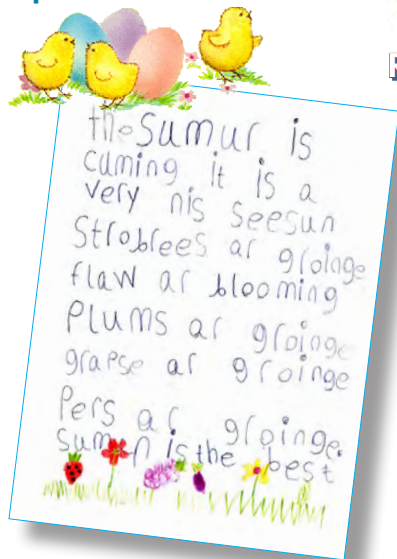


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▼ **WI Royal Visit.** HRH Duchess of Cornwall meets Sonia Edwards, President of Marcham WI, Anne Harrison, Chair of the Denman College Committee and Ruth Bond, National Chair of the NFWI see page 9



Photo: Elliott Franks.

▲ **“The Summer”** by Florence Johnson age 6



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HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack.

Normal day	Revised day	Which bin?
Good Friday 22 April	Saturday 23 April	Grey
Easter Monday 25 April	Tuesday 26 April	Green
Tuesday 26 April	Wednesday 27 April	Green
Wednesday 27 April	Thursday 28 April	Green
Thursday 28 April	Friday 29 April	Green
Friday 29 April	Saturday 30 April	Green
Monday 2 May	Tuesday 3 May	Grey
Tuesday 3 May	Wednesday 4 May	Grey
Wednesday 4 May	Thursday 5 May	Grey
Thursday 5 May	Friday 6 May	Grey
Friday 6 May	Saturday 7 May	Grey



Dear Readers

At last the days are longer than the nights and spring is galloping along nicely! Our pond is full of frogs doing the batrachian batusi and the birds are filling the air with tweets and song.

Don't forget to send in your logo designs for Marcham Community Group before you tuck into your Easter eggs.

I hope you all have a very happy Easter and don't overdo the chocolate!

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
Elections 5th May 2011**

A reminder that anyone wishing to stand as a candidate in the Parish Council elections has until noon on Monday 4th April to return his/her nomination form to the Vale of White Horse District Council, Abbey House, Abingdon. (Tel: 01235 520202). Forms are available from VoWH Council, alternatively the Parish Clerk may still have one. The contact details for the clerk are below.

Meeting Everyone's Needs Survey (Vale of White Horse District Council)

Local councils have a duty to provide services for everyone in the community and to promote good relations between different groups of people. New legislation means this is a good time for the Vale of White Horse District Council to check what else it needs to do to make sure services are delivered fairly. Funding to local government is being reduced significantly over the next four years. Whilst it may not be able to introduce expensive new services, you may have suggestions about how the District Council can do things differently to meet everyone's needs.

The District Council is asking residents to complete an online survey at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/haveyoursay by Friday 8 April. Information about the outcomes of the consultation will be made available at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Alternatively, if you provide your contact details when you take part, the District Council will keep you informed of how it has responded to what people have said. If you have any questions about taking part or would like to request a paper copy or alternative format of the questionnaire please contact the Consultation Officer on 01235 547614 or email haveyoursay@southandvale.gov.uk

Revised Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy for Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire County Council is consulting on a revised Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy. This is further to the proposed changes to the Household Waste Recycling Centres announced in December 2010 and the subsequent budget setting process at the County Council in February 2011. It is asking Oxfordshire residents for their thoughts and views on a proposed new approach. For further details and/or to comment on the revised proposal please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste. The consultation runs until 4th April.

Oxfordshire County Council – Bus Review

The County Council will be undertaking a review of its bus services that it financially supports. These include the Stagecoach 31 service Monday to Thursday evenings, and Sundays/Bank Holidays. The contracts for these services will expire at the end of the year, and the County Council is reviewing the network prior to going out to tender and awarding new contracts. The formal

consultation will start mid April. Should there be any comments or suggestions about the existing bus services that you would like taken into account, then please let the clerk or your local councillor know. Please remember that these bus services, if not adequately used, are at risk.

