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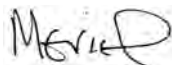
Dear Readers

A very red, white and blue issue this month to celebrate 60 years since the coronation of HM Queen. We hope to have some great pictures from the Marcham celebrations for next month's issue - please send in your contributions to editor@madnews.co.uk.

If you take any video, upload it to You Tube (other online video sites are available!) and send me the link for the MADNews website

Congratulations to the Marcham Reserves for their Double; and Goodbye to Alan, one of our wonderful posties, wishing you a restful retirement!

Until Next Time



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June 2012

**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
Annual Council Meeting**

At the annual Council meeting held on 9th May, Mr. David Walton was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and Miss Ruth Mander as Vice-Chairman. Mr. William Cumber will represent the parish on the Hills Aggregates Liaison Committee. This Committee acts as a forum for discussion on the operation of the sand extraction site at the northern end of the parish. Mr. Walton will be the parish transport representative at meetings with the county council on public transport issues. Various other appointments were made to internal working parties and to other outside bodies. The contact details of the Council members can be found on the Council's noticeboard outside the Institute.

Vale of White Horse District Council - Interim Housing Supply Statement
Changes in planning law introduced by the Government's National Planning Policy Framework mean that the District Council's proposals cannot now be adopted as a formal policy of that Council. Instead, a five year housing land supply statement will be produced, plus a separate sites assessment document, which the planning committee will take into account in reaching its decision, alongside the formal policies of the Council.

Dial a Ride Service

A new county wide service has replaced the Octabus Dial a Ride. It is being operated by the County Council's own integrated transport unit. There is a new number for users to phone to book their dial a ride journey. This is 0845 310 11. The service will still operate 9.00 – 5.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Concessionary bus pass holders will still be able to travel free of charge. The service can be used for any purpose of journey, except journeys to hospital appointments and to County Council funded day centres. If your travel needs are more complex, or you want to know about other door to door services then call OxTAIL (Oxfordshire Travel Advice and Information Line on 01865 323738.

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Planning Applications recently considered by the Parish Council

Hyde Farm House, Abingdon Road
P12/V0934 and P12/V0936/LB Removal of lean to greenhouse and replacement with new lean to conservatory
P12/V0955 and P12/V0956/LB Change of use of barn to ancillary accommodation. Alterations and minor repairs to barn.
P12/V0792 and P12/V0879-LB Demolish existing garage and side porch to main house and replace with new garage including lean-to potting shed. Form new link block porch between existing house and proposed new garage. Reverse door to bedroom 3 and form new-en suite within airing cupboard
3 Mill Road P12/V0491 Change of use of garage to living accommodation

Date of Next Council Meeting: Wednesday 6th June, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place to discuss the Council's response to the Taylor Wimpey planning application. The next ordinary meeting is **Wednesday 13th June at 7.30 p.m.** at the same location.
Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833
clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk
www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

**Jean and Donald Creasy
Parishioners of the Year 2012**

Never have there been such innovative ways of serving the community over so many years! We enjoy Donald's daffodils under village signs. Donald laboured as village handy man before he graduated to Chairman of Parish Council. The award winning youth shelter on the Anson Field was designed and built by him: it is indestructible and shelters all-comers. In retirement, Donald has turned wooden artefacts to raise money for the benefit of the Marcham Moldovan Link charity, as has Jean with her creative, barge-work painting. Jean is seen many a day on her bike visiting, bringing cheer to the housebound. Jean works for the village café every week, now she drives those less mobile to enjoy the fellowship and lunch. Donald has restored the churchyard lights, gratefully appreciated by twilight dog walkers. His turned wooden candlesticks are loved by those attending Christmas services; Jean's original and decorative banners add so much to the decor. It is so fitting that their diamond wedding anniversary year should be marked by this award.

Awarded by Marcham Parish Council May 2012

Dear Editor

LOST CAT: "BOOTS"

We moved out of Marcham last month but were unable to find our cat prior to moving. It wasn't unusual for him to spend a few days away from home sometimes, however, we have since been back and have not have any success in finding him.

He was last seen around the Gap and near the small bungalows at the end of Howard Cornish Road. He is a smooth haired tabby named Boots, and can be shy but is very friendly. If anyone has seen him or is feeding him/rehomed him we would very much like to hear from them to put our mind at rest. Please contact 01235 771414.

REBECCA DICKSON

RECENT METAL THEFTS

With soaring demand for metal in the Far East has come an equally rapid growth in metal thefts. Lead, copper and stainless steel roof coverings, roof flashings, copper lightning conductors and lead rainwater pipes have all been targeted. Whilst world demand for metal remains strong their scrap value will continue to be high, making them an attractive target for thieves and churches will continue to face this problem for the foreseeable future. Churches may be among some of the easiest of targets, many of them set in isolated locations with minimal CCTV coverage, but still the scale of the theft is staggering. There are many ways that we can help tackle recent metal thefts. Firstly applying Smartwater and signage to property is an undeniable deterrent. This forensic marking will trace property back to its original owner if recovered and studies show that 74% of offenders are put off of property marked with Smartwater. Joining the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme and keeping a watchful eye out for anything suspicious around church's can be a big help that costs nothing. Such activity, if identified, should be dealt with by calling the police straightaway on 101. St Mary Magdalene Church in Shippon and St Leonard Church in Sunningwell have been recent targets.

