing to the soundscape I was fleetingly part of. Some were perhaps arguing, and I started to consider if neighbourly disputes happen within the wider nature and not just in the nature inhabiting our own gardens and allotments?

There are pests and diseases, but can these be considered disputes with their hosts? Or are the hosts together with the pests and diseases reliant on one another to exist? We see birds being territorial but is this a conscious dispute on the birds' part? Is it truly a neighbourly dispute as birds often don't live next to one another as we often do, their territorial behaviours occur on the occasions their paths cross. This woodland walk got me to thinking are there lessons to be learnt again from nature on a more intellectual level? It's anthropocentric to think nature doesn't consciously have neighbourly disputes. In any case, how can nature be seen to resolve friction, conflict of interests etc? Some argue it does so by evolving and the survival of the fittest. Others I speak to feel nature doesn't have a conscious conflict resolution, it's just showing behavioural patterns deep in its DNA. Regardless, as we humans live in more condensed groups, especially in the western world, let's consider if nature and isolated peoples of the world offer lessons for us to learn? Do they support each other in ways we have forgotten?

Take time out with a cup of tea, sit and watch nature using your garden, and again see if there is something it's trying to teach us?

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ABCD Film Society

Thursday screenings this month



ABCD Film Society's November films. Come to any screening for £6 (£3 full-time school and college students) or join until Christmas or Easter. Email or phone us for a free copy of our 2018/9 programme booklet.

Nov 1 LOVELESS A young boy misses school for a couple of days, but his parents, fighting over the terms of their impending divorce, had not been noticed. A chilling and moving tale of modern Russia. Nominated for 2018 Best Foreign Film Oscar. (Russia, 2017, 127mins, Cert 15).

Nov 8 AFTER THE STORM A beautifully observed film about family life in Japan. A divorced father – an author now working as a gumshoe – seeks to maintain a positive relationship with his son. An ABCD special event: the film will be briefly introduced and discussed by Alex Jacoby, a leading British expert on Japanese cinema. (Japan, 2016, 118 mins, Cert PG).

Nov 15 THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD Classic adaptation of the Le Carré novel, starring Richard Burton, Claire Bloom and Oskar Werner (UK, 112 mins, 1965, Cert PG).

Nov 22 THE OTHER SIDE OF HOPE A gentle and mostly humorous commentary on the challenges of migration and acceptance in our times. Aki Kaurismäki won best director award at 2017 Berlin Film Festival (Finland, 2017, 100 mins, Cert PG).

Nov 29 I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO Feature documentary based on a 30,000 word unfinished manuscript by James Baldwin. With appearances by Harry Belafonte, Marlon Brando and G W. Bush (Switzerland/US, 2016, 93 mins, Cert 15).nsitive patriarchy and its traditional values. (Chile, 100 mins, 2016, Cert 15).

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Dogs We are receiving a spike in reports about dogs biting people. Could I remind dog owners it is your responsibility to keep your dog under control even on the lead (we have had a report of a dog biting someone on the lead). A dog bite is a notifiable injury and when a person has been bitten the health care professionals have to inform the police that it has happened.

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THINGS TO DO

The Pocket Pop-Up Cinema Arrives

Winter is coming. We, who live in the outer zone, not part of the city tribe... well, we make our own entertainment. And my small **POCKET-POP-UP-CINEMA** hopes to fulfill one of our desires to walk up the road, and have an enjoyable evening out.

We are going to show our films and provide a safe and cosy evening where you can not only see our films, but chat at the bar with a few of the people you see in the films. Watch out for us and come and join us and your local community for a night of interesting diversion from reality. Starting this December 15th at Grove Village Hall and Jan 5th 2019 at the same location.

Fed up with watching films on-line and on TV? An empty experience? Watching films and reading books are ways of escaping day to day life. Well, I think so. A better way might be to come together to do that instead of sitting behind screens alone?

I make films, and they explore our lives and our reality in fictional, entertaining and unusual - often quirky - ways. Come and be entertained and be in my company and the company of your neighbours at our venues as we endeavour to bring a small cinema to you: one where you can walk to or take a short drive to just down the road. Keep an eye out in MADNews for our next event. If you would like to book a ticket to try us out, it's best to go here on-line [www.pocket-pop-up-cinema.net] or just take a chance of tickets being available at the night at the door. (Note: we can only take cash at the door). Tickets are limited so it's best to book early on-line if you want to be certain you are here with us.

