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Normal day	Revised day	Which bin?
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Tuesday 30 Aug	Wednesday 31 Aug	Green
Wednesday 31 Aug	Thursday 1 Sept	Green
Thursday 1 Sept	Friday 2 Sept	Green
Friday 2 Sept	Saturday 3 Sept	Green

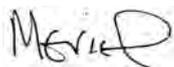
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Dear Readers

At last the summer has arrived, drizzly rain, cloudy skies and a breeze – my perfect summer! The longest day has been and gone and we are sliding back towards cosy nights in front of the fire (or radiator!) with intriguing TV serials or reams of weekend papers, heaven.

Enjoy your summer!

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Vacancies on the Parish Council**

The Parish Council is pleased in the interest shown in filling the 2 remaining vacant seats that existed on the Council following the elections in May. The Council has now been able to co-opt Mrs. Judith Brown of Frilford Road and Mrs. Jane Fabes of Sheepteat Road as members of the Council to serve until the next elections in 2015. They can be contacted via the clerk and their details will appear in due course on the council's noticeboard outside of the Institute.

**Community Led Plan**

At the recent meeting of the Parish Council, Mr. Jim Asher, from the Marcham Community Group spoke about the group's plans for a community led plan which it intends to undertake to support its initiatives for community facilities. The Parish Council had, in the past, considered undertaking a parish plan and had formed a working party to look at updating the village appraisal which was carried out in 1994. In view of the MCG's current community plan proposal, to do one wider assessment of the needs of the village looking at all issues relevant for Marcham seemed the most logical position. The Parish Council has therefore resolved to support a community led plan and will be present on 7th July at the public meeting, when this is launched. The Parish Council would encourage residents to attend and learn how to participate in and make a contribution to improving the well-being of the area.

**Best Kept Garden Competition**

First round judging has now taken place and 3 gardens from each zone have been selected to go forwards into the final round of judging. The next round of judging will take place in July. It is planned to present the prizes at the beginning of the September meeting of the Parish Council, so all first, second and third place winners will be notified in good time. Oxfordshire County Council – Application Process for free bus passes (concessionary fares scheme). At the moment the district councils process applications for bus passes. From April 2012 the county council will take over the administration. The county council is looking at ways to standardise the issuing process across the county. It is inviting those who currently hold a bus pass or those who are eligible for one in the near future to complete an on-line questionnaire. This can be found on the county council's website at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk) under the section "respond to a consultation". The deadline for comments is 10th July.

**Oxfordshire County Council – Library Services consultation**

Initially last year the county council was proposing to close some of the libraries in the county in order to make financial savings. Some central government funding has now been allocated and the current proposal is to keep all libraries open with some sustained by volunteers. Full details of the county council's proposals and a consultation questionnaire can be found on its website at

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk) under the section "respond to a consultation". The deadline for comments is 30th September.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 13 July 2011 at 7.30pm. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place. This will be the first meeting of the new Council  
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Dear Editor

**Royal Wedding Day Tea in Marcham**

Wat a lovely idea and such a happy event. Thank you MCG and helpers who made this possible.

**GRETA GOULDING**

Dear Editor

How many of these charity bags that we get through our doors really end up helping a charity? Let's take a stand and say NO to charity bags through our letterboxes. Either use them as bin bags or put them straight into the recycling bin.

**FED UP OF MARCHAM**

<p><b>HELP NEEDED</b></p> <p>Occasional help needed with light gardening/odd jobs. Would suit student or early retired person. Please ring 391489 preferably evenings.</p>
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**Runaway Rabbit**  
Has anyone lost a brown rabbit? There is one hopping around Chancel Way / King's Avenue...!

**Zippedy Doo Dah**

Trish Wagstaff would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to all you wonderful people at Marcham, Frilford, Gozards Ford, Tubney and Cothill for your support and most generous sponsorship for my High Wire Zip across the River Trent in aid of **Marie Curie Cancer Care**.

I zipped on Sat June 11th, steeply and quickly (!) in good weather. Tho' a bit apprehensive as 5 of us swayed gently in a large basket at the top of a very high crane, the view was so spectacular that the descent became an exhilarating experience and I felt I'd reached the other side too quickly! With your help the amount raised was **£9,200** (without the Gift Aid which will be sorted out later).

	<p><b>Anchor</b> has launched 'Grey Pride', a nationwide campaign to petition the British government to appoint a Minister for Older People.</p> <p>Sign the petition online at <a href="http://www.greypride.org.uk">www.greypride.org.uk</a> or in Marcham Post Office or call 0845 140 2020 for more information. <a href="http://www.anchor.org.uk">www.anchor.org.uk</a></p> <p>Anchor has more than 40 years' experience of working with older people and providing residential care homes – so we know how to help you get the best out of life.</p>
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**The Marcham Annual Parish Meeting** took place on 18 May. There were two guest speakers: John Nichols, Divisional Director - Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, South Central Ambulance Service who gave a very informative overview of the Ambulance Service and its bid to become a Foundation Trust - see page 7 for more details.

The second speaker was Squadron Leader Deborah Easby, former pupil of Marcham primary school, who spoke movingly about the role of the RAF's critical Care Air Support Team (CCAST) in bringing home not only injured personnel from Afghanistan and other war zones, but also anyone from a military family posted overseas if necessary. CCAST is about to move to Brize Norton from its former home at Lyneham. Deborah showed some amazing images including the inside of an ordinary passenger aircraft, completely gutted and turned into a intensive care unit. She reminded us that we may think the helicopters are a nuisance but the practice they get around the peaceful Oxfordshire countryside is vital for when they have to fly under fire in hostile territory. Deborah also gave us a nudge about donating blood if we are able - it is needed for military as well as civilian patients.

