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Wishing you all a wonderful year (and a
thank you to Meriel for
editing this January issue).

Cheers

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CHRISTMAS TREE – VILLAGE GREEN

A very big thank you goes again to Andrew
MacLean, of AD MacLean Tree Management
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of the Christmas tree on the village green. It
looked very splendid over the festive season
and brought cheer to the parish.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

A reminder that you can put out your real
Christmas tree for recycling when you no
longer need it. It can go out with your brown
garden waste bin, provided it is less than 1.8m
or 6 feet tall. Please cut it into sections if it is
very big. It can also be left at the hardstanding
area by the Textile bank in Howard Cornish
Road. The last day for depositing your tree
adjacent to the textile bank will be Tuesday
13th January, 2026. If you prefer, and happen
to be visiting Millets Farm, you can leave it
there by Saturday 10th January at the latest.

COUNCIL TAX 2026/27

The Parish Council has been preparing its
budget for the next financial year, and will be
discussing the council tax figures at its next
meeting on Monday 12th January.

Sheepstead Road/Faringdon Road – proposed speed reduction to 40 mph

Residents will remember back in April, the
Parish Council advising that it had started
the process to try and persuade Oxfordshire
County Council to reduce the speed limit
along the Faringdon Road and Sheepstead
Road. An assessment of speed followed, with
the result that the County Council, in July,
indicated that a speed limit of 40 mph could in
principle, be introduced.

The County Council has a limited budget and
it could not immediately fund the project itself.
There were numerous other projects around
Oxfordshire, all of which required support from
the County Council. The Parish Council has
been wondering how best to progress and
fund this speed reduction. Bloor Homes, who
are constructing the new development south of
the A415, has handed some funds to the Vale
of White Horse District Council as part of the
planning process, for the benefit of the parish.
They have approved the release of £15,000
to cover the costs of these improvements to
road safety, which will significantly help
not only Sheepstead Road and Faringdon
Road, but St. Peter's cross roads where there
have been two accidents in recent months.
Discussions continue with the County Council
to progress this project. If anyone would like
to know more about community infrastructure
funding and its use, then please contact the
Parish Council.

VILLAGE VACANCIES

Vacancies exist on the Parish Council.
The Council is a busy tier of government
working hard for the village and wider parish.
Councillors are the first contact point for
anyone with concerns or ideas. Over the past
year or so, they have been busy planning and
providing a new play area. More recently they
have been involved with two new bench seats
designed by Suzanne O'Driscoll, (artist who
prepared the Marcham Centre artwork) and

a new noticeboard outside Marcham Centre
which are just about to be installed.

The current projects are the relocation of the
Morland Road footpath at the entrance into
Barrow Close to help with safety. Oxfordshire
County Council is working on a design for that,
and hopefully the works will be done by the
end of March 2026. Also, Councillors have
been working on a project to resurface and
improve the footpath from the Churchyard to
the cemetery, and alongside the Anson field.
An application for funding for the paths is
currently under consideration by the Vale of
White Horse District Council, and it is hoped
that the resurfacing can take place in the
better weather next year.

Future ideas, are a bus shelter at the
Duffield Place eastbound (Abingdon) bus
stop, possible lighting on the Harding Way
path, and possible improvements to the war
memorial area. Help is needed on all village
projects, so if you have a little time to spare,
please speak to a local councillor or attend a
Council meeting to find out more about what
is involved.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – ENTRY TO PRIMARY OR INFANT SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2026

If you are a parent or carer of a child 3 or
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primary school place now. This is for children
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August 2022 (inclusive). You still have to apply
even if your child already attends a nursery
attached to your preferred school. For further
information and to apply online go to Apply for
a school place | Oxfordshire County Council.
The closing date for applications is 15th
January, 2026.

ADDITIONAL RUBBISH

Christmas is a time when we all seem to
accumulate extra packaging and items for
the recycling bin. Please take note of the re
arranged collection days over the holiday
period.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P25/V1852/HH Proposed two-storey side
extension, rear single storey extension
and rear elevation changes at The Warren,
Faringdon Road. The Council had no
objections.

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 12th January, 2026 at 7.30 p.m.
in the village hall, Barrow Close. **Please
check the Council's website in case
arrangements change.**

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Marcham needs help

Are you able to help your village?

Are you able to help your village and the Marcham community? Residents are keen to have good facilities and services in the area, and volunteers are needed to help plan and support local projects.

