

**MARCHAM SCHOOL NEWS**

Our building works have begun. Thank you to all the neighbours around the school for their patience and understanding during this time.

On the cover are some photos from Duffield Class taken during weeks 1 & 2 of the project.

**BOOK AMNESTY**

One of the things we are trying to do, in school, is to improve children's reading and update the system used for grading the difficulty of books. We have put aside some money for buying new books but are aware that there may be many school books lurking under beds, behind sofas and holding up tables all over Marcham. If you have any school books at home, please could you bring them back to school so that we can spend our money wisely. There will be a box in the school entrance where books can be returned or they can be given in at the office.

We are also looking for a band of helpers who would be willing to help us with this reclassification. If the sound of organising books excites you, sticky labels get your pulse racing or you have some time on your hands and would be able to support, please let us know. We are anxious to get started - it's going to be a mammoth task – but are convinced that it will make a difference to children's reading habits and increase their confidence in their learning.

VIV HUTCHINSON

**VACANCY  
CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS,  
MARCHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Do you have a few hours a month spare? The School Governors are looking for a new clerk to start from September 2009. Main duties include taking the minutes at meetings (6 per year), circulating papers to governors and maintaining Governor records. Knowledge of Microsoft Word and access to email essential.

For further details, please contact the current Clerk Julia Davies (01865 391912) or the Chair Ruth Atkins (01865 391455).

**mostly books presents**

**Amazing Books for Boys**  
June 20. 2009

at Amey Theatre, Abingdon School

One the biggest book events to get children excited about reading will be headlined by one of the hottest teen reads around – and will be coming to Abingdon in June. An afternoon where children can meet and interact with a series of top children's authors...

Robert Muchamore 4pm Tickets £5

Chris Bradford 2.30pm Tickets £4

Trapped by Monsters 1pm Tickets £3

There will also be free bushcraft demonstrations and storytelling sessions throughout the afternoon.

For the latest information, and details of prizes to be won, visit: <http://www.mostly-books.co.uk/amazing>

**Elmer Party** Tues, June 9th. Fun for little ones with Elmer fun, colourful cookie decorating, competitions and prizes.

**Children's Food Festival** Jun 27th/28th. Books signings with celebrity chefs: Raymond Blanc, Sophie Grigson, Annabel Karmel, Sam Stern, Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall.

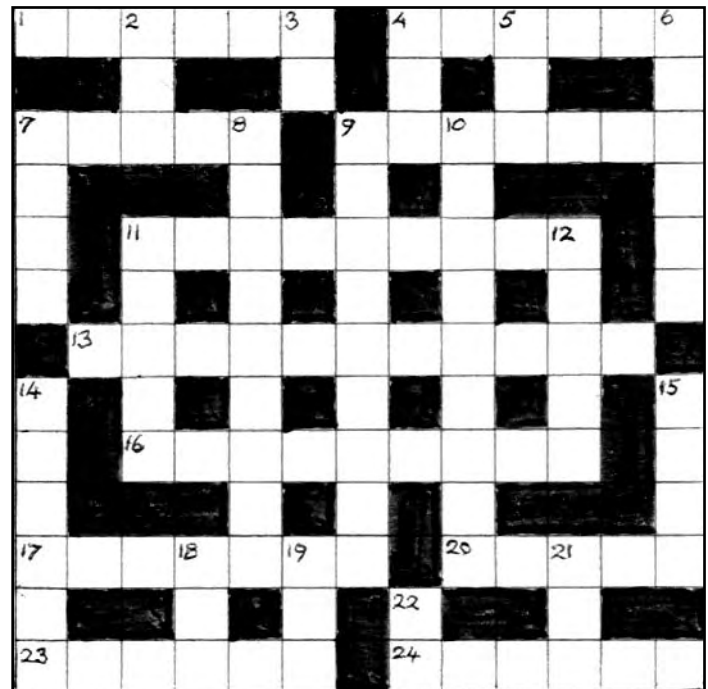
**Mad Hatters, Alices and White Rabbits** Tues, June 30th 4pm – a celebration of the anniversary of Alice, with stories, nonsense poems and an Alice trail all week.

For tickets to all events, and further information, contact mostly books, 36 Stert Street O1235 525880

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June 2009

**MARCHAM SCHOOL PTA  
SUMMER FETE  
SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2 – 4 PM**

**JUNE CROSSWORD BY ALISA**



**ACROSS**

- 1 See 7 down
- 4 Arctic region (6)
- 7 Black spider (5)
- 9 See 4 down
- 11 Was made up of (9)
- 13 It functions in Albert Park (7.4)
- 16 Fish (3.6)
- 17 Flower (7)
- 20 Dough raiser (5)
- 23 Use (6)
- 24 Village with a post office (6)
- 5 Pinch (3)
- 6 Painter (6)
- 7 & 1 Village near Grove (4.6)
- 8 June event (9)
- 9 Big spider (9)
- 10 Harmoniously (9)
- 11 Group of singers (5)
- 12 Uncertainty (5)
- 14 Agile (6)
- 15 Water bird (4)
- 18 Nocturnal bird (3)
- 9 Cold (3)
- 21 Everybody (3)
- 22 Hospital (2)

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

**Grand Charity General Knowledge Quiz & Raffle (or Auction)**  
Friday 5th June 8pm for 8.30 start. In memory of Steve Shellard our much missed chairman. Teams should be a maximum of 4 and entry is £3 per head. The Prize is £20 to the winning team and the prestigious title MSSSC Quiz Team Champions.

All profits will be go to good causes chosen by Steve's widow Jan. Steve was our quiz maestro and was passionate regarding our success, he would approve of another good night in the club.

**Bar Open Every Friday Night**

The bar is now open every Friday night and every week there will be at least one guest real ale available.

**Date for your diary**

Sat 5th Sept - Summer Dance. Under cover with a live band, disco, BBQ, raffle, etc. *Invite your friends!*

Don't forget the club is also open every Saturday after football or cricket. Support your local teams

*We look forward to seeing you at the club*

For more info contact Geoff Dix, secretary  
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