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READ & RECYCLE!

FREE



▲ Little Angels' autumn collages see page 11



▲ Meet Tommy! ▲

As part of this year's Remembrance Season, Tommy can be seen around the village from 1st to 13th November. If you see him, take a moment to reflect on the freedom that we enjoy, and the lives lost in conflict and wars.



▲ Win a round of Farmyard Golf at Millets see page 17



▲ Come and see all the new goodies in Marcham Shop



▲ Pre-school's new equipment see page 11

November Diary

1 Tue	OAHS Free Lecture, Rewley House, Oxford, 17.30	17	16 Wed	Abingdon Arts Society, Abbey Cinema, Abingdon 10.30 & 14.00	9
3 Thu	Christmas stamps go on sale	5	17-19	Aladdin, Southmoor Village Hall	7
4-6	Abingdon Traditional Craft Fair, Abbey Buildings, Abingdon	7	19 Sat	Christmas Bazaar, Hanney WM Hall, 10.00-14.00	7
4 Fri	Quiz Night, Marcham Centre, 20.00	9	19 Sat	Christmas Market, Marriot Milton Gate Hotel, 10.00-15.00	7
11 Fri	Deadline to register for a Christmas Tree	7	20 Sun	Deadline for next issue of MADNews, 17.00 Email editor@madnews.co.uk	
12 Sat	Didcot Annual Craft and Gift Fair, Didcot Civic Hall 10.30-16.00	7	21 Mon	Marcham WI: Tastes through Time, Marcham Centre, 19.30	9
12 Sat	Thanksgiving Service for Trish Wagstaff, St Lawrence Church, Appleton, 15.00	5	24 Thu	Marcham Village Shop AGM, Marcham Centre, 19.00	5
13 Sun	Remembrance Sunday Services	20	25 Fri	Family Bingo, Marcham Centre, 19.30-15	15
14 Mon	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Marcham Village Hall, Marcham Centre. 19.30	3	28 Mon	Marcham Society: CWGC, Marcham Centre, 19.15	9
15 Tue	Abingdon National Trust: Rosemary Wise, Trinity Church, Abingdon, 14.30	15	28 Mon	Deadline for BFPO Christmas post	5
15 Tue	OAHS Free Lecture, Rewley House, Oxford, 17.30	17	29 Tue	OAHS Free Lecture, Rewley House, Oxford, 17.30	17
15 Tue	Deadline entries to the Farmyard Golf competition	17			
15 Tue	Deadline for Marcham Parish Council logo competition	15			

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Dear Readers

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is definitely here (thanks to John Keats for his 1820 poem!). Now starts the run up to Christmas with seasonal goodies in Marcham Village Shop (page 5) and events planned around the area (page 7).

Have you ever thought about becoming the editor of MADNews? It is a fantastic job where you get to learn a lot about what makes Marcham and District tick. Email me if you would like to have a go!

Until next time



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL Remembrance Sunday 13th November, – Road Closure A415 Frilford Road, Church Street, New Road

The Parish Council has applied to the Vale of White Horse District Council for a road closure order on Sunday 13th November, to close New Road, Church St and the section of the A415 between North St and Church St, between 10.45 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. in order for wreaths to be laid at the war memorial. A road closure throughout the whole of this time may not be required, and the road will re-open as soon as possible. There will be minimal disruption to bus services. Anyone attending the event held at the war memorial should be mindful of Covid, and follow sensible precautions whilst gathering.

Fireworks

Again, the annual reminder for those of you who may have purchased fireworks and intend letting them off in your garden, please be considerate for neighbours, the many pets and animals, and wildlife in the village. 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.

The Crown Public House

Concerns have been raised regarding the closure of The Crown public house. The Council has made enquiries of, and received a report from the business development manager of Admiral Taverns. He has confirmed that the pub is not for sale, and it is currently undergoing a costing and design exercise for a planned investment scheme which will start once a new tenant has been found. Unfortunately he is not in a position, at this stage, to say when The Crown will re-open.

Parking at Junctions

Concerns have been raised with the Parish Council regarding the difficulties encountered by the elderly, particularly

those with mobility scooters and wheelchairs who are obstructed in their movements by vehicles parked on pavement areas at road junctions. The Council appreciates that the number of car owners in Marcham is increasing, and it is therefore important that vehicles are not parked irresponsibly or left in places which cause a problem for others. Please would motorists think carefully about where their vehicles are left.

