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*Details of events may change after publication, please check with the relevant organisers before attending events.*

Dear Readers!

I have added a lot of different suns to the cover this month to try and entice the real sun out while we are having our month off!

I can hardly believe Marcham Shop is one year old, it is an amazing achievement and shows what can be done if we all work together for a single goal... read page 7 and think about what else we might achieve by working as a team!

Enjoy your summer



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**New Community Facilities**

The Parish Council hosted a meeting early in June where the Anson Trust, MCG, JUPG and other interested parties met together to try and understand each other's current position in regard to the provision of new community facilities, and reports were given from the Anson Trust, MCG, JUPG and the Parish Council. A new joint working group to consider all the issues was thought to be the way forward and a further meeting was held on 19th June. See article elsewhere in this issue.

**Cothill Road – Dog Waste Bin**

Further to the report in last month's issue, the County Council has granted consent for a dog waste bin to be sited in the Cothill Road near the former quarry area. This is being ordered and should be installed in the near future.

**Planning Applications recently considered by the Parish Council**

P13/V0575/O Erection of 43 dwellings at Kings Field, Sheepstead Road  
The Parish Council continued to object to this application.

P13/V087/O Erection of 3 dwellings, new access and associated works  
23 Packhorse Lane. The Parish Council expressed concerns regarding ground levels, footway access, and the possibility of being a gated development.

P13/V0641/HH Formation of pitched roof to garage at Hyde Farm Bungalow. The Council had no objections

P13/V0897/HH and P13/V0898/LB Single storey extension at The Tithe House, 15 Church Street. The Council had no objection

P13/V1028.FUL Demolition of classroom and erection of teaching block Cothill School. Council had no objection.

P13/V1170/HH Single storey living room extension at the rear. Demolish existing outbuilding and form double garage, utility room and boot room. 1 Parkside. Council had no objection

P13/V0859/FUL – Amended Plans - Development of 18 houses with garages, access road, public open space on land adjacent to Priory Lane

Council continued to object to this application. This application was presented to the District Council's planning committee on 19th June where it was debated and consent granted for the building to go ahead.

**Date of Next Council Meeting: Wednesday 10th July 2013** at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place. The timing may vary due to the presentation from BT regarding broadband provision.

**Clerk to the Council:** Mrs. L. Martin,  
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**BT – SOLUTION FOR SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

Mr. Giles Ellerton, Business Development Director from BT, will be at the next Parish Council meeting on 10th July to provide an update on British Telecom and its position regarding the provision of superfast broadband. The planned start time for his presentation is 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place. Please check on the Parish Council's website or noticeboard outside the Institute, near the date for the latest information.

**Community Mini Bus**

WOW!! We have a new replacement for our Community Mini Bus. This has only been possible because we have received very generous donations from organisations within our Community.

Many, many thanks go to  
Marcham Parish Council,  
Marcham School PTA,  
The Harding Trust,  
The Cubs,  
Youth Club,  
Guides  
Brownies,  
Marcham PCC  
and Oxfordshire County Council.

We have been spoilt over the years by owning our own Community Mini Bus, but we can now continue to be spoilt for a good few more years. The Mini Bus is available to any organisation or resident of the village wishing to use it. We ask for a donation for the use, and for the user to replace the diesel used. The driver must have passed their driving test before 1997 to be able to drive the Mini Bus. If anyone is interested in making use of the Mini Bus please contact Marion Belcher 07507 797757 (who has taken over the running of the bus from Chris Ricketts) for availability. All donations are repaid in full into the Mini Bus Bank Account and this in turn pays for the tax, insurance, maintenance and any extra is kept for future replacement of the vehicle.

**MARION BELCHER**

**ANSON TRUST UPDATE**

Since our last update in MADNews we have continued to work behind the scenes on proposals for restructuring of the Trust's assets and we remain hopeful that we will be successful in our endeavours. However, mindful that nothing is guaranteed in life and being very keen to ensure that no stone is left unturned in securing the continuance of our community facilities, the Trust has provided the newly formed Community Facilities Group with details of our financial position and on a personal level a number of the directors of the Trust attended the CFG's inaugural meeting in mid June.



**CRAFT STALL HOLDERS WANTED.**

Are you a craft person interested in a mini craft fair on 7th September in Marcham? Please call Keith on 391881

**GARAGE WANTED FOR RENT**

Secure, dry garage needed in Marcham area for short-term storage of a classic car. Please call Simon on 07932 055051 or email me at: zen168686@zen.co.uk.

**Babysitter available**

Upper Sixth M.C.S Pupil (female) available for babysitting. References available. 01865 390777



**Have Your Say**

• Tuesday 9 July  
Marcham Village Shop  
1700-1800  
**PCSO Andy McCormack C9461**  
Abingdon Outer  
Neighbourhood Team  
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton,  
Shippon and Boars Hill  
Police Non-emergency  
number: 101

If you have a view on a local issue, want to thank people, congratulate success or publicise an event within or near the MADNews area, please contact the editor 01865 391725 or editor@madnews.co.uk

**MARCHAM PARISHIONER OF THE YEAR 2013**

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL wishes to recognise and honour the contribution to village life made by the late Janey Cumber, D.Phil.

Janey's multi-faceted involvement in our community spanned many years. She was a founder member of the Marcham Society and was Chair at the time of her death. She was equally involved with the creation of "Marcham Remembered", and the society's journal, "Coral Rag". Her encouragement of the archaeological teaching-dig on Manor Farm for 11 years raised Marcham's profile as a pre-historic and Romano-British site. Her forming of the Vale and Ridgeway Trust was instrumental in financing post-excavation research and analysis, a privilege few excavations ever experience.

William jnr, Ellen and Sophie gave Janey great joy. With their arrival Janey, supported most generously by Will snr, opened the farm to welcome so many of the village, whether to toddler group coffee mornings, bonfire night parties (especially for Guides, Cubs and Brownies); picnics and swimming parties; sports days; farm visits; and last year, in the beef unit, "Opera Anywhere".