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GROVE VILLAGE HALL

DEC. 15TH & JAN 5TH

"THE LORELEI"

Our cinema has arrived!

Detective story meets ghost story in this tale based on the Siren called The Lorelei. Filmed in Oxfordshire. A private detective is hired by beautiful Rebecca to find out who killed her father. Little does he know he is not the hunter, but the hunted.

Doors open 7.00 pm. Film Starts 7.45.

No admissions after 7.30. No minors, please. Strict age checking for 18+. Bar open before & after the film. Tickets: £8.00. at door or

BOOK ONLINE: pocket-pop-up-cinema.net

Denman Bake Off

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Teams of two will be given a fun challenge, the chance to make something magical, have it judged by our experts and potentially win the Denman Bake Off crown!

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ED VAIZEY WRITES...

New Agriculture Bill

Earlier this month Michael Gove announced a landmark Agriculture Bill to replace the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). For almost fifty years the CAP has set the priorities for national farming at a European level, and as we leave the European Union this Bill will replace the current rules.



The changes announced will gradually transform the agriculture sector, giving farmers time to adapt. At the heart of the Bill is a commitment to tackling climate change. It will allow public money to be spent on enriching wildlife habitats, preventing flooding, improving the quality of air, soil and peat, raising standards of animal welfare and planting trees.

The Bill also contains a specific provision to enable government to provide financial assistance to improve productivity. This will come in the form of financial investment for research and development, such as precision farming, with a specific focus on increasing productivity while reducing environmental impacts on soil and water courses.

Lottery Funding

Two projects in Didcot have just been awarded a combined £19,331 from the National Lottery. Didcot TRAIN, where I am a patron, has been awarded £9,531. TRAIN works with young people in the area to fulfil their potential and overcome the issues and barriers that may limit their social integration. The second, SOFEA, has been awarded £9,800. It works with young people and their families to overcome a variety of issues and build confidence and skills.

Kellogg's Breakfast Club

Kellogg's are running the Schools Breakfast Club Awards to celebrate best practice in breakfast club provision and recognise the role played by the schools, teachers, parents and children in helping them run. The programme, which currently supports over 3,000 breakfast clubs across the UK, has contributed significantly to improving children's attendance and attainment as well as alleviating hunger in some cases. If your school runs a breakfast club, they can enter online at www.kelloggs.co.uk.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)
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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cycling

A couple of weeks ago, I witnessed my first meeting of "The Growth Board". Around a table sat all the great and the good from local government in Oxfordshire. The audience included representatives of Natural England, CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England) and various charities. The expenses bill for running such a meeting must have been eye-watering.

I expected to witness big issues being discussed and big decisions being taken. However, the agenda consisted of receiving reports and appeals for consideration from many worthy organisations. Clearly the big decisions and discussions were not going to happen in such a public meeting.

A new and much needed Scrutiny Committee of the activities of the Growth Board is going to have its work cut out if it is only going to be allowed access to such public meetings of the Growth Board.

Of the many reports presented to the Board at the meeting, one that stood out for me was from "Active Oxford". It seems that child obesity is a growing and particular problem in Oxfordshire.

It was that report that has prompted me to say something this month about Cycling, an activity that would do much to help reduce child obesity as well as to encourage a healthier lifestyle for everyone. However, cycling in this county is beset with pitfalls. As an occasional and inexperienced cyclist, I do not possess a single piece of Lycra, but I have first hand experience of some of the issues facing cyclists in our congested County. Well meant but underused and badly connected cycle paths that spill out onto busy roads – bridges where cyclists, pedestrians and drivers hurl abuse at each other because no one knows

who has priority – lack of spaces in towns to park your bicycle – too-narrow cycle lanes beside heavy traffic - I have experienced it all. The solutions are all costly and hence not enough is happening.

However, in Milton Park, we have a major employment area surrounded by thousands of homes within 3 or 4 miles. At present, cyclists have to brave congested roads to get to and from work. Unsurprisingly, very few parents are prepared to let their children loose on the roads. There are few encouragements to get us out of our cars and on to bicycles.