Cow Lane Allotments

The Council draws allotment holders' attention to the fact that the Government has recently announced the introduction of an Avian Influenza Protection Zone across the country, with the aim of mitigating the spread of the disease and placing requirements on bird keepers to take steps to ensure greater safety. Information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-prevention-zone-declared-across-great-britain> In order to reduce the risk of a bird flu outbreak, please would allotment holders who keep chickens observe the latest rules to reduce any impact it might have on allotment holders.

Planning Applications considered by the Council

MW.0117/2 Application to release a condition relating to the erection of bunds at Upwood Quarry. The Council had some concerns regarding possible water pollution into the reserves downstream.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 14th November, 2022 at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall, Barrow Close OX13 6TY. Please check the Council's website www.marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk in case arrangements change.








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Get involved in your Marcham Parish Council

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 <p>Play Area group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning children's play facilities and a community shelter 	 <p>Green Issues group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examining environmental issues, climate change and dealing with rural footpaths 	 <p>Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining how the neighbourhood should grow and change in the future 	 <p>Cemetery group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • considering future burial space for Marcham and Frilford 	 <p>Churchyard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the Parochial Church Council and Marcham Society on enhancement projects for the closed Churchyard 	 <p>Allotment group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning improvements to the allotments and day-to-day management 	 <p>Traffic Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying local traffic issues and solutions
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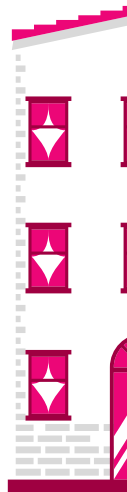
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- Sep 2012 Spinnaker Tower Abseil ABF, The Soldiers' Charity £17,000
- Sep 2014 High Wire Zip £11,500 (without Gift Aid)
- Oct 2016 Wing-walk £22,165.50 Cyclotron Scanner Churchill Hospital
- Jan 2017 Pete the Postie send off £950
- Nov 2017 Paraglidge £20,680 Alzheimer's Society
- Oct 2018 Spinnaker Tower Abseil £17,637 (without Gift Aid) British Heart Foundation
- Oct 2019 Gliding £16,250 (without Gift Aid) Stroke



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November 2022

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Mon 5 Dec	Static HM Forces
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Saturday 19th November
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Sunday 4th December
Didcot Festive Market
Orchard Centre Didcot
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Saturday 10th December
Mini Christmas Market
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Calling all organisations and clubs!

We will be holding a **Christmas tree festival** this year and will be inviting all organisations to take part. You will receive an invitation at the beginning of November, and will be asked to decorate a Christmas tree on the theme

of **Christmas Carols and Songs**

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EVERYONE WELCOME

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Harmony InSpires, the all-female a capella chorus, will be performing a Christmas Concert at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Park Road, Abingdon on Saturday 17th December.



Tickets will go on sale soon, keep a look out for a poster in Marcham Shop and online at www.harmonyinspires.org! **A big thank you to everyone who came to our dress rehearsal on 12th October - we will let you know how we get on at the national competition in Bournemouth.**

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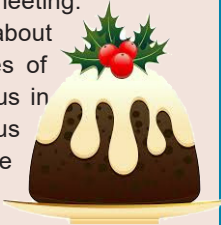
At the Marcham Centre

We are really looking forward to welcoming **Lindsey and Georgina Ratcliffe** to our November meeting. Lindsey and Georgina are passionate about social and domestic history and the roles of women throughout the ages and, to get us in the mood for Christmas, they will be giving us their talk on a Victorian Christmas. We hope to see you all for an enjoyable evening.

Visitors are always welcome.

For further information, please contact:

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The
**Marcham
Society**

**Monday
28th November
7.15 for 7.45pm
Marcham Centre**



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

*an introduction to its history and ongoing work
with an insight into the casualties of the local area*

Karen Elliott

Over 100 years since the end of the First World War, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission continues today to commemorate the millions of service men and women who lost their lives in two world wars in more than 150 countries. Karen's talk will cover the origins of the organisation, its global commitment and the work that it carries out today. It will also look in more detail at some of the names on the Roll of Honour in Marcham Church and how they are commemorated by the CWGC.