Janey's Christian faith gave her the drive to fulfil many roles in the church community. Villagers and their children will have benefitted from her involvement with Friday club and her organisation of baptisms, marriages and funeral services. Many of our lives were greatly enriched by Janey's warmth and hospitality.

*As a token of its appreciation and on behalf of the civil parish of Marcham, the Parish Council has presented this certificate to Janey's husband, William Cumber.*



**Marcham Village Shop and Post Office  
New Opening Hours**

**Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 18.00**  
**Sat: 07.30 - 13.00**  
**Sun: 08.00 - 13.00**

**New Service: Collect your Cumber Farm meat from the shop - just phone your order through to the farm (391327 Mon - Fri 10-1) and pick it up next time you pop in!**

**6th July: Marcham School Fete**

Come and see us at the school fete (see page xx) to taste a selection of our stock of local products.

**Tuesday 30th July: Come and Celebrate with MVS**

We will be celebrating the 1st anniversary of the opening of Marcham community shop. We invite everyone to come and celebrate with us during the day and join us for coffee and cake.

**Tuesday 6th August: BBQ for volunteers**

All our loyal volunteers are invited to an evening BBQ to recognise their hard work during our first successful year.

**"Lost & Found"**

All Saints Church - Holiday Club  
27th - 30th August 2013  
open to all kids aged 4 - 11.  
*if you're starting school in September you can come!*  
Bookings now open for this years holiday club

Text or email to request a booking form 07811 165351 or jill.rowe.ycm@googlemail.com  
£30 for all 4 days or £8/day  
Early Bird Prices as last year!

Book and pay before end of term (Friday 19th July) £25 for 4 days.  
More Details from Jill Rowe - 07811 165351



# MARCHAM PLAYERS

July and August are traditionally quiet months for The Players but there will be more activity to report in September. Any enquiries re membership or suggestions for theatre visits, please contact either Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 or Cheryll Sewell on 01865 391200!



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www.marchamplayers.co.uk

## Storm at Hyde Farm Nurseries

Hyde Farm Nurseries is home to Storm and Micka, two German Shepherds with impressive pedigrees and impeccable manners!

Perry, Nursery owner and Manager, takes care of the dogs (including Amy who is much older) and is understandably proud that Storm qualified for Crufts at his very first Show and went on to be Highly Commended at Crufts this year.

Micka has also had the approval of the nursery customers - giving rise to many questions - Showing and Breeding? Wait and See! Perry has a big interest in animals and has made a special study of their dietary requirements and can advise customers where necessary.

If you would like to see why Storm and Micka have developed a Fan Club, pop into the nursery between 9am-5pm and meet them or visit [www.applause-pedigreecats.co.uk](http://www.applause-pedigreecats.co.uk) to see some of the other residents!

**THE MARTIN THORNE VIDEOS**

Where were you in 1985, and were you part of the local Cub pack at that time? This month's free DVD release is the Marcham Cubs musical presentation of Oliver! Maybe you helped with the production, painted the scenery or just went to see it at the Institute and would like a reminder.

As with all these videos, now copied to DVD, they are totally free by emailing [martinthorne@hotmail.com](mailto:martinthorne@hotmail.com). All I ask in return is a donation to the MADNews if you can afford it.

Also available Marcham Players "Sweeny Todd"

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## MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

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

**CSB**

The remaining fixtures for this season are:



July	1st XI	2nd XI
6	Oxford Rescue <i>Away</i>	No fixture
13	Great Horwood <i>Home</i>	Combe II <i>Away</i>
20	Hanborough <i>Away</i>	Chesterton II <i>Home</i>
27	Stanton Harcourt <i>Away</i>	Cowley Internationals II <i>Away</i>
<b>Aug</b>		
3	Uffington <i>Away</i>	West Ilsley II <i>Home</i>
10	West Witney <i>Home</i>	Ducklington <i>Away</i>
17	Kennington <i>Away</i>	Broughton and NN II <i>Home</i>
24	Kilkenny <i>Home</i>	Chadlington II <i>Away</i>
31	Kidlington <i>Away</i>	Chipping Norton II <i>Home</i>
<b>Sept</b>		
7	Hanborough <i>Home</i>	Chesterton II <i>Away</i>

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## JUGG - COMMUNITY FACILITIES GROUP

The Parish Council convened a meeting of all village groups on 6 June to explore possible ways forward on the long-term provision of leisure facilities for the village. At that meeting the Anson Trust set out its options: unless it knows by the end of September that one or more new plans for community facilities have a good prospect of succeeding, it will have to approach the Charity Commission and say it cannot continue to operate the current facilities.

The meeting resolved to work for a joint solution through an expanded planning group – the **COMMUNITY FACILITIES GROUP (CFG)** – which would include members of the Parish Council and the Anson Trust as well as user groups and MCG.

The first meeting of the CFG took place on 19 June.

- All those present accepted the principle of participating without any organisational 'labels' and working together for the community interest in an open, public and transparent way.
- Participants approved the objective of drawing up a viable short-term plan that could be presented to the Anson Trust and the Charity Commission in the event that the Anson Trust found itself unable to continue to fund the operation and maintenance of the existing facilities. Under the plan, the initial view is that a community organisation would run the existing facilities.
- The short-term plan for the community organisation to reduce the losses in running the existing facilities (and cover maintenance costs) would buy time to develop longer term plans.

The meeting then started to examine in detail the current costs of running the existing facilities and the current income from them. A small working group will take this further, with the aims of increasing the income and reducing the expenditure as far as possible. The meeting also started to examine possible ways of bridging the gap between costs and income if a community organisation were to take over the running of the existing facilities. The next meeting will be in mid-July.

**SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!**

Dates for July and August  
2pm to 3.30pm  
9th and 23rd July - 13th August.  
Tea and cake follow the singing.  
62 North Street, Marcham  
Come and join us! For more details:  
Christine Whild Tel 391270

<b>MP'S SURGERY WITH ED VAIZEY</b> 5.30-7.00pm, unless stated otherwise - no appointment necessary	
5th July	Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre, OX11 0AA
12th July	Faringdon, Pump Rooms, SN7 7HL
19th July	Wantage, Civic Hall, OX12 9BX
<b>Contact Ed Vaizey MP by</b>	
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Tel	0207 219 6350

**ED VAIZEY WRITES...**

In recent weeks I have had one or two constituents e-mail me to ask why I do not discuss either national or controversial local issues in this newsletter. Because I am writing for all my constituents, I try to stay off national topics, because I do not want to be accused of using this space to push political propaganda!



