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◀ Have you lost your keys? Come to Marcham Village Shop to see if they are there!

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▼ Marcham Society's 200th walk visiting the Roman town at Silchester and The Vyne ▼



Diary for October

1 Thur	Midweek Walk: The Boat Inn, Thrupp 12.30 lunch, 13.30 walk	7	19 – 24	Abingdon Artists Exhibition, St Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, 10.00 – 17.00	15
3 Sat	Biffa Compost Giveaway: White Horse Leisure Centre, Abingdon 09.00 – 11.00	3	20 Tue	Deadline for November MADNews, 17.00	
8 Thur	Mobile Library, Sweetbriar 14.35 – 15.00		21 Wed	RDA Christmas Fair, Lains Barn, 10.00 – 14.00	9
10 Sat	Councillors' Surgery, MVS, 09.00 – 11.00	5	22 Thur	Mobile Library, Sweetbriar 14.35 – 15.00	
10 Sat	Casa Margarita, Holywell Music Room, 19.30	15	27 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 – 15.30	7
12 Mon	MVS AGM, MSSSC, Anson Field, 20.00	5	31 Sat	Didcot Rail 2015, Didcot Civic Hall, 10.00 – 17.00	15
13 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 – 15.30	7	November		
13 Tue	Marcham Society, All Saints' Church, 19.45	7	6 Fri	Quiznight, MSSSC, Anson Field, 20.15	7
14 Wed	Allotment Rent Collection, Duffield Place, 18.30 – 19.30	17	7 Sat	Bazaar and table Top Sale, Southmoor Village Hall, 10.30 – 12.00	15
14 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 19.30	5	13 – 15	Marcham Society 20th Anniversary Exhibition	7
15 Thur	Marcham WI, Denman College, 19.30	7	21-22	Sobell Christmas Fair, Radley College, 10.00	15
17 Sat	Alzheimer's Society Autumn Sale, St Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, 09.30-12.00	15			

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

Dear Readers

Some months this short bit of chat almost writes itself, and other times it is like getting a drink out of a Vagon!

So, in the absence of inspiration here is a short hum:

*Tra-la-la, tra-la-la,
Tra-la-la, tra-la-la,
Rum-tum-tiddle-um-tum.
Tiddle-iddle, tiddle-iddle,
Tiddle-iddle, tiddle-iddle,
Rum-tum-tum-tiddle-um.*

Until next time



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October 2015

**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
Biffa Compost Giveaway – Change of location**

Owing to Abingdon fair at the beginning of October, Biffa has changed the location for the compost give away from Rye Farm Car Park, Culham Road to the overflow car park at the White Horse Leisure Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon. The event will still take place on Saturday 3rd October between 9.00 am. – 11.00 am.

Recycling

From 5th October you will be able to put even more items out for recycling. From that date the Vale of White Horse District Council and Biffa will start collecting small electrical items and clothes or textiles from the kerbside. Small electrical items like toasters, kettles, irons, hairdryers, small electronic toys, and radios need to be placed in a carrier bag and put out next to your grey waste bin. Textiles too such as torn or worn out clothes, curtains and bedsheets that are not good enough for use by charities should be put in a tied carrier bag next to your grey waste bin.

Household Waste Recycling Centres

The County Council has a requirement to reduce the household waste recycling centre budget by £350,000 for 2017/18. It proposes to reduce the number of recycling centres from 7 to 3 and to change the opening hours of the remaining sites. The Parish Council has submitted comments expressing concern regarding planned closures as it is feared that fly tipping would increase. It has asked that the Drayton centre remain open, particularly on Saturdays and Sundays.

Grants

The Parish Council considers any requests for grants at its November meeting. Grant requests are considered usually just once a year. Therefore, if there is any worthy and needy organisation where Marcham residents benefit which is considering applying to the Parish Council for a grant, then please write to the Clerk by the end of the month, stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts.

Trick or Treat - 31st October

It is approaching that time of year when children can be tempted into going out trick or treating. Normally it is a harmless pastime for children, but it can also be both frightening and intimidating. Much distress is caused by unexpected knocks on the door or loud noises. Some residents may welcome treat or treating, others do not. If your children do go out, please encourage them to call only on those whom they know and to respect the wishes of anyone who does not wish to participate.

If you do get an unexpected caller, make sure the chain or door bar is on before you open the door. Do not let anyone in your house unless you are happy with their identity. If you need to talk to the police

call 101 or dial 999 in an emergency.

Fireworks

Whilst it is only October, fireworks night at the beginning of November will soon be upon us. A reminder to think ahead and to be considerate for neighbours and the many pets and animals in the village when letting off your fireworks. Please notify others when any fireworks are going to be lit so that villagers are aware and arrangements can be made to keep pets indoors.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P15/V0411/HH Single storey extension to front and rear of property and internal alterations at 32 Fettiplace Road. Council had no objections

P15/V1715/FUL Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and erection of new dwelling and detached garage. (amendment to previously approved application) at Beechfield House, Oxford Road, Frilford. Council had no objection

P15/V1803/LB Install new secondary staircase, glazing to windows, new flooring and new roof light at 15 Church Street. Council had no objection

P15/V1444 Erection of single storey dwelling (amended) at 7 Packhorse Lane
The Council commented that the amendment did not take into account Council's earlier objections, and the objections were therefore maintained.