For more information contact membership@marchamsociety.org.uk

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The Arts Society Abingdon LECTURE

**Wednesday 16th November,
10.30am and 2.00pm**

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by **Shauna Isaac**



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MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

There have been a lot of changes within pre-school, and we are thrilled with the support that we have received from other Community Groups in the village.



At the end of last term, we received the last consignment of new resources which were kindly funded by a grant from Anson Trust. The children have been delighted with the new diggers (and quarry!), hospital resources and an outdoor shelter for role play! We have also improved our outdoor maths resources which the children have used by sorting, ordering, counting and comparing. Our thanks go to all those involved at Anson Trust.



The pre-school and Primary School have continued to plan improvements to the outdoor learning space and have been so fortunate in securing funding from Thirsty Cafe, Thames Water and Marcham Village Shop - more news to follow on how this funding is being used.

We are so excited about the changes that are taking place, and how the children are engaging with the new environment around them.

If you would like to find out more please visit www.marcham-preschool.weebly.com or contact us at marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk, 01865 392101

Teal and Green

What a great autumn month the children have experienced, using all the natural materials we find in our gardens and surrounding our nursery. This is a wonderful colourful autumn and the children have been inspired to create wonderful collages, drawing autumn scenes and 3D objects. Gathering sticks to make stick people and dressing them in leaves, creating bouquets of leaves for their parents along with walks to find conkers and leaves. Our sensory trays have been completely natural materials with mini pumpkins, fir cones, conkers and smells of autumn, It has been a festival of colours and discovery.



This month our Manager got married and we decided to join the celebration by looking at weddings. We have been making wedding cakes with flour and water along with creating our own wedding invitations and designing a dress for the bride to wear. We have looked at not only Christian weddings but other cultures and weddings which has been interesting not just for the children but for the team too. This month we have also been looking at the book **The Scarecrow Wedding**; creating our own scarecrow and re-enacting a wedding ceremony was really fun.

Yellow Room



The Yellow Room Angels have been out in the six-seater pushchairs to see the autumn environment around the village. They collected the leaves and twigs along with conkers and wind fallen apples which they used for printing. The babies have had their senses heightened with a variety of autumn material and activities which has been provided. Conker rolling was a real experience for the babies, not only did they see how rolling the paint created a painted pattern visually, they touched

and moulded the conkers along with physically rolling them. The smell of cinnamon was added to playdough to allow stick people to be made and the leaves in the trays gave a wonderful autumn aroma to the room. The room looked and smelled so colourful and created a rich environment for all the Little Angels .

We would like to send our warmest CONGRATULATIONS TO LARA AND GEORGE on their wedding.

We all wish you a wonderful life filled with happiness. xxx

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Wildlife Gardening Jobs for Autumn



I love it when a reader suggests an idea for content, and the latest request is, "a brief article about 4 key things one can do this autumn, to help nature in our gardens?"

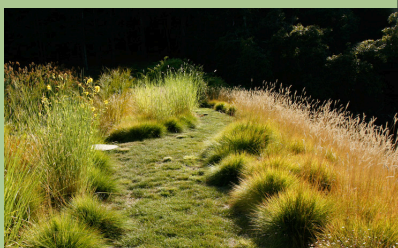
Easy, as there are only 4 component parts to wildlife gardening in my view, as most considerations come under these 4 umbrellas.

1. Water
2. Flowers/Trees/Shrubs with different colour and shaped blooms
3. Grasses of a differing length
4. Deadwood

With water, just try building a pond or placing out a container of some kind that will hold water next spring and summer. You'll be surprised how quickly wildlife finds water you put out. Remember though, don't put goldfish into your pond, as they will likely eat most of what you want to attract.

With flowers and trees etc, simple. Extend the flowering season by growing a climber of some kind over trees and structures. A clematis or honeysuckle will extend the flower season very quickly and provide some new crevices and spaces for insects, birds etc to hide in.

Grasses of differing lengths, with this one, just don't be too handy with the mower or strimmer. If you've been growing a patch of grass all summer to attract more life, then don't cut it all down again this winter. What



you've attracted needs somewhere to hibernate, or for the eggs laid on the grass to hatch next year. Most of what could emerge could be the predators of what you consider pests next year too.



Deadwood, again simples! Deadwood isn't always good to hide behind your damp shed. Some creatures like dead wood in the full sun or semi shade too. So, this autumn think about having log piles in more interesting and creative areas.