Those of you who have written to me on national issues know that I respond quickly and in detail setting out my position.

I try to include local news where relevant, but I have not covered the vexed subject of planning. This is without doubt the major issue in the constituency at the moment, with many people writing to me to express their concerns about the number of developments being proposed. I have set out my views in some detail here [www.wantageandgrove.org/ed-vaizey.php](http://www.wantageandgrove.org/ed-vaizey.php) and this statement is now on some other parish web sites. I am pleased that the Vale Council has appointed a new head of planning, and two new planning officers. I am also writing to the Planning Minister to ask him to clarify whether housing numbers override local planning considerations. In too many cases, it seems, the Vale is approving proposals which do not fit local planning considerations because, they claim, they need to reach their housing targets. I want to get some clarity from the Government on whether this is right or not.

Finally, related to this issue, I am delighted that the Department for Transport has allocated £5 million to help sort out the Milton Interchange on the A34. This junction is a significant 'pinch point' which has long needed addressing. The scheme will improve the operation and increase the capacity at Milton Interchange, by providing a 'hamburger' style roundabout of the type which have so improved the traffic flows around the Oxford bypass. It should enable the junction to operate effectively even with planned growth in traffic, and help all of us living and working in the area.

Although I don't comment on national issues, I do highlight every month what is in my postbag, so you have some idea of the issues of concern. This month has been dominated by proposals for a badger cull. The spread of bovine TB and the climate change issues that have arisen from the passage of the energy bill have produced around 300 emails and letters between them. Bovine TB is a serious disease which is spreading faster and faster. It cost the taxpayer £500 million in the last 10 years. One part of the current solution being used by the Government is the controlled culling of badgers because it is the most immediately effective measure. The Government has also funded and developed an injectable badger vaccine but this has its limitations. It involves trapping badgers and repeating the process annually for many years.

On the Energy Bill, the Government is committed to decarbonising the UK's energy supplies, but this must be at the lowest overall cost for consumers because energy bills are a big concern for struggling families at the moment. Carbon saving has created a business sector that is now worth £122 billion and employs close to a million people, so being pro-business and anti-carbon is making more sense in modern politics.

**ED VAIZEY**, MP Wantage and Didcot (Con)

**COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

As a VWHDC Councillor, I am well aware of how the planning system in the UK operates. Under current conditions, it is under more pressure now than it has been for years. Planning, as many will know, is a District issue, but as your County Councillor, I have already had the opportunity to view the system from another angle and to see ways in which it is, in my view, in dire need of revision. At the recent planning meeting to consider the Redrow application in Milton Road, I requested permission to speak on your behalf. I wanted to ask if the results of the surveys into traffic and education, produced by 'Keep Sutton Courtenay Rural', had been considered by the County Transport and Education Officers, and had KSCR seen reasons why their conclusions had been rejected. I was told that County Councillors had no right to speak at Planning Meetings except as members of the public, and, as such would be taking up

some of the '3 minutes' available to the Parish Council and KSCR combined. 3 minutes was so little time that the PC and KSCR Reps had to go at such a pace that it was almost impossible to follow their arguments. As the Parish Councillor representative on a neighbouring Parish—heavily affected by extra traffic generation in Sutton Courtenay, I requested the opportunity to explain their concerns. Again I was told that I would have to use up some of the precious 3 minutes. Not to be defeated, I tried again in my capacity as a District Councillor for a neighbouring Ward. Same answer. If Sutton Courtenay PC, Keep Sutton Courtenay Rural, and almost all the 20 or so village residents present were frustrated and not a little angry at the way the meeting was conducted, I certainly knew where they were coming from. Planning is such a contentious subject at present, it is essential that the process maintains its integrity, and is seen as open, fair and as quasi-judicial as possible. It should have nothing to do with party politics and everything to do with planning law. It must allow the public the time to present sensible argument and evidence, and where such argument and evidence is rejected by statutory authorities, it is clearly explained to them why. All this particularly applies to major housing applications. If this makes planning meetings longer, so be it. I will be working closely with the District Councillors for Sutton Courtenay and Marcham in an effort to ensure that the public is given more time, respect and rather more credit in future, and that these issues are understood by both VWHDC and OCC. As your County Councillor, I will be pressing for the same principles to be applied to county planning applications—at least there I will be allowed to open my mouth!

If you have feeling on this or any other County issue you would like me to hear, please contact me (if you have not already done so!) on 01235 534001 or [Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com](mailto:Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com)

If you have any issues or problems with County issues, Roads, Education, Social Services etc, I can always be contacted via: 01235 534001 or [Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com](mailto:Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com)

**RICHARD WEBBER**

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

A month has passed since the local elections, and planning is still the major topic in Marcham, as it is up and down the country. I am continually struck by just how many good people there are in Marcham, all working free of charge to try to solve the various problems facing the village. Not everyone agrees on the right way forward, but I have seen enough to make me very hopeful that solutions can be found in the near future - solutions which will give most interested parties much of what they desire, not least the people of Marcham. It is going to be a case of 'watch this space' for all of us over the coming months.

As you will realise, I have been attending Training days and meetings at the Vale, learning the ropes and what a District Councillor is responsible for. I thought that you might like to see the list for reference! Building control; regulatory; public protection; car parks; cemeteries and crematoria; council tax benefit; Crime and Disorder Act; community wardens; economic development; electoral registration and elections; emergency planning; environmental services; environmental health; pollution control; refuse collection; private sector housing standards; street sweeping; food hygiene and health and safety; dog wardens; public conveniences; streetscene; grounds maintenance; housing; leisure; Licensing; taxis; alcohol and public entertainment; gambling; museums and arts; national non-domestic rate; planning; development control; local delivery control; local delivery framework; heritage; countryside management; property searches and land charges; watercourses and drainage; street naming; tourism. (I think I am in need of a holiday already!) But none of this means I cannot be contacted on 01235 534001 or [catherinewebber@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherinewebber@hotmail.co.uk) One final thing - Richard and I are thinking of setting up a regular surgery every other month on a Saturday (alternating with Shippon) and we'd like to hear from you if you think this will be useful. The venue still needs to be found. Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months.

