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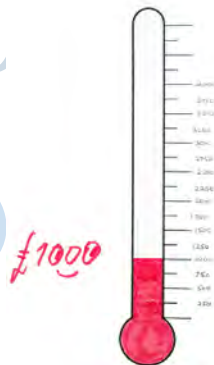
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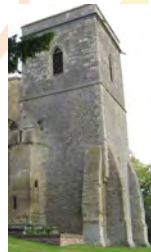
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## Great MaD Weekend

Marcham and District  
27-29 September 2019

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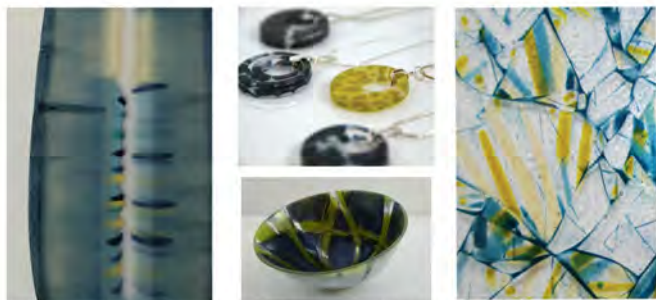
## Diary for September

5 Thu	Marcham Society Midweek Walk: George and Dragon, Upton 12.30 lunch / 13.30 walk	7	19 Thu	Marcham WI, Denman College, 19.30	7
7 Sat	Wantage and Grove Lions: Cash Bingo and Great Raffle, Grove, 18.45	15	20 Fri	<b>Deadline for next MADNews, 17.00</b> <a href="mailto:editor@madnews.co.uk">editor@madnews.co.uk</a>	
9 Mon	Mostly Books: Robert Harris, Amey Theatre, 18.45	2	21-22	Sculpture Workshops, Garford	2
10 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place 14.00-15.30	7	21 Sat	Abingdon Heritage: Homecoming 1919, Market Place, Abingdon, 10.00-16.00	5
10 Tue	Marcham Society: AGM & Two Hats (Brian Gower), All Saints' Church, 19.30	5	21 Sat	Abbey Meadow Lacemakers Silver Anniversary, Preston Rd, Abingdon, 12.00-14.00	5
11 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 19.30	3	24 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place 14.00-15.30	7
12 Thu	Music at the Unicorn: Gerry Colvin, 19.00	15	24 Tue	National Trust Abingdon: Liz Woolley on Child Labour in 19thC, Trinity Church, 14.30-15.30	19
14-22	Heritage Open Days around the country	5	26 Thu	PTA AGM, Marcham School, 19.00	9
14 Sat	Denman Faberdashery Sale, 10.00-15.00	5	26 Thu	ABCD Film Society: A Plastic Ocean, Abingdon, 19.30	5
14-22	Abingdon Heritage Exhibition, Bury St, Abingdon, 10.00-16.00	5	26 Thu	Mostly Books: Mary Paulson-Ellis, Abingdon, 19.00	2
14 Sat	Cancer ResearchUK: Table Top and Car Boot Sale, Hanney WM Hall, 10.00-14.00	19	27-29	Great Marcham Weekend: see centre spread	
18 Wed	Arts Society Abingdon: Gems from Life, Trinity Church, Abingdon, 10.30 & 14.00	2	29 Sun	Harvest Celebration, All Saints' Church, 18.00	20

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Tickets are £20 and include a copy of The Second Sleep (RRP £20). Tickets will be available from the Amey Theatre Box Office from 5th June. Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start. Robert will be signing copies of his book after the event. Refreshments will be available to purchase at the Amey theatre bar.



### Mary Paulson-Ellis in Conversation - Thursday 26th September

Mary Paulson-Ellis, best-selling author of The Other Mrs Walker, will be at Mostly Books on Thursday 26th September in conversation with Laura Shepherd-Robinson. Tickets are £7.50 and include a drink and £2 redeemable against a purchase on the night. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets available from EventBrite and Mostly Books.



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The Arts Society Abingdon (ex ADFAS) is holding its monthly lecture on **Wednesday 18th September, 10.30am and 2.00pm**, at Trinity Church, Conduit Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DB.

### Gems from Life from Flies to Elephants

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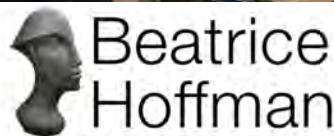
Non-Members welcome, £6.00. The lectures are one hour long, but leave extra time for announcements etc.