Street Briefings

- Wednesday 6th June
Barrow Road, Shippon 6-7pm
 - Friday 22nd June
Wootton Village 6-7pm
- PCSO Carly Milward C6157**
Abingdon Outer
Neighbourhood Team
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton,
Shippon and Boars Hill
Police Non-emergency
number: 101

Dear Editor

Anson Field Sports Facility Update

You are no doubt aware the planning application has now been before the Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) for about a month. A number of people have commented on the application whether in June 2012

Taylor Wimpey Planning Application for 51 houses on the Anson field and a new community hall rear of Hyde Copse/Longfields.

The District Councillor, Jane Hanna and the Parish Council have been circulating consultation questionnaires to gather the views of the residents on the Taylor Wimpey proposals. At the time of writing, questionnaires are being returned and the comments assessed. The questionnaire provided an opportunity to state whether you supported the proposal or not. Once the results are known these will be released publicly, and displayed on noticeboards. The intention is to inform the Anson Trust and other groups such as the Marcham Community Group, just as soon as practicable.

There will be an additional meeting of the Parish Council, which is open to the public, on **Wednesday 6th June** in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place at 7.30 p.m. when the Council will discuss the application in order to determine its response to the Vale of White Horse District Council. There will be some time set aside for public participation, so if anyone wishes to address the Parish Council, then you are requested to give notice in advance by contacting the clerk (email:clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk or tel: 391833) by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 5th June. This is in order to fairly share the time available and, if necessary, to encourage those with similar comments to appoint a spokesperson.

support of or against the proposals, or to raise queries relating to specific matters.

We are obviously monitoring all of the responses submitted to understand the issues that have been raised. In relation to the principle of development, we have set out our thoughts on the recently issued newsletter that was circulated to all homes within the village. Notwithstanding comments relating to the principle of development, there do appear to be three technical issues that have been raised that I consider appropriate to provide a brief comment on below. The three issues are foul sewage, drainage and highways:

Waste Water Infrastructure: Thames Water Utilities have not objected to our application but have recommended that a suitable condition be attached to any permission to ensure suitable mitigation works are undertaken, if deemed necessary. The proposed development comprises 51 units, which will create an additional peak flow of circa 2.36 litres per second. Thames Water Utilities will undertake a comprehensive impact assessment based upon this peak flow and will advise whether or not mitigation measures are necessary. These measures, if needed, would be wholly implemented at the cost of Taylor Wimpey.

Drainage: Our development cannot be deemed acceptable if it increases the risk of flooding either on or off site. The development will incorporate various sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS), which will control surface water discharge to match that of a Greenfield site for a 1 in 100 year 30%, (additional protection against global warming) storm event, which is the design criteria laid down by the Environment Agency. These SUDS measures will include extensive areas of permeable paving together with suitably located soakaways, which will facilitate the discharge of surface water into the ground at source. We will also be

undertaking additional mitigation measures to protect against an exceedance event, which will comprise suitably located earth bund together with a cut-off drain in the south east corner of the site. The details of this are still evolving and will be submitted to VWHDC in due course.

Highways: Our application is supported by a Transport Statement which comments upon the impact on vehicle flows that a development of 51 homes would create. For clarity and in response to some of the comments raised, the existing access to the Anson Field will be widened and enhanced through the development so as to allow the free flow of two way traffic at the junction so as to avoid cars waiting on Morland Road to pull into the site.

I trust this update is of use and would once again wish to thank all persons who have commented on the application proposals for both sites. These comments are continually being reviewed and if amendments are required these will be made to our application proposals.

If you have any further questions then please contact Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire at Windrush Court, Suite J, Abingdon Business Park, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 1SY or by e-mail to TWomarcham@taylorwimpey.com

TAYLOR WIMPEY OXFORDSHIRE

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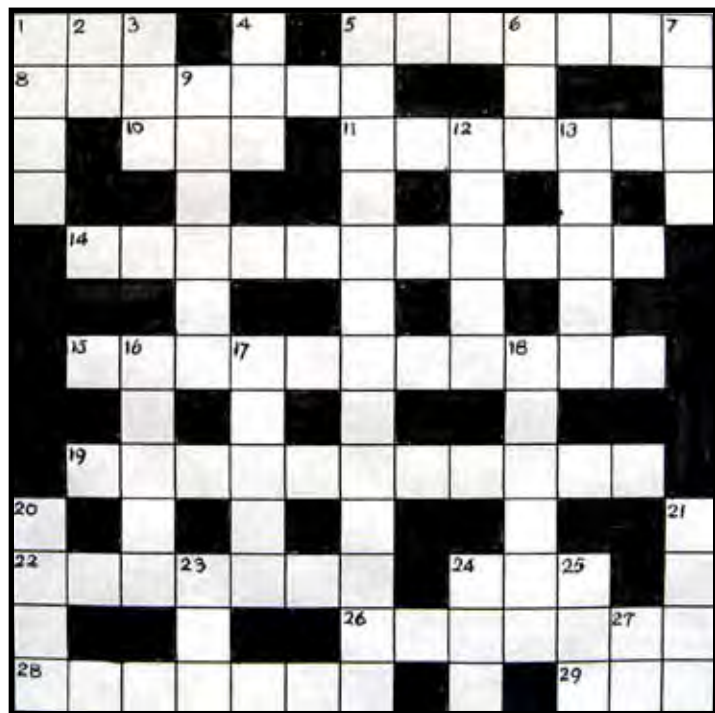
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JUNE CROSSWORD BY ALISA