**CATHERINE WEBBER**

**MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK**

**Thursday, July 18th (please note this is the THIRD Thursday in July)**

For our July walk we will make another visit to Aldworth in Berkshire and the very traditional and famous pub, The Bell (Map Ref SU555796). We will eat at 12.30 and start our walk at 1.30. This time we will be going through downland to the hamlet of Westridge Green and getting a glimpse of the Saxon earthwork of Grim's Ditch. This walk is shorter than usual at 3½ miles.



**Thursday August 8th**

In August we will meet at the Clifden Arms (Map Ref SP639082) a spectacular 16th century, Grade II-listed thatched pub in Worminghall just over the county border in Bucks. This walk is a little longer than usual at about 5 miles, but with no hills and we will be passing through Ickford, Waterstock and Waterperry by the river Thame.

Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details.

**Marcham WI**

Our July meeting is a garden meeting, and is to be held at 62 North Street, Marcham, the home of Christine Whild. There will be a bring and share supper, and the theme for the evening is to be **CORONATION**.



The brave among us are invited to wear a crown for headgear for the evening!

**There will be no meeting in August.**

Come and join our group, or try us out as a visitor instead.

*Contacts for new members or visitors*

Christine Whild 01865 391270

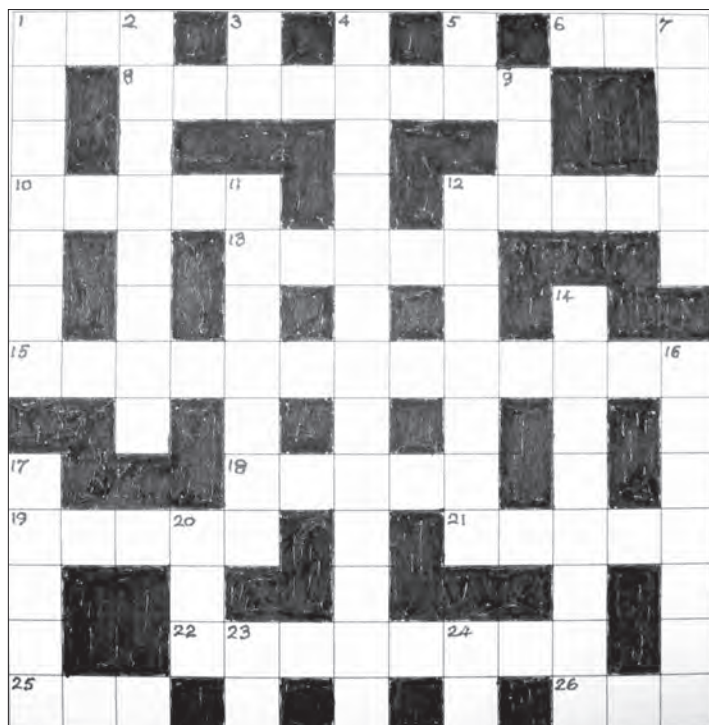
**Home Care Worker required for elderly lady**

We are currently looking for caring, conscientious and friendly individual to provide care, companionship and home help services to an elderly lady who lives in Southmoor.



For more information please ring Nerice on 01865 841362

**SUMMER CROSSWORD BY ALISA**



**MARCHAM SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!!**

**Clerk to the Governing Body**

Are you interested in how the school runs? Would you like to be involved in making sure the work of the Governing Body is well organised? The Governors are looking to appoint a new clerk to the Governing Body to replace Trish Summers, who has been our fabulous clerk for almost 5 years. This post is for September and is an interesting insight into educational procedures and practice. If this appeals to you, please contact Mrs Hutchinson or the school office for further details. This could be the exciting challenge/opportunity you know you've been looking for.

**Lunch time Supervisor**

We are looking to appoint a positive, reliable and conscientious individual to be a lunch time supervisor at Marcham CE Primary School between the hours of 12 noon and 1pm. If this would appeal to you, please contact the school office where we would be happy to talk to you about the role.

Viv Hutchinson 01865 391448  
office.3235@marcham.oxon.sch.uk

**OSJ PROMS AT THE ASHMOLEAN**

Each Orchestra of St John's concert in the series takes inspiration from the Museum's collections and is introduced by members of the Ashmoelian's curatorial team. The concerts take place in the Ashmoelian Atrium, Beaumont Street, Oxford.



**Tuesday 2 July 7.30pm** Doors open: 7pm  
Brahms: 4 Songs for female voices, 2 horns and harp, Op. 17; Schubert: Auf dem Strom, D. 943 Orchestrated by John Lubbock; Brahms: 12 Songs for female voices, Op. 44; Brahms: Serenade No. 2 Op. 16; Soprano - Anna Shackleton with the OSJ Ashmoelian Voices

**Sunday 11 August 7.30pm** Doors open: 7pm  
Schumann: Kinderscenen, Op. 15 Orchestrated by John Lubbock; Debussy: Childrens Corner Orchestrated by John Lubbock; Mahler: Kindertotenlieder; Contralto Christine Sjolander with the OSJ Ashmoelian Voices  
Tickets: £25 (chair), £10 (cushion), £100 (season ticket)  
Box Office: 0845 680 1926 or www.osj.org.uk or Blackwells Music, 25 High Street, Oxford

**ACROSS**

- 1 Vehicle (3)
- 5 Colour (3)
- 8 Vehicles (8)
- 10 Involving sound (5)
- 12 Dance (5)
- 13 Part of a flower (5)
- 15&4 Event on the 6th (7.6.3.6.4)
- 18 Big (5)
- 19 Joyful hymn (5)
- 20 British bird (5)
- 22 Game (8)
- 25 Cooler (3)
- 26 non-clerical (3)

**DOWN**

- 1 Flowers on a tree (7)
- 2 Flag (8)
- 3 Father (2)
- 4 See 15
- 5 Hostpital (2)
- 7 Devil (5)
- 9 Ocean (3)
- 11 Village near and airfield (7)
- 12 Tutor (7)
- 14 Tropical bird (8)
- 16 Washing 97)
- 17 Garment (5)
- 20 not on (3)
- 23 Animal (2)
- 24 Anno Domini (2)

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**A sad centenary**

**On 7 August 2013 the Anson Trust will be 100 years old.**

The Anson Trust set out its options at the meeting of village groups convened on 6 June by the Parish Council. It will have to decide in September whether a possible new plan for new facilities has a prospect of succeeding. If it has, the Trust would be able to continue as now, using endowment funds to cover running expenses. If not, it would have to approach the Charity Commission and say it could no longer continue to operate.

