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Whether you have only just arrived or lived in Marcham for years ... come and meet your new neighbours! 6 - 8pm 15 October at The Crown - see page 7

Everyone welcome



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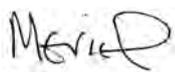
Dear Readers

It was great to see so many people at the planning meeting where permission was granted to get going with our new village hall! It will take time and a lot more effort but we are now on the road to being able to again hold our parties, meetings, plays and a lot more besides in our

OWN HALL!

A lot of thanks are due to a lot of people, but there is still a lot to do, so if you can help, please contact CFSG – see page 9. I am sure there is a whole heap of talent and enthusiasm out there!

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council meeting – September

At the September meeting, the Council was pleased to hear a short presentation from Mr Rob Finch, youth worker who started work in Marcham in the summer. He outlined his interaction with youngsters to date, and his plans for the future as the village expands with the new housing developments.

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.

Mobile Library

This service has ceased to exist, and the nearest public library is in Abingdon. For those who cannot get to the Abingdon library such as the elderly and infirm, there is a Home Library Service run by Oxfordshire Libraries, but operated by volunteers.

If you need books and other library materials to be brought to you, or if you are interested in becoming a library volunteer, then the County Council's website at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/become-home-library-service->

volunteer has more information.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered :

P16/V2017/FUL Replacement dwelling, garage, swimming pool and new access at Studland House, Woodside Frilford Heath. The Council had no objections to the replacement dwelling, but did request construction traffic management conditions as the access was off a bridleway, and works to trees to prevent uncontrolled damage by vehicles.

P16/V1907/HH Two storey extension over existing single storey structure to extend two bedrooms and form ensuite bathroom at 3 Morland Road. The Council had no objections.

P16/V1979/LB Replacement conservatory (retrospective) 44 North Street. The Council had no objections

P16/V2030/FUL and P16/V2031/LB General maintenance works and new kitchen extraction at The Crown Public House 1 Packhorse Lane. The Council had no objections.

R3.0089/16 Stand along building to provide 2 classrooms and single storey extension to provide storage room. Marcham Primary School, Morland Road. The Council commented that the covered walkway was not shown on drawings. It had traffic generation and car parking concerns as well as the hours of construction works affecting the operation of the school. Comments were made regarding the retention of the Licence to occupy the tennis court.

P16/V2183/LB Part replacement of roof with zinc substitute at Denman College, New Road. The Council had a preference for lead replacement, and was concerned that as the churchyard ground levels were higher the roof area in question would be visible.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 12th October 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place.

Prior to the commencement of formal business Mr. Peter Doyle, Community Liaison Officer, from Virgin Media will speak briefly about his company's proposals to bring Virgin Media services to Marcham.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833 clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Marcham Village Shop AGM

7.30pm Monday 17th October at the Marcham Sports, Scouts and Social Club on Anson Field ALL WELCOME





Annual Royal British Legion "Poppy Appeal"
 This year's appeal will be running from Saturday 29th October to Saturday 12th November 2016.
 Marcham and District has always been a great supporter of this charity and we again look forward to the generosity shown by the village every year.
 Christine and Malcolm Denton, 10 Kings Ave, Marcham
 You can contact us on **01865 391497**
 or e mail: **malcolm_denton_954@msn.com**

Dear Editor

As a local Marcham resident I would like to remind dog owners to pick up the mess after their dogs. It's been terrible recently particularly down the track behind the church and around the field. I'm a keen walker and I'm quite sure I'm not the only one playing hold your breath and dodge the poo!

Many thanks

SALLY

THE VALE WEBSITE SAYS:

Dog fouling

We take dog fouling very seriously as dog mess is not only unpleasant but it spreads diseases, which can cause illness and even blindness.

Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access. It is therefore a crime to allow a dog to foul in any public area without clearing it up. Those that fail to do so could face a fixed penalty notice of £50 or prosecution.

Here some tips to avoid a fine:

- never let your dog walk far from you as this makes it difficult to see when they foul
- always carry a bag when walking your dog so you can clean up. If you do not have a bag ask another dog walker if they have a spare bag
- encourage your dog to stay on the perimeters of fields or pitches to prevent any fouling causing harm to other people
- don't allow your dog to roam on its own as it could be taken away as a stray - collar and ID tag as well as microchipping are now required by law.

If you see a dog owner allowing their dog to foul and not picking it up, take details of anything that might help us identify them and contact Environmental Protection env.health@southandvale.gov.uk 01235 422403

Dear Editor

A huge thank you for all your wonderful and generous people who sponsored me to the amazing amount of £22,165.50 towards a Cyclotron Scanner so badly needed in the Churchill Hospital.