Unfortunately neither our County or District Councillor could attend but their reports were ably read out by Will Cumber (Iain) and Dave Walton (Jane) and are printed below. There were also reports from the Parish Council, Burial Committee, Parochial Charity Accounts and the Marcham Community Group. There was a brief Q&A session followed by drinks and nibbles. Thanks to the speakers, Marcham Parish Council and Clerk for arranging a very interesting evening.

**County Councillor's Report**

My sincere apologies for not being here with you all tonight, I am at meetings in London that could not be rearranged.

I will not start by saying what great value the County Council offers, because that is a judgement for the Council Tax payers - myself included. The coming three years will see a large reduction in spending and, unfortunately, services provided by Oxfordshire County Council.

The County have to cut £119M from the overall budget in the next 3 years.

In the first year the cut is £59M, making the cuts front loaded. Some people argue that this is too much, too soon. I disagree, and look to the desperate financial situation in other European countries and hope that our difficult, but necessary actions will avoid the calamity that threatens Greece, Portugal and Ireland at this time. The UK has similar debt levels to these countries per head of population.

I continue to take an active role in certain aspects of the County's functions from the backbenches.

Two areas close to my heart are the wonderful Oxfordshire County Music service and our 3 fantastic Outdoor Education Centres. They are located in Yenworthy in Devon, *July / August 2011*

Glasbury-on-Wye in Wales and Kilvrough in South Wales. These centres are not high profile and could easily have been sold off without too many people realising what a great asset they are to the children of Oxfordshire.

The centres faced an uncertain future, but after working closely with the heads of the centres and staff at OCC, they might show a surplus in their accounts this year and look to be on course to secure wider support from joint working with other County Councils that have lost their own centres.

Marcham School continues to be more in demand than ever, due to the growing village population and the excellent standards at the school. I will continue to work with the School and the Governors to ensure that the School can continue to meet the future needs of Marcham and its catchment.

The proposed reservoir has been dealt a severe blow by the findings of the Public Inquiry, but I am not resting for a moment, Thames Water will come back again with this project, and they will need to be kept in check. There are plenty of other ways to provide an adequate, abundant and secure water supply for London and the South East without destroying valuable, productive farmland in Oxfordshire - who says so? The Secretary of State for the Environment, that's who.....and I'm grateful to her for that! The Localism Bill will ascend Parliament sometime in the New Year and will give local Councils much more say over planning and local services, be ready for it, as it is the most far reaching and important piece of legislation on local government for 50 years. I'm sure the Parish council and the Clerk will keep up to speed on this issue.

Finally, the new Vale District Council will make things more interesting in future, as my party at County Hall can no longer blame the Vale District for getting things wrong....we are the same colour now!

I will happily answer any questions arising in writing.

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**District Councillor's Report**

Firstly my apologies for not attending your Annual Parish Meeting. My family is taking a holiday planned some time ago and to those of you who saw me hobbling about in the final days before the elections on May 5 - No - It will not be a walking holiday!

From a Vale-wide perspective the year has been dominated by a number of major issues including: Preparations for, and rolling out of, the new waste contract has been a very major task.

There were inevitably some hiccoughs but on the whole the new service has bedded down well and from reactions on the doorstep is generally very positive. Some residents are asking for bigger bins, some

for smaller bins and I will endeavour to see if these requests can be accommodated. The new scheme is set to save at least £400,000 each year over the life of the contract, recycling rates have roughly doubled to around 70% and CO2 emissions from collection vehicles roughly halved as less mileage is required compared to the old service.

- The year was also spent in determining how the District Council could best plan and budget for what was bound to be a tough Central Government settlement which was finally announced in December. Through savings made in restructuring the senior management team, including joint working with South Oxfordshire (£750,000 per annum) we were able to set a budget which saw no significant cuts to front line services, which reinstated the Community Grants scheme from which many local voluntary organisations have benefited and which kept the Council Tax frozen at a levy amongst the very lowest in the whole of England and Wales.

- There have also been the beginnings of a major change to the way Councils are required to plan for housing, other development and infrastructural needs. Previously it was the Council's Local Plan with Government Policy effectively flowing down from the Region to the Counties to the Districts which determined, for example, how many new dwellings each area should plan for in the medium to long term. This system was due to be replaced with the Local Development Framework, a slightly more bottom up than top down approach but this has now effectively been put on ice whilst the new government consults on the entirety of Planning Policy during 2011. I live in hope, but not necessarily in expectation, that the new rules when unveiled will give much more power to local communities right down to Parish level.

- Other important progress includes the Vale negotiating 53 million pounds for Abingdon Town from Scottish Widows and the refusal following public inquiry of a large reservoir south of Marcham following opposition from the Vale and from others.

Finally, my thanks to those of you who supported me in the recent elections but whether you did or not I will continue to represent you to the best of my ability and will be more than happy to deal with any individual issues and concerns you have in relation to District Council matters. I am obviously disappointed to lose so many able colleagues at the Vale but will ensure that we scrutinise and hold to account the new administration in a positive way to ensure the best outcome for all residents.