There was an earlier sad centenary nine years ago. It is ironic that the Institute was closed in September 2004, a few months after the centenary of its opening.

**The start of a new century – now it really is up to the community.**

**The MCG committee is committed to finding a solution that keeps the existing facilities in community use.** It believes the only way forward at this stage is to set up a new way of running them that would be directly accountable to the community and that would have tangible community support.

MCG is working with other village groups in the expanded joint planning group that now includes members of the Parish Council and the Anson Trust. This group has adopted the name of the Community Facilities Group (CFG – see p.7) .

You will see from the full report on p.7 that The CFG started work on 19 June. Participants pledged to work together in an open and transparent way and without any organisational ‘labels’. The CFG aims to develop a viable plan that could be presented to the Charity Commission if the Anson Trust had to tell the Commission it could no longer operate.

The plan would provide a way of continuing to run the existing community facilities in accordance with the aims of the original trust set up by the Anson sisters, and it would allow time to consider longer-term options. It will **not** be a life-support system for the Anson Trust.

**Any new scheme will only be successful if everyone feels a sense of ownership.**

**The start of a new century**

**Dates for your diary**

**Thursday 26 September**

Marcham School

**Update - a new approach**

plus the 2013 AGM

**Non-members welcome**

and if you join you will have a vote.

**Saturday 19 October 11 am – 4 pm**

**Apple Day**

**STILL TIME TO GET TICKETS**

**“Summer Sounds”**

**with the Dark Blues Band**

**Saturday 6th July 2013**

**Anson Field & MSSSC**

**7.30pm until midnight**

**Bar until 11.30pm**

**Food included in ticket price**

Tickets (over 18 only) £8 until 3 July - £10 after 3 July

Available from Marcham Village Shop (391993 to reserve tickets)

and Cumbers' Farm Shop

**Event organised jointly by MSSSC and MCG**

**“Summer Sounds” Sat. 6 July  
Dark Blues**



## EVENTS

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Delightfully scroobious, or uffishly vorpal? 'Nonsense' is the theme for this year's Alice's Day

Join Alice, the Mad Hatter and friends for a whirlwind of nonsensical free events in more than 20 of Oxford's historic locations and world-class venues. Exhibitions, tea parties, street performances, talks, activities and – new for 2013 – a topsyturvy trail will take you to some of Oxford's most beautiful landmarks. Dress up, bring a picnic!


Date: Saturday 6 July 2013 Time: All day

Place: Venues across Oxford city centre

Cost: Most events are free [www.storymuseum.org.uk/alice](http://www.storymuseum.org.uk/alice)



Alice's Day

 Sobell House Hospice Charity  
Oxford Moonlight Stroll  
10:30pm 13th July 2013  
A nine-mile night-time sponsored walk through the streets of Oxford in aid of Sobell House Hospice, caring for people affected by terminal illness  
[www.oxfordmoonlightstroll.org](http://www.oxfordmoonlightstroll.org) 01865 857 007



Coffee Morning & Sale in aid of Oxfordshire charity  


Friday 6 September, 10.30-12.30

Tubney Farm House, Abingdon Road, Tubney

Bring a friend for coffee and cake and enjoy the lovely garden. Then try your luck in the raffle and browse among the stalls selling a wide range of unique, high quality items. Find that perfect birthday gift, steal a march on time with some early Christmas shopping, or simply treat yourself to some of the gorgeous things on offer! Details from Gwyneth on 01865 390483

### The Community Games

*Thousands of people to come together for fun, culture and sport in Oxfordshire.*

The legacy of the Olympic and Paralympic Games is evident through programmes like the Community Games. Last year more than 1,600 Community Games were held across England, 35 of these were held in Oxfordshire.

The Community Games programme gives people a unique opportunity to come together in their community and celebrate through sport, physical activity and culture. All of the games will aim to replicate the Olympic Values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect and the Paralympic Values of Determination, Courage, Inspiration and Equality. All events are open to people of all ages and are led by local communities.

#### Find an event happening near you this month

**Standlake family fun day and festival of cycling - Saturday 6th July** The Bell Inn, Standlake from 10am. Cycle circuits around the village, family breakfasts, BBQ, cream teas, side shows, young musicians, children's entertainment.

**Hook Norton Summer Family BBQ - Friday 12th July.** Hook Norton Primary School. BBQ, pedal to make your own smoothie, Pimm's bar, jazz band, tug of war, aunt sally, rounders for the family.

**Rose Hill Play and Activity Day- Saturday 13th July.** Rose Hill Recreation Ground 11am-3pm. Climbing wall, health bus, dance workshop, craft zone and sports zone with an opportunity to take part in Lacrosse, Fencing, Tag Rugby and Martial Arts

Visit the Community Games website for full details of the events taking place over the next month and the rest of the summer as well as being able to register an event scheduled to take place in your own community

[www.communitygames.org.uk/Games](http://www.communitygames.org.uk/Games)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ABINGDON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, MARCHAM ROAD

Volunteers are a very important part of the running of Abingdon Hospital. Both staff and patients greatly appreciate all that our volunteers contribute.