I did my wingwalk on Sunday September 4th at The Chiltern Airfield. It was a cloudy but clear and breezy day and with encouragement from my family and

friends, I managed (with the help of a stool on the cockpit seat!) to haul myself up onto the wing where Mike, my superb pilot, having adorned me with gaiters, goggles and bandana, fastened me securely to the upright support seat then descended into the cockpit, opened the throttle and our bright yellow Boeing Stearman biplane took to the skies.

It was an exhilarating experience, lovely view from our 500ft up and it was great fun to see my 'supporters' waving as we banked over the buildings several times – must say I'd happily wingwalk again!

I really appreciate your magnificent contribution towards the final amount – great people in The Vale.

TRISH WAGSTAFF

**Kingfisher School, Abingdon
 Governors Needed**
 Kingfisher School is an all through (3-19) special school with about 80 pupils on roll. No experience of special education is necessary to be a governor - just a desire to help these very special young people to have a good education and better chance in life. It doesn't need to be a time-consuming activity as the full governing body meets only three times a year at 6 pm for about 2 hours.
 Please contact Terry Stock for an informal chat:
terryastock@hotmail.com

**URGENT LODGINGS
 REQUIRED**
 I am looking for a house to lodge in within the Marcham area because I work in locally and am very involved the Marcham community. Preferably with people under the age of 30. I am looking to move in as soon as possible so if you know anyone who might be able to help please contact me on 07880 493177 or by email amy.lou.102@hotmail.co.uk.
 Many thanks
Amy

**ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF
 CUB SCOUTS
 1916 - 2016**
Marcham Cubs would like to celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouts by having a Reunion of everyone who has been a Cub or been involved in Cubs going back over the last 100 years.
This Reunion will be held in the Sports, Scouts & Social Club on THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER at 6.30pm.
Please try and come along and can you also pass the word on to any of your friends who you were with in Cubs. Any photographs you have would also be good to share. Really look forward to seeing you all again.
Chris Ricketts (Akela)

Councils binning black and coloured sacks in recycling bins
 From November, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils will only empty green wheelie bins if the recycling in them is loose or in clear sacks. Despite a recent campaign to raise awareness of the issue, some people are still putting in things like food waste and dirty nappies, contaminating whole truckloads of recycling - when these things are put into recycling bins in black or coloured sacks they're not spotted until it's too late. If there's a sack in a recycling bin and the waste crews can't see what's in it, they'll have to assume it contains contamination and won't empty it.

Garage Wanted
 Storage space in Marcham required starting 1 October.
 Please call 01865 391457 if you have one available.

Allotment Rent Collection
 The Clerk will be in attendance from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 12th 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.



**MARCHAM SOCIETY MID-WEEK WALK:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH.**

For this month's walk we will meet at the 500 year old White Horse Inn in Woolstone, (Map Ref: SU293878, Post Code SN7 7QL) at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for the walk of about 4 miles. We will be visiting the spring-line hamlets of Knighton and Compton Beauchamp and take in a stretch of the D'Arcy Dalton Way.



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

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The OCA 2016 Season has now ended. Weather conditions played a major role towards the end of the season with matches being lost to rain. Both XIs had, as one observer commented, 'tough campaigns' in 2016.



The 1st XI will not be in Division 3 this year, but the 2nd XI avoided dropping a Division at the expense of local rivals Sunningwell CC. The possible merger of the OCA and the Cherwell League is still the subject of discussion. More information on this will be available in due course.

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

And finally ... a few offerings from various sources:

"The Port Elizabeth ground is more of a circle than an oval. It is long and square." - Trevor Bailey.

"The only person who would call for a run and wish his partner good luck at the same time." - John Warr commenting on Denis Compton.

"Henry hit one or two boundaries in his seven." - Nic Collis. *CSB*

You are invited to a coffee morning and cake market

at
50, NORTH STREET, MARCHAM
on
FRIDAY, 2nd DECEMBER
From 10.30 - 12.00

Coffee Raffle
In aid of
Nyakabungo Girls' Secondary School,
Uganda



Planning a night out with friends?
A birthday trip with the kids?
A family trip to the beach?
Whatever your plans, why not use the
Community Minibus!!

14 seats plus your driver, aged between 25 and 70
(you will need to ensure that your licence covers driving a minibus)
A standard donation is requested for each booking to cover
diesel/maintenance.

We are also looking for more volunteer drivers to help with the
weekly run to Tesco for any residents with transport difficulties.

Leaving Duffield Place at 10am and
returning from Tesco at 12 noon.

Do you have a couple of hours free every few weeks
and would be willing to join our rota?

The more drivers we have the fewer trips you'll be asked to make!