Recycling Area / Salvation Army Textile Bank

The Salvation Army Trading Company has responded to the Council's concerns regarding a large amount of funds going to its textile recycling operator. The fee for the operator is negotiated on a fixed arrangement where profits are divided 67% to the Salvation Army and 33% to the Textile company. However, this is believed to be more than any other recycling operator may pay to charities in similar circumstances. Currently the price of used textiles is high, so there are healthy profits. However this was not always the case and over the past two decades when times were less buoyant, the textile company continued to support Salvation Army with its expertise and investment.

Recycling Banks

It has been noticed that bags of general rubbish and non recyclables are being left on the floor by the recycling banks, and on some occasions even put in with items for recycling. Please remember that these items should be placed in your own grey wheelie bin for landfill and not taken to the Howard Cornish Road recycling area. Equally, large electrical items that could be recycled are also being left. These should be taken to the nearest recycling centre, such as at Drayton.

Thames Valley Police – Community Policing Awards

Have you been impressed with the service given to the community by a member of the neighbourhood policing team? Thames Valley Police has launched its 10th annual awards scheme. You can nominate an officer by going to <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cpaward2011nomi-online.pdf> and printing a nomination form or collecting one from your local police station.

Weed Spraying

The Parish Council has again considered weed spraying on the footways and kerb edges. This is likely to be undertaken in May. Should there be tall flowers overhanging any footway, then it is suggested that these be tied back. This also helps pedestrians where the footways are narrow.

Best Kept Garden Competition

A reminder that the Parish Council will be organising a Best Kept Garden competition again this year. The last competition being in 2009. Judging dates for this year's competition have yet to be decided, but bear the competition in mind when planning your Summer front gardens.

Cemetery

In the Cemetery there are two sections in the waste bins, one for green compostable material, the other for paper, ribbon and plastic bouquet wrappers. Unfortunately at the moment these items are not being separated, and wire and oasis from wreaths are found in with the compostable materials. This prevents the green waste from being taken for composting. Would everyone who takes wreaths containing non-natural materials and who takes oasis to the Cemetery please take these items home for disposal once the flowers have died. This would be an enormous help to those who have to empty the bins. Thank you.

Also the Burial Committee would remind those who tend graves that the intention is to maintain a lawn Cemetery in the new extension. The Cemetery rules do not permit planting, nor are inappropriate items such as lanterns, solar lighting, candles, night lights, chippings, balloons, toys or any other ornaments permitted on any part of the grave. The Committee, where these items have been placed immediately following an interment, has not insisted on their removal, but its attention has been drawn to items which have been there for some considerable time. Would those who maintain graves, help ensure that the Cemetery is kept as a place of dignity and peace and where the standards are not going to offend anyone, by kindly removing items that are not permitted, so that the Cemetery is kept attractive and appropriate for all visitors. A copy of the rules is sent to families at the time of any interment, or are available from the Clerk.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 13 April 2011 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin,

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COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The news that HM Planning Inspectorate have not accepted Thames Water's plans for a reservoir, and that the Secretary of State has upheld that decision is good news for our area. I have always opposed the idea of a reservoir as a first option and have worked with OCC, GARD and others to ensure that all possible options are properly explored, not just glossed over! Perhaps the blight can now be lifted, and make no mistake, to those in the area south of the River Ock, it has been a blight.

The budget was set at the last County Council meeting that saw £119m of savings to be made in the next four years. To most people, these are cuts - plain and simple! There is no doubt that there have and will be a sizeable shrinkage in what OCC can fund in the next few years, but that is not the whole story. More effective use of public money must take place as well as cuts to balance the nation's finances. Recently,

April 2011

Library Services have come under review, with a wide ranging consultation to follow before any final decisions are reached. Please have your say on the consultation, it is important.

I have to say that the precarious budget situation our country faces makes the task of giving out bad news an almost daily event. That said, the former proposed reservoir news and the final emergence of spring after what seems a very long cold winter, should cheer us up a bit!

Finally, for reasons better known to my wife who put my name forward ... I am taking part in the Three Peaks Challenge on May the 20th. The Men of Sparsholt tug of war team are tackling Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon within 24 hours, and the money raised is going to Helen and Douglas House. This is a hospice for young people with life limiting conditions. If you would like to sponsor me, or just want a laugh ... go to

www.justgiving.com/Men-of-Sparsholt

HAPPY EASTER

COUNCILLOR IAIN BROWN OCC

Dear Editor

Council tax demands will have dropped on your door mats over the past few days and, as unwelcome as they may be, the good news is that the Vale District Council has managed to budget for a 0% change this year. More importantly we have managed to achieve this despite a 16% reduction in the amount we get from Government. Good financial management has seen very significant savings in major items of expenditure in the past few years. A senior staff structure now shared with South Oxfordshire has saved over £600,000 per annum and the new waste contract costs you around £400,000 less each year so we have been able to absorb cuts in income without cutting any front line services. Compare this with the County Council where cuts to Social Health Care budgets, the closure of libraries and recycling centres and threats to the Youth Service and Transport will have a real effect on people's lives. The Vale remains the 8th lowest charging council of over 150 districts across the country and I am proud we are able to offer such good value for money especially in these difficult financial times for many people.