Wildlife gardening is mainly a mindset thing, a wildlife garden doesn't have to look any different to a manicured garden. The main difference is you are looking to try and create a more diverse range of habitats.

So, the fifth bonus task this autumn is to just look at your garden differently, and start to see the opportunities it may provide. For you and the wildlife.

Happy Gardening!

Stuart Mabbutt

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MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



It was lovely to see so many families getting into the Harvest Samba groove at our Harvest Celebration service on Thursday 6th October. It was a beautiful morning and it felt good to be able to celebrate together on the school field and be able to appreciate all that we've been given. It was the first time that we'd done a Harvest Service outdoors and the first time for a number of years that we've been able to accommodate parents as we've grown larger and find it difficult to fit everyone into our hall.



On entering the new school year, we were conscious that parents want to actively engage with the school once more. The numbers attending the Harvest Service and the class meetings held earlier in the month have been testament to the wider involvement of our families with our school. We need to thank them for their continued support and also for the many Harvest boxes we received, which were then taken to the Abingdon Food Bank. In this time of austerity, it was humbling to see such generosity.



Another exciting event in our school calendar was the year 6 residential from Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th October. May and Lyra told us:

We went on a residential trip to Youlbury. We had lots of fun activities such as the 3G Swing (we all loved it). We also did abseiling and fire lighting! There were so many more exciting activities we carried out ... but let's move on. The instructors were really encouraging, lovely and friendly. We give them lots of thanks for helping us with all the activities. Also, we thank our teachers for all the effort they put into this trip.



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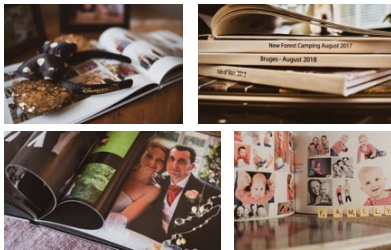
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MCG AGM

The AGM of Marcham Community Group was held on 6th October, reporting a good year following the relaxing of lockdown, and more regular use of Marcham Centre facilities. In future, MCG will aim to apply surplus funds to investing in the facilities, in community groups needing support, in new activities and wider support for our local community.

In response to questions raised, the meeting was told about new steps to improve road safety at the site exit, provision of litter bins, more acoustic panelling to reduce noise in the building, fitting of more wall rails and decoration, and problems with netting to catch stray footballs and cricket balls.

MCG MEMBERSHIP

Are you one of a number of MCG members who has not yet renewed your membership this year (it fell due on 1st April)? Your continuing support is important to us and helps us to properly represent our local community. Please renew as soon as possible. We also welcome support from new members. Please contact mail@marcham.org for more information.

COMING EVENTS AT MARCHAM CENTRE

Friday 4th November:

Quiz night: Adults only 7:30 for 8pm prompt start

Friday 25th November

Family Bingo 7.30pm for eyes down at 7.45pm

Friday 2nd December

Quiz Night: Adults only 7:30 for 8pm prompt start

Saturday 17th December

Family Christmas Party £1 per child - 6-9pm

Please note that the hall building will be closed for hire between 25th December and 5th January (inclusive) during which time some re-decoration work is planned. The MUGA will be open as usual.

Indoor short-mat bowls in the Large Hall on Wednesday afternoons 2pm–5pm – contact Colin Trinder (391718) or just turn up. Beginners and experienced players are equally welcome.

Table Tennis - the table tennis table is available to hire, for periods of an hour or more. This can be made by booking a slot in the meeting room via the www.marchamcentre.org website. Please note: this room is used for other purposes, so you will need to book and pay the 'local user' fee of £8 per hour. Please remember to bring your own bats and balls.

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Instead the Trust is now in such a secure financial position that it is actively seeking grant-making opportunities (ansontrust.org/grant-giving), families in the community are benefitting from a significant increase in nursery and pre-school provision and, in the Marcham Centre, we are all enjoying community facilities fit for the 21st century.

This is a magnificent legacy to leave behind and the Trust is extremely grateful to Neil for the astonishing amount of time and effort that he has given up to the Trust and for his patience, pragmatism and, in the face of much adversity, his admirable optimism, humour and persistence. It would also be very remiss of the Trust not to recognise the sacrifice that his wife, Jill, and their children have made in allowing Neil to devote so much time to such a wide range of village causes. It is after all no surprise that the Rowe household now has two Parishioners of the Year!