For more information on future lectures and other activities see [www.theartsocietyabingdon.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietyabingdon.org.uk) or email [info@theartsocietyabingdon.org.uk](mailto:info@theartsocietyabingdon.org.uk)

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Also don't forget to enter all the competitions, quizzes, games and do the treasure hunt! Full programmes will be delivered during the week of 16th September... if you can deliver a few, just contact the organisers!

Until next time



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**MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Future Road Closures**

*North Street*

The Parish Council has learned that Southern Gas Networks will be undertaking gas main reinforcement work at the Southern end of North Street for approximately one month between 7th October, 2019 and 8th November, 2019. The road closure will operate 24 hours a day. Access will be maintained for properties which are only accessible from the closed section of road, and for emergency services. Unfortunately the S8 and 15 bus services will not be able to serve the village during this time and will travel along the A415. Stagecoach is currently assessing whether there is need for additional temporary bus stops along the main road during this period.

*A415*

Following completion of the North Street works, Skanska, on behalf of the County Council will be undertaking overnight resurfacing works in the A415, between 8.00 p.m. – 6.00 a.m. This is planned for 8th November 2019 to 10th November 2019. So the A415 will be closed overnight for these two nights. The evening and night buses between 8.00 p.m. – 6.00 a.m. Oxford to Wantage, will serve Howard Cornish Road, then Sheepstead Road, Faringdon Road past the Dog House Public House, then southwards along the A338 towards Wantage. The reverse route will be taken from Wantage to Oxford. It is anticipated that the A415 should be re-opened at 6.00a.m. on Sunday 10th November. However, see below:

*A415/Church Street/New Road*

As Sunday 10th November, 2019 is Remembrance Sunday, a further Road Closure will apply to the A415, Church Street and New Road to allow the parade to the War Memorial following the service in Church. The timings are currently being finalized but will be approximately between 10.45 a.m. to 12.15p.m. The diversion during this period will be North Street, Sheepstead Road, Faringdon Road and A338.

**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 use the application form available in the publications section, on the Council's website [www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk), and enclose a copy of your organisation's accounts. The Council's grant policy too can also be found there. Details of where to send the application are on the form. The deadline for submissions is 15th October, 2019. Applications received after that date or not on the application form will not be considered.

**Parish Council has considered the following applications:**

P18/V2473/O Additional information regarding traffic and land contamination reports for 114 dwellings on land north of Longfields. The Parish Council continued to object on air quality grounds, and contamination queries raised by District Council had not been satisfactorily resolved. This application has subsequently been refused by the Vale of White Horse District Council..

**Date of Next Council Meeting:**

Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7.30p.m. in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place. Please check noticeboard outside the Institute and/or the Council's website [www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk) in case arrangements change.

**Clerk to the Council:** Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833 [clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
**[www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.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.

We will be leaving Marcham at the end of August to move closer to our family in Cambridge. After living here for almost forty years it's quite a wrench to leave and we would like to thank everyone for the friendship and good neighbourliness which is such a feature of the village, and for the many messages we have received wishing us well.  
We hope to stay in contact. We have signed up to MADNews and will watch progress on the new village hall with great interest. We may even visit once in a while. Our best wishes to all our friends in Marcham.  
*Jessica and Manfred Brod*

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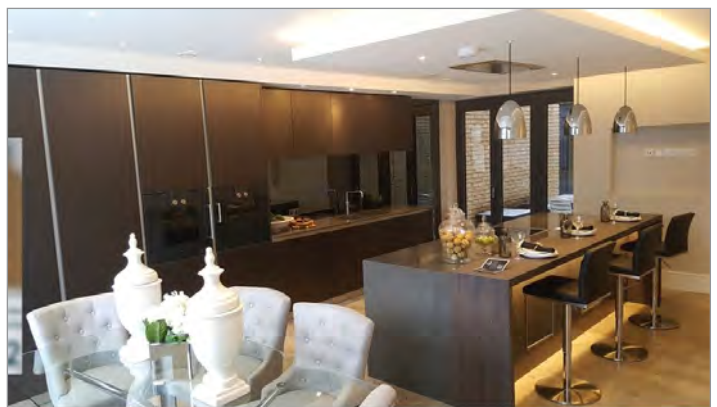
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The members of AML will be having an exhibition of silver inspired needlecrafts to celebrate this special anniversary. If you want to join us for the day please contact either [chairman@abbeymeadowlacemakers.co.uk](mailto:chairman@abbeymeadowlacemakers.co.uk) or [webmaster@abbeymeadowlacemakers.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@abbeymeadowlacemakers.co.uk) for tickets, numbers are limited and cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for young lacemakers. Shoppers are welcome between midday and 2pm at a cost of £1. If you are interested to see what it is all about and lacemaking is something you think that you would like to try then visitors will be welcome at the same time and cost as the shoppers. All proceeds of this day will be donated to BE FREE YC which is charity supporting young carers aged between 8-24, living in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire Districts. ([befreeyc.org.uk](http://befreeyc.org.uk)).