P15/V1743/LB Install one conservation roof light at 21 North Street. Council did not have any objections

P15/V1729/HH Convert existing garage/store to utility/kitchen area at 77 Howard Cornish Road. The Council expressed concern regarding proposed parking close to the junction with Anson Close.

P15/V1758/FUL Demolition of existing outbuildings, conversion of existing workshop into 2 bed dwelling and erect pair of semi-detached 3 bed dwellings at 6 Mill Road

The Council objected to the application, as the height of the building adjacent to the village green was increasing, the accessway to a workshop would be intensified and damage to the village green and trees could result, parking appeared inadequate.

P15/V1867/HH Demolition of existing store at side of dwelling and erection of 2 storey extension to provide additional living accommodation at 16 Parkside. Council commented on the front appearance.

P15/V1981/LB and P15/V1977/HH Single storey partly glazed oak frame garden room extension at The Old Bakehouse 4 North Street. Council had no objection

15/V1924/HH Demolition of existing bungalow, replace oak frame building and alterations to existing dwelling at the School House, Oakley Park, Faringdon Road. Council had no objection

MW.0119/15 section 73 application for the continuation of development without

complying with Condition 1 of Planning Permission MAR/5529/1-CM The extraction and processing of soft building sand at Upwood Park. Council had no objection.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833

clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Any member of the public is most welcome to attend any of our meetings. There is a section near the start of each meeting for public participation, where any member of the public is able to speak about any topic which is relevant to the work of the Parish Council (for a maximum of three minutes). Members of the public are also welcome to observe some or all of the rest of the meeting.

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Community Facilities Steering Group

Plans are moving ahead for new community facilities for Marcham. The Community Facilities Steering Group has been working through the broad details of the proposals with the Anson Trust and Thomas Homes. They are currently on track, all being well, to submit a formal planning application to the District Council in October.

There will be a good opportunity to hear more about how the proposals have moved on since the previous public meetings (in June and July) at an Open Meeting being held by Marcham Community Group at the Marcham school at 7:30 pm on 30th September - see the item on MCG on page 9 for more details.

The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) was set up with the clear objective of developing plans for new community facilities in our village and is made up of representatives from Marcham Parish Council, Marcham Community Group, Marcham Parochial Church Council, Marcham Baptist Church, Marcham Scouts, Sports and Social Club and the Anson Trust. If you wish to have more information on the CFSG, or you think you can help please contact Jim Asher (391727).

CFSG - Opportunities without Obstacles



This year's Poppy Appeal for Marcham, Garford and Frilford runs from Saturday 24th October until Saturday 7th November 2015.

We hope that people will give as generously as they did last year but all donations are gratefully received. If there is anyone in the village willing to help please contact us on the number below.

With many thanks

Malcolm and Christine Denton 01865 391497

Bath Christmas Market Coach Trip

3rd December 2015

£14.00 per person

pick up from Abingdon at 9.15am (Arriving in Bath approx 10.30am and returning at 4pm)

If you would like to join us for the day and to book your place please contact:

Laura on 07827 235429 for Abingdon pick up

Seats will only be confirmed on receipt of payment in full, in advance. Please note that the cost of this trip is non-refundable unless we are able to fill your seat.

Cheques made payable to Age UK Oxfordshire and send them for the attention of Laura Freeth to: Age UK Oxfordshire, St Edmunds House, 39 West St Helen, Street Abingdon, OX14 2NQ marked *Bath Coach Trip*.

SURGERY WITH COUNCILLORS

Richard and Catherine Webber hold a surgery every other month in Marcham Village Shop between 9.00a.m and 11.00a.m. Please come along if you need to discuss any problem.

Next surgery: **10 October 2015**

Marcham Village Shop and Post Office



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

The AGM of Marcham Village Shop will be held at 8pm on Monday 12 October at the Sports and Social Club on Anson Field.

All shareholders will be welcome - if you are not a shareholder it is not too late. Pop into the shop and pick up a form or come along on the night and bring your chequebook!

Marcham Shop is now stocking a variety of gluten-free products including biscuits, so if you have an allergy or intolerance, come and see what we have in store.

Last Posting Dates - yes already!! International Economy (formerly known as Surface Mail)

Monday 28 September: Africa (except South Africa), Asia, Australia, Caribbean, Central & South America, New Zealand
Tuesday 29 September: Far and Middle East (except Hong Kong and Singapore)
Tuesday 13 October: Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, USA
Tuesday 3 November: Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey
Tuesday 17 November: Western Europe

Marcham WI

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, 15th October

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Denman College



The WI is 100 years old and to celebrate 700 representatives of all the institutes in Oxfordshire participated at a service in Christchurch Cathedral on Tuesday, 15th September. In glorious sunshine over a 100 beautifully embroidered banners were paraded from the meadows into the cathedral. Members sung with gusto and Sir Hugo Brunner spoke about his mother's role as Chair of the National Federation of Women's Institutes. The Chair of the Wales Committee, Ann Jones, also spoke of the WI's achievements in the last 100 years. It was a very special occasion.