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**REPORTS FROM MARCHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING CONTINUED**

**OXFORDSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, SOUTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE SERVICE**

**What is a Foundation Trust?**

Foundation trusts are a new type of NHS organisation which were first introduced in 2004. Foundation trusts have greater freedoms to manage their own affairs and to decide on priorities and how services are provided. To date, more than a hundred hospital and mental health trusts have been granted foundation trust status. Ambulance services have been able to apply to become foundation trusts since April 2009. South East Cost Ambulance service was the first to be granted FT status in March 2011.

**Why should we become a foundation trust?**

With the government changes to the NHS, all trusts will have to become foundation trusts in the next three years. This will result in NHS trusts having the responsibility for managing their own resources in the best way possible to deliver care and to meet the health needs of their communities.

**Why should I become a member?**

By becoming a member of our Trust you will have the opportunity to get involved in the decisions we make and to influence the way in which we plan and develop our services. Members can work with us to inform us of their needs and to help us shape the services of the future.

**Will being a member take up a lot of time?**

We appreciate that all of our members are different and will want to have different levels of involvement with our Trust. How involved you become is completely up to you:

- You can be kept up-to-date with the latest SCAS news and information or
- You can take part in discussions, workshops and focus groups about our services and how they could be developed.
- You can stand for election to sit on our Council of Governors (all of our members can vote in the elections). Or you can do all of these if you wish. Any amount of support is appreciated.

**Will this change how the ambulance cares for patients?**

Becoming an FT will enable us to make our own decisions about when and where we need to change our services and will give us the financial freedom to make the necessary improvements. This will benefit our patients, our communities and our own staff.

For more information please contact [getinvolved@scas.nhs.uk](mailto:getinvolved@scas.nhs.uk)  
**JOHN NICHOLS** Divisional Director - Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, South Central Ambulance Service



*Do something amazing today – give blood*

96% of us rely on the other 4% to give blood. Please don't leave it to someone else. Most people can give blood. If you are generally in good health, age 17 to 65 (if it's your first time) and weigh at least 7st 12lb you can donate. You can give blood every 16 weeks, that's approximately every four months.

**[www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) 0300 123 23 23**

This September, the analogue television signal will be switched off forever and replaced with a digital signal. Your TV equipment will need to be digital-compatible, otherwise you will not be able to watch TV! See the leaflet recently delivered for more details or call 08456 505050 or Freephone 0800 408 5900 for information about the Switchover Helpscheme. You can also contact ORCC on 01993 883488.



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**ED VAIZEY WRITES...**

Recently I've received a huge number of letters and emails about all kinds of issues, including, this month, some emails about the introduction of cooking lessons in schools.

This campaign was sparked by an Early Day Motion, tabled by Zac Goldsmith MP, which supports adding cooking to the National Curriculum. While I, as a Minister, cannot sign EDMs, I do broadly agree with the spirit of this one.

It is vital that our children should be taught how to make healthy food choices - better nutrition means better health and it's as simple as that. I have been very supportive of recent efforts in the media, like those by Jamie Oliver, that have tried to introduce children to the preparation and enjoyment of good food. Without the confidence to try cooking in the kitchen we can easily be tempted to the realms of fast food and unhealthy eating.

The Department for Education is currently undertaking a review which aims to slim down the national curriculum allowing greater flexibility for schools to include subjects that they think are in the best interests of their pupil's education. Practical lessons like cooking are likely to be included in this part of the review and I am eager to see the outcomes.

Another serious issue that I am contacted about is wild animals being used in circuses. The Government has estimated that this practice is now so unpopular that only 3 circuses still use wild animals in England. Unfortunately, DEFRA has received clear legal advice that any ban on this practice would be illegal under current UK and EU law. However, I am pleased that DEFRA have wasted no time on this issue and have introduced a licensing regime meaning circuses must prove to official government vets that they are meeting the new VERY high welfare standards. If circuses cannot meet these demanding welfare standards then they will not be allowed to use wild animals in their performances at all. On local issues I have been working with Iain Brown on the issue of some parents not getting places at the school, and I hope we can resolve the matter satisfactorily. I hope to make the Marcham Open meeting this month.

Finally, if anyone wishes to contact me then please write to [ed.vaizey.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:ed.vaizey.mp@parliament.uk) or visit my website, [vaizey.com](http://vaizey.com), for details about my upcoming surgeries.

**MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY**

*5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise*

July 1	<b>Didcot</b> , King Alfred Drive Community Centre, OX11 7NU
July 8	<b>Wallingford</b> , Town Hall, OX10 0AD
July 15	<b>Wantage</b> , Civic Hall, OX12 9BX
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# Marcham Community Group

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

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## LOGO IN NEXT ISSUE

A composite  
of the three leading entries  
is being designed.

15 <sup>th</sup> June TOTALS TO DATE	Membership	Donations	Local events	Bank balance	5p coins
	212	£1876	£920	£4265	1220

### A community-led plan

**MCG has always intended to hold detailed consultations on the needs and wishes of the community before making any proposals. This is when that consultation really starts.**

It has become clear from discussions with the District Council and Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) that it will be very difficult to get grant funding in the absence of a village plan that demonstrates a community need for what we are trying to do. This applies even to the relatively modest amounts we would be asking for to pay for professional advice for the scoping and architectural studies that would be needed for further consultations and when making applications for major capital grants.

ORCC has advised us to develop a plan that at least covers facilities but could be widened to become a full village plan. They will support and advise us on the now well-established community-led process for developing such a plan. We propose to adapt the house-to-house consultation that we were intending to carry out later this year so that it can become part of the community-led process.

To move forward as quickly as possible, we will use the reporting back meeting that had been arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> July (with a second, afternoon, session the following week) to launch the plan process. Details of the meetings are below.