**ABINGDON HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

Abingdon Heritage Festival this year will be celebrating and exploring an event that took place 100 years ago in this town; an event that has left an enduring mark because it was filmed. Like many towns, to mark the end of the First World War, Abingdon staged a Homecoming Parade, a "Carnival of Affection" for the returning troops and a ceremony of remembrance for the "Glorious Dead". The events of that day, 4th August 1919, included a parade around the town centre, the Mayor's address in the Market Place, a march-past and laying of wreaths at the temporary memorial and a lunch at the Corn Exchange for all the men. Thousands turned out and were caught in the camera's sweep, giving us a fascinating source of information about the people of the town at that time.




The film remains in good condition for us to study today, and this September it will become the centrepiece of a Heritage Festival which seeks to recreate some of the events of the day, to understand and learn more about the times that those people were living through, and to expand on the themes that the film raises.

The former Superdrug shop in Bury Street will contain a temporary interpretation, explaining the film, highlighting key points that are worth looking at in detail and delving into the background of what we are seeing. This exhibition will start a whole week before the main festival weekend, opening on Saturday 14th September and daily through the following week.

On Saturday 21st September Abingdon Market Place will be the setting for a small recreation of the events of 100 years ago and a chance to enjoy costumes, songs, food and customs from the era. The Homecoming Film itself will be available to view in the Guildhall and the Museum. The Festival also includes Heritage Open Doors properties, as well as walks and talks on the 1919 theme with a local history twist.

To find out more, and join in on the festival day, go to [abingdonheritage.org.uk](http://abingdonheritage.org.uk)



*The*  
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*Society*

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**& Two Hats**

*a talk by Brian Gower*  
*All Saints' Church, Marcham*  
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**MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB NEWS**

Two months has passed since the last up date, so a lot to cram in!

**First Team** – Have won two, tied one and lost four over the past two months. The two wins were on the `home` soil of Clifton. Batting first against Brill we scored 201 runs for 9 wickets, with youngsters Archie McLintock and Freddy Selby-Lowndes scoring 49 and 31 respectively. Ethan Davie`s spin of 5 wickets for 44 and Mike Palmer`s 3 for 26 reduced the visitors to 135 all out, and maximum points of 30 were therefore achieved.

The other win saw Broughton and New Newington set a good target of 205 runs for 6 wickets, with Stuart Armstrong`s spin continuing to work its magic taking 5 wickets for 37 runs. We replied with 208 for the loss of just five wickets, with Ethan Davie top scoring with 75 not out, sharing in an unbroken sixth wicket partnership with Tom (Belly) Mooring who scored 40 not out. Stuart Armstrong having previously completed a satisfactory day, scoring 32.

The unusual result of a tie continued the good `home` form. In an exciting match, with no facility for an extra over in a tie position, Ethan Davie excelled in scoring 72 after his bowling return of 6 wickets for 39 runs in dismissing Kidlington for 170 runs. A brave attempt for a quick single by Andy (Buckers) Buckland failed on the last ball, leaving us with a tied score of 170 for 9 wickets.