1 - 4 June

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A full write-up of GMJW will be in the July issue

ANSON FIELD – ARCHAEOLOGY SUMMARY

Under the instruction of Taylor Wimpey following a request from Oxfordshire County Council our consultants undertook an archaeological investigation of that part of the Anson Field that is the subject of the application for residential development. The investigations have been undertaken in three phases which are set out below:

Geophysical Survey:

Prior to any trenches or excavations being undertaken a geophysical survey was undertaken which records the make up of the ground e.g. whether it be stone, soil or something else. From this it is possible to review the make up of the ground and whether there is a chance that there are archaeological remains within. This survey clearly showed that the site has some archaeological merits.

Excavation of Trenches by Little Angels Nursery:

In March, 6 archaeological trenches were excavated. Within the trenches, numerous remains of prehistoric date were identified, including the remains of a Bronze Age (c. 2000BC) burial mound or barrow and an Early to Middle Iron Age (c. 700-350BC) settlement, which was potentially occupied beyond the Roman Invasion of 43AD. The identification of a ditch (see cover) associated with a Bronze Age barrow may still contain a central burial, and suggests that similar features identified during the geophysics are also likely to be the remains of barrows.

Extensive Iron Age settlement features including numerous storage pits probably reused for rubbish dumping contained pottery dating to the Early and Middle Iron Age. Boundary ditches potentially separating fields or properties and possible timber structures were also recorded, suggesting a thriving community existed here for several hundred years. An example of the type of thing found is shown on the cover – to confirm this is an example of a similar thing rather than that which has specifically found in Marcham (those found are generally smaller).

Excavation of Football Pitch Area:

These trenches have only recently been dug and the results are being evaluated. However, it appears that similar finds have been made to those set out above and these results are being evaluated and further information will be provided once that information is available.

Summary:

As is clear above there have been some archaeological finds on site. We anticipate that as a result we will need to undertake further excavations and investigations before any development can commence on site but this is currently being reviewed and negotiated with the County Archaeologist at Oxfordshire County Council.

TAYLOR WIMPEY OXFORDSHIRE

ACROSS

- 1 The self (3)
- 5 The shortest way (7)
- 8 Warrior (7)
- 10 Noise (3)
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- 14 On show at Denman (7.4)
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- 19 Health association (7.4)
- 22 Loss of memory (7)
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- 26 Sound of church bells (7)
- 28 Planet (7)
- 29 Digit (3)
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- 6 Start sign (3)
- 7 Direction (4)
- 9 Meal (6)
- 12 Happen again (5)
- 13 Artery (5)
- 16 Vegetable (5)
- 17 Narrow roads (5)
- 18 Rectangular shape (6)
- 20 Building for the Jubilee dance (4)
- 21 Enormous (4)
- 23 Consume (3)

DOWN

- 1 Jacob's brother (4)
- 2 Turn (2)
- 3 Ancient (3)
- 25 Bird (3)
- 27 Not any (2)

HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Please note on these days collections will start from 6am, an hour earlier than usual, so remember to put your bins out the night before. Please ensure your rubbish bags aren't left vulnerable to animal and/or bird attack. *

Normal day	Revised day	Which bin?
Monday 4 June	Tuesday 5 June	Green
Tuesday 5 June	Wednesday 6 June	Green
Wednesday 6 June	Thursday 7 June	Green
Thursday 7 June	Friday 8 June	Green
Friday 8 June	Saturday 9 June *	Green



ED VAIZEY WRITES...

I have met up recently with two constituents who are succeeding against the odds. I was very delighted this month to give tea to Faith Alabi from Didcot, in the House of Commons. I supported Faith's application for a bursary at the Guildhall School of Drama, without which she would have had a hard time financing her studies.



She has now secured a bursary set up in memory of Josephine Hart, the late wife of Maurice Saatchi, so he came to meet her as well. Faith has also been selected to perform in the Olympics opening ceremony. I look forward to her winning an Oscar.

I was also privileged to meet a very special Wallingford resident. Sharon Dumper has recently completed a course in nail technology at Abingdon and Witney College, and has won an award, recognising how she has turned her life around. Before taking the course she was virtually housebound, suffering from depression. Now she is starting her own business.