**Please put the dates in your diary now. Everyone's views are important.** And it is important that the working groups that will develop the community-led plan should include a wide cross-section of the local community. We hope that many people will feel able to contribute actively to the development of the plan once they hear how the community-led process works.

### Recent fundraising events

The **Isis Chamber Orchestra** gave its third annual charity concert in All Saints' Church on 21<sup>st</sup> May playing works by Delius, Finzi and Beethoven that reflected the spring evening outside. It was an enjoyable evening and, for the village, an event most people could walk to.

MCG is very grateful to the orchestra for making this a charity concert and to Marcham PCC for naming MCG as the charity to receive the proceeds this year.



**A very different event** was held on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> June, though equally enjoyable, reflecting the spring and within walking distance

for most people in the village. Christine Wild organised an open garden and coffee morning at her house in North Street. Our thanks to Christine for the funds she raised for MCG.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Everyone is invited to the launch of a new phase of our project: the development of a Community Plan**

**Thursday 7 July 7.30-9.30 pm  
All Saints' Church**

OR

**Tuesday 12 July 2.00-3.00 pm  
Sports, Scouts and Social Club  
Anson Field**

**Come and join us for refreshments and to share your views.**

We hope that those who cannot come to the evening meeting will be able to come to the afternoon session the following week.

**TO CONTACT MCG** email [mail@marcham.org](mailto:mail@marcham.org) or phone 391193 (Suzanne), 391727 (Jim) or 391507 (Jessica)

Marcham Community Group, Company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales number 7470307

Launch of Community Plan Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm All Saints' Church



## Marcham WI July 2011

Our speaker at the June meeting was Michaela Coppack, talking about China restoration. She brought an amazing array of complicated pieces of china, some completely restored and some nearly so. Her work was perfection itself, and her enthusiasm made her a really good speaker. The July meeting is to be a garden party at the home of one of our members. (please ring Christine Whild for further details as to how to get there). There will be a "Bring and Share" supper, and it sounds as though there will be an "Ascot" flavour to the evening, as we are asked to enter into the spirit of things by wearing a flowery hat!

### Future Events

28 July Visit to Brighton Pavilion  
9 August "The River Boat Scene" Watercolour workshop.  
16 August Visit to Eton and Windsor

### NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm Thursday 21 July 2011

### Garden Party with Bring and Share Supper

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

### THE W.I. ARE MUCH MUCH MORE THAN TEAS AND CAKES, COME AND SEE!

Visitors welcome - £3 contribution - or why not joins us?

### ABINGDON PILGRIMS HOCKEY CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

Our season begins 5th September until end of April, we are currently playing in a Summer League. We train every Monday 7-8pm at Tilsley Park with matches most Saturdays  
ALL abilities welcome age 15yrs + for further information contact RUTH 07714960563/rbprior@hotmail.com or come and see us at training we are very friendly! www.abingdon-pilgrims.co.uk

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

Please remember there is a sports fixture almost every Saturday afternoon & you are welcome to join us after the game for a drink.

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.

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

*We look forward to seeing you at the club*

### MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

#### Thursday, July 7th.

The July walk explores a quiet area of the Cotswolds near Witney. We meet at The Masons Arms (Map Ref SP385130) in North Leigh, at 12.30pm for lunch, starting our walk, of about 4 miles, at 1.30.



#### Thursday August 4th.

For the August walk we will eat at the Barley Mow (Map Ref SU548953) near the famous Thames bridge in Clifton Hampden. The walk of just over 4 miles follows stretches of both the Thames Path and Oxford Greenbelt Way. Timings as for July. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.

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### Have your say...police surgery

- Thursday 7 July 1200-1400  
Police Office, Wootton Community Centre
- Saturday 16 July 1000-1200  
Duffield Place, Marcham
- Wednesday 20th July 1000-1130  
Dalton Barracks
- Monday 25th July 1400-1600  
Police Office, Wootton Community Centre
- Thursday 11 Aug 1300-1500  
Duffield Place, Marcham
- Tuesday 23rd Aug 0900-1100  
Police Office, Wootton Community Centre
- Friday 9th Sept 1400-1600  
Duffield Place, Marcham

### PCSO Carly Milward C6157

**Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team**  
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill  
Non-emergency number: 0845 8 505 505

### Remedial Work to the Walnut Trees on the Anson Field

In January's issue we reported that the three walnut trees on the Anson Field needed to have their weight reduced by 20%, by pruning of certain boughs. The pruning has been delayed until now, as walnut trees are prone to bleeding until the summer. It is anticipated that the pruning will be carried out towards the end of July by a local tree surgeon.

The Directors of the Arthur Anson Memorial Trust Ltd.

**To contact the Anson Trust:** 8 Hyde Copse, Marcham OX13 6PT  
ansontrustmarcham@yahoo.co.uk

The BBQ season is here!

If your own BBQ just isn't big enough for those family/friends gatherings then we have 3 rustic, authentic oil drum BBQs that will do the job. Donations for the village minibus on booking. Call Charles or Rachel on 391432.

### MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The Marcham Cricket Club OCA Fixtures for July and August are as given below. **New players or umpires are welcome.** Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for information relating to Marcham CC. **CSB**



July	1st XI	2nd XI
2	Minster Lovell <i>Home</i>	Chadlington II <i>Away</i>
9	Westbury <i>Away</i>	Oxenford II <i>Away</i>
16	Great Horwood <i>Home</i>	Steventon <i>Away</i>
23	Horley <i>Home</i>	West Ilsley II <i>Away</i>
30	Charlbury <i>Away</i>	Faringdon II <i>Home</i>
Aug		
6	Garsington <i>Away</i>	Uffington II <i>Home</i>
13	East Oxford <i>Home</i>	Eynsham II <i>Away</i>
20	Shrivenham <i>Away</i>	Sunningwell <i>Home</i>
27	Tetsworth <i>Home</i>	Coombe II <i>Away</i>

### Tea Dance

Civic Hall, Portway, Wantage OX12 9BX  
14.00 – 16.30 Friday 8 July  
£3 including tea and biscuits.  
Parking nearby £1 for 3 hours  
3mins from 31 bus stop  
Call 01235 763 456 for more details



**SCHOOL NEWS**

***Pirates Invade Marcham Primary School***

This week the children have enjoyed a host of pirate activities, as part of their creative arts week. These have included.....

- Composing soundtrack music for a new pirate movie.
- Fending off scurvy with delicious fruit kebabs.
- Acting and dancing out life onboard ship
- Burying treasure and making a map using a compass

*"I liked the music we did with Miss Copland to the story The Night Pirates."* Hannah Whittaker – Anson Class

The school even had a visit from a real life pirates – Captain Skull and Peggy Peg Leg. They showed the children all of the interesting things they would have used in everyday life. On seeing the pirates shoot from their Flintlock Blunderbuss, Tom Pooley from Denman Class said *"It was the best lesson ever!!"* Also Oliver Bailey from Foundation Stage said *"I really liked learning to fight with real swords!"*

VIV HUTCHINSON

**MARCHAM TODDLERS**

We need HELP. Could you offer to join a rota to help at Toddlers? We meet every Tuesday in All Saints' Church from 10 till 11.45am. If you are interested, please call Denise 391727 or Anne 391141.

**MARCHAM PLAYERS**

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](http://www.marchamplayers.co.uk)



**ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS**

We have been very busy at Little Angels, covering the topic of people who help us. We had a nurse visit us and show the children how to bandage and look after ourselves, we turned our home corner into a hospital and spent fun role playing. We also looked at fireman and police making fire engines, police helmets etc. Previously we completed a topic of weddings, royal wedding celebrations in the garden and Hindu, Christian, Jewish, Muslim wedding, the children dressed up in costumes and looked in depth at different customs, cultures and traditions.



In the holiday club we covered the topic of knights and castles, we made our own suit of armour created a castle from large boxes and presented our own jousting competition to the younger children, naming ourselves, Knight of Tesco's, Knight of Abingdon, Knight of Marcham etc. great fun and very enjoyable. If you require any information about the holiday or after school club we will be operational through the summer please feel free to pop into the sports and social club on Anson Field any time between 10 -12, Monday to Friday. We are looking forward to the summer with visits to Cotswold wildlife park, fun at the park and garden. We also had a fun evening with parents, staff and children on our traditional

MARCHAM SCHOOL SUMMER FETE  
 SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2-4PM  
 CREAM TEAS, BBQ, BEER TENT.  
 STALLS, GAMES, FACE AND NAIL PAINTING,  
 TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE.  
 ALL WELCOME – WHATEVER THE WEATHER!

rounders evening. Hot dogs and burgers were available along with a bouncy castle for the younger children, fun rounders competition and sociable evening was had by all. We have also been busy with our garden, our new purchase of a wigwam has been greeted with happy faces by the children and constantly used, and our little baby angels have now got their own little baby garden, complete with baby swing giving them the opportunity to spend more time outside in their own safe area.

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

**AUTISM ALERT CARD SCHEME**

Autism Oxford is launching Oxfordshire's first Autism Alert Card Scheme, which offers a card free to anyone on the Autism Spectrum in Oxfordshire. The card can be used to alert Thames Valley Police, members of the public and other emergency services and organisations that the person carrying the card may require special attention. It will carry simple advice and contact details of someone to call in case of emergency. Autistic behaviour is easy to misinterpret. For example, when anxious, stressed or under pressure, someone on the autism spectrum may suffer a panic attack or a freeze response. The Card Scheme will:

- Offer, free of charge, people of all ages in Oxfordshire an easily identifiable and verifiable means of disclosing that they are on the autism spectrum
- Help autistic people in difficult situations find sources of local support
- Help Thames Valley Police, local emergency services and Oxfordshire organisations to identify they are dealing with someone who has autism
- Promote better management of issues and situations involving people with Autism
- Help Cardholders feel safer and more confident when out and about
- Provide Autism Awareness Training to Police Officers and PCSOs
- Enable Thames Valley Police to ensure all people with autism receive an excellent, fair and appropriate service from the police

There will be separate launches, between July 2011 and April 2012, for the Autism Alert Card scheme in 4 areas of Oxfordshire, namely South Oxfordshire & Vale of the White Horse, West Oxfordshire, Cherwell, & Oxford City.

The first launch will be 11am -12 Tuesday 12th July, 2011 at the Roysse Room, Abingdon Guildhall. Entry is free, but places are limited and must be booked in advance with Autism Oxford. Email [info@autismoxford.org.uk](mailto:info@autismoxford.org.uk) with your name and saying whether or not you would like to book a lunch. To apply for an Autism Alert Card or for more information about the scheme, please contact Autism Oxford after 12th July 2011: [info@autismoxford.org.uk](mailto:info@autismoxford.org.uk) 0844 381 4484 (calls cost 5p per minute at any time from a bt landline, mobile providers may charge more).