Contact Marion Belcher on 07507 797757
to make your booking, volunteer as a driver
or for more information

Marcham WI

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, 20th October

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Denman College

**Paint your own ceramic with
'Pottering About'**

Paint your own ceramic - come along and be creative. We will provide the first item, but if you wish to create more, then you'll need to bring some cash. Painted items will be taken away to be fired and then returned for collection at the November meeting.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

For further information, please contact:

Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 pippahoath@gmail.com



SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

2.00-3.30 pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 25th 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*



Welcome to
Marcham

If you are new to the
village or have lived
here for years, you are
welcome to come along
and meet your new
neighbours!

Saturday 15 October 6 - 8pm at The Crown
Activities available for small children

Organised by the 'Welcome to Marcham Team' at All Saints' Church
For more information contact the parish office
391319 parish_office41@yahoo.co.uk

**Marcham Village Shop
and Post Office**

Opening hours

Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 17.30

Sat - Sun: 08.00 - 12 noon



October - winter's coming so stock up with
soup and firelighters to banish the winter chills

**Get prepared for your Halloween visitors -
sweets from the jar - only 50p a quarter**



Abingdon-on-Thames Chamber of Commerce

The Abingdon Christmas Extravaganza will this year be held on Saturday 26th November. This year we will be joined by Tina, Jo & Bradley from S Club 7 who will be performing a number of hits, and then switching on the Christmas lights. We are offering 1 lucky competition winner the chance to join them on stage for the switch on. To enter, just test your knowledge of Abingdon with our quiz which can be downloaded at www.abingdonchamber.co.uk and don't forget to like us on Facebook / follow us on Twitter for all the latest updates.

Help - Marcham Brownie pack Needs YOU



I have been running the Brownie Pack as a volunteer for the last 10yrs with the help of some wonderful parents. The time has now come to seek two permanent helpers with weekly meetings and planning sessions for each term.

Brownies is a great place for girls to come along and learn many things, build their confidence and have FUN.

Does this sound like you? If so please email me at

wrightc40@icloud.com

Look forward to hearing from you - Ivy (Claire Wright)

Community Facilities Steering Group Planning application approved – great news!

After a long period of deliberation and negotiations, the planning application for the community hall, sports facilities, along with the associated houses and nursery facilities, was passed unanimously by the VoWH Planning Committee on 7th September. This great result recognises this plan as a community solution to a community need, resulting from bringing together a whole range of village organisations – a case of opportunities grasped and obstacles removed. CFSG would like to thank the 30+ Marcham people who turned out to support the application that evening.

Please don't expect to see anything happening on the ground until spring next year. There is much work still to be done to complete legal agreements, to finalise specifications and a design for the hall and to formalise new management arrangements for the facilities. There are still some funds to be raised, so please come and support community events over the coming months to help us close the gap. It will be good to see this whole plan moving forward at last! Watch this space for future developments.

The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) was set up with the clear objective of developing plans for new community facilities in Marcham and is made up of representatives from local groups with an interest in village facilities. 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

CROSSWORD BY ALISA - ANSWERS



Across: 1. OSJ 2. Zoo 6. Bus 8. Beneath 9. Cry 10. Bob 12. Debated 15. Removing weeds 16. Steward 17. Yam 19. Apt 21. Cover 22. Oak 23. Yew 24. Ock

Down: 1. Over 3. Opera Anywhere 5. Solo 6. Reservation 7. Steel worker 9 & 11. Charney Bassett 13. Amy 14. Jem 18. Also 20. Pink

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. Our programmes of events, courses, children's learning and volunteering can inspire everyone to make a small difference and look after our local environment.



Autumn Water Festival Sunday 2nd October, 11am-4pm

Join us for our annual autumnal celebration of water and wetlands! See web for full details. £6 adult, £3 child, £15 family. Book online (incurs a booking fee) at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson or pay on the gate.

Blacksmithing Sunday 9th October, 10am-5.15pm

Make your own ironwork object using a forge and anvil. 45min sessions with Cobalt Blacksmiths; participants must be over 18yrs. £20; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Mud Pie Monday! Monday 24th October, 10am-11.30am

Come and get messy in the Earth Trust mud kitchen – buckets of mud and buckets of fun! Wellies and waterproofs advisable. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

Tree Climbing Monday 24th October, 10am-5pm

Use ropes and harnesses to access the treetops in Little Wittenham Wood! 1hr sessions with The Great Big Tree Climbing Company; minimum age 6yrs (no maximum!). £20 per participant; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson.