Neil will also be the first to say that without the help of a lot of people across the parish he would not have been able to achieve as much as he has for the Trust and the local community. The Trust would therefore like to extend its thanks to all those individuals and organisations that have helped and continue to help deliver the much needed community facilities, services and activities for the residents of Marcham and its surrounding hamlets.

CHRIS HILLIER

On behalf of the Trustees of the Anson Trust

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In October, the District Council held their regular full council in the Beacon, Wantage, as they are now out of their Milton Park offices and based in Abbey House, Abingdon, waiting for the Didcot Gateway to be built – their future home with SODC. Abbey House is too small for large public meetings so they are now being held in the Beacon for the foreseeable future, but unfortunately, meetings cannot be streamed from there, which is why I will focus this article on the last motion debated on Fracking. The other two motions were on Waste and Small Businesses. For both these, we are asking government to treat as urgent the need for much more clarity and to speed up their decisions (see the VWHDC website for more information).



TO FRACK OR NOT TO FRACK

The last motion, proposed by a Conservative Councillor and seconded by a Lib Dem Councillor, was concerned with the Government's intention to allow Fracking – the cracking of rocks, to release gas, which is then extracted in a convoluted way, which is extremely bad for the climate. The motion declared:

“No viable deposits of shale gas have been identified in or around the Vale of White Horse, but if one were to be identified, the potential introduction of Fracking into the Vale would have a number of detrimental implications for the local area, which include:

1. The introduction and effects of heavy vehicle movements on our roads.
2. The seismic risks caused by fracking, especially considering the uncertainty about steps to predict and reduce its impact.
3. The potential impact on our rivers and protected streams.
4. The hugely detrimental potential effect on our areas of outstanding natural beauty. Typically, many ugly drilling holes would have to be made in each site before any gas was identified.”

Fracking would be particularly difficult in the UK because of our uneven geology. Over the eons, plates have been crunched together making them contorted...twisting, turning, spiking, dipping...all in a small island, which makes fracking a real safety risk to local residents and their property. Also gas deposits will be few and far between. We only have to look in the north of England, where, in early trials, small earth tremors occurred, shaking buildings and terrifying residents. Although there is no evidence in the UK of larger earthquakes being caused by Fracking, there is plenty of worldwide evidence, so we cannot be complacent and ignore such warnings.

Where Fracking is successful (as in parts of the US and the Far East) it is largely because it is carried out in remote, sweeping, flat areas like deserts, where the deposits are easier to access and there is less risk to nearby settlements.

Perhaps, most importantly for the world, is the fact that Fracking will necessarily create a huge carbon footprint resulting from the exploration for sites and the extraction/removal of gas from the sites. This is diametrically opposed to this council's ambitions to reach net zero by 2045 and the Government's expressed intention to do the same by 2050.

So, the motion concluded by asking the leader to write to the appropriate Minister expressing the Council's deep concern about the threat of Fracking and its unsuitability as an alternative energy source. Two points were emphasised:

1. Clear confirmation that no Fracking sites would be allowed without the District Council's approval.
2. The Minister should consider requiring a referendum of local residents to be carried out at the cost of the energy company.

This was a particularly satisfying motion to speak to as politics were put aside and we all came together to support this very serious issue.

Please do contact me if there is any subject you want to raise concerning VWHDC.

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
 STAYING OPTIMISTIC IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF
 TRICKLE DOWN DEPRESSION**

Clearly, things are not going as well as anyone would want. More people are angry and anxious than I can ever remember. I will sidestep Westminster difficulties and stick to local government, which finds itself squeezed between the uncertainty trickling down from above with the state and prospects for the economy and the desperate desire to do something for local residents arising from the cost of living crisis.



The demise of the Oxfordshire 2050 initiative and its ambitions to bring councils together on housing numbers and traffic has enormous implications for our future local economy.

With high inflation, the funding of the HIF1 Road, designed rightly or wrongly to address past shortages of infrastructure, is of increasing concern. If we want higher growth, we need new ideas on how to manage and fund our dated highway network.

Add to these concerns the other effects of the cost of living crisis and the urgent need to address the climate emergency and there are few grounds for optimism.

