

**MARCHAM MUMS TODDLERS AND BABIES**

We are now back in church and enjoying the enlarged space - especially those of us who love to toddle around pushing toy buggies.

Our sincere thanks go to Jenny and James Allan for letting us use their barn when the church was being refurbished. It all worked very successfully and even Father Christmas visited us there during our Christmas party.

The group meets in Marcham Church every Tuesday from 10.00 to 11.45 am - even during school holidays. We are a very active friendly group with lots of toys, story and singing time plus craft activities and an occasional outing. We love to welcome "new" folks too - £1 per family per week.

As part of the Marcham Moldova Lifeline project we will be holding a COFFEE MORNING to raise money for them. We are a self-supporting, non-profit making group so PLEASE help us to help others.

**COFFEE MORNING TUESDAY 14TH JULY**  
 10.30-12 noon at Sports and Social Club  
 Come and enjoy home-made cakes,  
 coffee and good company  
**EVERYONE OF ALL AGES WELCOME**

**MARCHAM CUBS: MARLOW WATER TRIP**

On Friday 24th April 2009 the Marcham cubs and their leaders- Chris, Claire, Mick and Stephen, set off on an hour and a half journey to 'Longridge Water Activity Camp' in Marlow for the weekend!

When we arrived at Longridge and finally managed to get the mini bus and van parked we got all the tent gear out. Afterwards all the cubs got split into their tent groups. Straight away we got to work on getting our tents up as quickly as we could and then started to unload all the bits and bobs we would need to 'survive' the weekend!

For the rest of the evening we had free time until it was time for dinner. After dinner we got told what groups we would be in for the activities over the weekend. There were 8 groups all together at Longridge but our group of cubs were only split up into 4 of them: Megellan, Polo, Raleigh and Scott. After the long journey and all the setting up, we all set off to bed straight away and had a good nights sleep until.....

6:30am the following morning when everyone got up and had a hearty breakfast, and set off for their first activities of the day!

(Each activity lasted an hour and a half long and there was a half hour break in between each activity).

There were many activities on both land and on the water. These included: Quiz/Assault course which was where our group got split up into a half and half of us went off to do a searching quiz while the other half went on the assault course where we tried to get the fastest time, Sailing on 'Toppers' down the River Thames, Rowing down to the end of the River Thames, Climbing up a very tall climbing wall, Jacobs ladder which was where we had to work as a team to get everyone to the top of a ladder where each step got wider as we went up, Launch and Dragon boating which was where we split up into half again and went dragon boating in a longboat down the Thames and then switched with the other half and went on a speedboat ride where we luckily also got to drive the boat on the way back if we wanted to and many more fun activities, which everyone enjoyed.

After we had completed the first two activities we went back to camp and had lunch and dried off if we needed too.

After a first tiring yet very fun day of cool activities we went back to camp and collected some wood for a camp fire.....

of course it is a tradition that we cook marshmallows on our  
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camp fires and so we did, but some did not quite cook, instead they burnt or fell off the sticks or if you were particularly unfortunate maybe even both. Finally all the marshmallows had gone and we all knew that we needed to get some sleep for more activities the next day.

Once again we woke up at an early time of 6:30am and had a breakfast of eggs, beans, toast and bacon, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed so much that we went up for seconds. Soon enough the time came where we had to make our way to the group meeting point to go over what activities we would be doing and how. We managed to fit in another four fun activities.

Unfortunately our weekend then came to an end and we had to start packing up the tents and all the gear we had bought and started to load it up onto the van. After saying goodbye and thank you to all our group leaders we set off on a long journey back to HQ in Marcham.

But in the end we had had a great weekend with our friends and leaders and will definitely be looking forward to doing it again.

**TODD GILES**

*Thank you again to all the leaders who gave up their time to come and make this possible for us and theirs a GREAT BIG THANK YOU from all of us!*



**TUESDAY 25TH - FRIDAY  
 28TH AUGUST**  
**"THE BIG ONE" ALL SAINTS  
 HOLIDAY CLUB, ON THE  
 ANSON FIELD**  
**10 - 2PM EACH DAY**  
**FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST 6PM**  
**- BBQ FOR HOLIDAY CLUB  
 FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Marcham/Frilford Dig July 2009**

This is a reminder that this year as before the public are welcome to visit this fantastic and large Oxford University Training Dig. Archaeologists are at work every day except Saturdays for the 4 weeks from Sunday 5 June and the site is open to visitors.

The best day to come will be NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY - SUNDAY 26 JULY 10-4 when there will be guided tours and other attractions.

Watch out for posters! You can look at [http://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/research/research\\_projects/marcham](http://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/research/research_projects/marcham) to find out more about the dig.

It is not too late to apply to dig in the 'People's Trench' - six days a week (Saturday is a rest day) - from Sunday 5 June to Friday 31 July - intended to give an ENJOYABLE hands-on archaeological training and experience to local people. Those who do not want to dig all day or at all can sit down and 'pot wash' (wash finds) - pot washing is on offer on the following dates in July: Thursday 9, Thursday 16, Sunday 19, Tuesday 21, Thursday 23, Tuesday 28.

For further information please contact Janey Cumber on 01865-391327/391840 or by email [janey.cumber@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janey.cumber@tiscali.co.uk).

**POLICE OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 8 AUGUST**

Thames Valley Police is opening its doors to the public on Saturday 8 August 2009 between 10.00am and 4.00pm, at Thames Valley Police Training Centre at Sulhamstead near Reading. The open day aims to help promote greater understanding of the work of the various departments and specialist roles within the Force.

Admission is £2 per adult and kids go free. No dogs, except guide dogs. Parking is limited and will be first-come-first-served. Disabled access is available.

- ▶ Police helicopter manned by the Chiltern Air Support Unit.
- ▶ The Roads Policing department
- ▶ Mounted Section and Dog Section Displays during the day.

[www.thamesvalley.police.uk/youmh/newsevents-events-opensday](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/youmh/newsevents-events-opensday)