As I have promised to do every month, I will go through the campaigns and issues that have filled my mailbag. The largest number of emails I've received recently have been about fuel duty. I have also had letters about the Winsor review into Police pay and pensions, mostly from police officers; and letters on both sides of the debate over the proposals about equal marriage for same-sex couples. There has been a campaign about malnutrition in Africa and calls to commit to our continued spending on overseas aid, ahead of the upcoming G20 summit in Mexico. My other correspondence has included opinions about the proposals to reform the House of Lords. Some are concerned about the current make-up of the House of Lords, others are saying that more elections would cost too much and serve no purpose. I've also had a few emails about the recent passage of the Legal Aid Bill.

Over the past couple of months I've also received emails from churches and communities concerned about the Chancellor removing the VAT exemption on listed buildings alterations. Understandably people were concerned about the rise in costs of fitting modern facilities to old buildings. So I was delighted to hear that the Chancellor has arranged for an extra £30m per year to be added to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPWGS) to help offset the higher costs, taking the total available to £42 million.

You may have heard the Vale has abandoned its interim housing plan. Because of the recession and other problems some of the large housing projects in the constituency have been delayed which means the council had to consult on an interim plan to deliver enough new homes to meet their five year targets. Small sites were identified in villages such as Marcham, Drayton, Kingston Bagpuize, Harwell, Steventon and Sutton Courtenay. I know there was a lot of concern about the plans, but I also know that many villages do need a few more homes. I will be awaiting the publication of their new core housing strategy which should come out soon.

I'd like to mention the 'We Made It!' competition which invites young people to submit designs and ideas for an object, gadget, gizmo or toy which they would like to see made. The winning designs will be invited to a Fab Lab, the outstanding facilities provided by MIT and the Manufacturing Institute which allow anyone to make anything using high-tech methods and materials and with the support of experts. If anyone is interested in taking part then please send an email to my address below.

Finally, I would like to make everyone aware of the new Money Advice Service, a free and independent service established by government and funded by a levy on the banks and financial services industry. It is very important that everyone has access to advice on their personal finances. The website (www.moneyadvice.service.org).

uk) gives a wealth of financial advice tailored to all kinds of difficult situations. It also offers a free financial health check and a quick questionnaire to help people plan for the future.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY

5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise

June 15	Grove, Old Mill Hall, OX12 7LB
June 22	Wallingford, Town Hall, OX10 0AD
July 6	Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre, OX11 7NU
July 13	Faringdon, Pump Rooms, SN7 7HL
July 20	Wantage, Civic Hall, OX12 9BX
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MARCHAM AND DISTRICT



The table top horse racing to celebrate the Queen's birthday on 21st April was a great success and enjoyed by members, guests and their families.

Forthcoming events

Saturday 14 July: Senior citizens mystery coach tour leaving from the club 14.00. Forms available between 18th June till 2nd July from club and shop

18th August: Family fun at the club Tortoise Racing

+++ hot dogs + burgers +++ 18.00 in the club car park

If you missed it last time—seeing is believing (table top horse racing indoors if wet)

Full details will be displayed in club as soon as available
Members and bona fide guest

**EX SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
NORTH STREET, MARCHAM**

GARD

Although the newspapers have reported regularly on the drought and the hose pipe ban, not a lot has been said about reservoirs, except that they are now full. Certainly storage capacity is a concern and Thames Water is accused of selling off 19 small reservoirs over the last 20 years for development and profit while their leakage levels are still far too high at about a quarter of overall demand. However, having seen the detail, they are wise to maintain the current restrictions as the flow in the Thames relies on the water held in aquifers (water bearing rocks like chalk) which are still well below normal despite recent rainfall. The desalination plant at Becton is in operation for the first time to help meet London's water requirements.

Meanwhile GARD's expert consultants are maintaining pressure on Thames Water by checking progress on the studies which the company was required to commission following the Public Inquiry. The research includes the ecological effect of low flows in the Thames due to over abstraction (which is legally required to meet the EU standards of The Water Framework Directive), the environmental assessment for the river Severn to ensure that periodic water transfer would not damage the Severn ecology, the engineering options for Severn Thames transfer including the Cotswold Canal route, and the measurement of the quality of treated effluent produced by the upgraded sewage treatment works at Deephams. Much of this is very technical and we are fortunate to have a team which both Thames Water and the Environment Agency respect. We will continue to fight against selection of the expensive option which would flood and destroy our neighbourhood!

NICK THOMPSON Hon Chairman GARD



15th May
TOTALS TO DATE

Local Events
£5924

Donations
£4940

Membership
333

Bank Balance
£10,973

5p Coins
3236

Layout improved—tweaks still in progress

At the Open Meeting on 24 April MCG members discussed the Anson Trust/Taylor Wimpey planning application and voted by a majority of almost two to one to support the principle behind the proposals: raising the funds for new community facilities on the northern edge of the village through new housing on half of the Anson Field. Members also agreed broadly with the layout of the community building proposed in the application. However, some modifications were still needed. A report of the meeting, with the voting results, is on the MCG website.