The defeats were against Wantage, who scored 194, leaving us 11 runs short with 183 for 6, despite excellent not outs of Neil Patel (83) and Ethan Davie (73), and bowling of 4 for 57 by Stuart Armstrong and 4 for 66 by Davie; against Risinghurst after we crumbled to 77 all out, the home side won for the loss of 5 wickets, despite the efforts of youngster Ollie Armstrong, who took 3 wickets for 38; against Combe who, despite Tristan Barratt`s 59 and Mike Palmer`s 54, made easy work of knocking off the 174 target we set for the loss of no wickets!; and against Radley, who set a massive 253 runs for 5 wickets on a lightning outfield at Radley School, which we replied with 182 for 8, with second team skipper Chris Webb scoring his highest of the season with 41. Pity he cannot replicate it in the seconds!

**Second Team** – The seconds have struggled in recent weeks, winning just one match and losing four. However the win was extra enjoyable, as it was against old rivals Sunningwell. For once we made a decent score, with Steve Hill scoring 61 not out in a total of 158 for 5. Andy (Snake) Chalmers then skittled the hosts with bowling of 5 wickets for 19 runs, dismissing them for a total of 69.

Though Charlie Mason scored 34 and Andy Chalmers 30, our total of 105 was never going to defeat Kilkenny, despite Andy Chalmers` good day continuing by taking 3 wickets for 19 runs as the visitors reached the target for the loss of 6 wickets. Other defeats included a very strong Chinnor team scoring 187, with Deepak Patel taking 5 wickets for 32 runs and Andy Chalmers 3 for 38, with us replying with 97 all out; an equally strong Wootton side amassing 174 for 8, despite Gary Butler`s 4 for 21, and then with an excellent pace attack dismissed us for just 60; and finally the return match with Kilkenny who scored a very high 193 for 5 in the reduced 36 overs, which we replied with 95 for 8 thanks to `Mr Extra`s` top scoring with 26! Please contact Trevor Hill at [trevor3chancel@aol.com](mailto:trevor3chancel@aol.com) if you are interested in playing or to know more about the club. We are a friendly bunch, as I`m sure any new recruit would confirm. *We look forward to meeting any of you who may be interested in playing in our two Saturday teams.*



**MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK:**

**Thursday, September 5th**

**NOTE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

This month`s walk from Upton to Chilton will follow the pretty valley through which the railway climbed into the Downs towards Newbury. We will meet at The George and Dragon Inn, Reading Road, Upton (Map Ref: SU512867, Post Code OX11 9JJ) on the A417 between Harwell and Newbury at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for a walk of about 4 miles returning via the Lynch Way. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for further details and car-sharing, especially if you are not on our email list as sometimes late changes have to be made. Members free, non-members £1. We always welcome new walkers.

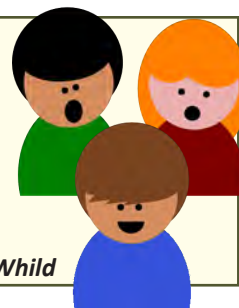


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**Marcham WI**

**Date:** Thursday, 19th September  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Denman College  
**Topic:** Emergency Planning



Now that the summer break is over, we are looking forward to seeing everyone again in September. We have a change of speaker from our published programme and at our meeting in September will be welcoming Carol MacKay. Carol will enthral us about her role as an Emergency Planning Officer for Oxfordshire County Council. We hope this will be an interesting and informative evening, so please do come along to hear what she has to say.

Don't forget to come and see our stall between 2pm and 6pm on Saturday 28th September at Marcham Primary School, when we will be running the Flower, Produce and Craft Show and serving refreshments as part of the Great MaD Weekend. The deadline for entries for the show is **Friday 20th September** and the forms can be collected from Marcham Village Shop. Please all have a go!

*New members and visitors are always welcome*  
*For further information, please contact:*  
 Pippa Hoath 01865 391349 [pippahoath@gmail.com](mailto:pippahoath@gmail.com)

**Car Parking at Marcham Road Health Centre**

The Health Centre spent a considerable amount of their income providing 25 protected parking space for its patients. The cost of maintaining this facility for patients was expected to be relatively low.

However, we are now in danger of losing the facility because we are having to purchase extra parking tokens at 80p each. On average, 2000 tokens go missing each year, resulting in a cost of £1600 per annum. This is unsustainable and we are asking you to return unused tokens, otherwise our protected car parking area may not continue to be managed and parking will become challenging. Please help to retain the protected car park by returning any unused tokens.