In short, it's all an unholy mess and there is a distinct shortage of ideas to sort it out. In an effort to resist growing depression, I am trying to focus on what I, as an individual, can actually do. Here is the list pinned to the kitchen fridge which reminds me and allows me to spend time on local government issues. The list keeps getting longer, but I hope some residents may find it useful...

Notes to self:

- Get out of car...when I complain about traffic, I am probably contributing to it.
- Get on bike
- Get on bus and train when possible.
- Walk
- Support local business.
- Eat less
- Wear warm clothing
- Find reasons to be optimistic and share that message

People with positive ideas and optimistic messages are needed more than ever.

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MP'S REPORT

I've been pleased with the response of local companies to my work experience campaign. We've now got a great set of placements happening for over 30 sixth-formers at schools across the constituency, from Wallingford to Faringdon Community College. I'm very grateful to organisations from Oxford Sigma and Hachette UK to Rebellion and Astroscale.



The point of this campaign is work experience is really important to help young people understand the world of work, but placements have dried up due to Covid and lots more people working at home for at least part of their week,

meaning young people are not getting the opportunities others used to, particularly disadvantaged young people. I'm hoping this will grow in the years to come.

We were given the shortest time limit for speeches I've had yet in my time as an MP this month - 90 seconds each! - in a debate about sewage discharges, secured by a Conservative colleague of mine. The reason for the short time limit was there were 33 MPs present for just a 90 minute debate. It was still enough to make some key points: that we all agree too much sewage is released into our waters – it should be rare but water companies don't adhere to this – it is not a new problem and it can't be fixed overnight as the alternative is sewage backing up into people's homes instead.

It was also important to highlight that the claim MPs voted to allow it to happen has been shown to be false by an independent fact-checking organisation, Full Fact. Whichever way the vote in question had gone, the sewage would not have stopped. I welcome the new legal duty the Government has put on water companies to reduce this harm and the £56 billion that is being unlocked by its Storm Overflows Plan to tackle the problem. I particularly welcome that the Government is increasing the maximum fine that can be levied from £250,000 to £250 million.

Sixteen-year-old Niamh from Wantage came to see me about negative behaviour she and her friends have been experiencing from boys and men, including rape 'jokes', which adults around them have dismissed as 'boys will boys'. She is keen to campaign on this area and I am going to help her. I am arranging for her to meet Sharon Gaffka, whose campaign on spiking I have helped and I raised what Niamh had told me in the House of Commons the following week. As I have said before in Parliament, it seems pretty obvious that if we can ensure boys grow up respecting girls, they're unlikely to become men who disrespect women.

Lastly, I will be hosting a Local Crime Summit with Thames Valley Police in the coming weeks, so constituents can share their concerns about local crime and anti-social behaviour. Details will be published on my website and Facebook soon.

As ever, if I can help with anything do get in touch via **david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk**

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Grand Jumble Sale and Super Raffle

THANK YOU!

This sale was held on 8th October and raised the amazing sum of **£2002.65** for Cystic Fibrosis. Our thanks and appreciation go to everyone who helped in any way, donating goods or raffle prizes, making cakes, jams, pickles etc. helping on the day, sorting, serving, transporting goods and clearing up afterwards. Also to everyone who came to buy, there was a tremendous atmosphere and the weather was brilliant. Without the generosity and support of the local neighbourhood we could not have achieved this superb result.

Hazel and Yvonne

In aid of



Under pressure to use energy pre-payment meter? Citizens Advice can help

citizens advice

Oxfordshire South & Vale

In the concluding months of 2022, Citizens Advice is expecting to see more cases of a disturbing trend: low-income families with energy supply debts being pressured or even coerced into using pre-payment meters for their gas and electricity. Energy supplied by pre-payment meters costs more than energy paid by direct debit or on-demand, and this comes at a time when drastically increased price tariffs this autumn will probably see most people's fuel bills double.

Energy suppliers are legally obliged to negotiate repayment plans with customers who are falling behind on their bills, but many suppliers are ignoring this requirement and proceeding with installing pre-payment meters - or, for customers with smart meters, remotely switching them to prepayment.