Internal changes to the proposed building are possible for a few more weeks and MCG organised a second Users Forum, held on 9 May, to consider these. In preparation, some groups had drawn alternative layouts. The Forum looked at and discussed all the suggestions and came to a consensus on a number of recommendations. These have been detailed in a report, including layout plans, which was sent to Taylor Wimpey and the Anson Trust on 14 May. Following this, MCG sent comments to the Vale District Council on the planning application. The report and the comments are also on the MCG website.

MCG's first AGM

This also was held on 24 April, just before the Open Meeting. The Chairman, Jim Asher, reported on a very successful start for MCG. It was just over two years since the initial meeting. MCG became a limited company in December 2010 and was registered as a charity ten months later. It has over 300 members.

MCG's income has benefited from a number of fund-raising events (Royal Wedding Tea Party, Marcham Masks, Burns Supper, village-wide garage sales, snowball dinners and coffee mornings) and its bank balance is now over £10,000. Through these events, MCG believes it is helping to rebuild a stronger community spirit which has dwindled in the years following the closure of the Institute.

MCG played an important role in launching the Community Led Plan project in July 2011 and is continuing to contribute to the process.

MCG has been tracking closely the development of proposals by the Anson Trust (AT) and Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire (TWO) on the proposed community building. Since December of last year it has sent three reports with detailed recommendations to AT and TWO, based on wide consultations. The committee has worked hard to be open and to communicate fully with members and the wider community on what MCG is doing, the progress it has made – and the dilemmas it has faced. MCG is committed to identifying the right solution for the provision of community facilities for the people of Marcham.

The AGM approved keeping subscriptions the same for the next subscription year (£5 individual; £8 family) and voted unanimously to elect the six nominations as directors. They are: Jim Asher, Jessica Brod, Suzanne Crafer, Mike Hudson, Joey Maclean, Colin Trinder.

MCG website www.marcham.org

The website has moved to a new hosting service. If you have saved it as favourite on your browser you may need to go to www.marcham.org directly, and save the address again.

NEW on the website: the report of the Open Meeting on 24 April including the voting results, the recommendations sent to the Anson Trust and Taylor Wimpey on layout modifications to the proposed community building, and MCG's comments on the planning application.

ALSO NEW—if you have a smart phone you can go straight to the website from this page.



Support MCG—join today Subscriptions valid to 30 June 2013 £5 individual £8 family



Marcham WI June 2012

Our May meeting was held in the Church, and this month's talk was given by Gillian Cane. She delivered a very witty and informative talk entitled "It's a girl's life in the Army". A display or Army memorabilia included some very moving items.

NEXT MEETING

7.30 pm Thursday 21 June 2012 Denman College
Heather Shute: Medical Detective Dogs
We are invited to make a display of animal ornaments

Contacts for: Sonia Edwards 01865 391442
new members Christine Whild 01865 391270

**Your Local WI - Part of a great Organisation
A Voice for Women**

MARCHAM PLAYERS

You may remember June 2010 as the time Marcham Players presented "Midsummer Music in a Marquee" at Collins Farm in Frilford. The event was in aid of the Help for Heroes Charity and the Marcham Community Group and was a great success in financial terms as well as providing a wonderful nights light entertainment for the large audience with two hours of great music from the very versatile local band "Rockit". That evening was made possible by the generosity of the bride's parents, Bill and Katriona Jones, in allowing us the free use of the marquee used the previous evening for the wedding reception and party which followed their daughter's wedding.



This July, Sunday 15 July, we have been given the opportunity to present a similar event following a very generous offer of the use of another marquee by the Allan family and the site from the Cumbers. which this year will be in Farm Close, a field adjacent to the A415 to the rear of the War Memorial – vehicular entrance will be via Manor Farm in Mill Road. We intend to support the same charities as last time and have again been fortunate enough to secure local band "Rockit" to lead the entertainment. As last time, light refreshments will be served but please bring your own drinks. Do join us for a wonderful evening's music and help raise money for two very worthy causes.

**MUSIC IN A MARQUEE - MARK TWO
SUNDAY 15 JULY 2012 - 7.30PM
MANOR FARM, MILL ROAD**

Tickets (£10 each to be purchased please prior to event) from Dave Hutchinson (01865 391964 or dhutch722@yahoo.co.uk), Cheryl Sewell (01865 391200 or cheryll_francesca@btinternet.com) or Marcham Farm Shop. Cheques payable please to Marcham Players.

Finally, just to report a very successful Play Reading evening at Manor Farm on 18 July when we explored the play "Small Hotel." A most enjoyable event and enjoyed by all present - plenty of reading for everyone!

Any enquiries regarding Marcham Players can be made to Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 or Cheryl Sewel on 01865 391200

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www.marchamplayers.co.uk



New Season Membership Registration

Renewals and New Members
Saturday 2 June 2012
Tennis Courts (Marcham School)
11.00am - 12.Noon and 3.00pm - 4.00pm
For more details call Stuart Maw: 391201



MARCHAM RESERVES DO THE DOUBLE

4th division Marcham reserves have done it after a fantastic battle, they won the League to move into the 3rd division.