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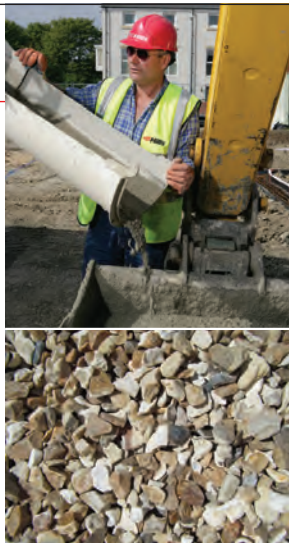
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**MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

All has been quiet in the preschool classroom over the summer, however we have been continuing in the background! Staff have been working hard to ensure that the coming year will meet every aspect of our vision which is to provide an exciting, friendly, engaging and interesting environment for your child to learn, grow and excel in their Early Years. We aim for our experiences to be **BIGGER**, to be **MESSIER** and to be **NOISIER** than ever before!! During the summer term the preschool, in partnership with the school, were busy collecting 'hard to recycle' plastics with two missions in mind: **FIRSTLY** to do our 'bit' in saving the planet; and **SECONDLY** - to save enough items to win a refurbished playground! Although we were not successful in the competition, we have been delighted with the support and contributions made not only by the preschool and school children but by the whole village. We will be continuing to collect your hard to recycle waste.... there's a box in the shop. We will collect baby wipe packaging, pump dispensers (but often not the bottle itself), rubber gloves, make up tubes, toothpaste tubes, pots and bottles, etc.... please make sure they are washed first.



**So please sort your plastic waste.... don't send it to landfill.... send it to us!**

And if you're not sure what to include, look for the recycling triangle - this can then be placed in your usual green recycling bin. **SAVE OUR PLANET**



**Nicky Sanford,**

Early Years Teacher, Marcham Pre-School  
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**BY 2050 THERE WILL BE AS MUCH PLASTIC AS FISH IN THE OCEANS - WE NEED TO ACT NOW AND RECYCLE MORE PLASTIC.**



**Baby Room** Our babies have been enjoying playing outside in our garden this summer, splashing in the water trays, emptying and filling containers and digging in the sand. It has been a very musical month as we follow our Little Angels' interests at nursery and lots of our babies are really enjoying songs and musical instruments. We have been shaking rice shakers, banging drums and clapping along as we sing our favourite nursery rhymes. One of the most popular in the baby room is '1,2,3,4,5, Once I caught a fish alive', our babies have been joining in the actions as we sing along. Moving to music is a great way to build up babies gross motor skills and strength, we have been dancing around the room and the garden lots and lots!

**Preschool Room** It has been a busy summer in the Preschool Room preparing our eldest angels for Primary School. They have been attending their weekly phonic sessions in which they begin to hear sounds and match to letters through phonic based games. We have been playing lots of turn-taking games in which they have learned key social skills in preparation for school. They have been learning to form letters, recognize their names and even some have begun to write their own name! We held our Graduation Ceremony this month, it was emotional but we are so proud of each of our little angels and watched them grow their wings and fly to Primary School. You will all be missed, but we are looking forward to still seeing lots of you at our Afterschool Club at Marcham Primary School.

**Breakfast & Afterschool Club** We have been missing our big angels throughout the summer but we hope you are all having a lovely summer holiday with your family and friends! We are looking forward to seeing you in September and welcoming our newest younger members to the fun!

**If you would like to be part of Little Angels Family, where our home is your home, please contact us on 01865 819992 or [marcham@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](mailto:marcham@littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk), see [www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk](http://www.littleangelschildcaregroup.co.uk) and follow us on Facebook: littleangelsmarcham**



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**PTA ROUND-UP**

Can I offer a HUGE vote of thanks to every single one of you who came along to the school's summer fete, dug deep in your purses, wallets and pockets, and gave your hard-earned cash to the cause. You are **RECORD-BREAKERS!!!!**



At the event we took a total of £3,004.49, the first time we **EVER** broken the £3k mark. Not only that, but once we deducted the expenses, the total profit for the event was £2,204.80!! That's the biggest profit we've made, **EVER!**

So thank you all for your support - whether you made a cake, filled a goody bag, donated a raffle prize, bought an ice cream or tried your hand at the Tombola or the new Lucky Lollies stall, we are very grateful to each and every one of you. We'll have more fun and games at our Christmas Fair in December.