Recent achievements: New play area, bench seating, and noticeboard.

Current projects: resurfacing of rural footpaths, changes to Morland Road footway

Future projects for investigation: bus shelter at Duffield Place eastbound bus stop, lighting on path to Harding Way, improvements to the war memorial area, speed indicator signs, future cemetery plots.

If you have a little time to spare and want to help make the decisions that affect the area where you live then please email clerk@marchamparishcouncil.gov.uk for information as to how to volunteer.

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On Monday 15 December we enjoyed a social time together with mincepies and nibbles, sharing memories of past Christmases, one of Christine Whild's Christmas poems, some lighthearted quiz questions and singing a rousing version of 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks' - to the tune of 'Ilkley Moor Bar T'af'!

Every Monday morning, about a dozen or so meet to play table games, with refreshments. We play for fun and enjoyment of each others' company and new members, of all ages, are warmly welcome to come along – a good way to make new friends.

For more information contact: Heather Sandiford 07985 04819

Changes to the Waste Collections

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Wednesday 31 December	Friday 2 January
Wednesday 7 January	Thursday 8 January



Thirsty Community Café

restarts on Wednesday 7th of January with our twice weekly café session at the Marcham Centre on Wednesday and Saturday. Natural Bread is with us every Saturday morning, serving freshly baked goods.



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and an even better New Year. We would like to thank everyone who comes along to Thirsty Café, and the MCG for hosting us. An even bigger thank you to all our lovely volunteers, and the management committee that ensure everything runs smoothly.

For your New Year's resolutions this year, why not give back to your community? Thirsty Café absolutely always welcomes more volunteers, even if it is just once or twice a month!

A special Valentine's event should be on your radar soon. Please keep your eyes peeled for the booking as there are limited spaces available.

Our upcoming January dates are as follows:

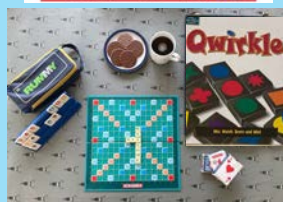
- **Re-open Wednesday, 7th January**
- **Community Lunch Wednesday, 21st January**
- **Farmers Market Saturday 17th January (see page 9)**

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THE MIDWEEK WALK
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THE ASTRONOMY GROUP
A round-up of recent astronomy sightings followed by:
Stars and Stones: Megalithic Alignments
Simon Blackmore
Wednesday 21st January at 7.30pm
Small Hall, Marcham Centre, Barrow Close, OX13 6TY
Please contact: astronomy@marchamsociety.org.uk

THE MONTHLY TALK
Monday 26th January at 7.15 for 7.45pm
Main Hall, Marcham Centre, Barrow Close, OX13 6TY
The Annual Lecture
"Bugs, Drugs and Goats – how not to plan a career"
Caroline Manders



The challenges of keeping livestock: antibiotic resistance

Caroline will talk about her career and how she came to work as an Associate Professor of Animal Science in the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development at Reading University. Her research has helped goats in Nepal, beef cattle in Brazil, dairy cows in Bangladesh, cattle and poultry in Fiji and young chicks in UK. She has lived in Marcham for over 20 years with her husband (John) and their two sons.

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MARCHAM WI

Monday 19th January
7.30pm at Marcham Centre

Speaker: To be confirmed nearer the time

We wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.
We are still waiting for confirmation from our speaker for January, but we'll make sure all our members are informed in advance of the meeting.

Visitors always welcome
marchamwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk



Quiz



1. In which American city was President John F. Kennedy assassinated in 1963?
2. In the context of chilli peppers, what is the name of the scale used to measure their heat?
3. Who is credited with inventing the hovercraft?
4. Who won the 2025 season of The Celebrity Traitors?
5. What is the name of the tallest building in the world?
6. Which country is most associated with margaritas?
7. What football team are known as *The Hornets*?
8. What does the term 'quango' stand for in UK governance?
9. What is the largest island in the world?
10. What globally-famous children's television show, known for its educational content and beloved characters, first aired in 1969?
11. What is the highest rank in the British Army?
12. What was the UK Christmas number one single in the year 2000?

Answers on page 19

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2026



Thank you and congratulations to all the under 10s who took part in the **Naughty Elf** quiz. Note that you will receive a prize if you've correctly completed the quiz and handed it in over the shop counter by Monday 5 January – **Good Luck!**

Thank you also to **Tracy** again for the fabulous Christmas window display – we received lots of extremely favourable comments and we're very grateful for her continued support.