Build a Bat Box Tuesday 25th October, 10.30am-3pm

Help bats prepare for hibernation by making a shelter to put in your garden. Two sessions available: 10.30am-12pm and 1.30pm-3pm. £15 per box; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Woodland Adventure Wednesday 26th October, 10am-12pm

An expedition for 5-8 year olds. Use your detective skills to discover the Earth Trust's woodland, where we'll explore, build and play. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

Wildlife Wednesday Wednesday 26th October, 2pm-4pm

Our roving Wildlife Wednesday visits a different Earth Trust community nature reserve during each school holiday. This half term, come out and play at Abbey Fishponds (OX14 3UB); learn about local wildlife and have lots of outdoor fun! £2 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free; no need to book.

Family Bushcraft Thursday 27th October, 10am-4pm

Bring the whole family and go wild in the great outdoors! Explore the woods, make shelters and learn how to light a fire and use a knife safely. £20 adult, £15 child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Discover and Play Friday 28th October, 10am-12pm

Forest School for the under-5s. Join the Earth Trust for a morning of play and discovery in our woodlands. Forest School offers hands on learning experiences in a natural environment. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

Spooky Dusk Discovery Walk Sunday 30th October, 5.30pm-7.30pm

If you go down to the woods tonight, you're sure of a big surprise! Come and explore Little Wittenham Wood at twilight. Don't forget your torch. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865 407792..

Plenty more activities coming up, please see our website for details: www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson.

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.



The Marcham Society

*All Saints' Church, Marcham
7.45pm Tuesday 11th October*

*Evening Meeting
Wildlife experiences in the Upper Thames Valley
Malcolm Brownsword*

Non-members always welcome £2 www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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

WILL WE GET AN INDIAN SUMMER?N

The conditions in early Autumn are often still summery, but Autumn is looming in the landscape.

Many plants produce seeds, berries, and conkers start falling from the trees too. Seasonal migrants are starting to leave or arrive in our gardens. Those species that share our gardens year round though are seeing their thoughts turn to the coming cold Winter months.



A few odd jobs you could be getting on with this month are:

- remember to leave some seed heads to provide food and shelter for wildlife
- clean birdbaths as this is often forgotten and always keep them filled up
- the breeding season is not yet over for some creatures so don't put out large lumps of food that could choke the young.
- give meadows a final cut letting the mowings lie for a couple of days before removing as this allows any seeds to drop as well as giving any disturbed wildlife time to scramble back under cover.

This time of year can still be good if we have an Indian Summer for bat-spotting, as the evenings are still warm. The moths that fly around in balmy Autumn evenings are a good food source for bats. Corrugated iron or plastic if you have any can be laid on the soil and supply much needed warmth for small reptiles, amphibians and mammals spend time under. You never know, a Grass Snake may take up residence too.

Let's all hope we all experience a semblance of an Indian Summer so we can have the sun on our necks whilst gardening, just for a few weeks more anyway.

Happy Gardening STUART MABBUTT

Wildlife Gardening Specialist

Contact: 01865 747243 stuart@wildmaninspires.co.uk

www.wildmaninspires.co.uk

**HAVING PROBLEMS AT UNIVERSITY?
CONTACT CITIZENS ADVICE**

September is the month of yellowing leaves, darkness in the evenings, a stern chill in the mornings, and difficult goodbyes as children leave home for university. For many, this transition from family life to independent living can be difficult and stressful to manage.

And once on campus, or especially in private rented accommodation, new students can find themselves facing the jaundiced indifference of adult life as they struggle with practical problems which they hadn't anticipated: "What's the best way to revise for exams?" "I don't like my course - can I transfer to a different one?" "How do I open a bank account?" "I have a disability - what about wheelchair access?" "Does my landlord have responsibility for repairs?" "Can I get a part-time job?" In addition, there are all the questions they forgot to ask their parents: "How do you cook spaghetti?" "Where do I put the powder in the washing machine?"

The glorious liberation that college life is supposed to be, the golden key that unlocks the door of life and gives access to unbridled freedom and fulfilment, seems very far away when you're wondering why you don't have any friends, or have failing grades, or feel crimplingly homesick, or can't pay your rent.

Many of us at Citizens Advice have been through all of this. If you are a first-year student, or about to become one, or if you feel that you can't cope with undergraduate life, or if you need support, contact us.

Call Adviceline on 03444 111 444 or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. We're here to help.

Locations and opening hours of our offices in Oxfordshire South and Vale can be found on www.ca.ox.org.uk

October 2016

MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

We meet on the last Thursday of the month in the

Lounge at Duffield Place at 2.30pm

Our 2017 program includes several outings, Club meetings will include quizzes and other activities.

Meetings always include cups of drink and biscuits.

We also hold a raffle at every meeting.

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME

Please contact John Woods (Secretary) 391705

**Another Successful Local Company
PharmaGenesis**

Ed Vaizey recently visited a very successful local company, PharmaGenesis to discuss the implications of leaving the EU and the future for trade, education, research and health funding in Oxfordshire.