If you are one of the many people who are confronting this problem, or are generally floundering amidst your finances, worried about the future, or want to discuss your problems in confidence, get in touch with Citizens Advice on Adviceline 0808 278 7907. You can also telephone the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133 or the Citizens Advice Debt Helpline on 0800 240 4420. Our website has lots of helpful information: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

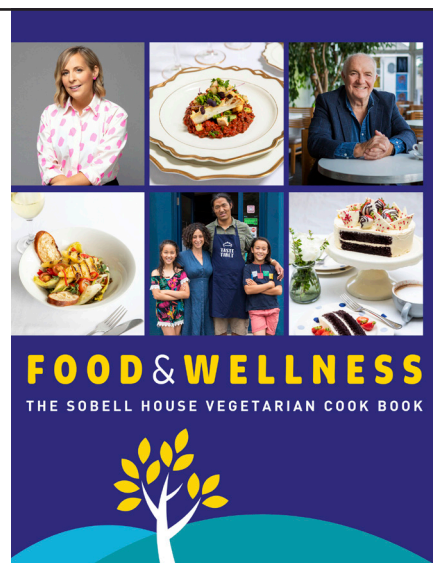
Food & Wellness The Sobell House Vegetarian Cook Book

Following the success of their first cookbook in 2020, Sobell House – a hospice caring for people in Oxfordshire – has brought together another very special book in time for Christmas 2022. Published to raise awareness and funds for the hospice, Food & Wellness: The Sobell House Vegetarian Cook Book is also about recognising some of the

local businesses in the food and drink industry that have supported Sobell House over the years. A collection of over 30 stories and recipes from a wide range of celebrities and local chefs, the book features well-known faces and independent businesses who have Sobell House close to their heart.

All the recipes in this book are vegetarian and many are also vegan, showcasing the diversity of plant-based food and offering everyone the opportunity to try something different. You'll find a recipe for her favourite tzatziki by actress Florence Pugh; delicious gluten-free 'Pizza Wraps' from comedian Mel Giedroyc, who also contributed to the first book; 'Burrata with Broad Bean and Almond Pesto' courtesy of BBC newsreader Huw Edwards; an 'Epic Bengali Dhal' from actor Paul Chahidi, who is also an ambassador for Sobell House; and Rick Stein's very own 'Egg Coconut Masala'.

Food & Wellness is a 128-page paperback and retails at £17.50. It will be available to purchase directly from Sobell House at www.sobellhouse.org/shop/online-shop/food-and-wellness-cookbook as well as www.mezepublishing.co.uk, bookshops including Waterstones and Amazon.



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God is our refuge and strength, an
ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 46 v 1

“Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends,” said Jesus once. (John 15:13). The season of remembrance is upon us, and again this year, we invite the community to gather at the war memorials in Garford and Marcham on Sunday 13th November to honour the memory of our forebears. The aim of our commemorations is to bring alive some of the stories of local people whose lives were sadly cut short or were forever affected by war. People like Brig. Gen. Julian Hasler, late of Marcham Priory, buried at White House Cemetery, St-Jean-Les-Ypres. He commanded 1st Battalion East Kent Regiment, and was killed by shelling in April 1915. He was mentioned in dispatches four times, and severely wounded twice, once in South Africa in 1901 and again in France in 1914. In a letter to his wife, it was said by a fellow general, “We all recognised him as one of our finest Brigadiers. His bravery was extraordinary, and wherever the bullets and shells were thickest, he was sure to be found. I cannot express to you the terrible grief his death has caused to the whole of his Brigade, every man of which knew him and loved him.”

Even though the time since the great conflicts of WW1 and WW2 is ever widening, “remembering” seems to be getting more important to the nation. Sometimes I wonder if the increase is nothing more than wistful nostalgia. After all, it is said that people tend to get more interested in the past when the present is changing at an intolerable rate. Does it also have something to do with longing for heroes and good leaders too perhaps? When we struggle to locate them in the present, we look to the past; and with the notable exception of President Zelenskyy, good leadership is hard to find at the moment. However, when people have laid down their lives for others, the desire to honour their sacrifice should never be derided or under-valued. After all, that is what Christian people have done for 2000 years, honouring the memory of the One whose great and glorious sacrifice is echoed every time a human life is given for the sake of others. We will remember them, and Him.

Regular services (ALL WEEKS)

10am: Morning Service at All Saints’

11am-12pm: Open church at St.
Luke’s

6pm: Evening Service

Wednesday Holy Communion

10.30am at Duffield Place

Remembrance Sunday Services

10am: All Saints’ Church

11am: Act of Remembrance
at the Wayside cross

12noon: Act of Remembrance
at Garford War memorial

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