

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

We held a successful Family Disco in September. Lots of you came along, rather more than we anticipated actually so it was a bit busy at times for our apprentice barperson! Due to its popularity we will try to do another soon. It's been suggested that we try a Friday night instead so please look out for adverts and posters.

Its great to see our two football teams playing again. Both teams compete in the North Berks Football League, the first team in the 2nd division; the reserves in the 4th division. The first team have started really well, gaining more points already than in the whole of last year! The reserves have yet to pick up any points but in a cup match they played really well against a team two divisions above them, eventually losing 3 – 0 they reportedly performed really well.

**REGULAR BAR OPENING TIMES**

Every Friday - 8pm to 11pm

Every Saturday - after Football or Cricket

**OCTOBER SOCIAL EVENTS**

**AGM** Fri 3rd Oct 8.30pm

**Quiz Night** Fri 10th Oct 8.30pm

**Real Ale night** Fri 31st Oct (Last Fri every month)

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – Friday 3rd October

*We look forward to seeing you at the club*

For more info contact Geoff Dix, secretary on 391577

**MARCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB**

The North Berks football season kicked off recently with Marcham Football Club again fielding two teams, the first team playing in Division Two and the reserves in Division Four. It was Lambourn Sports Reserves away to begin the league campaign for the first team, and after a hard fought 90 minutes in some atrocious weather conditions, Marcham triumphed 2-1 with Lewis Hill scoring both the goals. The reserves started their season away at Stanford in the Vale, and against very strong opposition wound up on the wrong end of a 7-0 scoreline, but will be hoping for better fortune in the weeks to come. Forthcoming fixtures for both teams are available on the North Berks Football League website (www.nbfl.co.uk) and anyone who is interested in joining the club to play or coming along to the twice weekly training sessions can contact either Tristan Barratt on 07789 552244 or Simon Davie on 07899 946358.

**MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

What a surprise we had when we returned to Pre-school at the beginning of September - there in our garden was the most enormous pumpkin we had ever seen! The children were thrilled to see what their hard work had resulted in. We've also had french beans, runner beans, onions, garlic, lettuce, potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, peas, carrots and a selection of herbs. Keeping in a very autumnal theme we've been talking about hedgehogs and how they live. Some of the children made clay models and we then looked around the garden to find appropriate things to make a hedgehog habitat. I hope you like the results.



If you would like more information about Marcham Pre-school, or have a 'skill' or hobby you would like to share with us please contact us on 07749 245313.  
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**BACK TO SCHOOL IN MARCHAM**

We were delighted that the building work was completed on time for the start of term – you probably saw it over the Summer. This work has enabled us to accommodate the extra village children who wanted places at the school, and their teachers (both new to the school) have done a great job making the area inviting and vibrant.

A reminder to parents who know that they will be wanting a place in the school in the years to come - do let the school know of this as this will greatly assist us in our planning. And if your child is set to begin school in September 2009, the application packs are now available from school reception.

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This month sees Jackie Ward retiring from her role as Chair of the Parent Teacher Association and our intrepid interviewers went to ask her about this:

*How long have you been Chair of the PTA?*

5 years

*What does the PTA do?*

Fundraising activity to provide the extra bits that school doesn't have the money to provide. We've paid for books, whiteboards, computers and coaches for trips to name a few.

*What have you enjoyed the most about doing this?*

Everything - it's hard work, but fun and with friendly people.

*What has been your favourite event that you have been involved in organising?*

The Christmas Bazaars because I love Christmas.

*What will you do with your free time now?*

What free time?!

Our thanks go to Jackie and the rest of the PTA for all they have done to support the school. Others are standing down this month – Ray Tierney, Rosemary Bell and Lynn Heffernan and our thanks go to them too. The funds raised by the PTA make a real difference to the quality of the children's learning as shown in this picture – the PTA funded the use of these Tudor costumes for Morland class last year.



**Marcham Primary School PTA**  
**Ladies evening**  
 Friday 17 October 7.30pm - 10pm  
 Look out for further details on posters around the village

If you run or are a member of a group, why not write a short report about it?