**PTA AGM**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at Marcham Primary School at 7pm on Thursday 26 September. All parents of children at the school are welcome to attend, but more than that:

I encourage **ANYONE** who is able to help support the work of the school and assist us in raising money to fund its mission to join your PTA. Because it is **YOUR** school and **YOUR** Parent-Teacher Association.

Every year, we lose a number of our team as their children move on to secondary school, so every year we need to add new names to your team. If you can see yourself helping us to organise school discos, run Christmas fetes, sell refreshments at quiz or bingo nights, or if you have some new ideas about how we can raise funds, please let me know. We'd love to hear from you.

As I write this, it's a hot and sunny day at the end of July. When you read it, it'll probably be the end of August. I hope you've had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school term - some of you for the first time. Very best wishes, and I hope we see lots of you at our AGM on 26 September. If not - well ...

*See you on the school run.*

**Peter Kidd**

**PTA Chair** 07708 251312 [peter.kidd61@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.kidd61@btinternet.com)

# Great Marcham and District Weekend 28th - 29th September

## PLUS a Quiz Night on Friday 27th

### AND Art Exhibition + Church Tower visits throughout the weekend



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Full Programme to be delivered to each house in Marcham or available from Marcham Village Shop soon

**Great MaD Weekend**  
Marcham School, Morland Road



**QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM START DOORS OPEN AT 7.00PM**

A QUIZ NIGHT is being held on Friday 27 September in Marcham School. Teams of up to five persons. £10 entry per team. Funds raised towards the furnishings of the new community building. Everyone welcome.

A range of questions to suit everyone – which are not too difficult!! Don't worry if you are on your own or just a team of two, we will make sure that you join another team!

Entry forms, with a 'tenner', can be obtained and completed in the shop. Or you can pay on the night.

We look forward to seeing you  
For further information call Trevor Hill on 01865 391321

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| <p><b>Saturday:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic Walk</li> <li>Model Aeroplane Display</li> <li>Teddy Bears' Picnic</li> <li>Archeology Exhibition</li> <li>Flower, Produce &amp; Craft Show</li> <li>Dog Show</li> <li>Moldovan Gala Dinner</li> <li>Apple Juicing</li> <li>Bouncy Castle</li> <li>Pub Games</li> <li>Fish and Chips</li> <li>Ice Cream</li> <li>Refreshments</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Sunday:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fun Run</li> <li>Motor Show</li> <li>Historic Walk</li> <li>Family Games</li> <li>Pub Games</li> <li>BBQ</li> <li>Songs of Praise &amp; Harvest Service</li> <li>Garden Teas</li> </ul> <p><b>@ Garford</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Farm</li> <li>Open Church</li> <li>Sculpture Show</li> <li>Teas in the Village Hall</li> </ul> |
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28th September  
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**Sunflower Extravaganza Competition**  
2019 has been a difficult year for growing Sunflowers, with Slug and Snail attacks, followed by Drought and finally Storms, but some have survived!  
It is now time to submit your entries for the different classes; entry forms with full instructions are available at the Shop.  
Entries must be submitted by **21st September**, please return your form to the shop with your entry fee. Judging will be by photograph, details on the entry form.

Judging will take place during the following week, winners will be announced during the GMaD Weekend  
Which class does your sunflower excel in?!

- Tallest, grown in the ground
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We push on with fund-raising to provide your new MarchamCentre with the equipment we need to operate the facilities fully. We need to find about £30,000 for basic equipment when it opens. Since July, we have raised just over £1000 so far from Sponsor-a-Brick (run by the shop volunteers) with further to go – have you been to the Shop to make your donation yet? The Vintage Tea Party, organised by Jenny Allan, raised over £330. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported these. We have also received an anonymous donation of £500. So far, we have a total of over £6,000 in our equipment fund towards our target and pledges of a further £1,000. We have more fund-raising events coming up later this year, including the **Great Marcham & District Weekend** (see pages 10&11). We need support from YOU to make these events as successful as possible so we can reach our target.



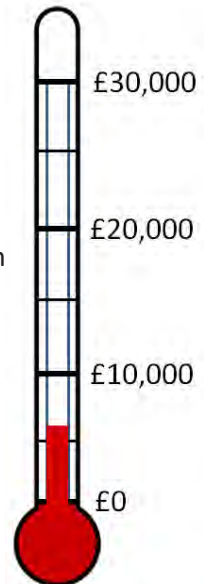
Vintage Tea Party

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Long days of Summer allow us to sit out in the garden, and still be warm, even as darkness descends. Warm, often well beyond the time it gets dark, so we can stay out there enjoying our garden with friends.



