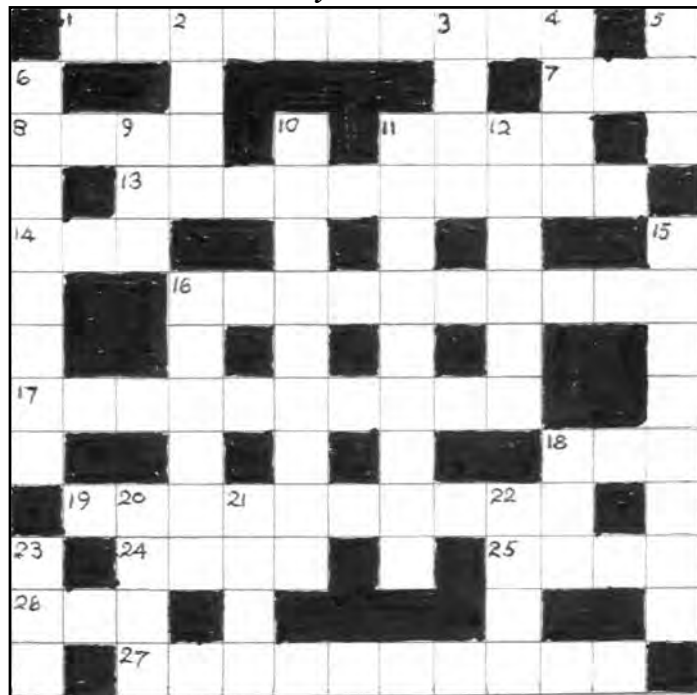


**MARCH CROSSWORD** by Alisa



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| <b>ACROSS</b>                             | <b>DOWN</b>                         |
| 1 What churchgoers do when they meet (10) | 2 Small piece of music (4)          |
| 7 Female animal (3)                       | 3 Unfortunately (4)                 |
| 8 Direction (4)                           | 4 Nymph spurned by Narcissus (4)    |
| 11 Long deep cut (4)                      | 5 Nocturnal bird (3)                |
| 13 Goggle—box (10)                        | 6 Type of raspberry jam (8)         |
| 14 Twenty four hours (3)                  | 9 Pig's home (3)                    |
| 16 Place near Oxford (10)                 | 10 Events in Wantage (3,6)          |
| 17 Twice yearly (10)                      | 11 Venue of 10 (5,4)                |
| 18 Organ of hearing (3)                   | 12 One at a time (6)                |
| 19 Hiding (10)                            | 15 Confirmed (8)                    |
| 24 We French have sense (4)               | 16 Japanese robe (4)                |
| 25 Moulding shaped like an S (4)          | 18 Flip or nog (3)                  |
| 26 Wildebeest (3)                         | 28 Burden (4)                       |
| 27 Knot for shortening (10)               | 20 Block (4)                        |
|   | 22 Star with varying brightness (4) |
|   | 23 Back in the past (3)             |

**MARCHAM PLAYERS**  
"WITH GREAT PLEASURE"

In the past few years the Marcham Players have organised several very successful evenings under the above banner. For those who have yet to experience it, the evening is based on the Radio 4 programme in which famous people choose pieces of prose and poetry that have meant something to them during their lives, and equally famous "voices" then read the selections.

We can't boast any famous people and rather than one person choosing, we have had "themes" - including "Poetry", "Childrens' books", and "Christmas" - which have resulted in very entertaining readings, with several people taking turns. We would like to organise one or two more "WGP Evenings" this year and would welcome suggestions for new themes; or perhaps someone would prefer to revert to the original format and choose all the readings. Marcham Players can provide readers, venue, and refreshments - all we need is something to read! If you have any ideas, please ring Joey Maclean on 01865 391242.

Any enquiries regarding membership of the Marcham Players can be answered by phoning either Joey Maclean on 01865 391262 or Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

**MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB**

In preparation for the 2011 OCA Season, Nets are being held at Radley College Sports Hall on each Friday evening (7-9pm) from 4th March until near the first fixture on 30th April. All levels are welcome. Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for details of Nets and other information relating to the Club.



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**WANTED: CRICKET TEA PROVIDER**

The cricket club are looking for an individual(s) or business to provide cricket teas to 24 players on a Saturday from 30 April to 10 September. Terms negotiable.

Interested parties, and for more information, please contact the secretary Trevor Hill on 01865 391321 by Sunday 20 March.

**ED VAIZEY WRITES...**

Over recent weeks I have received a great many emails on two issues in particular: fish and forests. I received a huge amount of correspondence (more than on any other issue since I have been an MP) about our forests - I must have had close to 400 e-mails. The Forestry Commission maintains a fifth of England's woodlands and the Government was looking at how they could best be managed. I love our forests; they are beautiful and lush and a part of British heritage. I would be against any proposals that would harm such an important piece of our country. However, reform of the public forestry estate has been under consideration for some time. The previous Labour Government detailed "alternatives to public ownership" and "new commercial opportunities" for our forests and also sold some forests. The coalition government proposed leasing forests with adequate protection both for access and biodiversity. Following the public outcry, the Government decided to halt its consultation. It has now appointed an independent panel of experts who will report back in the autumn. I hope those of you who wrote to me feel that your voice was heard and that the Government has done the right thing by listening and changing its policy.

The other issue that has exercised a lot of people is the future of our fish stocks. (Interestingly Wantage is supposed to be the place in England that is furthest from the sea in every direction.) There is currently a very popular Early Day Motion in Parliament about the damaging practice of discarding unwanted fish. At present, when fishermen trawl for fish, they often throw back up to half their catch because the fish are too small, too young or too unpopular a species to be sold. These discarded fish are mostly killed by being caught; they are beginning to pollute our seas which will harm the future of our fishing industry. It also is morally wrong, I believe, to kill animals that will not be eaten.

The Government is therefore looking at a number of ways to reform the fishing industry. There have been remarkable results from a pilot scheme which incentivises fishermen to design more selective nets and DEFRA is looking at new quota systems that will measure the amount caught, instead of the amount brought into dock.

Locally, I hope not too many people have been inconvenienced by the continuing works to the railway bridge at Milton Park. Network Rail did not do enough preliminary work, so the result is that the embankment is not strong enough for the new bridge, and has to be strengthened. This has added six months to the work, and the County Council are doing all they can to minimise traffic disruption. Also, you may have heard that I am considering asking the boundary commission to change the name of the constituency from "Wantage" to "Wantage and Didcot" to reflect the fact that Didcot is the largest town in the constituency. I have always referred to myself as the MP for Wantage and Didcot in any event. I would welcome your views.

**MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY**

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

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