"I was delighted to visit a very dynamic, independent company in my constituency today," said Ed Vaizey. "In less than 20 years, the HealthScience Communications consultancy Oxford PharmaGenesis has grown from a single person to an award-winning company of over 150 people, doubling every 5 years and exporting over 90% of its output."

The company is currently spinning off its policy arm, the Oxford Health Policy Forum, as an independent not-for-profit organization.

"The Oxford Health Policy Forum will work to benefit individuals all over the world living with a life-changing medical condition and those who support them," comments Dr Winchester.

In 2015 Oxford PharmaGenesis won The Queen's Award for Enterprise, for Outstanding Achievement in International Trade – the UK's highest accolade for business success.

Founded in 1998, Oxford PharmaGenesis is a leading independently owned communications consultancy that provides services to the healthcare industry from their offices in the Tubney, in mainland Europe and North America, supported by a global network of expert partners. Their client list includes most of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies, and also specialist biotechnology, devices, diagnostics and nutraceutical companies, professional societies, patient groups and academic institutions. PharmaGenesis employs 110 people working in Tubney Wood.

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Do you want to be on TV?

ITV's **Masterpiece** presented by Alan Titchmarsh, Masterpiece is an antiques and collectibles game show which first aired earlier in the year on ITV. It sees pairs of contestants go head to head in a series of fun and light-hearted challenges.

We are looking for amateur enthusiasts (they certainly don't have to be experts!) who can spot the true 'Masterpiece' (an item that is worth £10,000 or more) from the decoys. There is also the chance of winning a cash prize!

If anyone wants more information or an application form, they can email Helen Carr at: masterpiece@spungoldtv.com

ED VAIZEY WRITES...

Parliament has returned from the summer recess, and an interesting Parliamentary term lies ahead. The Government will begin to produce its proposals on what Brexit will mean and what form our future relationship with the EU will take. As you know, I campaigned for remain during the referendum campaign, and I will be watching developments carefully to ensure that jobs and the economy in our constituency and the country as a whole are protected.



Being a backbench MP now gives me more freedom to raise constituency issues in Parliament. As a Minister, I could not ask parliamentary questions or participate in debates outside my own department. I have hit the ground running since Parliaments return, and details of the questions I have asked and debates I have hosted can be read on my website.

The last few weeks have seen two tragic accidents along the A34, and this has led to renewed calls to make improvements to the road. I have had a meeting to discuss this situation with local MPs Richard Benyon and Nicola Blackwood, and I am arranging a roundtable meeting with the Minister responsible for roads, having raised the issue in Parliament. I am looking forward to discussing what proposals the Government has to improve the safety of the A34.

I am always keeping an eye out for new services that my constituents might find useful. There is now a new free three digit number that can be used to report or find out about power cuts. The service can be contacted on 105, and will put you straight through to your local electricity company who will be able to let you know some details about the power cut. This is definitely one to stick on the fridge!

I have also been made aware of a number of funding opportunities for local community groups and charities. First, the RBS Skills & Opportunities Fund is a £2.5 million fund, with a maximum grant of £35,000. It is designed to help people get work or set up a business, or improve the financial skills of people from disadvantaged backgrounds. More information can be found at <http://skillsandopportunitiesfund.rbs.co.uk/>. There is also the Aviva Community Fund, which awards funding of up to £25,000 for local community projects, applications can be made until the 11th October here <http://www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund/>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 020 7219 6350. 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. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)

COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Is there any future for Local Government in Oxfordshire?

The Press Releases are positively flying and becoming more and more heated. Is this a measure of progress? Or is it a sign of panic? The undeniable facts are these:

1. Both independent reports (commissioned at some public expense by County and District Councils) conclude that the status quo of 3 tier local government (Parish, District and County) is not in the interests of Oxfordshire residents and that Unitary government is the obvious way forward.
2. Both independent reports conclude that a stand alone full-blown Oxford City Unitary Council is not likely to be financially viable.
3. Bickering between councils, with one side claiming that the other is poorly run or incompetent, does not go down well with the public. All involved need to remain dignified.

4. If we wish to maintain services as they are – let alone restore any services lost as the result of recent austerity cuts – we need to capture the savings from going Unitary as quickly as possible.

If residents are to come first in all this, it is essential that Council Leaders return to the table, stay at the table and do not leave the room until a solution has been worked out. It behoves us all to cajole, press and even demand this of our Council Leaders via Oxfordshire's Parish Councils, its Business Community, its Educational establishments, its Science Community and all other stakeholders. Residents can let their feelings be known directly to their councils and council leaders.