Don't forget that you can order your special meat treats from **Hedges** through our shop. We have order forms covering most meat products (ask us if there is something you'd like that you can't see on the list). Orders are available



for collection on Fridays and Saturdays. And, if you're planning to celebrate **Burns Night** on the 25th, try us for that annual Scottish speciality.

If you find yourself twiddling your thumbs now that the festivities are over, how about volunteering in the shop for a couple of hours a week. We are always looking for new volunteers, and it gives you the opportunity to meet other villagers and see how a village shop operates. Without volunteers, this lovely little shop and post office would not exist – we rely on your support and we also feel that the volunteers get some satisfaction from helping others and being part of a community.

We stock special goods to cover seasonal events, and during the next couple of months we will start bringing in gift ideas for **Valentine's Day**, **Mothering Sunday** and **Easter**. We display some of our special offers in the main window and often we have gifts that you won't find in traditional stores, so please come in and see what we have – we may surprise you!



In addition to all of your usual grocery products, dry-cleaning service, Hedges meats to order, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, hot drink & cake, cards & wrapping paper, local produced goods, and gift ideas, don't forget the **post office** – everything and more that you used to get in your high street bank. Although, we regret to say, Lloyds have informed us that they will no longer accept any cheques paid into the post office.

Marcham Village Shop is a community shop, run by volunteers on behalf of the Community. If you would like to volunteer (2 hours per week), or purchase shares at £10 per share (which will enable you to attend the AGM), we would be delighted to have you on board. Please come into the shop, talk to a member of the team or pick up a Shares leaflet. We look forward to welcoming you to our little community.



Marcham Farmers' Market

SATURDAY 17TH JANUARY 9-12!

Join us on the patio at Marcham Centre
for our next Marcham Farmers' Market!

All produce is sourced within 10 miles of Marcham. Browse beautiful local crafts from Hey Lottie, Sea Stone Garden, and Marianne Wilsher's stunning paper and fabric flowers.

We're also thrilled to welcome back Garford Gardens, Natural Bread, and Pindy's Samosas.

Why not try a '10-Mile Sunday Roast'? Here's a sample three-course menu to inspire you!

Marcham Farmers' Market

January Sunday Roast

Starter

Pindy's Samosa Plate with Winter Salad & Spiced Conserve Dip

Featuring: Pindy's Samosas • Porch Preserves

A bright, warming start: warm a potato and pea samosas and serve on a bed of crisp salad leaves. Make a simple spiced dip by gently heating a Porch conserve with chilli or cumin.



Main Course

Slow Honey Roast Pork with Seasonal Vegetables

Featuring: WG Gibbens • Hedges Meat • Marcham Honey

Make a sweet, sticky honey glaze by melting 125 g unsalted butter. Fry 5 cloves of minced garlic until golden then add 180 ml honey, 60 ml cider vinegar, ½ tsp salt, and ½ tsp black pepper. Mix and bring to rapid simmer for 30 seconds. Pour over a pork loin or shoulder and cook in slow cooker until the meat is tender. Served with seasonal roasted veg.



Dessert

Bread and Butter Pudding with Ice Cream

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Cut 8 thick slices of bread into triangles and butter on one side. Layer in a dish, butter-side up and sprinkle with sultanas and cinnamon, finishing with layer of bread. Make a custard by warming 350 ml milk and 50 ml of cream until small bubbles forming around the edge of the pan. Pour onto two beaten eggs whisked with 18 g of sugar. Pour the strained custard over the bread, sprinkle with nutmeg and more sugar, and leave for 30 minutes. Bake for 30-40 mins or until the custard has set and the top is golden brown. Serve with a scoop of ice-cream.



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MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



As the autumn term draws to a close, the school community can look back with pride on a season filled with learning, creativity, and togetherness. From memorable educational visits to the sparkle of Christmas celebrations, the past few months have demonstrated the energy, enthusiasm, and kindness that make our school. It is a delight to see the work and achievements of the whole school and we look forward to a busy new year.

Nativity plays from Pandas (Reception Class) and Leopards and Tigers (Year 1 & 2 Class) were once again a highlight of the festive calendar. Each play brought its own twist to the traditional story, with colourful costumes, expressive acting, and plenty of heart. Everyone



who took part enjoyed their time to shine on stage and performed with great gusto – some actors in the making perhaps! Parents, grandparents, and carers filled the hall, and their warm applause echoed the pride felt throughout the school. The performances captured the true spirit of the season: simplicity, joy, and community.