The new waste service, despite a hiccough over the exceptionally cold Christmas period, is working tremendously well. Our (or rather your!) recycling rate is over 70% - possibly the highest in the whole country and last month the Vale won the top national award for its innovation in waste collection. Not only is the new collection service very efficient, by reducing the amount going to land fill we are helping to avoid paying considerable amounts in land fill taxes as well as doing our bit for the environment. The Vale's recycling point in Marcham is being retained after consultation with local people showed it was a valued facility.

The decision this month to axe plans for a massive reservoir just south of Marcham will be welcomed by most residents. The Vale was a major party to the inquiry presenting evidence that the forecast need for water was not realistic, that it had not properly considered other options for meeting water demand, and that the local environmental impact of such a massive development had not properly been taken into account by Thames Water in their plan preparation process. Thames Water first announced its plans to build a large reservoir on this site back in 1990, and more detailed plans were introduced in 2006. The Vale of White Horse District Council has consistently challenged Thames Water's case for the need for so large a reservoir on this site.

The last year has seen really positive developments in community involvement in the planning of Marcham village facilities. Whilst we await a possible resolution, I have been working with Vale Officers and the Chair of Planning to ensure that significant funds released as a result of any development behind the institute (Anson Trust's 2004 planning permission) will be used for the future provision of village facilities. My working group (established 4 years ago) also awaits news of any application upon which we can consult! Any proposal to build on public recreational land or outside the current boundary of a village will have to overcome significant planning barriers and it is important that the views of the village are heard and considered.

JANE HANNA, District Councillor

Could your village group make use of a small grant?

The Harding Bequest is a small charitable trust which for some years has made grants to a variety of community causes in the parish.

Any village group may apply to the Bequest for a grant.

If you are involved in a village organisation that may benefit from a small grant you are invited to contact Jenny Warwick (392 076), Secretary to the Harding Bequest, for an application form.

Litter Blitz

We will be holding a Village Litter Blitz on Saturday 9th April.

Meeting Point: Sports and Social Club, Anson Field

Time: 0930am to approx. mid-day

We would very much appreciate as many volunteers as possible to give the village a major Spring Clean.

Please just turn up on the day

Litter pickers and safety clothes provided

Many Thanks in Advance



Marcham Community Group

The community working together
to build and maintain meeting and leisure facilities
for everyone in and around Marcham

www.marcham.org

mail@marcham.org

**YOUR
LOGO DESIGN
IN THIS SPACE**
See foot of page.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT JOIN MCG TODAY

Anyone in the local community can join. Membership will be an important way to demonstrate that we have community support when we apply for major capital grants for a new village hall.

Subscriptions will be valid until 30th June 2012. Rates are:

- £5.00 for an individual
- £8.00 for a family at one address
- free youth membership up to age 18.

Download a membership form from www.marcham.org or ask for one by phoning 391193 (Suzanne) or collect one from the MCG display at the Post Office.

REPORTING BACK - MEETING ON 2nd MARCH AT THE SCHOOL

(see photo on front page)

MCG presented three topics to an audience of over fifty people at this latest open / supporters meeting: business plan development, membership arrangements and subscriptions, and fundraising. See www.marcham.org for a full report.

A significant new step was that MCG membership was available for the first time at the meeting and we ended the evening with the first 34 members.

A thank you to everyone who joined and got membership off to a good start. And that number has more than doubled since the meeting.

ONLY ONE MONTH LEFT

**LOGO COMPETITION CLOSING DATE
IS 30th APRIL**

The design could use letters or be a drawing or sketch, or any mixture of these. It should work in black and white as well as in colour. Full details on www.marcham.org and in the Post Office.

FUN ON THE ANSON FIELD or in the MSSSC if it's wet

ROYAL WEDDING AFTERNOON 29th APRIL 4PM

Tug-of-war, egg-throwing, children's plate design competition, and more. Traditional cream teas, wedding cake.