Our speaker for the October meeting will be **Judy Gibbons from Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary**. We hope you will be able to come and join us to hear her talk to find out all about what they do at the Sanctuary at Britwell-cum-Sotwell.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

For further information, please contact:

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The Club's OCA 2015 Season has now ended. Following success in the final Fixture of the Season, the 1st XI finished in third position in its Division. The 2nd XI finished fourth in its Division.

Although it seems a long while to next Season, planning ahead is essential. With this in mind, please contact Trevor Hill (391321) for all information relating to the Club including playing or umpiring for Marcham.

And finally ... it is reported that during a cricket match in Finland an enormous male elk emerged from forest adjoining the field of play, wandered about for a few minutes and, seemingly not finding the cricket very interesting, disappeared back into the undergrowth. Apparently a record of the match contained the observation "elk stopped play".

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MARCHAM SOCIETY MID-WEEK WALK: THURSDAY OCTOBER 1ST.

For this month's walk we will meet at The Boat Inn in Thrupp, (Map Ref: SP481158, Post Code OX5 1JY) at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for the walk of 4½ miles, first along the Oxford Canal and then to the deserted village remnants of Hampton Gay, on to Hampton Poyle and back through the new community wood by the river Cherwell. Members free, non-members £1.

Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details.



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

Quiz Night

ALL WELCOME

NOTE DIFFERENT DATE !

FRIDAY 6 November

This month's quiz will be held on Friday 6 November in the Sports and Social Club on the Anson Field, starting at 8.15pm. Questions are on a range of subjects and aimed at everyone's ability! The quiz nights run on the last Friday of each month. Teams of up to four people are invited, but if you are alone or a couple, come along, and we could fit you into an existing or even new team!

Everyone welcome, members and non members. Just turn up on the night for a friendly evening of fun and banter.

Further details from Trevor Hill – 01865 391321

Everyone welcome - members AND non-members

We look forward to seeing you at the club

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY BRIDGE ??

Did you once enjoy a game of Bridge, but have not played for a number of years? Do you still play the occasional game, but would like to play more often? Would you like to learn to play this exciting and absorbing game? If so, why not come along to Marcham Bridge Club on Monday evenings?

There is an annual subscription of £5 plus £1 per evening, which includes coffee. If you would like more information ring Joe Featherstone on 391426 or Rob Hall on 391626.



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13th and 27th October

We meet in the common room at Duffield Place. Come and join us, you will be sure of a warm welcome ... and tea and cake!

Phone 391270 for more details *Christine Whild*



Postponement of the Marcham Society Exhibition Due to circumstances beyond our control it has become necessary to postpone the Exhibition in the School until 13th - 15th November. We will update the details in the November MADNews and will be distributing flyers nearer the time.

Sheila Dunford (Chairman)



The
**Marcham
Society**

*All Saints' Church Marcham
7.45pm Tuesday 13th October*

Martin Buckland
**The Invisible Brick – Revealed in
Language and Literature, Film & Fiction,
Music & Murder**

Non-members always welcome £2

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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

Bank Balance
£19,525

Local Events
£11,830

Donations
£8,260

2014 - 2015 Membership
Voting: 72 Junior: 18

5p Coins
6325

Marcham
Community
Group



Progress with plans...Open Meeting

Marcham Community Group continues to play its part within the Community Facilities Steering Group (see page 5 of this month's MAD News), to find a way to develop new community facilities. For those of you receiving this MAD News edition in time, here is a reminder of the Open Meeting and AGM:

Open Meeting and AGM - Marcham School

Wednesday 30th September at 7:30 pm

An open meeting—open to all residents of Marcham—to discuss community facilities and proposals will be held at Marcham School, on Thursday 30th September 2015, starting at 7:30 pm. This will include a presentation on the latest stage of the proposals to build new community facilities, which continue to evolve through the CFSG, and proposed management arrangements for the new facilities. The meeting will provide an opportunity to ask questions about the proposals before the formal planning application is finalised.

The meeting will also include a brief formal AGM for Marcham Community Group, including accounts and election of director/trustees—members will receive separate notice of this. We will also discuss management arrangements, the future role of MCG and fund-raising ideas.

We are keen to encourage as many people as possible to come and hear about progress with these developments and to contribute to the further stages of layout design.

Thank you for your continued support—it is much appreciated!

Open meeting — 30th September

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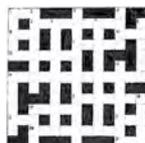
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Down: 2. Perplexity 3. Rum 4. Twenty seventh 5. End 6. Deck 10. Mercury 11. Placate 13. Consultant 17. Ramp 19. Lea 21. Arc



TANDEM SKYDIVE, SAT AUG 24TH,

HINTON AIRFIELD, BRACKLEY

An even bigger "Thank You" this year for your truly splendid, incredibly generous sponsorship for my skydive in aid of a heart-lung bypass machine for babies born with critical heart problems in Great Ormond Street Hospital. We raised £15,175 - excluding Gift Aid. Many, many thanks.

