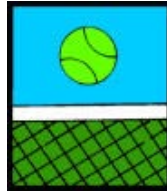


TENNIS CLUB

With the mixed weather, tennis has been a bit hit-and-miss at Marcham this summer. However, we have been contacted by Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Tennis Club to play some friendly matches. If anyone is interested in playing other local clubs on an informal basis, please contact me on 01865 391725 or email tennis@2m.org.uk.



It would be great to get some events going where we could actually meet each other! Don't forget you can play throughout the autumn and winter, after school has finished and at weekends, but please make sure you put the nets down after you have finished playing.

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**IT'S IMMINENT.....
PUT IT IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

- WHAT:** Marcham and St Peter's WI fundraising event
- FOR:** **Equipment for the new children's hospital in Oxford**
- WHEN:** **Saturday 6 November
10.30am – 12.30pm approx**
- WHERE:** Duffield Place
- ON OFFER:** Cakes (home-made)
Christmas goods
Toys, games, books
Bric-a-brac
Refreshments
(inc scones with jam)

If you want to come but can't make it and would like to donate a small item for sale, please ring 01865 391592

FREE ENTRY

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

CSV (Community Service Volunteers) Make a Difference Day is the UK's biggest day of hands on volunteering and will take place this year on 30th October 2004. Run by CSV and supported by Barclays PLC, the day gives everyone the chance to volunteer in their local community without the fear of commitment. A record breaking 88,000 people donated their time on CSV Make a Difference Day 2003 and this year they are expecting over 96,000 people to take part. To register call 0800 284 533 or visit www.csv.org.uk/difference to find out more. Email: community@green-space.org.uk

CULHAM – PROVIDING THE POWER OF THE FUTURE!

Wednesday 27 October, John Adams Lecture Theatre, Culham Science Centre 7.30pm – 8.30pm. The director of UKAEA Culham Division (Professor Sir Christopher Llewellyn Smith FRS) will give a talk on the status and future for fusion research at Culham and globally. The realisation of fusion power – harnessing the processes that power the sun - to provide safe, plentiful and clean energy for future generations is nearing fruition. Experiments on the world's largest fusion experiment – JET at Culham – continue to provide confidence that fusion will work. The world is now ready to build a power station scale fusion device, ITER – utilising expertise from Culham and other laboratories around the world. Free of charge but booking essential. Contact Heather Clark on 01235 466363 or e-mail: heather.clark@ukaea.org.uk

GARDENING

Stuart's column will be back in December after he has moved to his new garden.

HOT TIPS ON HOME COMPOSTING

It's that time of year again, when the days are longer, the sun is shining (sometimes!) and we are all out in the garden enjoying the fruits of our long labours adding flashes of colour to the lush green growth. So, what does all of this mean to us gardeners, beginners or experts? Well, of course, we should first and foremost be taking advantage of Oxfordshire local authorities latest compost bin offer! Two different sizes of compost bin are available once again, for the fifth year running at the same price - £10.00 for a smaller bin, suitable for singles and couples, or £15.00 for a larger bin perfect for families. The bin can even be delivered straight to your home*. Alternatively you can collect one from one of the participating garden centres — four across the county. so there's bound to be one near you or where you work.

Why not take advantage of the scheme this year. and attend a talk giving expert advice and tips on the most efficient and effective way to home compost? Oxfordshire County Council's Waste Reduction Officer regularly arranges and attends talks across the County, spreading the word on composting. Oxfordshire local authorities estimate that approximately 45% of residents in the County are already home composting, but every year we have new recruits and are now encouraging school children to participate through our Schools Composting Scheme.

So, now all you need to do is call 0870 8443006 to arrange delivery of your compost bin. If you need any more help with your compost bin speak to Katie Zabel. Oxfordshire County Council's Waste Reduction Officer with any queries about home or school composting or to attend / arrange a talk: 01865 815908 / 07776 455803. *£5.00 delivery fee

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