Join in this family afternoon and support MCG



**THE FUND-RAISING EVENT
IN MARCH** was the coffee and cakes morning organised at the MSSSC on 15th March by the Mothers and Toddlers Group.

This first event in support of MCG raised £263.

If you missed out on the cakes your next chance is on 29th April.

FUND-RAISING TOTAL SO FAR IS £263.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**ISIS ORCHESTRA CONCERT in ALL SAINT'S CHURCH on
Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm**

**GARAGE AND GARDEN SALE on a Sunday afternoon in June
More details in next MADNews**

TO CONTACT MCG email mail@marcham.org or phone 391193 (Suzanne) or 391507 (Jessica)

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MCG thanks Marcham Parish Council and the Harding Trust for start-up grants.

Royal wedding tea party 29 April 4pm FUN on the ANSON FIELD



Marcham WI April 2011

Our April meeting at Denman College will see the introduction of a new committee for the next year with many new faces. The new President is Carole Sands who will job-share the position with Cynthia Warmington as Vice President. Other officers will be appointed at the next committee meeting. We wish them every success in their new positions and look forward to the new programme for the coming year. The Marcham WI Bursary draw was made at the annual meeting and has been given to Hazel Fitton for her choice of a course at Denman College. Our speaker this month will be Angela Pawlyn with her talk entitled "Silk from Cocoon to Scarf". She will describe the complex process and history of silk production. The February visit to Denman College by HRH The Duchess of Cornwall was an exciting and important day for the WI. We were very honoured to be invited along with many local dignitaries by the National Executive Board of Trustees. The Duchess was charming, very attentive and interested in all to whom she spoke. It was a very special day and one we will long remember.

Future Events

- April 6th. An evening with Bob Flowerdew at Headington Girls School
- May 9th. A Group Meeting at Drayton – Edith Piaff
- May 11th. A visit to Dorchester in Dorset
- June 13th. The real Larkrise at Appleton Village Hall
- June 21st. A visit to hidden London and Regent's Canal

NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm Thursday 21 April 2011

Silk from Cocoon to Scarf

Angela Pawlyn

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

Contacts for: Sonia Edwards 01865 391442
more information Christine Whild 01865 391270



MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, 7th April 2011.

For our April walk we will meet at The King William IV at Hailey, near Ipsden (Map Ref: SU642858): 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for the walk. The walk starts from the pub and will follow a circular route of about 4 miles. This is classic Chiltern country – open country mixed with woodlands. The going is easy – firm ground and no stiles. Blow away any remaining winter cobwebs! Please join us – everyone welcome. Ample parking at the pub. Members free. Non-members £1. Ring John Guast on 391420 for further details or to arrange lifts. www.beerinthevening.com/pubs/s/67/6742/King_William_IV/Hailey

Have your say...police surgery

- Monday, 28 April 2011 1200-1300
Police Office, Wootton Community Centre
 - Thursday, 27 May 2011 1400-1500
Duffield Place, Marcham
 - Monday, 20 June 2011 1200-1300
Police Office, Wootton Community Centre
- Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team**
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill
Non-emergency number: 0845 8 505 505

SENIOR CITIZENS

An interesting AGM at our February meeting. The treasurer gave out the balance sheets and all approved and thanked him for doing a good job. The Chairperson thanks everyone for their support of the club. No change in subscriptions was also announced. All the committee agreed to serve for a further year and were voted back unanimously. After the business part was concluded, John gave us a question and answer game, that proved a little taxing. The overall winners for Tom and Doris. Tea followed and a large raffle called by John and Margaret.

JOYCE PARRY

Write to MADNews and let others know what you think about current events

ANSWERS TO THE MARCH CROSSWORD BY ALISA

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16 Kidlington 17 Six—monthly 18 Ear 19 Concealing
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Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 18th May, 2011 at 7.30 p.m

- The annual meeting for all electors in the parish will take place on **Wednesday 18th May, 2011 at 7.30 p.m.** in the hall at Marcham Primary School. There will be reports from the Parish Council on its activities over the last year, the District and County Councillors and Marcham Primary School.
- This year there are two very interesting guest speakers on medical themes. One is a representative from the South Central Ambulance Service who will talk about the Service and its bid to become a Foundation Trust and the other is Squadron Leader Deborah Easby, former pupil of Marcham Primary School, who will speak about the role of the RAF's Critical Care Air Support Team (CCAST) in bringing home injured personnel from Afghanistan.