TRISH WAGSTAFF



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Riding for the Disabled Abingdon Group invite you to their annual

Christmas Fair at Lains Barn,
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10 am - 2 pm Wed 21st October

Coffee/Tea/Soft Drinks with Cake/Cream Teas

Entry £2.50 Children under 12 free

Lots of unique stalls. Come along to this friendly event in beautiful surroundings and begin your Christmas shopping early.

October 2015



ANSON TRUST

2014 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Trust's annual accounts for 2014 were presented to the public AGM in September and have now been submitted to Companies House. A full set of the accounts will be available on both the MADNews and Anson Trust (www.ansontrust.org) websites shortly. In the meantime, here is a brief summary:

AnsonTrust



Anson Field (inc. MSSSC)	Income	£9,329
	Expenditure	£11,376
Institute	Income	£7,693
	Expenditure	£2,852
Trust operations	Income	£3,415
	Expenditure	£5,617
	Overall Profit/(Loss)	£592
	Operating Profit/(Loss)	£(2,823)

The Operating Loss excludes the income from the Trust's investments and their change in value and shows that the Trust is continuing to lose money on its day to day activities – a situation which we are working hard to resolve through our continuing efforts to restructure and reinvestigate the Trust's assets.

CHRIS HILLIER

Director, The Arthur Anson Memorial Trust Ltd.

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

In my role as Minister of Culture, I am pleased that we have announced plans to publish a White Paper – essentially a national strategy – on the arts and heritage next year. It is 50 years since the first – and only – White Paper on the arts was published. Government's role in supporting the arts and culture has grown and changed since then; responsibility for the arts, museums, libraries and heritage has been brought together in one Department; the National Lottery has transformed funding opportunities; and free access has helped open up our national museums to new audiences. I'd love to hear your views on how to support our arts and culture, so do feel free to visit my blog on <http://dcmsblog.uk/2015/09/share-your-ideas-for-a-new-cultural-programme/> and email me your thoughts.



This month I have received hundreds of emails and letters regarding the Syrian refugee crisis. The photos and accounts we have seen are shocking and harrowing, which is why we continue to be at the forefront of the international response to the humanitarian crisis in Syria – including as the second biggest bilateral donor of humanitarian aid, having already pledged £1 billion. I know that Britain is a moral nation and we will fulfil our moral responsibilities. I have been moved by the number of people in the Wantage and Didcot constituency who have contacted me to say they would like to provide a room in their home to a refugee, and I will continue to discuss the issue with you as things progress.

In terms of the action we have taken - we have sent the Royal Navy to the Mediterranean, saving thousands of lives; we are the second biggest bilateral donor in the world to Syrian refugee camps; and have granted asylum to nearly 5,000 Syrians and their dependents since the crisis began. But I absolutely accept that we can do more, and welcome the Prime Minister's proposal that Britain should resettle up to 20,000 Syrian refugees over the next five years. Simply taking people is not a solution to this crisis. We need a comprehensive solution that deals with the people most responsible for the terrible scenes we see: President Assad in Syria, ISIL, and the criminal gangs that are running this terrible trade in people – we have to be as tough on them at the same time.

Last month I wrote about the Assisted Dying Bill – and it is interesting to see that Parliament overwhelmingly voted down the measure when it was debated. I voted against the Bill.

As ever please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or dicksonce@parliament.uk. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)

COUNTY REPORT

Children's Centres

I am sure I am not the only one who remembers school exam multi-choice questions, where you thought you knew the answer and none of the options seemed right. Reluctantly, you were forced to choose what you thought was the least “wrong” answer. So it may well be the case with the latest OCC consultation on Children's Centres. There are three options to choose from and they all assume that, to make necessary savings, we have to get rid of all 44 across the County.

In the last budget, Council voted that over the next three years, it would make £6m of savings from the current £16m budget. These Centres have been providing a universal support service for families and children from infancy to adolescence, places where struggling families and parents can access support and advice on all aspects of family life and bringing up children. There is no doubt that the service they offer has prevented many children and families from slipping into extreme need. This has almost certainly saved the County budget millions in ongoing costs. Almost all those involved – trustees, governors, parents and children - are desperate to retain these Centres and are determined to fight the proposals. At a recent Cabinet meeting, a group of nearly a hundred members of the public witnessed heart-rending appeals, from people who had benefitted

from the service, to retain the Centres. Many of the speakers asked to work with the Council to find ways of keeping their local Centre whilst making savings.

However, this consultation does not give them that option and, in my view, that is a mistake. The savings that any of the present options offer are very uncertain. There are a number of possibilities where joint managing and joint working would reduce costs. There are also instances where other bodies (Councils, schools and voluntary organisations etc) could relieve OCC of some of the costs, so allowing the council to focus on providing what it can in the way of social care expertise.