We currently have vacancies in the following voluntary roles: In the Coffee Shop –

At the moment all our regular shifts are filled, but we would like to have more volunteers who are willing to offer occasional cover when regular staff are off sick and on holiday. Shifts are 10.00-12.00 and 12.00 – 14.00.

On the Wards –

- Serving patient's mid-morning refreshments 10am-12noon
- Assisting with patients' lunches 12-1.30pm
- Answering the phones/taking messages 5-7pm

If you are interested in helping and wish to find out a bit more about these roles, please contact the Voluntary Services Organiser:

Laura Hodges, telephone: 01235 205705,  
email: [Laura.Hodges@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:Laura.Hodges@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)

### Peace in the Park - The Festival of Spirit 12, 13, 14th July 2013

As a local resource and part of the South Oxfordshire community the Global Retreat Centre is holding for the third year 'Peace in the Park – The Festival of Spirit' over three consecutive days 12, 13, 14 July 2013. What makes this festival unique is, there is no charge for attending any of the rich variety of events on offer or for parking. It is organised and staffed by more than 250 volunteers.

Friday 3pm - 8.30pm Sat/Sun 11am - 7pm  
[www.peaceintheparkfestival.org](http://www.peaceintheparkfestival.org)



**NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL**

**What a year it's been at Marcham CE Primary School!**

There have been so many things, as a school, we have been delighted by. There have been whole school trips to the theatre at Chipping Norton and to the Ffennell Skills festival at Hill End, which were both fantastic experiences. There have been other trips to the Black Country museum, Chedworth Roman Villa, North Wales at an outdoor residential centre for five days, Wittenham Clumps and other local venues. As well as going out, we've had a range of visitors coming in – from museums and archaeologists to touring theatre companies and Art/Design specialists. It has been a packed but exciting year and we know that the children have benefited from these experiences.



We are particularly excited to be welcoming Frances Craven – the Deputy Director of Education in Oxfordshire – to our school in late June. She is visiting in response to letters written to her by our Year 5/6 pupils, having heard of cuts to provision for Outdoor Education. I know that they are keen to share their views with her and we hope that they will be seriously considered.

We were delighted to have received a Duke of Marlborough Heritage Award (2012) this year for work done based on a visit to Blenheim Palace which has been on display there. Three children were selected to go to Blenheim Palace for the awards ceremony and a sumptuous tea was held for all the pupils involved back at school later that evening. It was a lovely event with, as Mrs Capel described it, "excellent cup-and-saucer work". We were also pleased to be involved with the Marcham Players "With Great Pleasure" evening, which was a 'great pleasure'.

There are some significant changes taking place in Marcham School and it is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Rook who will be leaving us after 17 years. She has played a significant role in the education of many children in Marcham and beyond and we wish her all the very best for the future. We will be having an 'open' tea session after school on Thursday 18th July – from 3:30 – 5pm, if you'd like to join us in celebrating Mrs Rook's time at Marcham. We'd appreciate it if you could give the office a call just so that we can get a feel for numbers wishing to attend. We'd love to see you and I'm sure Mrs Rook would relish the opportunity to catch up with many of you.

We have appointed two new members of staff to our team for September: Mr Tom Codd will be replacing Mrs Rook and Miss Julie Rowlands will be sharing the class with Mrs Johnson as Mrs Kidd takes time out to have her baby. We look forward to the contribution they will make to our school. We've been very fortunate to have Mrs Lisa Mills join us this year as a Maths specialist teacher: her passion for Maths has been infectious. Enormous thanks go to our PTA and Governing Body who both work tirelessly for the school in different ways – the PTA raising funds to support some of the fantastic opportunities the children are given and the Governors overseeing the strategic direction and of the school and ensuring its continued improvement. As a school community we have high expectations of ourselves and our children and are determined to live out our mission to "to achieve excellence in education in a safe, caring and collaborative community where learning is fun".

We do have fabulous staff at Marcham and I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their commitment to the children of Marcham and the surrounding villages, and for their extremely hard work.

**Here's to 2013-4!**  
**VIV HUTCHINSON HEADTACHER**

**Bubble Wrap** - regular quantities from local business.  
 Free with a donation to Keith's India charity.  
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**MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

There was an very unusual sight at Pre-school on Saturday 15th June at 8am - the children were invited in for a 'Breakfast Boogie'!! Wearing their pyjamas the children enjoyed the chance to wake up to some 'sticky kids' dancing and singing following by a yummy breakfast of toast and crumpets. Meanwhile the parents had the chance to watch a slideshow of their children at play while reviewing their Learning Journeys. It was a great morning and a fantastic way to start the weekend!



If you would like to join us at Pre-school please do get in touch as soon as possible, we have some spaces for September 2013 and are holding a list of interested parents for subsequent years - right up to 2015!! We can be contacted through our website at [www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com](http://www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com) or [marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk), 01865 392101.

We look forward to hearing from you! Have a great summer everyone!

**MARION, NICKY, KATHARINE, SAM AND NATASHA**  
[marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk)  
[www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com](http://www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com)

**Marcham School Summer Fete**  
**Saturday 6th July 2-4pm**  
**Entrance adults 50p, children FREE**  
 Fun for all of the family - Science Show, Face painting, BBQ and chips, Strawberries and cream, Cake Stall, Teas and Beer Tent  
 Fire engine and Police van on display,  
 Raffle and Tombola, Sponge Throwing and lots more.  
**Please come along, whatever the weather!!**

**ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS**

During the last month we have been busy looking at the story of Noahs Ark, the children have been busy looking at all the animals 2x2 and each little angel made their own favourite animal to put on our wonderful display. The after school club also did their bit adding their favourite animals, a fun activity and topic which lead onto looking not just at maths, but weather, rain, rainbows and families with the morals of good and bad and how we should behave.



This Summer we say good bye to some of our wonderful little angels as they depart for the big new world of school, our graduation ceremony is always a special time to say goodbye to our little angels who some have been with us since they were 6 months old, sad day but rewarding to know they are now ready for the experience of school good luck to all our Little angels we will miss you.