*You are invited to take part
Light refreshments will be served*



The
**Marcham
Society**

**The Collections and Work of the Oxfordshire
Museums Resource Centre at Standlake**
Phillip Platt

All Saints' Church Tuesday 12th April 2011, 7.45pm

Next meeting 10th May 2011
Members' Evening

Non-members £2

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

Further details: Sheila Dunford (391439) or Judith Fontaine (391275)

ANEMONES

Take a walk in any deciduous woodland at this time of year and you will often see Wood Anemones growing strongly.

This is an aspect of Mother Nature that we can bring into our own gardens. We don't need a deciduous wood in our garden, merely a large deciduous shrub under which you can plant some of your own Anemones.

They are simple to grow as they spread quickly, as long as you give them moist rich soil in light shade under shrubs. As long as the shrub under which you plant them offers shade in the hot summer, they will grow readily for you. Just mulch with a 1 inch deep of well rotted compost each winter, and they will do the rest.

Anemone Nemorosa is our own Wild Anemone you see out there in local woods, they are almost always white and flower between March and April, May in some years. *Anemone Ranunculoides* is another wild type, found across Europe, but has vivid yellow flowers in April. Don't go digging them up from the wild though; there are plenty of suppliers that produce them sensitively without destroying the countryside. British Trust for Conservation Volunteers is a good example.

This is a great time of year to get inspiration from Mother Nature for our own gardens, so get out there and take a look at this free resource. Before they sell off all the woodlands of course!!!!

Happy Gardening,
STUART MABBUTT



MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

In preparation for the 2011 OCA Season, Nets are being held at Radley College Sports Hall on each Friday evening (7.30-9pm) until near the first Fixture on 30th April.

All levels are welcome. Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for details of Nets and any other information relating to the Club.



CSB

VOLUNTEER GROUP "THE BIG SOCIETY"

With the pressure on the public purse we are likely to have less work carried out by our county and district councils in the future and with this in mind I would like to suggest we set up a village "Volunteer Force" to carry out jobs to benefit both the village and community.

I believe some willing volunteers spending a few hours together can make a real difference to our community and I would ask that anyone interested should contact me on 391497 or E Mail me at malcolm_denton_954@msn.com

My suggestion is that we meet once a month to start with on a Saturday morning. However this time a day can be varied once we know what people's commitments are.

Projects in mind

- Clearing the "Pound" and restoring back as a village feature
- Keeping the Wayside Cross in Good Condition
- Clearing overhanging branches and hedges
- Clearing footpaths
- Clearing areas of rubbish and repairing items of damaged infrastructure
- Cleaning Street Name plates
- Helping people who cannot maintain their gardens and property because of ill health or mobility issues

I would welcome suggestions for other projects that would enhance the village.

MALCOLM DENTON 391497 or malcolm_denton_954@msn.com

MARCHAM COMMUNITY SHOP

Since the survey was completed some time ago a small working party has been looking at the possibility of starting a community based shop in the village. We are now in a position to move this project forward but it will require a consensus from the village. To make the project viable we will have to form a management group and will look for volunteers to become directors to steer the project to fruition. It is believed the best way forward is to start on a low key basis and build the shop as demand grows. We are already in a fortunate position of having a willing person who could manage the shop using volunteers to man the opening times.

To get the project off the ground the community will have to provide the initial investment and a grant and loan can make up the working capital required for start-up providing we meet certain criteria. The shop would be based at the current post office location central to the village. Would any person interested in becoming involved with the project please contact: Chris Ricketts 391329, Jenny Allan 391373 or Ruth Mander 392861

To get your letter or notice included in MADNews please write to the editor by 20th month latest

MARCHAM PLAYERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

The AGM took place on Friday 25th February. The treasurer, Tim Owen, was standing down, to be replaced by Chris Smith. The committee now consists of Dave Hutchinson, chairman; Chris Smith, treasurer; Joey Maclean, secretary; Stuart Brighton, Janet Frere, Tina Hill, Deirdre Maton, Andrew Packford, and Cheryl Sewell.



The financial position is reasonable – the income from membership covers the insurance. The big success of the past year was the "Midsummer Music in a Marquee" which raised money for the Great Marcham Weekend charities. Fewer theatre outings have taken place as no-one has come forward to organise them. As no productions are planned because of lack of venue, all efforts will be concentrated on supporting the Marcham Community Group, so that eventually Marcham will once again have a proper village hall.