It seems certain that, for the time being, at least, the Council will be able to offer less back up for the Centres than in the past. However, getting rid of ALL 44 Centres will be a permanent step and the service will have gone for good.

Call me an optimist, but I would much prefer to see us retain as many Centres as possible so that there is a semblance of a universal service remaining on which one could rebuild –if/when circumstances improve.

However you feel about the issue, please consider responding to the consultation on the OCC website.

Richard Webber Cllr OCC

RICHARD WEBBER CLLR OCC

SC & Marcham Division.

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DISTRICT REPORT

Infrastructure and Delivery

The other day I took part in a workshop for District Councillors about Infrastructure planning and delivery in Oxfordshire, particularly in the Vale and South Oxfordshire. The word infrastructure covers huge areas including transportation, education facilities, utilities (water, power grids sewage) community facilities, health care, emergency and essential services, sports facilities and wild areas and communication systems. And the main deliverers are the parishes (through their precepts), your district and county councils, the health groups (NHS), the Highway agency, the Utility companies, Network Rail and rail operators and finally the developers. Of course, the government is the main source of funding for the councils, but their pot has been hugely reduced, with the result that we are falling seriously short of what should be delivered. Furthermore, it is difficult to see how this shortfall will ever be resolved. However, one pot of money that the government is very keen to promote is that delivered by the developers. (Indeed, it is encouraging the councils to build more by offering them “New Homes Bonus” - money for delivering new houses.) Developers have to give S106 and CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) contributions for every house that is built, money that can be spent by the councils or parishes. So build, build and build is the cry. However, one could argue that the more we build, the worse our infrastructure deficit. Difficult decisions are having to be made as to what should or should not be funded, what should be saved or cut.

We ended our workshop with a game whereby we were presented with a fictitious village or town, and we had to make decisions on what infrastructure we would fund or cut. Not easy decisions. And one can't help wondering what the infrastructure in the Vale and South Oxfordshire, (indeed throughout Britain) will look like in a few years time. I strongly believe that we need some new ideas and radical thinking.

WI Centenary

As your District Councillor for Marcham, home of the Women's Institute, may I offer congratulations in this their Centenary Year. Long may their excellent work continue!

Next Surgery

Please come and talk to either Richard or me about any county or district problem at our next surgery on **Saturday, 10th October.**

CATHERINE WEBBER Cllr VWHDC

01235 534001 or catherinewebber@hotmail.co.uk

MARCHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We have restarted the group after the summer break ,some of our older toddlers have now moved on to nursery so we have places for parents to be, new parents and babies, toddlers, carers and grandparents! Do come along with a friend if you wish, first visit is free then £2 per family.

It is an informal relaxed session,activities,toys and music for the children, and a chance for adults to chat and get to know one another light refreshments included

The group meets Tuesday mornings 9.45-11.15 at All Saints Church everyone in the village and district is welcome

Do come and join us! SUE GIBBLING [Treasurer].

Little Angels have had a very busy summer with our holiday club running throughout the summer holidays and its nice to



be back into school routine. This month's theme is all about colours: what different colours we can see and we have done a range of activities to do with all these different colours.

BABY ROOM In the Baby room our little Angels have been looking at the colours Red, Blue, Yellow and Green. They have made Red Buses, Blue Sea, Yellow Sunflowers and Green Leaves to name but a few. They have had great fun getting their hands messy, feeling the sensory paint, coloured sand, different cellophane, tissue paper and paste in the craft activities. All of the babies enjoyed listening to and looking at stories about different colours, one being Elmer the patchwork coloured Elephant. We have also been looking at the great Ganesha Festival recently, it is one of the most significant Hindu Festivals that marks the birth anniversary of Lord Ganesha and is celebrated by Hindus all around the world. It was lovely to join one of our family's in this celebration with them.

PRE-SCHOOL ROOM In the Pre-school Room the children have also been looking at different colours they have had lots of fun outdoors on scavenger hunts looking for natural items that match colours, especially having a the multi-coloured parachute outdoors and playing lots of games- you may have seen it up throughout the day making different colours with the sun (when it was around) on our grass. We also saw magic happen in mixing colours when playing with different colours of play dough, and with water play where we had a range of coloured water.

Each child really enjoyed the story of Little Red Riding Hood, we used our new computer table to listen to the story independently and in groups. We then used the computer to retell the story, play sound lotto based on the characters and matching games. This is just a glimpse of the range of games and activities available on the computer table, all the children are very excited about our new piece of technology and enjoy using this as a new avenue to support their learning and development.

We took time out from looking at colours to learn about the Battle of Britain and its importance in our history, each child made a Spitfire and were very interested in the planes.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB We have welcomed back the after school club children after the summer holidays. The children have been looking at Queen Elizabeth as she is now the longest serving monarch on the throne - the children made a lovely model of the queen. The children have still been able to enjoy the field - skipping, tennis and playing group games of rounder's. Also we are starting our own rugby world cup! We have also been looking at the Rugby World Cup, making bunting, playing rugby on the field and looking at the rules of rugby along with looking at the different countries taking part in this. Football (serious for sport) has also started back up for the children on a Wednesdays.