I suspect we have all had enough of referenda, but the future of Local Government in Oxfordshire is too important a matter to be left to Council Leaders and certainly too urgent for the status quo to persist much longer.

And so to Planning matters:

Planning (where houses are to go) is principally a matter for District Councils although transport, highways and education planning matters are the concern of the County Council. This current split responsibility is itself a powerful argument for Unitary government. Because so much of my casework is the result of planning issues and grievances, I think it is reasonable to update everyone on the major issues.

Appleford – concerned about the encroachment of Didcot – affected by the landfill site, the recycling works and trains – very concerned to keep its Rail Station and get a few more trains running so that working people can actually use it.

Milton – very concerned about possible development in arguably unsuitable areas. – impacted by decisions and effects of the very successful MEPC.

Drayton – with its Neighbourhood Plan, better protected from speculative development than others – but even so, waiting to hear from the Planning Inspectorate just how well protected.

Marcham – having taken hundreds of new houses and more to come – struggling with the impact on its main roads and its air quality – fighting to get enough infrastructure to cope with its rapid growth.

Sutton Courtenay – last, but certainly not least Due to more than double in size over a five year period – largely as a result of speculative planning – affected by a thriving MEPC, an expanding **Didcot** – large new warehousing – a potential gravel pit – a recycling works and Didcot Power Station. I am quite sure that everyone in the area sympathises and is in support of a move to make Sutton Courtenay a “special case” by permitting an argument of “cumulative impact”. If we cannot get this status for Sutton Courtenay, it is difficult to see anywhere in the County where we could.

RICHARD WEBBER CLLR OCC SC & Marcham Division.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Great news....what next?

Last Wednesday was a fantastic moment for Marcham! I was so proud of all those (roughly 30) who turned up at the Vale Planning Meeting to support the Village Hall application. The sense of unity and excited expectancy was tangible, and afterwards several planning committee members came up to me to say how impressed they were with Marcham's community spirit. So am I, especially as I am well aware of the huge obstacles which had to be surmounted to get this far and how different groups had to make concessions for the greater good. Special thanks must go to Thomas Homes, MCG, CFSG, Anson Trust and the Parish Council. Now we are about to embark on much hard work to ensure that the new hall is designed to fit all the needs of the different groups in the village and that all legal requirements are fulfilled. This is a major task and needs all our support and understanding.

This leads me onto the other subject of this article....Marcham has been identified as a sustainable village which is therefore suitable for further development. The Local Plan Part 1 is still undergoing many modifications imposed by the inspector and now is unlikely to be ready until January 2017, or even later. When it is finally deemed acceptable, then Part 2 will begin and this is when Marcham may be vulnerable to more building. The Vale is very keen to encourage villages to develop their own Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) whereby residents plan how and where they want a village to develop. This puts the power into the village's hands rather than the developers; the village will dictate where to allow expansion and how this should look. I have long felt that Marcham should

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Bank Balance
£20,295.80

Local Events
£11,830

Donations
£8,260

2016 - 2017 Membership
Voting: 72 Junior: 18

5p Coins
7274



Marcham Community Facilities – Great News!

You will have seen elsewhere in MAD News that planning permission was approved for the new community facilities in Marcham – long in the development and a patient wait for our members. Thank you all for staying the course with us. There is a lot of hard work still to be done, and we are moving forward.

The current plan for the management of the facilities is for MCG to take on this role, with some modifications to its present mode of operation for this purpose. Discussions are progressing within CFSG with the Parish Council and Anson Trust to determine how this should best be arranged.

Public Meeting and AGM—date for your diary

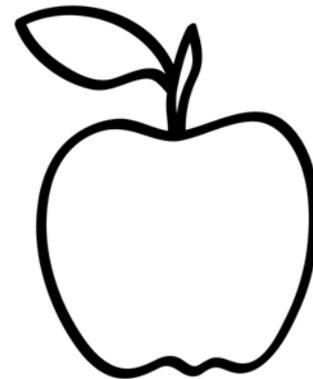
Marcham Community Group will hold a Public Meeting with a short Annual General Meeting on Thursday 10th November at 7:30 pm at the School. The meeting, which will be open to the public, will describe the facilities plan and how the management arrangements will work. We anticipate some possible changes to the constitution of MCG and this will be discussed. There will be one or more votes of MCG members relating to these changes.

Apple Day – a family fun day and community fund-raiser

MCG will be holding Apple Day—a family event for all ages—on Sunday 16th October, between 12:00 and 16:00 at the School.

Free entry — donations welcome to support new community facilities!