The Chairman's Award of theatre tokens to the value of £50 was presented to Tim Owen, in recognition of his 21 years on the committee – 10 of those as treasurer. Tim was sincerely thanked for his careful and fastidious work. A donation of £25 was given to the MADNews for always finding room for us. Plans for the future include more "With Great Pleasure" evenings, a summer cabaret-style event, and a "Mama Mia" film evening.

The proceedings ended with Jim Asher and Jessica Brod, representing the Marcham Community Group, giving a brief description of their aims and ambitions.

Any enquiries regarding membership of the Marcham Players can be answered by phoning either Joey Maclean on 01865 391242 or Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964

www.marchamplayers.co.uk
April 2011

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

April 1	Faringdon , Pump Rooms, SN7 7HL
May 6	Didcot , King Alfred Community Centre, OX11 7NU
June 10	Wallingford , Town Hall, OX10 0AD
Contact Ed Vaizey MP by	
Post	The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
E-mail	vaizeye@parliament.uk
Web	www.vaizey.com
Tel	0207 219 6350

MARCHAM SOCIETY MEETING MARCH 2011

The 19th Century saw the Industrial Revolution sweep across Britain. Leaving in its wake small villages transformed into sprawling industrial towns, and beautiful cities transformed into industrial wastelands.

But where were Oxford's dark satanic mills?

Members of Marcham Society were once again informed and entertained by Liz Wooley, who came to tell us about Oxford's Late Victorian and Edwardian industrial buildings.

Inevitably, with Oxford University holding its sway throughout the city, there were no large ugly factories to spoil the dreaming spires. The first large scale industrial building was at the edge of the city in St Ebbes, and long since disappeared. This was the Gas works, built in 1818, and sited here for easy access for raw materials coming in, firstly by river, then later by rail. Even this building had a distinctly Gothic look about it. Another commodity, the Electricity Station built at Osney in 1892. This building, with its architecturally attractive Gothic façade, is still there, recently turned into modern apartments for the upwardly mobile.

Another set of industrial buildings mentioned, many people will remember, and again are still in existence, converted into apartments. These are the buildings of Morrell's Lion Brewery built in St Thomas Street in 1892. There were another two breweries in Oxford, both built in the Late Victorian Era. The Eagle brewery, built in 1869 in Park End Street. The other Hanley's City Brewery, part of which is still to be seen in Pembroke Street, now Oxford's Museum of Modern Art.

Of course any account of Industrial Oxford would not be complete without the mention of Lucy's Eagle Iron Works in Jericho, built in 1812, sadly all that is left of that building are the large iron gates with the initials 'W L' for William Lucy founder of the Iron Works, and an eagle sitting on a pillar. The gates now open on to more modern dwellings.

But next time you are in Oxford, look up and you will see the remains of Oxford's industrial heritage above the large plate glass windows of its shops and restaurants. Hyde's clothing factory built 1869 in Shoe Lane, once the largest commercial employers in Oxford, had its warehouse frontage in Queen Street, and can still be seen today above the shop front of East, as coincidence would have it, a clothing store! Zizzi, a fashionable restaurant in George Street, above which can still be seen the remains of WF Lucas' 1890 Underwear manufacturer, and Ladies outfitters.

Along with the well known factory of Frank Cooper, marmalade, opposite the railway station, now better know as The Jam Factory, Oxford's industrial buildings were far from 'dark satanic mills', they were in fact very attractive buildings built in contemporary styles of architecture.

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ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS

This month Little Angels have been learning all about the animals of the world from a panda in Asia, kangeroos in Australia to the birds we see around us in Marcham. Everyone enjoyed our own bird watching from our garden - looking at all the different birds we see in the sky using our binoculars from our hut, feeding the birds in the field and making a list of all the birds we have seen.

Our Holiday Club was a great success - we re-created our very own version of the Wizard of Oz. All the children learnt about all the characters - the Lion so we found our own courage, the Scarecrow so we had lots of different puzzles to use our brain, the Tin man lets us learnt about our heart. Learning about Dorothy made us think of home and where we live. The best part was making and everyday walking down our very own Yellow Brick road!! Then we watched the film in our own cinema with homemade popcorn.

For more information about the Angels Out of School Club please contact Helen or Kaye on 07516 474287 or at info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk.