[www.autismoxford.org.uk](http://www.autismoxford.org.uk)



**Marcham Primary School**

If you have young children and would like to register an interest in your child attending Marcham School in the future, please fill in and return this form to school as soon as possible. This form is not an application to school and does not guarantee a place, but will allow us to plan the future of the school and help with our discussions with the Admissions Team at Oxfordshire County Council.

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Male/Female

A new occasional series starts this month... Snippets. This is a chance to learn a little bit more about our neighbours - we may chat to them in the PO, know all about their garden or dog, but what about their other lives and the interesting things they have done... The first one is from Jean Creasy about family days in the Camaroons.

**An African Adventure**

Fifty years ago the Southern Camaroons was still a British mandated territory. For convenience it was administered from Nigeria and Donald was appointed Provincial Engineer in Bamenda, an area the size of Wales and twice as mountainous. From time to time it was necessary for him to spend a night away from home in a rest house. On one such occasion when I was on my own with our three small daughters I was wakened by yelps from the dog who was shut in the kitchen and obviously in great agony. Lighting a lamp (we had no electricity) I went to investigate and found the room seething with soldier ants. The dog bolted into the garden, rolling over and over to free himself from the vicious bites. In the children's room I checked the dishes that the bed and cot legs stood in were full of paraffin. I breathed a big sigh of relief when I saw that the army of ants was proceeding steadily out under the front door. There is no doubt that without my intervention the dog would have been only a pile of bones by the morning. These ants, up to an inch long, were virtually unstoppable. They moved in columns two or three abreast, moving quite fast, and it might take a whole day for the column to pass. When they came to a stream the front ants would float out, the ants behind holding their back legs. This would continue until there was a bridge across the water and the rest of the column were able to cross on their backs. They fed on animal matter - the house boys were pleased the ants had been through the kitchen. They went into every nook and cranny and consumed all the cockroach eggs and larvae. Foodstuffs were kept in a netted cage that hung from the ceiling with a container of paraffin round the suspension hook. Everything seemed in order so I went back to bed. The children hadn't stirred.

JEAN CREASY

**CHANGES TO NON-EMERGENCY PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICES**



Patients travel from all over Oxfordshire for appointments at hospitals and other health providers. Many of these patients use non-emergency transport services - these are not emergency ambulances and may be single driver vehicles or vehicles designed for wheelchair or stretcher access. NHS Oxfordshire is asking for your views on the future of these services. You may have used these services yourself, know someone who uses them or feel that any changes to this service may affect local people.

If you would like to find out more about the changes, take part in the consultation or answer the questionnaire you can take a look at what is happening online as follows <http://bitly.com/Patienttransport> or contact NHS Oxfordshire on 01865 334641

In Oxfordshire the current criteria for patients to be eligible for this service are:

- you require continuous oxygen.
- you require a stretcher.
- you have a disability that prevents you from travelling by private or public transport.
- you have a medical condition that may deteriorate if you were to travel by private or public transport.
- you are having certain types of on-going treatment i.e. chemotherapy, radiology or renal dialysis. These are called "essential" journeys.

In addition if you meet any of the above criteria, you may be able to travel with an escort, if one or more of the following apply:

- you are under 16 years of age
- you have significant communication difficulties, including learning difficulties, impaired sight or are hard of hearing
- you have a mental health problem that prevents you from travelling alone
- you have a medical condition that requires constant supervision for your own safety
- you require a carer at your destination.

In future we plan to ask a set of questions before a booking is made and the patient's needs will be given a score. Patients who do not meet the score will not be able to access this service and will be asked to make their own way to their appointments.

The patient eligibility for the service will be assessed by either ambulance staff via a patient booking line or healthcare staff in treatment centres / GP surgeries / secondary care.

**For further information please contact Judy McCulloch 01865 334363 [judy.mcculloch@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk](mailto:judy.mcculloch@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk)**

*July*

*Birds sing in the leafy trees,  
Butterflies hover amid the flowers,  
The meadow is scorched in the July heat,  
But will revive in a summer shower.*

*Now, amid the ripening corn,  
Harvest mice breed without fear -  
But little mice, beware, beware,  
Harvest time is getting near!*

*Fox cubs have ventured from their den  
To seek for prey as their parents taught,  
Nature, now somnolent and still,  
Smiles at the beauty she has wrought.*

Doris Dowling

**Marcham/Frilford Dig July 2011**

**THE ELEVENTH AND THE LAST YEAR!**

This is a reminder that this year as before the public are welcome to visit this fantastic and large Oxford University Training Dig. Archaeologists are at work every day except Saturdays for the 4 weeks from Sunday 3 July and the site is open to visitors.



The best day to come will be NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY - SUNDAY 24 JULY 10-4 when there will be guided tours and other attractions. Watch out for posters! You can look at [http://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/research/research\\_projects/marcham](http://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/research/research_projects/marcham) to find out more about the dig.

It is not too late to apply to dig in the 'People's Trench' for a day or two - intended to give an ENJOYABLE hands-on archaeological training and experience to local people. Or on some days volunteers can take part in communal pot-washing!

For further information please contact Janey Cumber on 01865-391327/391840 or by email [janey.cumber@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janey.cumber@tiscali.co.uk).

**I YAM WHAT I YAM**

A rather unusual subject for this month's brief article...and that is "what is the difference between a sweet potato and a yam" or are they one and the same thing? The Yanks commonly refer to sweet potatoes as yams but yams are a considerably different vegetable. The inner yam flesh is distinctly orange compared to the yellow insides of a sweet potato. Yams also have a more oily texture compared to the dry floury texture of the sweet potato. Yams are also much longer and heavier. Large yams can be boiled or fried whereas as the smaller ones tend to be sweeter and are better roasted. Although baking is not good for yams at all whereas sweet potatoes thrive by being cooked this way.