The after school club have had a good term spending time playing on the field with badminton, rounders, football and skipping, making daisy chains and creating dens. Good fun and all the Big angels joined in with making plaster Paris moulds of cars planes train which they decorated to give to their dads for Fathers day. We would like to say 'Thank you' to the café ladies for lovely meals we eat on Wednesday lunch the children always look forward to their hot meal and will miss them over the summer holidays. If you would like any further information about Abingdon Little Angels Nursery, After School Club, Holiday Club or Art Club please feel free to call in or telephone us on 07516 474287 or at [info@abingdonlittleanimals.co.uk](mailto:info@abingdonlittleanimals.co.uk).

**MARCHAM AND DISTRICT  
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NORTH STREET, MARCHAM**

All members, registered members and registered partners  
Every Saturday Con't Miss Out  
**"IN TO WIN"**

Weekly draw on a Saturday night  
Between 9.30 And 10.45.

Exact time drawn on night

Full rules and your registered number  
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The winning number holder must be in the club bar area at  
Time of draw to collect.

If the holder of the winning ticket is not in the club bar area  
At the time of the draw, the prize will be carried over and  
Increased for the following Saturday.

**OAP AFTERNOON TEA**

Saturday 20th July  
starting at 3pm

Come to the club for afternoon tea with entertainment.  
Open to OAP Members and residents of Marcham  
Include your name on the lists in the Community Shop  
and club from 1st July till 15th July.

**FAMILY BBQ & RACE NIGHT**

Saturday 17th August  
starting at 7.30pm

**EARTH TRUST EVENTS**

*At the Earth Trust, we believe the best way to look after the places we love is to change the way we live. We provide great opportunities for people of all ages to discover nature and the countryside. Our programmes of events, courses, children's learning and volunteering can inspire everyone to make a small difference and look after our local environment.*



**July**

**Tues 23rd, 1.30-3pm.** Little Explorers: Sensory Buggy Walk for Babies and Toddlers. Free, suggested donation £2 per family.

**Fri 26th, 10am-12 noon.** Discover and Play: Forest School for Pre-School Children. Free, suggested donation £2 per family.

**Wed 31st, 10am-12 noon.** Woodland Adventure: an expedition for 5-8 year olds. Free, suggested donation £2 per family.

**August**

Mon 5th – Friday 9th August, 9.30am-4pm. Summer Clumps Club. A week of outdoor adventures for children aged 8-12. There'll be a different theme and loads of fun every day! £25 per child per day.

**Thurs 8th, 8-10.30pm.** Bats at the Earth Trust. Meet Dave Endacott's rescued bats before going on a night time walk at Wittenham Clumps. Adults £5, Children £2.

**Tues 13th, 9-11pm.** Meteor Walk for Families. A late night guided walk to look at summer constellations and also enjoy the spectacular Perseid Meteor shower. Adults £5, Children £2.

Wednesday 14th, 10am – 12 noon. Family Bug Hunt. For children of all ages, come and join an expedition looking for bugs large and small. Free, suggested donation £2 per family.

Friday 16th, 10am-4pm. Family Bushcraft Day. Adults £20, Children £15.

*Unless otherwise stated all events take place at Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ. Booking is essential, call 01865 407792 or email admin@earthtrust.org.uk.*

*See www.earthtrust.org.uk for more information.*

July / August 2013



Our next **Open Day** will be on Wednesday, 3 July 2013 from 10 am to 3 pm. The theme for this Open Day is "Wheelchairs and Mobility Scooters". We hope to have a range of manual and electric wheelchairs and also a range of mobility scooters for people to come and see. We will also have information on wheelchair and scooter accessories (clothing, storage, ramps etc.). As always all are welcome to attend our Open Days. Just drop in. Refreshments available.

Guideposts Trust Independent Living Centre  
Abingdon Resource and Wellbeing Centre  
Crabtree Place, Audlett Drive, Abingdon OX14 3GD  
Call 01235 856212 (our new phone number)

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

Antony Worrall Thompson and research charity **Against Breast Cancer** invite you to host an ABC Afternoon Tea during July to raise funds for their unique research.



By hosting a delicious afternoon tea, you will be helping breast cancer sufferers everywhere learn how their diet and lifestyle can help protect them from a recurrence of breast cancer and ultimately help us discover a vaccine against breast cancer.

1 in 8 women in the UK will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time in their lives. The good news is that more women are surviving breast cancer every year so get together with friends, family or colleagues and raise funds to continue this important research.

Antony says "I've donated some of my favourite tea time recipes which you can find in the pack and ABC have put together some fun ideas to help you raise a little extra - you could run a raffle (local shops, restaurants and businesses will often supply prizes); sell their pin badges or wrist bands; turn your afternoon tea into a clothes swap or pamper afternoon - see the pack for more ideas".

Pick a date in July and contact the charity now for The ABC Afternoon Tea pack. It includes everything you need to know to enjoy a fun afternoon with friends, family or colleagues. For more information email Alison@againstbreastcancer.org.uk, call her on 01235 534211 or visit www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/abct

**Saturday 20th July 2013: Fyfield Village Fete, Manor Farmhouse, Fyfield.  
2.00 pm. - 4.00 p.m.**

Entrance Fee: £1.00 Adults and 50p/Seniors and Children  
A fun day for all the family to enjoy including; Cream Teas, Plants, Gifts, Pre-loved, Tombola, Silent Auction and much more, with entertainment provided by Kennington Brass Band and Oxford Entertainers.

**Summer Fundraiser In aid of  
The Stroke Unit @ Abingdon Community Hospital**

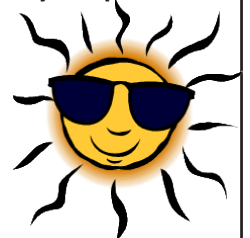
Join us for a BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Face painting, Raffle, Stalls, Games and much more...

Sunday 11 August 12 - 4pm

The Waggon and Horses

Faringdon Road, Southmoor OX13 5BG

Search Facebook for Summer Fundraiser - Abingdon Hospital Stroke Unit



# Church - Relevant for Today?



As you may know, apart from being the pastor at Marcham Baptist Church, I run a charity working in India (Samaritan's Projects) and also my own business with my wife Ruth who works part time with me and part time as a nurse at Abingdon Hospital. However, today I took the day off to write this article to compile a letter to send to the Samaritan's Project's supporters and to catch up on some business admin. But my day started by reading an article in a Christian magazine that discussed the contextualization and relevance of the church today. The article led me to reflect on the work of the church in the 21st century UK and specifically our church here in Marcham.