On Saturday 28th they were set to take on 3rd division semi finalists Shrivenham A team, for the NAIRN PAUL TROPHY, never been won by Marcham in their history. Statistically it should have been a win for Shrivenham as they had won it a total of 5 times, however they didn't take into account Marcham's determination and that they were still on a high from winning the League. The game started fairly slow with Marcham being cautious. After about 15 minutes a well timed header from Mike Bloomfield (Bloomy) put Marcham ahead. The battle went to and fro with both teams having chances. Marcham went into half-time still one up. The second half went the same way until a cross to Shane Northcott saw him head a cheeky shot over the Shrivenham keeper's head. Marcham were now two-up. They hung on grimly with the pressure mounting as Shrivenham fired shots at Marcham's goal but with some great work by Pete Fox (FOXY) the goalie he fought to keep the score at two-nil to Marcham, to make it the Double.



So well done to Marcham, we have the Trophy, now we need the cabinet to display the cup in! Let's put Marcham on the sports map.

HAPPY SPECTATOR

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The first OCA Fixture played at Marcham this Season was a cup match (Steve Dixon Cup) on 12th May in which the 1st XI lost to Stanton St John Willows. However, the 2nd XI bet Britwell Salome II in the Centenary Cup match played at Marcham the next day.



Please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for information relating to the club - including playing or umpiring for Marcham.

CSB

June	1st XI	2nd XI
2	No fixture	Great Horwood III Away Centenary Cup
9	Minster Lovell Away	Broughton & N Newington II Away
16	Westbury II Away	Garsington III Home
23	Risinghurst Home	Chinnor Away
30	Shrivenham II Away	Wolvercote II Home

If you have sports report for MADNews,
contact the Editor on 01865 391725
editor@madnews.co.uk

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, June 14th.

This month we will straying into Bucks. We will eat at The Pheasant Inn (Map Ref SP654142) in Windmill St, Brill (between Bicester and Thame) at 12.30pm for lunch, but will start our walk of just over 4 miles at 1.30 from the church in Piddington (SP641169) about three miles to the north. We will be walking over Muswell Hill (not the London one!), so there is quite a long climb, rewarded with superb views at the top. There is not much parking in Piddington, so please share cars where you can. Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details.



MARCHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet on Tuesdays at the back of the church, 10-11.30am. There are toys, storytime and an activity for the children, refreshments and a friendly welcome for all. The first visit is free, then just £2 per family each session. Just turn up, or phone Ellie on 391277 if you would like someone to introduce you! **Do come and join us!**

NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL: Eagles Class

Our topic this term is water. We've been looking at rock pools, waterfalls and sea creatures in particular. We've made models and posters and found out lots of interesting facts. We've been lucky enough to have a visit from Shell Education Service to help us in our science studies too. The lady brought in white candles and we each dipped a candle into different colours so that we could see the effect it would have if we mixed colours. As part of this topic we've also put flowers and celery into pots of water, each containing a different food colouring. We're looking forward to seeing how the colours change the items.

Robyn S, age 10: We've learnt all about rock pools and what creatures live in them. I've found it interesting to learn about how a rock pool adapts to its environment. We're going to the Sea Life centre on a school trip soon so that we can see rock pools for ourselves which I'm very excited about. I've really enjoyed this topic and have discovered lots of new things.

Ruby Summers, age 8: An interesting fact that we've found out is that sea urchins and starfish are cousins. We've made posters about sea creatures too. Mine was of "Outstanding Orcas" which are killer whales. We've also learnt about rivers and that there is an upper, middle and lower course which is something I didn't know.

Joe Garside, age 9: We were split into groups to make the body of Atlantis. The groups made a head, trident and body and then we put them all together. I've really enjoyed making the Atlantis Arch too, its huge and I like it being in the middle of the classroom now it's finished. I'm looking forward to watching a DVD of Atlantis and we'll soon be transforming the classroom into Atlantis which will be exciting.

Parents Assembly: 28th June GIRAFFES class.

WANTAGE & DISTRICT NCT EVENTS
 Non-members very welcome

- Friday 1 June, **NCT Coffee Afternoon/Playtime**, 3.30pm, Q Gardens (near Steventon), host Lisa, 07967 107226.
- Tuesday 12 June, **NCT Bumps and Babes Coffee Morning**, 10.30am, Madison's Tea Rooms, Wantage, host Tess, 07932 137869.
- Thursday 14 June, **Bumps Evening** (for mums-to-be), 7 – 9pm, Grove Parish Church Hall, contact Helen G, 01235 798969.
- Sunday 24 June, **Cheeky Monkeys Tea Party**, 2 – 4.30pm, The Ark Preschool, Portway, Wantage, contact Tracy, 01235 770795. The whole family is welcome – mums, dads, grandparents and your own cheeky monkeys.

MARCHAM SCHOOL SUMMER FETE
SATURDAY 7TH JULY 2-4PM
STALLS – CAKES, GIFTS, CRAFTS
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MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The children of Marcham Pre-school (and their siblings!) came back to school on 15th May, in their pyjamas complete with duvets, blankets and a range of snugglies! The children enjoyed an hour of bedtime stories while the adults moved to the hall to watch a slideshow of their children in action throughout the year.... as well as an opportunity to review their progress files. A great evening was had by all and we can't wait until the next one!