Friends, not just of the humankind, but the moths and bats as well. Many times, I've sat out after dark, with some basic garden lighting my only obvious companion. Then suddenly the moths arrive, in a stunning range of colours. In turn, those moths attract the bats that hunt them down. It's not unknown for me to be sat out in the darkness, being showered in moth wings, which the bats spit out after eating the moth body.

Lots of us like watching nature, but cringe at the brutal reality of the hunter and the hunted. You can't have one without the other. It's Yin and Yang. Good and bad. Survival of the fittest playing out, right there, in front of us, in our own gardens.

Even in a small way we are contributing to Darwinian theory and evolution, if that's what you believe in.

I've been told "What's the point in gardening? It all dies anyway. When we die, the garden just gets overgrown and all that work is wasted".

It's a good point, if a little depressing. To me it's just about the 'now', the present. The past is gone, the future is always out of reach. All we ever have is 'now'. Without life we wouldn't have death. Without death there wouldn't be life. It's cyclical.

We just have to keep hope going, trying to work out our place in the cycle, for the brief time we are on this little rock of ours. Mere specks of dust in the universe.

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**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**What has been happening in Council?**

*Times at the Vale are busy and challenging.*

On Wednesday, 17th July, the Vale held its first meeting with the new council of 31 Lib Dem councillors, 6 Conservative councillors and 1 Green councillor, and all the feedback we have been getting on it has been very positive. For example: "This the first time we feel we are being listened to for years"

Several motions were passed including one on the Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) which was proposed by Councillor Debby Hallett and seconded by me. It asked the Leader of the Council to send a letter to the Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government asking him "to explain to us how the Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) can be considered sound and legal when the housing figures used are based solely on a working assumption of Oxford's unmet needs, the Plan Allocates the housing development in the Green Belt in clear contravention of paragraph 137 of the NPPF ( the legal document on which all planning is based) and the Plan removes Dalton Barracks and Shippon from the Green Belt without the exceptional circumstances the regulations (NPPF) require."

Remember that the main purpose of this inherited LPP2 is to satisfy Oxford city's unmet housing needs, whose figures are very questionable and possibly overestimated by as much as 40%. Is it reasonable to ask us to agree to a plan that could be faulty? In fact, we feel that the whole examination procedures are deficient and is a case of "the cart being put before the horse". We should have a clear evidenced housing target before being asked to help Oxford with its unmet needs. So, we are asking the Council to write to the 2 local MPs and to the Minister asking him to relook at the issues we have raised and to give us advice (and the necessary time) on how we can adjust the LPP2 once Oxford's unmet need is established. We need this help and advice as we know that if we don't adopt the Plan we are at severe risk of speculative developers, and the bonanza of house building which happened under the Conservatives when they delayed adopting the Local Plan they inherited 8 years ago.

Another motion which was passed was on the Oxford Cambridge Expressway. We pointed out the lack of public consultation or clarity on whether an Expressway is the best way to connect Oxford and Cambridge; the high risk of going against our Climate Emergency motion by increasing carbon emissions and damaging the bio diversity and countryside during the road building; and the vast amount of evidence showing that building big roads merely attracts more traffic and clutters the surrounding roads in the long run. We asked that Council should write to the local MPs and the Minister of Transport, pointing out our opposition and asking that instead the £3-7 billion should be put towards completing and enhancing phase three of the East-West Rail link and to local governments to enhance cycle infrastructure and public transport. Now we wait to see the response!

**Extra news** Residents of Leas Lane and their neighbours will be pleased to hear that the application for 114 houses on the field near them has been turned down, even before it reached the Planning Committee.

**Polling Station** If you feel that the choice of our temporary Polling Station, the Baptist Hall on Packhorse Lane, (the new hall will be used in the future) was not suitable last May, especially for older and disabled voters, can you let your Parish Council know as soon as possible, as the Council is prepared to look again. There may be a General Election before the end of the year! See opposite for details.  
**CATHERINE WEBBER** Cllr VWHDC - DC for Marcham and Shippon  
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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

In the current atmosphere, it is very difficult to understand what might happen next. Almost everyone has their very own prediction of how things will turn out. Most of the predictions range between gloomy and utter despair. In order to cheer ourselves up, some friends and I played a game of "determined optimism" where each of us had to come up with three good things which could happen in the next year and how they might be achieved. It is a game I recommend to everyone, but the problem is that we all wished the world to be in different places so it is by no means a guaranteed way of spreading peace and harmony.

