MARCHAM & DISTRICT NEWS

CLUBS & IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL

SENIOR CITIZENS

Our last meeting was down a little in numbers as some members were on holiday and others a bit under the weather. If you were on holiday we all hope you had a lovely time and if you're one of the unfortunate ones to be ill, we wish you well and hope to see you soon. At the meeting we had a small table top and Dolly did a memory game. A friendly chat followed with our tea and biscuits. Afterwards a large raffle was called by Margaret and Dolly, which seem to go on forever. Thanks to everyone for bringing prizes etc., it is greatly appreciated and helps our funds.

JOYČE PÁRŘY

SUNSHINE CLUB

We all enjoyed our trip to Stratford-upon-Avon last week the weather was very kind to us. We are now planning our next day out. New members are welcome to come and join us on a Monday afternoon and join us in these outings. Phone 391536 for more information.

MAUREEN (MO) TIDBURY, Chairlady

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

Fixtures for Marcham C.C. in June are as follows:

July	1st XI	2nd XI	SA
3	Great Horwood Home	Chadlington Away	122
10	Westbury Away	Sunningwell Home	
17	Horley Home	Uffington II Away	
24	Garsington Home	E. Oxford III Away	
31	Freeland Away	Risinghurst Home	

In addition to the above Fixtures, the Jez Bailey Memorial Match is to be played on Sunday 11th July at Home at 14.30.

Information relating to the Club may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317).

Also, please contact Graham or Terry if you are interested in representing Marcham C.C. as an umpire. *CSB*

Sobell Summer Dinner and Dance Saturday 5th June 2010 Great Park Farm, Besselsleigh

Tickets £50 for welcome drink with canapés and 4 course dinner Live music. Contact Sobell House Hospice Charity 01865 857007

Garford Parish Meeting 2010

The 118th Garford Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13th May and was well attended. Guests included Councillor Iain Brown of Oxfordshire County Council, Claire Stroud of Abingdon Neighbourhood Watch and PCSOs Myra Stokes and Sue Haines of Thames Valley Police. All of these welcome guests took the opportunity to address the Meeting on their areas of responsibility and responded to questions from the floor on issues of local concern. Following extended consultation with residents, Garford recently completed published and distributed to all residents its first Parish Plan setting out the village's aspirations for the coming years. This was formally adopted by the Meeting with discussion also taking place on the way forward and the need to monitor progress. Financial Reports were presented by the Treasurer and approved by the Meeting. Comprehensive reports were also given by the Trustees of the Village Hall, the Village Green and Playing Field and by representatives of the Planning and Social Events / Fund Raising Committees. These reviewed events during the year and future plans. The Chairman thanked all who had contributed to the high level of village activities during the year. The Meeting was advised that Garford's Wayside War Memorial was now in dire need of restoration. There was strong support from the floor that this should be given priority in the coming period. Although a partial grant may be available from the War Memorial Trust, additional specific funding would be required to avoid overly depleting village funds. The view was expressed that many residents would be happy to support such a cause and it was agreed that the Chairman should launch an appeal to this end.

The election of Office Bearers for the coming year saw the reelection of Tony Carter as Chairman, John Docherty as Clerk and Sophie Charter as Treasurer. June 2010 PLEASE HELP VILA MANINGA, MOZAMBIQUE

How many times do you use a search engine a day? 5 - 10? How often are we simply lining Google's pockets?!

Well, here's a new easy way to raise money for Vila Maninga, Mozambique that doesn't involve you parting with extra cash. Simply use everyclick.com as your search engine and Vila Maninga gets a small donation per search. It takes 3 minutes to sign up, go to http://www.everyclick.com/vilamaninga, sign up and start searching and follow the simple prompts to make this your default search facility. We are aiming to get 1,000 people signed up by December 2010 which we hope will raise £13,000, training 6 medical students for a year in Mozambique. In a country where there are extremely limited health facilities and only 600 medical doctors in the whole country, this would have a huge effect. Please sign up now! Thank you!

GIG THOMAS Vila Maninga Registered Charity No. 10959754



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£4 key deposit for new members

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• Summer Tournament • Holiday Coaching Tel: 01865 391201 Email: stuartmaw@btinternet.com

Abingdon Prep School News

The summer term is well underway at Abingdon Prep. Academically, the focus is inevitably on exams but there is still plenty of time to enjoy school life with concerts and recitals, visiting speakers, a variety of



trips including science days, Warwick Castle, the Houses of Parliament, a residential week in Normandy, the Ridgeway walk and many others. As ever, there is an impressive sporting line up with plenty of cricket, tennis and athletics fixtures to enjoy. Highlights of the summer term, for parents as well as pupils, include Sports Day, the staff v parents cricket match and the summer ball. Although an extremely busy term it is hugely enjoyable.

Our congratulations go to the Year 8 boys who are celebrating the School's best ever year for scholarships with 15 awards including two out of the top three, and three out of the top six, of the awards to Abingdon. This is a marvellous achievement, reflecting the very hard work the boys and staff have put in to reach the levels of excellence required.

I know the autumn seems a long way off but I would like to give you ample notice of our autumn open mornings to which you are very welcome. Pre-prep - Tuesday 19 October and Years 3, 4 and 5 - Saturday 13 November. Times to be confirmed. We very much look forward to seeing you at Abingdon Prep. Enjoy the summer.

CHRIS DAVIES, HEADMASTER