We are now allocating sessions for September 2012, so please contact us if you would like to arrange a visit, obtain an application form or prospectus. We are open Monday to Friday 8.55 - 3.00 and children are eligible for up to 15 hours free from the term after their 3rd birthday. Please see our website for more details www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com or telephone 01865 392101. **MARION, NICKY AND KATHARINE**
marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk
www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com

ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS

The Little Angels have been busy this month looking at mini beasts and exploring the world of insects, The theme table allowed the children to explore through books and model insects, along with our own special butterfly farm, how exciting when the caterpillar actually turned into butterflies and after a couple of days we released them to fly away, the children waved to them as they flew across the garden. The children have also had the opportunity to watch the digging on the field, the archaeologist was great and constantly showed the children objects recovered eg a cup, bone etc. The children created their own display by drawing diggers and burying treasure (toys) in the sand pit. The after school club have also had a busy month and after finding a tree branch on the field, we took it back to the after school club and created a 3D model, decorating the tree with ladybirds, spiders with 12 legs(!), bees and stick insects, we have also had a session of cooking making cheesy chicks, along with organising our equipment into new storage boxes after our spring clean. For more information about the After School Club and Art Club (Thursday 2pm - 5pm) for summer holidays only please contact Little Angels. If you would like any further information about Abingdon Little Angels please feel free to call in or telephone us on 07516 474287 or at info@abingdonlittleangels.co.uk.



2012 All Saints' Holiday Club,
28th - 31st August
Details on booking your place in July's issue!



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SINGING IS GOOD FOR MEN AND WOMEN!

Singing groups are starting up all over the U.K. - There is one in Marcham!

Come along to 62, North Street Marcham
June dates are - 12th June and 26th June

Time - 2.0pm to 3.30pm

Tea and cake as well.

Remember - It does you good to sing!

Ring Christine Whild for more details 391270



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Contact: 01235 763369 www.oxonfolk.co.uk

**SEND-A-COW NEWS
OPERA ANYWHERE**

THE MIKADO

An amazing performance in the beef barn at Manor Farm raised over £3000 which



will fund 4 dairy cows plus all the training and support needed to care for them. The interval auction which alone raised £680 and generous sponsorship from Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire made this a brilliant success. Well done to all those involved, including the lambs!

TUBNEY EVENTS

Sunday 3rd June – Fyfield & Tubney Jubilee picnic at Fyfield Church Green

Monday 4th June - Tubney Village Picnic at Tubney House – lunchtime

Saturday 30th June “Home Made” stall at Kingston Bagpuize Fete

Contact Rosemary Kitto, Brushwood Farm, Frilford Heath. 01865 390466. rosemarykitto@gmail.com

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MADAGRAMS by Jay

Where are these GMJW venues??



The club on a LINE OF SAND
AN OLD RAMROD at the school.
SCREECH TRUTH from the tower.
MAM RAN for the barn



Answers from last month...
HEN EGRET = THE GREEN
PARTED ICE FLOAT = FETTIPLACE ROAD
SERB WAITER = SWEETBRIAR

Look out for the All-in-One/Just-For-Fun Jubilee Quiz Pack – Sixty general knowledge or gently cryptic question with answers in a separate sealed envelope. On sale locally for only £1

Abingdon Drama Club Presents

Wife After Death

By Eric Chappell

Directed by Keith Hales

Wednesday 11th July – Saturday 14th July 2012.

Performance starts at 7.30pm

The Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon

Tickets £8.00 (concessions £7.00) from

The Bookstore, Abingdon Precinct or book online at

www.abingdon-drama-club.com



Fyfield Summer Fete

21st July 2012

2.00 pm – 4.30 p.m.



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Mon, Wed, Fri 4 - 4.45 pm at Tennis Centre, Abingdon

Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary is

having a Jazz Evening

7:30pm 6th July

Brightwell cum Sotwell.

Ticket details are on 01491 833938

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If God Is For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?

Last month, I talked about the footballer Fabrice Muamba, who had suffered a heart attack and was at that time in hospital recovering. Since then, more of the story has emerged. Despite the odds being totally stacked against him, Muamba is now out of hospital and apart from slight lapses in memory, he is fully fit mentally. This is incredible because technically he had died. Though several times the medical staff on the pitch thought of giving up, it was only because of the personal connection between the team doctor and Fabrice that they persisted in trying to save him. Incredibly, they had spent seventy eight minutes trying to revive him before his heart started beating again on its own.

