

**THE CROWN IN MARCHAM... is under new management**

The Crown has been taken over by a family who has lived in the village for nearly sixteen years. Tracy Floyd is the Landlady and she will be running the establishment with her partner Stuart Bain.

Tracy finished her schooling at Larkmead in Abingdon; she went onto Abingdon College and Brooks university to train as a micro-electronic engineer. After a short spell in this environment she changed course and started work at The Boundary House, Abingdon as a waitress. Moving to The Packhorse, Milton Hill she trained as a chef and then joined Morlands as a trainee assistant manager, she has been far and wide with the Morland/Greene King brewery group ending her time with them as the manager at the Black Boy, Shinfield. After a year as risk assessor, training kitchen staff up to NVQ level she has taken the opportunity to branch out on her own. Stuart hails from Ullapool in Scotland as anybody who met him on New Year's Eve can testify. He spent his formative years as a deep sea fisherman. He moved south of the border to work as a bar manager in various bars, holiday sites and hotels before becoming assistant manager at The Hollies in Bournemouth, where he met Tracy.

Taking over The Crown two weeks before Christmas they received a warm and friendly welcome from the regular clientele. They would like to thank everybody who visited the pub over the Christmas period for their custom and forbearance while they settled into their new environment. It is strongly felt that as the only public house in the village it should be used as a centre for a whole host of activities in village life! At present there are darts teams and an Aunt Sally team. We have been approached with a view to starting a pool team, a crib team and a quiz evening. If you have any other ideas, please call in and have a word with Tracy or Stuart.

**The Crown, Packhorse Lane,  
Marcham OX13 6NT**

Telephone: 01865 391522



**Sample menu:** doorsteps  
all day breakfast  
Sunday carvery

**Parking Opening times:** **Beer Garden**  
Mon-Thurs 12- 3.30pm and 7-11pm  
Fri & Sat open all day 12-11pm  
Sun 12-3.30pm and 7-10.30pm

*Now taking bookings for:*  
Valentine's night, Monday 14 February  
Quiz evening, Sunday 27 February

**THE SOUTH EAST PLAN!**

South East England is an attractive place to live and work, but if we want it to stay that way we need to plan now to make sure our children and grandchildren can enjoy a good quality of life. The South East England Regional Assembly has produced a draft document called the South East Plan - it includes important choices about development in our region to 2026. The Assembly is looking for public opinion on these choices from 24 January to 15 April 2005. During this period a questionnaire is being sent to every household in the region, so watch out for a leaflet giving you a chance to have 'Your Shout' soon. Your council will also be interested in your views and may be holding public events on the plan that you can attend.

Over the next 20 years, the region's population could grow by 900,000 increasing the demand for homes and jobs. Two thirds of this need for homes is expected to come from people already in the South East, rather than people moving from elsewhere. We need to plan ahead to balance the need for good jobs and successful businesses with the need to maintain a high quality environment. We must also ensure that new development goes hand in hand with infrastructure and services.

**What's the Plan about?**

The key areas the Regional Assembly is seeking views on are jobs, homes, where to build, the countryside, essential services (eg hospitals, transport and schools), sharing success across the whole region, water, education and health.

With such a large region and so many topics there are going to be differing views, which is why it is important that people complete and return their questionnaire. We need to reach the right balance for the region. If we have jobs without homes businesses may suffer from lack of staff. Building too few homes could lead to higher house prices and homelessness. However building more homes in areas without jobs may mean unemployment. More development also uses up valuable land and can also add to congestion and our environmental impact.

**What else does the Plan cover?**

For three important subjects, transport, waste and energy, the Regional Assembly has already agreed plans to 2016 with Government following earlier consultation.

For more information see: [www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/southeastplan](http://www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/southeastplan)  
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