- Games
- Activities
- Apple pressing—you can bring your own Apple produce
- Family BBQ
- Coffee, tea, soft drinks
- Apple-themed donations to the cake stall gratefully received



Planning Permission approved — and Apple Day

Marcham Community Group: Company No 7470307 Charity No 1144407
391727 (Jim) admin@marcham.org

www.marcham.org



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have a NHP, but of course our attention and energy has been very much taken up by the much needed village hall and sports facilities. However, now I wonder if there are people out there who would be willing to give time and energy to work on a Marcham NHP. Clearly the Parish Councillors have their hands full with the village hall development but would be very interested to see if another group of people, bringing a wide variety of expertise, would be willing to take on a Marcham NHP. To get a taste of what this would involve, you can see a completed NHP on the Vale of the Whitehorse website.....tap in Drayton Neighbourhood Plan.

Please contact either Richard or me if you think you might be interested..

CATHERINE WEBBER Cllr VWHDC

01235 534001 or Webbercatherine1@gmail.com

Next Councillors' Surgery will be on Saturday 8th October from 9am - 11am in Marcham Village Shop - come and discuss your concerns with Catherine and Richard Webber.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning in the Sports and Social Club on the Anson field. Between 10am and 12.30pm on Sunday the 2nd of October.

Please come along for a cuppa (feel free to donate some cake/biscuits.)

A raffle will be drawn on the morning with great prizes to be won, including tickets to the Oxford Playhouse to any show of choice, entry tickets to various attractions such as Cotswold Wildlife Park, Farmer Gow's etc, tickets to Oxford comedy club, wine, chocs and lots more.

Tickets £1 each.
If you would like to purchase tickets please contact Jenny on 07805490911



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday Nov 19
Hanney WM Hall
10 till 2pm**

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| Cakes | Toys | |
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MARCHAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group of parents, grandparents and carers who meet with our babies and toddlers every Tuesday at 10am in Marcham Church. Come and join us for playtime, singing, stories, crafts and refreshments for only £2 per family. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th September. For further information please contact Rebecca on 07876598307.

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

It's exhausting being back at pre-school! A new term and a new year and sometimes you just need to find a quiet corner to escape to.... as you can see, our classroom provides just that opportunity... an unused cupboard becomes a bed.... or a rabbit cage.... or a bear cave.... or a corner for a private conversation.... whatever the children can imagine. Private spaces are an important aspect for young children as they like the privacy and freedom to just 'be' and it's a great joy when us adults get a glimpse into their world. The term has starting with a bang and we welcome several new families into the group. The children are settling well and we are busy planning a range of activities and trips... including a train trip to Reading! We'll bring you more news next time.



Numbers are growing and we are already at capacity for some of our sessions - if you have a child approaching or over 2 years of age and would like a place at pre-school, please get in touch NOW! We also have a waiting list for September 2017 - it's never too early to register your interest - please get in touch, 01865 392101 or marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Nicky, Marion, Katharine, Natasha, Louisa and Mon

To join us, please contact
marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk now!
www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com

NEWS FROM LITTLE ANGELS

Well we have had an incredibly busy month, as we're sure you all have too! The start of the new school year sees some of our Little Angels moving on to school and becoming Big Angels. They all look splendid, and so grown up, in their new school uniforms. Lots of proud Mum and Dads and Nursery team. With the new school term, we also see the return of the Breakfast Club and After School Club which are both proving to be increasingly popular.



We also now have a land-line number to the Nursery: 01865 819992, we can still be reached on our old mobile number too: 07516 474 287 so you can always contact us now should one line be busy. We have been doing exciting activities at Little Angels this month, read on to see what are different rooms have been up to:

Baby Room Our babies have been enjoying wonderful times in the garden, with the beautiful sunny days we've had recently. Sand and water play have been messy but so much fun! We've also been exploring 'Transport' and having a great time playing with lorries, cars, trains and boats. We even made paper Mache hot air balloons, which was very exiting to glue and spread. Making music has been on their daily agenda, playing together to make us much noise as we can!

Each week our babies have also been on an outing to the village toddler group, both the babies and the team enjoy meeting the other children and parents. A big thank you for making us so welcome.

Pre-School Room The older pre-school children have also been looking at transport- all of us especially enjoyed making our own parachutes- we even got to see them fly in action in our garden! We made planes and talked about all the different countries in the world, made our own set of traffic lights (which meant we were allowed to control the traffic of play cars in our garden). We have explored how a submarine works including floating and sinking items in our water play, tractor tyre printing, our very own train station and went to visit lots of place around the UK on our train!

Breakfast & Afterschool Club A new term and new faces. A big

welcome to all our new children and returning children. It's so great seeing you all again and just how much you've grown. So far we have had the floor piano out and made some amazing music, sure there will be a future chart topper in there somewhere. Everyone has particular enjoyed our new cricket stumps, allowing us to have our own cricket matches. Lots of board games have returned and everyone is having fun to have a turn. This month we have also been looking at transport, seeing who can make their paper aeroplane go the furthest! The highlight of the month has been seeing how high we could fly a kite.