Easter is Here



*Easter is here and school is out,
Children are free, they run and shout,
It's time for fun, it's time for play,
No more lessons, it's holidays
And Easter Eggs without a doubt.*

*The sun is shining, it is spring,
Flowers are a-bloom and birds sing,
New life, new hope has come again.
Easter is here.*

*Sunday morning the church bells ring
And Easter hymns all Christians sing,
On a donkey Lord Jesus came,
Palm leaves waving and loud acclaim,
Now He is risen, Christ the King.
Easter is here*

Doris Dowling

Latest news from the Marcham Moldova Lifeline:

Generous gifts and pledges from the Marcham community have enabled us to continue to support some of the poorest people in Moldova over last winter. In November our local partners in Moldova distributed 100 food parcels, each containing £10 of staples like oil, sugar, pasta and tinned fish. The recipients were specifically selected, with advice from social services, to be people likely to be most in need, especially the disabled who get very little care in Moldova. As the winter comes to an end, we are very glad to be able to pay for a further 100 food parcels to be distributed. Once again, we pass on heartfelt thanks from our partners in Moldova, who see the real effect of this expression of care from Marcham, especially at a time when food prices are rising steeply.

MARY EMBLETON



Marcham Moldova Lifeline

WOODWATCH FROM THE WOODLAND TRUST

WoodWatch is a campaign empowering people to take effective action to protect the woods and trees that are important in their community.



Think 'Neighbourhood Watch', only for woods and trees!

In fact, think Neighbourwood Watch!

Whether you are an individual or part of a community group, there are lots of things you can do to protect the woods and trees you care about, ancient or not.

www.woodwatch.org.uk 0800 026 9650

You don't have to kill woodland to destroy it... the impacts of insensitive and too-close development can be as devastating.

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Do You Need a Babysitter?

Year 11 'Our Ladies' Student available for Babysitting- 5 mile radius of Tubney. References can be provided.

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

Functions : We are open every Friday night from 8pm, Families welcome

Note the last Friday in the month is always a real ale, adults only night.

Friday 15th April – Quiz night, starting at 8.30pm

For more info contact Geoff Dix, secretary on 391577 or geoff.dix@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at the club



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Send C.V and your reasons for suitability for this position to Alison Day at mybeautyroom@btinternet.com or call 01865 321777

BBOWT Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

BBOWT Upper Thames group welcome any plants, seeds, cuttings etc for our May plant sale. Plants for garden, allotment and house. Further details of **plant sale on Saturday 14 May** at Botley in May issue, but if you can offer donations of plants please contact Ros Grigson 01865 390540.



27th May: Calling all bridge players - Alert your bridge playing friends to join in a friendly day of bridge in comfortable surroundings

Ticket price includes coffee at 10 am, Lunch with glass of wine and prizes to raise funds for BBOWT Upper Thames

To apply for tickets please contact Liz Ince 01865 300 658 email lizince29@googlemail.com

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

DEMENTIA INFORMATION LINE AND WEBSITE

Oxfordshire now has it's own Dementia Information Service. The telephone service is 01993 700061 and is available from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday (answerphone at other times). The website is www.dementiaweboxfordshire.org.uk



ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY SHOW

Sun 8th May, from 10am
Abingdon Airfield / Dalton Barracks

Flying Displays, Vintage Vehicles, Rick Chase live music, Kids Amusements, Crafts and much more.

Gate Admission; Adult £13, OAP £8, Child 5-15 £6, under 5s Free..

Advance tickets available, enquire via the website: www.abingdonfayre.com

Abingdon European Society

JET on the path to fusion energy: the Joint European Torus experiment at Culham

Francesco Romanelli

Saturday 16th March 7.15 for 7.30 p.m

St. Helen's Church Centre, St. Helen's Court, Abingdon
AES Members at the door & Students £5 Visitors £6.

Includes refreshments

Contact: Adrienne Compton-James 01235 522 193

NEW SCENIC WALKING ROUTES LAUNCHED

A series of scenic walking routes around the heart of the former royal hunting Forest of Wychwood has been officially launched.

The Wychwood Project, which involves local people in landscape conservation and restoration of the area, is promoting the four new circular routes that link in with the 37-mile Wychwood Way circuit in west Oxfordshire. The new routes were suggested by volunteers.

The walks, which range from four to seven miles in length, feature rolling farmland, ancient woodland and trackways, Roman villas and rural villages. The routes are downloadable from www.oxfordshire.gov.uk - just search for Wychwood walks



All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

The dreadful earthquake off the coast of Japan, and subsequent tsunami, again reminds us of the uncertainty of life on this fragile earth, and just how small human beings are when nature unleashes its powerful forces. It is truly humbling, and can cause us to reassess life's values, and the things that are really important.