If you would like any further information about Abingdon Little Angels Nursery, Afterschool club or Holiday Club please feel free to pop in or call us on 07516 474287.

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MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

When thinking about the planning for this term, we didn't have to go much further than TRAINS!! Many of the children are showing a fascination with trains, engines, moving, tunnels and so we asked them to share what they already know about trains ... and what they would like to do or find out ... The responses were astounding!! The answers were amazing!! And the ideas were inspiring!!



We know how a steam train works, but our challenge is to discover how a diesel train works... and to visit a train station - this was very much top of the children 'to do' list.

We've created train stations, built tracks, pulled engines, added passengers and freight, made models, and learnt some new songs.... and shortly Pre-school will be taking a small group on a train journey!! Watch out for our news next time!!

DID YOU KNOW....??

- We take children from their 2nd birthday (at £4.25 per hour)
- In some cases funding is available for 2 year olds (we can help you check your eligibility)
- ALL 3 and 4 years olds receive 15 hours FREE per week (from the term after their 3rd birthday), extra hours are chargeable at £4.00 per hour)
- Children can attend for a minimum of 4 hours per week upto 30 hours per week - or anywhere in between!!
- We offer full days, half-days or a mixture of both - including a lunch session.
- We are open term-time, 8.55am - 3pm
- We have spaces for an immediate start, plus a waiting list for 2016 and 2017 start dates.

Call now for more information. We would love you to join us. If you would be interested in finding out more about Marcham Pre-school please contact us on 01865 392101 or marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk or via our website at www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com

Rainbows meet on Monday nights from 5pm until 6 at Marcham Baptist Hall. Please contact Claire McGill for details about joining! 07538 907813 or clmcgill@gmail.com

1ST MARCHAM RAINBOWS

Getting the right care at school for children with diabetes

To help both teachers and parents, we have produced a free booklet entitled 'Diabetes – Parents Passport for Schools'. This booklet is completed by the parents and then given to the school so teachers have the necessary information. The InDependent Diabetes Trust (IDDT) has a wide range of free booklets, contact us on 01604 622837 or email martin@iddtinternational.org www.iddt.org

COME AND SING WITH US

Wantage Male Voice Choir was formed almost 25 years ago and since then, we have entertained in many concert and other venues, as well as local care homes, where we have brought much happiness to the residents. We gain a great deal of satisfaction from our performances and pleasure from the friendships and camaraderie that develop.



To ensure the choir continues for another 25 years we need to recruit **new members now** and with effect from September our rehearsal at the Hanney War Memorial Hall starting at 7.30 on the first Tuesday of each month will be adapted specifically to accommodate new members and provide a lead into full choir membership. The ability to read music is not essential, but deriving enjoyment from singing is!

Come and check us out. We are a friendly bunch. Alternatively, phone Jeff on 01235868327 for more information. www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk



The annual autumn fund-raising sale for the Alzheimers' Society will take place in Saint Nicolas' Church in the Market Place in Abingdon on Saturday October 17th from 9.30am to noon.

Casa Margarita: Tales and Spanish Music from the House of Love

7.30 pm 10 October Holywell Music Room, Oxford

Musicians take character roles in this original and adventurous piece of musical narrative that animates the legendary songs of Spanish composers, threading them through with stories, illustrative percussion and theatrical elements.

Take five top performers, give them the music of Granados, de Falla, Rodrigo, Albeniz and others to play with, and arm them with stories to tell. The result is a mixture of musical dynamite and theatrical brilliance that is droll, enchanting and unmissable

Tickets £14/£12/£8 (students) from

- Oxford Playhouse 01865 305305
- Book Online at www.casa-margarita.co.uk

BAZAAR AND TABLE TOP SALE SOUTHMOOR VILLAGE HALL 10.30 – 12.00

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

for Tubney Church

Entry 50p.

Accessories, Bric-a-brac, Books,
Cakes, Coffee, Gifts, Raffle etc.

Table Tops available at £7.00 each or £12.00 for 2.

Please contact Rosemary Kitto on 01865 390466 or rosemarykitto@gmail.com for more details.

“Having an advocate at my appointments just made all the difference in the world, because I didn't have to be the Rosie-the-nurse, Rosie-the-patient, Rosie-the-everything. I could just focus on me and what people were saying to me, knowing that my advocate was writing stuff down and if I got it wrong, then she'd talk me through it but also would help me challenge... If it hadn't been for the advocate being there and stepping in I think I might have ended up having completely the wrong type of treatment for me.”

A new service run by **Oxfordshire Advocacy in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support**, providing one to one support for anyone aged 50+ affected by cancer, whether they are a Patient or a Carer.

Give us a call on 01865 230203 email copa@oadg.org.uk if you need help ... or if you think you could help others.