If you have tried sweet potatoes before from a supermarket and didn't like their taste, try cooking them again as many people cook them incorrectly. Scrub but never peel sweet potatoes, ideally wrap in silver foil with a little butter and just bake for one hour. If you would like to boil sweet potatoes, do so until tender and only then remove the skin and mash with milk and a little butter. It may seem simple but this is all you have to do, often people go crazy and over cook them. My wife likes to microwave them and she finds that they cook several minutes quicker than normal potatoes and are much softer.

You may not know that sweet potatoes are actually a superfood because they contain the fat soluble vitamins A, D, E, and K which help reduce cholesterol, kill cancer cells, wipe out infection, great if you are on a diet or tackling obesity, and can be part of an anti-diabetic diet, impressive eh!

One piece of pointless trivia that I would like to share with you as I only found this out recently is that sweet potatoes are totally, utterly and completely removed from the potato family - they are in fact part of the bindweed family, surprised, I was!

**Happy Gardening,  
STUART MABBUTT**

**HEDGEHOG STREET**

Through Hedgehog Street, we are asking people to become Hedgehog Champions to rally support from their neighbours and work together to create ideal hedgehog habitat throughout their street, estate or communal grounds.

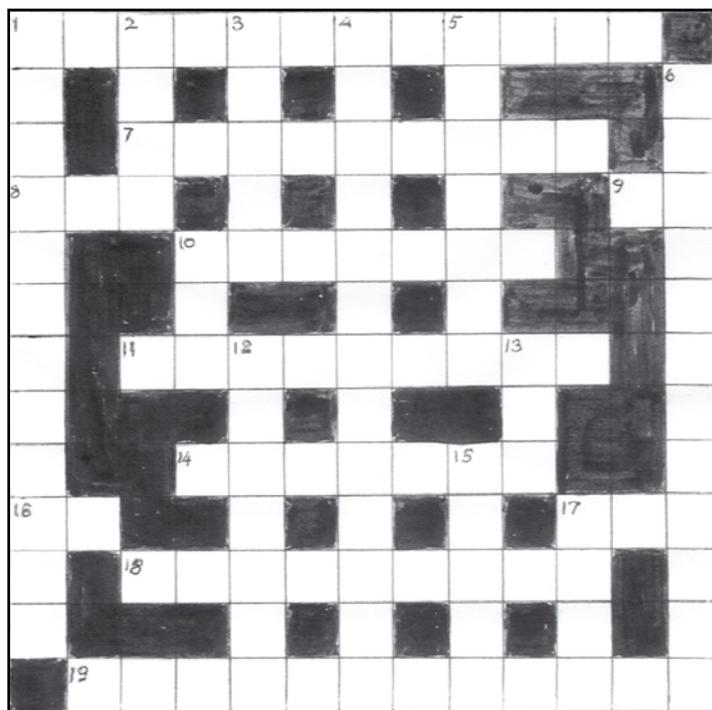


Please sign up to receive a pack which will help you get started. The pack contains hedgehog factsheets which can be handed out to neighbours, posters to help advertise the project, tips and hints on how to get neighbours involved and how to keep them interested and a pack of action cards which explain what people can do in their gardens.

Sometimes people want to help wildlife but they either aren't sure how to go about it or they think that doing something in their small patch won't make a difference. This is why we are providing everything you need to do the project and explaining what you can do to make your whole street good for hedgehogs.

[www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org)

**SUMMER CROSSWORD BY ALISA**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Disastrous (12)
- 7 These can be enjoyed at the school fete (5.4)
- 8 Ox of Tibet (3)
- 9 American soldier (2)
- 10 Event at the Dig (4.3)
- 11 Special poultry at Willows Farm Shop (4.5)
- 14 Least amount (7)
- 16 Morning (2)
- 17 Perform (3)
- 18 Being done away with (9)
- 19 Looking for somewhere to live (5.7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Fortune teller's aid (8.4)
- 2 Credit (4)
- 3 Slumber (5)
- 4 Oxford University is digging this site (6-7)
- 5 Get ready (7)
- 6 This goes on at the school fete (4.8)
- 10 Egg cells (3)
- 12 Causing destruction (7)
- 13 Tree (3)
- 15 Association (5)
- 17 Opposed to (4)

**GREEN FLAG COMMUNITY AWARD**

Does your community, or a group you belong to, manage a publicly accessible green space? Would you like to see it and the people involved recognised for its quality? If so, you may be eligible to apply for the Green Flag Community Award. The Community Award (formerly the Green Pennant Award) is part of the same scheme which sets the standard for local authority parks and wildlife sites. However, it is only given to sites which display the highest standards of maintenance, management and community involvement AND are managed by the community. Woodlands, allotments, churchyards and public gardens have all been winners.

[www.keepbritaintidy.org/GreenFlag/Awards/CommunityAward/Default.aspx](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/GreenFlag/Awards/CommunityAward/Default.aspx)

BTCV, in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy and GreenSpace, are supporting groups and local people to apply for the award. We can help through all stages of the application process, advising on eligibility, application and judging. If you would like more information, please contact Nina Sperinck. [n.sperinck@btcv.org.uk](mailto:n.sperinck@btcv.org.uk) OR 01296 330 033

**Fyfield Village Fete 23 July 2011**  
 2.00 pm - 4.30 p.m.  
 Manor Farm House  
 just off the A420 near Tubney  
 There will be a brass band, children's entertainment, cream teas, various stalls including Silent Auction and many more stalls.