Subsequently the doctors in the hospital were so certain that he would be brain damaged that they gave Muamba's father a manual on how to cope. Mr Muamba threw it in the bin, saying

that he would not be needing it. His faith in God was so strong that he felt convinced that his son would be fine. Fabrice, also someone with a strong Christian faith, is still frail and it's unclear if he will ever play football again. However, if he cannot resume his career, he knows he will manage. After his release from hospital, he said *"There is a verse in the Bible, I can't remember which one, but it goes: 'If God is with us, who can be against us?' If God is with me, who can be against me? I died, literally but I am alive. There is nothing now to be in fear of."*

The verse that Muamba quoted is from the book of Romans in the New Testament and continues, *"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also graciously give us all things?"* Faith in God through Jesus Christ does not mean that we are protected from sickness or tragedy. Like Muamba, bad things can happen to the best of people, including the most Godly but the Bible shows us that when we put our faith and trust in Him, God is with us through all the pathways of life, carrying us especially with us in times of tragedy, as well as guiding us through life if we are willing to trust Him and be obedient to God's call.

True Christianity is about living a life of faith, regardless of how life's path might twist and turn. No matter how up and down it might be, God is with those who put their trust in Him and as Muamba points out, with God in control of your life, there is nothing to fear. Like other Christian friends in the village, we at Marcham Baptist Church are committed to living that life of faith. We would like to help you to find that faith for yourself – true faith that leads to a trust in the one true God who is with you not only through the joys of life but who also is there with you through times of tragedy and trial.

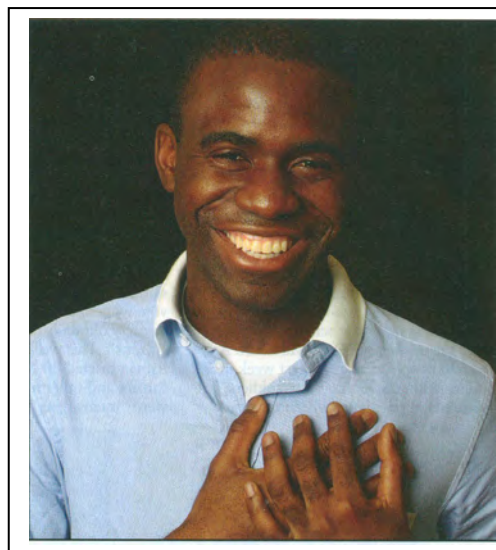
If you are not a part of a church, or if you are currently worshipping outside the village, we would love to welcome you to help you discover what it means to live that life of faith

Keith Mersh, Pastor Marcham Baptist Church

For more information, contact

Keith Mersh - Pastor 01865 391881

Bill Dyer - Elder 01235 814986



Services in June

3 June – Open Air Service for the Diamond Jubilee (11.00am at Manor Farm)

10 June – Keith Mersh

17 June – Paul Revell

24 June – Keith Mersh

Join us on Sundays at 10.30am

**or call Keith if you want to chat
about life and faith**



All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

Our warmest congratulations to her Majesty the Queen on her Diamond Jubilee! We celebrate this landmark occasion together, and we look forward to sharing in the various events happening around the community over the first extended weekend of June.

Her Majesty is quoted as saying: 'The teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life.' She leads by example.

Many people in our country are 'moderately disengaged' with the Christian faith, yet how important it is that we 'own' our faith and are not ashamed to name the name of Jesus Christ. We abandon the framework of faith at our peril. Disengagement with faith creates a void - trying to fill this void with other things is often the cause of many a wrong path in life.

Last month I had the privilege of attending a conference for leaders, based in the Royal Albert Hall. To join with over 4,300 others in singing great hymns such as 'In Christ alone' was truly inspiring and uplifting. Leaders from 52 nations enjoying the presence of Christ together, from many different denominations. It was a truly uplifting two days. As one announcer said 'A foretaste of heaven'.

I look forward to welcoming many of you to the **open air service at Manor Farm on Sunday June 3rd**. There may not be as many as 4,300, but we can still celebrate our Christian faith together – a faith shared by our Queen, a faith that provides a sure foundation for life whatever our background or upbringing, and whatever our age.

Enjoy! With my warmest greetings,
Revd Richard Zair

Prayer for the Month:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for your worldwide family; thank you for the joy and wonder of our faith in Jesus, your Son; thank you for providing us in Him a sure foundation for life. Thank you for our Queen, and we ask for your blessing to rest upon her on this celebration of her Diamond Jubilee. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

JUNE calendar:

Men's Breakfast: Sat 2nd June

8.30 am at the Sports, Scouts and Social Club.

The Changing Room – Women's Breakfast:

Sat 30th June 8.30 am at Manor Farm Boardroom.

Diamond Jubilee Weekend:

Sun 3rd June

11 am Open Air Service at Manor Farm – All Welcome

Sun 3rd June & Mon 4th June

1 pm – 5 pm All Saints' will be open for trips up the tower, bell-ringing displays and local displays. Tea will be served.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB: Tues August 28th to Friday August 31st. Book the dates NOW! Further details elsewhere in this edition of Mad News.

Parish People:

On 13th May we welcomed Harry Bowyer, son of Pippa & James and brother to Thomas, in baptism.

On 26th May we celebrated the wedding of Gemma Hill and Timothy Malin.

Regular services:

Sundays at All Saints': 10 am and 6 pm

Wednesdays: 10.30 am Holy Communion at Duffield Place

Sunday at St. Luke's: Sunday 17th June at 10.30am

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