At VWHDC, what to do with the Local Plan is occupying everyone's minds. Much will depend on the HIF grant (£250m) and whether or not this will be guaranteed if either SODC or VWHDC were to decide to withdraw their plans in order to modify them. For VWHDC, this is particularly critical as their Plan is dependent on the delivery of "Valley Park, Didcot". Without the HIF money, OCC cannot afford the road improvements needed to deliver it. OCC would then be compelled to object to the plan which might then fail. In which case, the whole Vale would be back to coping with speculative development all over the District.

No-one wants that and we are all waiting for some clarity from Government. Unfortunately for Oxfordshire, Government is rather preoccupied at present so maybe to keep calm and sane, I will continue to play the "determined optimism" game.

**RICHARD WEBBER** Cllr OCC SC & Marcham Division.

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Everyone is welcome and non-members of the Abingdon & District National Trust Association are asked to donate £3. Refreshments are available after the talk. For more information, phone Ruth on 01235 524119.

**Neighbourhood Team Newsletter for Marcham from Rich Osborn**

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from the South and Vale neighbourhood teams. Sign up to our alerts system at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) to receive information related to crime in your area.

The Abingdon neighbourhood team will be out and about in Marcham on **Saturday the 14th September**. The team will visit properties to sign them up to our Thames Valley Alerts system which allows the user to receive messages from the Police about their local area, security advice, meetings etc. By working together we can build community resilience to deter burglars from targeting homes within the area!

**Scams**

The neighbourhood team have responded to several reports of scams, particularly involving retired people. The team have been working alongside the banks to prevent fraud and safeguard those who are vulnerable. As scams become more sophisticated, it is increasingly important to be aware of potential scams and to look out for those who are less able to spot a scam. You can find out more information about fraud by contacting Action Fraud or by visiting our website: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/>

**Community engagement**

• PCSO Ali Blood and PCSO Susie Morley (Abingdon Town) - Monday 16th September 10am-midday at The Market Place, Abingdon..

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**Children Heard and Seen is a charity that works to mitigate the effects of parental imprisonment on children, young people and their families.**



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Some key facts surrounding the work of the charity include

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3. 65% of boys with a convicted parent go on to offend themselves;
4. 5% of children with a parent in prison are at risk of mental health problems including depression, anxiety, eating and sleeping disorders;
5. Parental imprisonment is associated with negative school experiences such as persistent truanting, bullying and failure to achieve in education;
6. Children of prisoners are also disproportionately represented among young offenders and the care population;
7. It is estimated that every £1 invested in supporting prisoners' families could save the taxpayer £11.

We would like to seek your assistance to publish a short article to recruit volunteers from the Marcham community area to spend some time per week with the children affected and their families in and around South Oxfordshire either in a one-to-one mentoring role or within groups.

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September is upon us, and there is a great deal to look forward to this month. As well as new beginnings in the school year, we can look forward to the special Marcham and District Weekend at the end of the month! A lot is being planned, details of which will be available soon.

Two special events are being held in All Saints' over that weekend: a special Moldovan Gala Evening – ticket only - [Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>] to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Marcham Moldova Lifeline work, and to close the weekend, a 'Songs of Praise' harvest celebration at 6.00pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, during which we will be receiving food gifts for the Abingdon Food Bank.

We will be welcoming guests from Moldova at the Gala Evening, and there will be an auction at the end of the evening to help raise funds for on-going projects in Moldova. It promises to be a wonderful occasion! Tickets for this event are available from the Village Shop and all are welcome.

In many respects, September will be a month of saying 'thank you' for the good things that we celebrate as a community. Having an 'attitude of gratitude' is at the heart of the Christian faith, as we celebrate God's love and gracious generosity in Jesus, and all that He has done for us, and continues to do for us day by day. Harvest provides us with the opportunity to focus our gratitude to God for all His provision, and presence with us in life through His Holy Spirit.

May this month be one of gratitude for us all. Happy September!

With my warmest greetings,

Richard

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