The Sobell Christmas Fair 2015 at Radley College

Saturday 21st November 10am - 5pm,
Sunday 22nd November 10am - 4.30pm
Over 60 stalls • Refreshments • Unique Gift Ideas
Something for Everybody
Entry £6.00 Concessions £3.50
Radley College, Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 2HR
www.sobellhospicecharity.org.uk

DIDCOT RAIL 2015

The Abingdon & District Model Railway Club will be holding a Model Railway Exhibition at the Didcot Civic Hall on

Saturday 31st October 2015.

Opening Times: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Entrance Fee: £6 for an Adult.

Up to two children less than 16 years of age can enter for free, if accompanied by a full fee paying adult.

The Exhibition will comprise 15 layouts, showing what can be built in a restricted space,

and will include the Club's Sodor Island Layout.

There will also be six traders covering a wide range of modelling activities.

Demonstrations, Displays and Refreshments.

Car Parking and Disabled Access.

Abingdon Artists are a warm and thriving community who meet regularly in Abingdon - on -Thames. We hold two exhibitions each year in the Spring and the Autumn. The exhibition is made up of local artists who welcome the chance to display and hopefully sell their work which is .of a very high standard.

The venue and date for the next exhibition is at St. Nicolas Church on the market square Abingdon **Monday 19th October till Saturday 24th October** from 10.00am till 5.00pm each day. There is also a 'Meet the Artist' evening on Wednesday 21st October. Admission is free throughout the exhibition. abingdonartists.com



Dyslexic Research Trust
Helping those with dyslexia and related conditions fulfill their potential in life
Set up a Cake Sale in OCTOBER and raise money
£40,000 funds the 200 FREE appointments we offer each year

To receive your fundraising pack email info@dyslexic.org.uk

Age UK Oxfordshire is calling on nimble-fingered knitters in Oxfordshire to whip out their wool and needles and create little woolly hats for Age UK and innocent's Big Knit and help local older people keep warm, safe and well in winter.

Now in its 12th year, **The Big Knit** returns and budding knitters across the UK are being called upon to knit miniature woolly hats to adorn innocent smoothie bottles, which will be sold in stores nationwide from February 2016. For each be-hatted smoothie sold, innocent will donate 25p to help Age UK fund national and local winter projects. Age UK Oxfordshire is calling on local knitters to get as many hats as possible to them by Friday 4th December 2015 and needs knitters of all ages to help make this a reality.

Last year alone, more than 16,000 hats were lovingly created in Oxfordshire, raising over £3,000 for Age UK Oxfordshire's Information and Advice helpline during the winter months.

To get involved in the Big Knit, knitters can contact Age UK Oxfordshire on 0345 450 1276 to get a free hat pattern or visit the website www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/bigknit to download one. Please send completed hats to Age UK Oxfordshire, 39 West St Helen Street, Abingdon OX14 5BT by Friday 4th December 2015.



TAPPING INTO OUR SENSES OUT IN THE WILDLIFE GARDEN

It's been well documented that life has been challenging for me over the last few years with debilitating Rheumatoid Arthritis, which at times has incapacitated me.



Traditional and alternative medications have been sourced, but a suitable treatment programme was a struggle to find. In 2014, amidst intense pain I discovered nature sensory connections really began to help get on top of my pain management. Agreed, my mobility is still dire, but we're getting there.

I've been asked to write in depth about my findings and experience, so thought I'd write briefly about it this month too. That way, you can explore, think about and maybe get even more benefit from your wildlife gardens.

Let me start by saying I visualize my pain as a white pulsing orb. The pulses are the pain. I've been trying to think past pain for a while now, trying to extend the gaps between those pulses of pain. I meditate and I've used hypnotherapy to turn down pain in my head. When I discovered nature sensory engagement I really started to master this pain thing.

I've been a wildlife watcher for most of my life and last year started using those skills in a new way to try and manage my pain.

From our five main senses of sight, sound, touch, taste and smell, let's look at sight first.

Nip outside and have a look at your wildlife garden. Don't look intently, rest your eyes on the landscape and use your peripheral vision. Slowly begin to notice how many more shades of green you can see, and the little subtle movements that you miss if you look intently at a spot. This is what good birdwatcher does, resting their eyes on a space where they know there's a bird but can't locate it, by using their peripheral vision they can quickly locate what they are looking for.

Now do the same with your ears. Notice in a jungle soundscape how all the creatures inhabit a differing sound frequency, some overlapping but all audible. We humans talk over one another, and our message can be lost in the hubbub. Out in your garden, rest your ears on the soundscape around you, by listening to less note how you hear more. If there is an annoying sound in that soundscape, try and filter that out. Equate that annoyance as how I see my pain, something that we just let do its thing but just filter out.

Notice how the soundscape around you has differing frequencies, ebbing and flowing. Even if you are in a busy city, try and conduct that sound like an orchestra. Notice how the cacophony is made up of differing sounds, ebbing and flowing and overlapping. Try and break the soundscape down.

Maybe try drawing what the differing sounds may look like, draw how they make you feel.

Continue this exercise with your senses of taste, touch and smell. This can be done anywhere, and notice how the mind is distracted away from the stress, pain or challenges it may be dealing with.

