

Marcham School PTA Family Fun Day 17th May

Barbeque and games for both parents and children to enjoy.

For details email marchamschoolpta@monkeynose.com.

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).

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a really fun and busy few weeks while enjoyed the odd period of sunshine! The children filled boxes with 'love' and decorated them for Mothering Sunday, they made a variety of Easter pictures with chicks and bunnies and then had an Easter Hat parade (see cover).



We also held our second bedtime story hour where the children (and the staff!) came to Pre-school in their pyjamas and we had drinks and biscuits then snuggled down for a selection of stories. (see cover).

If you would like a prospectus or further details about what we do please telephone 07749 245313, or e-mail marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk

LITTLE ANGELS

At Little Angels we have celebrated Easter with the easter story book, cards, easter egg hunt and looking at the last supper. Our new kitchen has now been fitted and a thank you to Abingdon Kitchen and Bathrooms for a great job, Our Little Angels are now cooking and enjoying the opportunities that the the new kitchen brings with hot meals at lunch time. The Little Angels have also been busy fund raising for the brain damage society, we like to help certain charities and for this our little angels arrived in fancy dress and pyjamas, it was a fun day and the staff all enjoyed the dressing up to. Recently we have been looking at our bodies, skeletons, organs and five senses, the Little Angels have enjoyed taste tests, hearing musical instruments, looking at the heart and colour of eyes hair etc.

We have now a lot of children from the village which is great and if any one would like more information please feel free to pop in and enquire or log onto our web site of www.abingdonlittleangels.co.uk for more information

WOOTTON & BOARS HILL JUNIORS
Wootton Cricket Ground, Wootton Village

Cricket coaching for boys and girls 6yrs+

We will be starting our coaching sessions on Sat 2 May at: Wootton and Boars Hill Cricket Club, Wootton Village, Boars Hill OX1 5JL.

Time: 10am—12noon (parents must be on site during the sessions)

We are offering 10 sessions for £50 and a discounted rate for siblings of £25. All of our coaches are ECB qualified, CRB-checked and have attended first aid courses.

For more details contact David Spilsbury on 01865 735695 or email davidspilsbury@hotmail.com



Junior matches with other local clubs for older cricketers!!
Both boys and girls are welcome

UPDATE ON THE INCINERATOR PROPOSAL

The OCC Planning Committee will not now be considering the incinerator proposal until 20 July at the earliest. That is well after the local elections on 4 June.

Despite the Public Consultation having ended “Letters of Objection” can still be sent quoting WRG SUT/APF/616 60CM to the Planning Officer mary.thompson@oxfordshire.gov.uk, though Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) does not guarantee that they will be taken into account. With the postponement, however, there is little excuse for OCC not to do so. Any one who has not, should therefore write, for if it comes to a judicial review such letters will be important. They should also sign the petition at www.scai.co.uk, and write to the members of the OCC Planning Committee, whose details can be found on the website. It also gives the opportunity for more Parish Councils to register their objections.

With the postponement, the proposal could also become an election issue. It will be important to ascertain the position of candidates on incineration, therefore, before casting our votes. Meanwhile:

- The Vale District Council and Sutton Courtenay Parish Council have both reiterated their strong opposition to the proposal, with the Vale stating that the case is not proved. The Parish Council have also indicated that should the County Council approve the proposal they would instigate the process of a “Call In” by the Secretary of State.
- Sutton Courtenay Against the Incinerator (SCAI) is also considering “Call In” procedures and have indicated that they are prepared to seek a “Judicial Review”, should that be necessary.
- The Waste Recycling Group (WRG) seem to have left out the Climate Change Assessment in their amended application.
- Although initially assured that the proposal was to deal with only with Oxfordshire’s waste, the amended WRG application also seeks approval to import 25% of the waste (75,000 tonnes a year for 25 years) from Reading, Wokingham, Bracknell and West Berkshire. This is in addition to the large amount of waste currently being brought in daily from Berkshire and London to the landfill site, which has already been extended to 2021.
- It is also now feared that the County Council could give planning permission to build incinerators at both Ardley and Sutton Courtenay. Once approved, subject to the granting of Environmental Permits, there seemingly will be nothing to stop the applicants from building the two incinerators. This could mean importing the waste from wherever they could get it, to meet their commercial requirement to maximise the economic benefits of their investment, without due consideration of the impact on local communities.

There are Alternatives! Concerned by the lack of public consultation and proper consideration of the alternatives, the full County Council meeting on 7 April was asked the following question. In view of “the widespread shift in sentiment against incineration, not least in Oxfordshire with objections from 4 district council equivalents, 30 parish councils and 15,000 petitioners”; that other local authorities such as North West London and Lancashire have chosen non-incineration alternatives and in France that no new incinerators are to be built unless proof is provided that they are a last resort, would the Council commission “a detailed analysis of all the alternatives, including the comparative costs, the respective health risks and the environmental impacts, so the full Council can take an informed vote on which alternatives should be selected to meet Oxfordshire’s waste disposal requirements?” At the time of writing, the written response the County Council promised had not been received.

Environmental Permit Application (EPA). The consultation on the EPA has also finished, though the Environment Agency (EA) has committed to put its findings out to a further consultation before finalising their decision.

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