When Jesus physically walked this earth around 2,000 years ago (as several secular historians record), he too worked in the family business and no doubt met customers in their homes and in the family carpenter's shop. On one level, he was an ordinary guy, who identified with his contemporaries, ate meals with friends, loved, laughed and cried. On one level, he was a regular bloke who lived like anyone else in the context of the time and the society in which he was born. As well as being a skilled tradesman, he initially identified with those in the local religious establishment, being respected as a rabbi or Jewish religious teacher. As I read the article this morning, it brought me to reflect on how Jesus would be, if he were living in Oxfordshire today. What would he be doing for a job? How would he live his life, if he were a Marcham resident in the 21st century?

In some ways it is a moot question because The Messiah, (the One promised and prophesied about hundreds of times in the Old Testament - that portion of the Bible written hundreds of years before Christ was born) was always going to be born a Jew, a descendant of Abraham, living in Canaan - the land promised to Abraham and now known as Israel. But what if Jesus had been born in Oxfordshire, how would he dress, what job would he be doing? I am sure he would live according to the context of the present day, working in a regular job, socialising with neighbours and dressing and living as we do, albeit in a thoroughly Godly way. Jesus would essentially fit into today's context.

Over the last few months, we have been busy revamping our church and church hall. Our worship music too has been going through a process of gradual modernisation. Our buildings have been decorated in a bright and fresh way and gone is the pulpit. But though the church has been brought more up to date, the message of Jesus must and does remain unchanged.....

Still the fact is that God created a wonderful world in which we live ..... Constant is the message is that without Christ, each man and woman is separated from God ..... unchanging is the good news that Jesus did all that was necessary to reconcile us to our Creator. God became man and enabled forgiveness, a fresh start and a right relationship with our God. Though the buildings and the way we and the good news of Christ are presented might change, the message of Jesus does not.

This is early notice (due to Meriel taking a well-earned break from the MAD News in August) but on Sat 7th and Sun 8th September we are having a fun weekend ..... On the Saturday, an open day so you can come and have some fun with us and see what we are all about - bouncy castle for the young ones, BBQ and craft fair, with the opportunity to see our revamped buildings and on the Sunday will be Messy Church, church done not as you might imagine it could be.

Jesus in the 21st Century would dress, speak, laugh and live in many ways as we do and he is just as relevant today as he was 2,000 years ago. Have a great summer and we hope to see you on 7th / 8th September.

**Keith Mersh      Pastor Marcham Baptist Church**

Contact    Keith Mersh      Pastor      01865 391881  
Or            Bill Dyer            Elder        01235 814986

## **Speakers in July / August**

- 7 July        - Ralph Green
- 14 July      - Keith Mersh
- 21 July      - Paul Revell
- 28 July      - John Hawley
- 4 Aug        - Keith Mersh
- 11 Aug      - Phil Mader-Grayson
- 18 Aug      - Janet Quarry
- 25 Aug      - Dave Page

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,

For all sorts of reasons the first half of 2013 has been challenging and quite tough emotionally. The extended cold weather hasn't helped – we even had the heating on in June! Perhaps I'm getting soft in my advancing years!

Taking stock of 'the journey' of our lives can be an important step to take. Perhaps we used to do things that we no longer do – like attending our local church – and for no particular reason, it simply slipped off the agenda. Perhaps it's time to re-assess? Try again?

One of the elements of my own reassessing is to build in time for more reflection – take some time out for extended prayer and think about some of the issues we are facing. It's so easy to let the busyness of life take over, and before we know it time has flown!

One area of this reflection is to ask important questions about our understanding of faith, of who Jesus really is, of God and his work in our world. What if our understanding is a misunderstanding? What if we've swallowed a particular view without really thinking it out for ourselves? Is there more to discover and to grasp?

In the autumn we shall be running another **Alpha** course in the Parish. This is a relaxed course – no strings attached – with good food, an opportunity to discuss some of the 'big' questions of life, to reassess things for ourselves. May I encourage you to give it a go? Look out for the details in the September MADnews.

In the meantime, I hope you can find some 'time out' this summer, to rest and relax, and take stock of life's 'journey'.

With my warmest greetings

**Revd Richard Zair**

## Prayer for the Month:

Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for the quieter moments in life, for rest and relaxation. Please help us to build these into our lives more frequently, even as Jesus did.  
For your name's sake, Amen.

## JULY and AUGUST Events:

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July & Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Men's Breakfast**  
8.30 am at the Sports, Scouts & Social Club

### **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July – Jesus and Women**

8-9 pm at All Saints'. The first in an occasional series on topics of interest – we will be looking at Jesus' attitude to women in the gospels. All welcome.

**SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB:** Lost and Found  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August : 10 am to 2 pm

**Early Bird Offer – book before 20<sup>th</sup> July:** £25 for the week or £7 a day (£30 for the week or £8 a day if booked after 20<sup>th</sup> July)

For a booking form text Jill on 07811 165 351 or email: [jill.rowe.ycm@googlemail.com](mailto:jill.rowe.ycm@googlemail.com)  
(see page 5 for full advert)

## Parish People:

On 9<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed in baptism: Thomas Clifford, son of Jamie and Hayley, and Noah Elliott, son of James and Josie.

## Regular services:

**Sundays at All Saints':** 10 am and 6 pm  
(28<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm – Prayer & Praise)

**Wednesdays:** 10.30am HC at Duffield Place

**Sunday at St. Luke's:** 14<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 am  
[please note that there will not be a service in August]

Children of all ages are welcome at our Sunday services. For more information on our Youth & Children's work, please contact Jill Rowe.

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Deborah Flint *Churchwarden* 391056  
Andrew Haines *Churchwarden* 01235 868946  
Jenny Warwick *PCC Secretary* 392076  
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