What I do is try to fill those gaps between the pulses of pain with nature and my sensory connection to it.

Have a go, maybe adapt my theory to tap into your own wellbeing, but if nothing else, use this idea to maybe get even more pleasure from your own wildlife garden. Beginning to maybe sense things you have been walking past on a daily basis and taking for granted.

Happy Gardening STUART MABBUTT

Wildlife Gardening Specialist 01865 747243

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GET INVOLVED. THERE ARE LOTS OF INTERESTING AND REWARDING WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH ENRYCH:

- Assist – Purchase the services of a PA/Support Worker at a competitive rate where all proceeds go back to the Charity. If you are in receipt of Social Services funding, they will pay us directly.
- Join as a member - if you are an adult with a physical disability which restricts your ability to take part in the activities of your choice then find out about the services ENRYCH offers in your area.
- Volunteer some time, share a hobby or skill one of our members - we can provide training and support to assist you.

How does Enrych help make a difference? We...

- Provide our Assist clients with an individual support worker who will get to know them and provide relevant assistance. All our support workers complete an enhanced DBS (CRB) disclosure. Support workers can help in the home and take clients out.
- Offer introductions and support to access local clubs, groups and activities.
- Provide accessible ENRYCH group activities – such as swimming or healthy living clubs.
- Invite people to join the ENRYCH social community – including regular social events, newsletters and other activities

Sandra Hendry (Miss)
Vale of White Horse Coordinator
Tel: 07914 075006



www.oxfordshire.enrych.org.uk/oxfordshire

Allotment Rent Collection

The Clerk will be in attendance from 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. On Wednesday 14th October in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place for the purpose of collecting allotment rents. Would allotment holders please remember to bring their **rent card** with them.

GARDENERS REQUIRED

Do you have green fingers? Do you have a little time to spare? If the answer to these questions is "Yes!" then the Earth Trust would love to hear from you!

Around the Earth Trust Centre in Little Wittenham there are some gardens in need of attention. The area includes fruit bushes, five beds of shrubs and ground cover plants, low box hedges, two herb beds, and three climbing plants. There are also some less formal areas used by school groups: an orchard, wild play area, wildlife pond and living willow structures, plus native hedgerows.

"Whilst it's great to leave some areas of your garden to grow wild, to benefit local wildlife, some plants require a bit more care, so we're looking for green fingered volunteers to help us maintain and develop these gardens and other areas. We'll provide support, tools, gloves and other safety equipment when necessary, as well as the all important tea, coffee and biscuits. Ideas for new plantings and other improvements would be welcomed so there is a real opportunity for someone to put their own stamp on it," said Jez Elkin, Volunteer Engagement Officer at the Earth Trust.

Much of the work is dependent on the time of year but the Trust could easily accommodate a couple of volunteer gardeners one or two days a week. If you are interested please contact Jez on 01865 409413 or volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk. For more information about the Earth Trust see www.earthtrust.org.uk



Dear Friends,

As the autumnal hues gradually colour the trees and hedgerows, and Strictly begins again (!), there is no doubt that the year is drawing on. September has simply come and gone in a flash, so 'welcome October!'

Have you ever wondered if there is more to life than watching the months fly by? Or too busy to question 'what's it all about?' At the Parish Church we are running another Alpha course, beginning this month. I warmly invite you to come along and join in.

If the rugby World Cup is gripping you, then come and watch the final on the big screen with friends – more on this page. And if you have recently moved into the village, look out for a Welcome event at the start of November in The Crown – come along and meet your new community – we look forward to seeing you.

In the mix, may I also encourage you to spare a thought for those for whom life is tough at the moment: those struggling with health concerns, the housebound, the refugees trying to find new lives in Europe. Remember that God is only a prayer away, and that in Jesus, he demonstrates his care and love for each of us, and invites us to get to know him in the real circumstances of life we face every day.

With my warmest greetings,
Revd Richard Zair (Vicar)



Regular church services

*Sundays: 10am & 6pm at All Saints'
Wednesdays: 10.30am at Duffield Place*

This term we will be looking at 'God's Big Picture' and seeing how the Bible fits together

St. Luke's Harvest Festival, Sunday 11th October at 10.30am.

Prayer

We have regular opportunities for prayer:
Monday 5th October at 9.30 am @ 11 Sweetbriar
'Prayer for the persecuted Church'
Thursday Mornings at 9.30 @ 11 Sweetbriar is a chance to come together with others for prayer.

Parish People:

We pray for Heidi Wilson and her family following her baptism at the start of September
We remember the family and friends of Muriel Bliss who was buried last month.

Coming up..

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 3rd October, 8.30am at the Sports and Social Club.

Alpha - if you are interested in exploring the Christian faith and what it means, and would like to join this course, starting on Tuesday 13th October please contact the parish office.

Rugby World Cup Final Family Event

Tag Rugby Tournament, BBQ and live screening of final

Saturday 31st October in the afternoon



On the Anson Field



Exact times and venues to be confirmed

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