One event that has shaken the world to its very foundations took place over two thousand years ago, yet the 'aftershocks' continue to deeply affect many millions of people across the world, even today. It was, and is, a life-changing event, a pivotal moment in life's history, and one that will never be repeated. What that event accomplished has huge implications for every living being – even for the whole natural world.

Got you guessing? Perhaps it's time to reflect again on Holy Week, Easter and Christ!

An Hour Out:

Do you sometimes wish you could talk to someone about what you do and don't believe, how you feel about faith, how you try to pray, what you'd like to understand about the Bible but never dared to ask, where you can say whatever you like? I would like to offer you the opportunity to have that space and an hour's undivided attention as your parish priest. Every conversation will be strictly confidential. If you would prefer to be part of a small discussion group, we can arrange that too. Just give me a call or email me.

May Easter this year bring you renewed hope in an uncertain world, and the courage to face the future with all its challenges and joys. May the joy and peace of the risen Christ become yours this year, and may His living presence embrace you and those you love in a special way.

I wish you a truly Happy Easter, and our warmest congratulations to Prince William and Kate on their royal wedding! (April 29th).

With my warmest best wishes,
Revd Richard Zair

Prayer for the Month:

Dear Lord, Please help those caught up in the natural disasters in our world, and especially in Japan at the moment. Please comfort those who have lost loved ones and livelihoods, and help them to have hope.

Thank you for the wonder, hope and joy of Easter, and all that it can mean to us today. Thank you that you are alive to meet us where we are, and to help us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

APRIL calendar:

Regular events:

Sat 2nd April: 8.00 am Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club

Sat 9th April: 8.30 am The Changing Room – Women's breakfast at Manor Farm boardroom

Church services:

Mothering Sunday - April 3rd: All Age Service (10.00 am at All Saints')

Palm Sunday – April 17th: Morning Praise (10.00 am at All Saints')

Maundy Thursday – April 21st: Special Service (7.30 pm at All Saints')

Good Friday – April 22nd: An hour at the Cross (2.00 pm a united service **at St. Mary Magdalene, Shippon**)

EASTER DAY – April 24th:

At All Saints':	At St Luke's:
8 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Holy Communion
10 am Family Communion	
6 pm Easter Praise	

Please note: our Annual Parish Meeting and APCM take place at All Saints' after the morning service on Sunday April 10th.

Parish People:

On 27th February, Isla Grace Cousins, daughter of Steve and Claire Cousins, was baptised and welcomed into the church family.

Regular services:

Sundays at All Saints': 10 am and 6 pm (8 am first Sunday and Easter Day)

Wednesdays: 10.30 am Holy Communion at Duffield Place

Sundays at St. Luke's: 10.30 am on the first Sunday and Easter Day

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Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

April 2011



**Sunday Morning Worship
at 10.30 am**

(Communion every first Sunday)

Our speakers for April include:

April 3rd Mothering Sunday with Mrs Pat Band of Witney

April 10th Mr Maurice Glover of Grove

April 17th Mr Keith Mersh of Marcham Baptist Church

April 22nd Good Friday Service at 10:30am 'At the foot of the Cross'

April 24th Easter Day Celebration with Rev Brian John of Wantage

Everyone welcome



I am sure that like most you will have been astounded at images on our TV screens of earthquakes in New Zealand and Japan, meltdown of supposed earthquake-proof nuclear power plants and civil unrest across the Middle East. In the past 18 months, there have been major wild fires in Turkey, Australia and the USA, serious draughts and subsequent floods across Australia and many other worldwide catastrophes.

Do you ever wonder what the world is coming to?

After the massive earthquake in Japan, a nephew of mine posted a comment recently on Facebook. He said "*What another natural disaster? Do you think this is the end of days?*" This was not a comment aimed directly at me but posted on his Facebook wall. He has no discernible religious inclinations but my nephew echoed the concerns of many and without realising it his "*end of days*" comment speaks right into the way that Jesus talked about the times that mankind would experience before He returned.



Jesus' words on this subject are recorded chiefly in two passages of the New Testament but the Bible also has a significant number of other references to "*the end days*", the beginnings of which are marked by earthquakes, famines, floods, wars and civil unrest.

Join us on April 17th at 10.30am to hear what is recorded in scripture about the end days and how this connects intimately with the cross and the celebration of Easter the following weekend.

Keith Mersh

For further information on church activities:

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