If you are holding an event within or near the MADNews area, please contact the editor for more publicity!  
 01865 391725 or [editor@madnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@madnews.co.uk)



# All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

## Dear Friends,

Life can have some peculiar twists and turns. I remember vividly one day at secondary school when the mathematics master leaned over my desk, and said in a stern voice: 'When are you leaving, boy?' I was struggling over some nuance of algebra, which I never mastered! The teacher concerned went on to become the headmaster, and I went on to become head boy!

Thankfully God is not like my former maths teacher! He doesn't lean over our lives and wish we weren't there! God longs to guide us along the pathway that leads to life, and life with a capital 'L'. Jesus comes to enrich our lives, and to guide us into a relationship with God that is both beautiful and transforming, challenging and worthwhile. It's not easy, but most truly worthwhile things in life are costly.

Many of you have kindly asked after my recent trip to Tanzania. It was deeply challenging in many ways: the different culture; the lack of clean water; the constant vigilance against illness and disease; the poor nutritional content of much of the food etc. Yet the joy of that adventure was meeting the lovely people; people with great gifts, wonderful humour, and deep faith. It has been a huge privilege to meet them, and to share something of God's love and faithfulness. One abiding lesson from those I met: they were utterly determined to make the most of the little they had, and their willingness to share that with those around them, not least their guests. Humbling!

May these summer months provide opportunity for rest and reflection, and for a fresh encounter with the God who loves us deeply from the heart.

With my warmest best wishes,

**Revd Richard Zair (391 319 or [r\\_zair@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:r_zair@yahoo.co.uk))**

## Prayer for the Month:

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for all the good things that you graciously provide in life. Help us to be generous as you are generous, and to be ready to share and give to those who don't have as much as we have been given.

Thank you for the blessing of rest and relaxation; thank you for holidays; thank you for friends and family.

Thank you for every blessing, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## JULY / AUGUST calendar:

**Sat. July 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Men's Breakfast – 8.30 am at Carswell Golf Club House (joint with Kingston Bagpuize).

**Sat. July 9<sup>th</sup>:** Church and graveyard 'spring clean' day.

**Sat. July 16<sup>th</sup>:** Women's Breakfast – 8.30 am at Manor Farm, Boardroom.

**Sat. August 6<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Breakfast – 8.30 am at the Sports, Scouts & Social Club.

**SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB:** August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10am to 2pm (with evening entertainment on the Friday)

£25 for the week or £7 a day

Register your interest – call 07811 165351

Email: [jill.rowe.ycm@googlemail.com](mailto:jill.rowe.ycm@googlemail.com)

## Forthcoming autumn events:

### ➤ HARVEST EVENTS:

- September 24<sup>th</sup> : Harvest Supper in All Saints
- **Community Harvest Service:** 10 am September 25<sup>th</sup> at MANOR FARM – do come and share the fun – followed by a family picnic
- Harvest Praise service at All Saints, Sep 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm
- **Garford Harvest Festival:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October
- **Remembrance Sunday:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- **Service for the Bereaved:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 3.00pm at All Saints

## Parish People:

We celebrated the wedding on 28 May of Hayley Moulder and Jamie Clifford, both of Milton Heights.

On 5<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed Daniel Ian John Wilson in Baptism. On 12<sup>th</sup> June Phoebe Newman was dedicated and welcome into the church family.

We are sad to report that the Revd Herbert Clegg died on 11<sup>th</sup> May, aged 87. Revd Clegg was vicar of Marcham from 1975 to 1983.

## Regular services:

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

**Wednesdays:** 10.30am Holy Communion  
at Duffield Place

**Sundays at St. Luke's:** 10.30am on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Aug 7<sup>th</sup>

**Please note that from September, the regular service at Garford will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.**

# Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

## July / August 2011

**Sunday Morning Worship  
at 10.30 am**

(Communion every first Sunday)

**Our Speakers for July include :-**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Mr. Maurice Glover of Grove</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>People's Praise</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Mr. Michael Elliott of Grove</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Mr. Keith Mersh of Marcham Baptist Church</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Mr. Paul Revell of Cholsey Baptist Church</b>



**There will be morning services at 10:30am every Sunday throughout August, led by local ministers and lay preachers.**

**Everyone welcome**

### ***More than Wishing***

As a child, author C. S. Lewis enjoyed reading the books of E. Nesbit, especially ***Five Children and It***. In this book, brothers and sisters on a summer holiday discover an ancient sand fairy who grants them one wish each day. But every wish brings the children more trouble than happiness because they can't foresee the results of getting everything they ask for.

The Bible tells us to make our requests known to God (Philippians 4:6). But prayer is much more than telling God what we want Him to do for us. When Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, He began by reminding them, "**Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him**" (Matthew 6:8).

What we call "The Lord's Prayer" is more about living in a growing, trusting relationship with God than about getting what we want from Him. As we grow in faith, our prayers will become less of a wish list and more of an intimate conversation with the Lord.

Toward the end of his life, C. S. Lewis wrote, "If God had granted all the silly prayers I've made in my life, where should I be now?" Prayer is placing ourselves in the presence of God to receive from Him what we really need – Enjoy the summer.

***Rev. Bory Pilgrim***

For further information on church activities:

Contact	Mr R Barrett	01865 391356
	Mr W Dyer	01235 814986

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