But it is not all hopeless:

MEPC already encourage all businesses on Milton Park to provide shower facilities for their staff. The proposed new cycle/pedestrian bridge from Milton Heights to Milton Park will make much of the route to/from work for residents safe for cyclists. There are stretches of pleasant, safe cycle paths between many of the villages and Milton Park. With help from local landowners, these stretches could be linked up. There are existing paths that could be made safer and relatively cheaper.

As "Active Oxford" argue, we cannot give up on this. Cycling is healthier for each of us and healthier for the planet.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

New Homes Bonus

Recently, I have been attending various meetings and briefings about the financial state of the Vale and I thought I would focus this article on one major aspect of the Vale's finances...the New Homes Bonus (NHB). The NHB was set up by the recent Coalition government as a way of stimulating house building..... for very many years the rate of house building had ground to a virtual standstill in many areas. In fact, the last really great boom in house building was the period after the war, since when there have only been brief building flurries. As a result, today we are desperately short of houses.

How does the NHB work? Its aim is to encourage councils to build houses by offering a "carrot"....a bonus. Once a house has been built and banded, the government pays the council a few thousands of pounds for several years as a reward. This worked quite well in areas where new houses were being built and were selling, but not in areas where there was a lot of local opposition to any new building. But the build rate still needed to be faster. As a result the government introduced the 'stick'the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework), which basically ensured that councils and their Planning committees could not turn down applications for sustainable developments unless there was a very good reason which the inspector endorsed at an appeal. If an inspector turned down an appeal the council was liable to a hefty fine.

In the Vale, where a lot of house building is happening (2,020 in the last two years), this system has worked very well such that in this financial year(18/19) it is expected to bring in £4,102,466, and over the next four years (to 2023) the forecast was that it would raise over £23,000,000. As you can see, the NHB is a major part of the council's budget. However, the government has suddenly decided that it will stop the NHB....clearly it is a very expensive scheme for the Treasury. But no council is sure what, if anything, will replace it. Such uncertainty is the last thing that any council needs. How can they plan for the future? As a result the Vale has announced a "Pause" and put some of their capital projects on ice, such as the Wantage Leisure Centre. Clearly this has come as a great blow to the people of the Vale and we can only wait now to see what the government has in mind for us. Let us hope *the Pause* is not too long and that some certainty will be forthcoming.

'Waste' Newsflash

- 1) Hallowe'en is over and the Waste team have arranged that you can put your used pumpkin on top of your food bin for collection.*
- 2) A Christmas gift of a recycling wheel will arrive in every household. This wheel is an ingenious way of highlighting where to put different waste products, including different types of plastic.

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* Or leave it in your garden to see who might want to eat the remains to fatten up for the winter!

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

www.marcham-with-garford.org.uk

Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 11th November, 10am
All Saints' Church

Ringing Out for Peace
7.05pm

Over 1000 cathedrals and churches will be ringing their bells in a celebration of peace



Events in November

Friday 2nd Nov, 5.30-7pm: Bonfire Family Friday – ideal for young families, no loud fireworks, bonfire-night food

Saturday 3rd Nov, 8.30am: Men's breakfast at the Baptist Hall – open to all men. Full English breakfast, a chance to catch up and a talk.

Monday 5th Nov, 8pm: Men's night at the Crown- another chance to talk over a pint

Wednesday 7th Nov, 8pm: Church prayer meeting – open to all

Saturday 10 Nov, 8.30am: Changing Room (Women's Breakfast) at the Baptist Hall – this will be the last Changing Room as we will be rethinking women's events in the coming months.

Saturday 1st Dec, 9.30-12.30pm – Christmas Craft morning, All Saints' Church

During our Remembrance Day Service this year we will be marking the Centenary of the end of WW1. As part of the service we would like to show photos of people who served in WW1 in whatever way. If you have a photo of a relative who served in WW1 that you are willing to share with us we would love to use it (please scan it and email it to the parish administrator – email below). We will also be using elements from the service conducted in All Saints' in 1918

The bellringers will also be ringing, not only before the service, but also at 7.05pm as part of a nationwide 'Ringing out For Peace' to mark the end of the Great War in 1918.

Regular Sunday services at 10am & 6pm

Youth Drop-in from 3.30pm on Wednesdays

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

Village Cafe, Wednesdays 12pm at the Baptist Hall

Friday Club, 5.30-6.30pm at All Saints' Church (primary-age)

Can you help? We are in need of someone to act as an Independent examiner – please email the parish administrator if you can help.

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