Breakfast Club is now been run in the Social Club, which means that we now have many spaces for our breakfast club available.

Wizards School- in October half term the Wizarding School will be appearing, there will be lots of interesting and fun activities to do from potion lessons, broomstick lesson and spells! Please speak to a member of the After School club team for further information on 01865 819992 or little-angels@hotmail.co.uk.

We are still looking to recruit an After School Club Assistant (Part time) from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. This is a fun role, supporting Helen and Matt, interact with our Big Angels through planned activities and free play. Why not give us a ring and come along for an informal visit to learn more about what's involved.

To find out more and see what we have been up to follow us on Facebook- sear Marcham Little Angels and take a look at our new website: www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk.

To see more about what we get up to at Marcham Little Angels follow our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/littleangelsmarcham



HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

Ex-librarian Edna backs voluntary book scheme

A former Oxfordshire librarian has rekindled her love of books thanks to a voluntary service bringing the joy of reading to those who can't access their local library.

Edna Malcher, 88, who gets books delivered by the Home Library Service, is urging more people to give up some time to help the scheme grow across the county.

Life-line

The former library worker said the service was a "life-line" which enabled her to connect with others in the community and share her passion for reading.

Edna, who lives in Banbury, said: "The person who comes to visit is very nice and friendly. I get the bag ready for him to swap and he makes sure that he brings books that I'm interested in or have requested. The main thing is having contact with someone, especially someone so pleasant. It's very important to make a good impression – I've seen that from both sides having worked for the library and now using the Home Library Service.

"It's also a way to connect with people in the local community. I've struck up a friendship with a neighbour over our love of books."

How to register to use the service

To register for this service or for further information call the Home Library Service on 01235 519201 or email homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk

For more information about being a volunteer

Volunteers can organise drop-off times with the people they deliver to, making the role easy to fit around existing commitments. Expenses are paid and volunteers can do as many or as few journeys as they wish.

For more information visit: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibrary
 Volunteers are needed in all areas across Oxfordshire

All Saints' Church Page

www.marcham-with-garford.org.uk

Dear Friends,

My warmest congratulations to everyone involved in the successful planning application for the new community facilities – especially to Jim Asher, Neil Rowe, Chris Brotherton, Ruth Mander and David Walton, and the members of the CFSG, and Richard and Catherine Webber, our counsellors, for their support. We can now look forward to working together for the much-needed new facilities, which will enhance the life of our community in so many ways. Exciting new beginnings!

October has arrived so quickly! September was an action-packed month, and has flown by. Now things are quietening down a little, with some space for reflection, and appreciation of the autumnal colours of nature, the cooler days, and the ending of another season.

The seasons change, and many of us enjoy the variety this brings to our lives. However, to know that some things remain constant is all important. Our Christian faith reassures us that God is faithful from one generation to another, that our Lord, Jesus Christ, is 'the same yesterday, today and for ever' [Hebrews 13:8], his love trustworthy, his care constant, his presence assured in a world of change. The hope he offers us is 'an anchor for the soul, firm and secure' [Hebrews 6:19]. Is your soul anchored in Christ?

As evenings draw in, and our log burners are brought back to life, may we know that inner peace of heart and mind that flow from the security of God's love, and may his love embrace us afresh, and give us hope for the days that lie ahead.

With my warmest best wishes for October,

Richard

Revd Canon Richard Zair, Vicar



Regular church services

Sundays: 10am & 6pm at All Saints'

Wednesdays: 10.30am at Duffield Place

No evening service on Sun 9th October

Sunday 30th October, 3pm: Service of Commemoration to remember loved ones who have passed away whether recently or many years ago.

Sunday 9th October, 10.30am: Harvest celebration at St. Luke's, Garford.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 1st October, 8.30am at the Baptist Hall

Men's Night: Monday 3rd October

Marcham Motor Club: Tuesday 18th October

Village Café: Wednesdays 12pm at the SSSC

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Our next Music in the Vale concert features
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Tricia Warhurst - viola da gamba & baroque guitar
Malcolm Pearce – harpsichord
in a Musical Feast with dishes by Hassler, Isaak, Robbie Burns, Sanz,
Purcell... Refreshments will be available after the concert.
Where: St. Denys' Church, Church Green, Stanford in the Vale, SN7
8HU
When: Sunday 16th October 3pm
How much: £10.00
Admission is by programme from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street,
Stanford in the Vale, telephone 01367 710476, by reservation on 01367
718420, email djpedderdpa@btinternet.com, or at the door.

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