Our annual carol service at the village church provided a beautiful moment of reflection and celebration. Led by pupils, the service combined traditional carols with thoughtful readings and prayers. Thank you to all at the church for welcoming us so warmly and allowing us to have our service in the gloriously decorated church. In addition, the choir took part in the Festival of Carols at St Helen's Church, Abingdon where local pupils sang carols and a massed orchestra (including 7 of our talented instrumentalists) accompanied the singing. It was a lovely event and started the festive season beautifully.

A strong partnership between home and school is at the heart of pupil success, and this term's parent-teacher consultations provided an invaluable opportunity to strengthen that bond. Teachers shared positive discussions that celebrated academic progress, personal development, and growing resilience in all year groups. Our open morning also allowed families to view classroom displays and for the children to share pride in their recent work.

We continue to live our vision of Living and Learning with Faith, Community and Hope with all year groups having learnt new skills and achieved beyond their expectations. Our REACH learning behaviours have been fully embraced with pupils exhibiting these throughout the classes. We continue to be impressed by the children's curiosity and eagerness to ask thoughtful questions, make connections, and share discoveries with one another.

Educational visits this term enriched learning in ways that classroom lessons alone cannot replicate. Year 4 pupils stepped back in time as they explored the remains of one of Britain's finest Roman villas (Chedworth). A visit full of colour, sounds, and surprises for Year 5&6 at The Living Rainforest immersed pupils in a tropical environment. Guides shared insights into conservation and global biodiversity, sparking thoughtful conversations about climate, habitats,



and how we can care for our planet. Year 1 pupils visited the church during the term for RE learning about baptism. They explored the building and found out about a Christian christening.

As we reflect on a packed and joyful term, we extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who helps make our school the warm and thriving place it is: teachers, support staff, volunteers, governors, families, and of course, the children themselves. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and kindness lie at the heart of everything we do.

We hope all members of our village community had a peaceful Christmas, a restful holiday, and look forward to a bright, hopeful New Year. We will welcome everyone back for more learning, laughter, and adventure on Tuesday 6th January for the spring term.

LINDSAY PRIDDLE

To see what else the school has been up to go to
www.marcham.oxon.sch.uk/class-pages

What a December we have had at Marcham Little Angels. It felt as though the whole month was wrapped in twinkling lights and Christmas magic. Our Little Angels have been busy from morning to home time, making their own Christmas tree decorations, decorating our nursery trees, mixing up batches of magical reindeer food and diving into festive sensory play. There were cotton wool snowball fights, trays of pretend snow to explore, glittering crafts, Christmas songs filling the rooms and so many moments of joy as the children created special cards and keepsakes for their families.



We loved our winter walks around the village, hunting for Christmas lights and chatting about which displays the children liked best. Their faces lit up every time they spotted something new. Thank you to all the lovely Marcham residents for your Christmas light displays, you made lots of our Little Angels smile! We all came together for our Christmas Jumper Day, sharing a delicious Christmas dinner, wearing our party hats and enjoying that cosy feeling of being part of one big Little Angels family.

We were also very lucky to have a visit from the busiest man of all, Father Christmas, along with his helpful elves. The excitement in the rooms was unforgettable. The highlight of the month was our Nativity at All Saints Church in Marcham. Our Little Angels and their families filled the church with music, pride and a whole lot of love. The children shone in their costumes, said their lines so beautifully and sang their songs with all their hearts. It was truly magical to watch and a moment we will never forget.

As we step into the new year, we are already looking forward to the memories we will make next. If December is anything to go by, it is going to be very special. We wish you all a very **Happy New Year!**

The Marcham Little Angels Team

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MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL

Happy New Year to all the **MADNEWS** readers everywhere!

We had a wonderful build-up to Christmas with our very own 'Elf School' where the children learnt how to be an Elf... how to wrap presents and how to make decorations. It was a wonderful event and the children had lots of fun!

As well as learning about the Nativity story, we have had 'snow' much fun developing our scissor skills and construction, writing names for cards and developing art skills and creativity with transient art and tree decorations....

2026 is full of exciting plans... starting with an 'Occupations Week'.... we're looking forward to sharing news of this with you next time.

Time is running out if you'd like to be considered for a place starting in September 2026, please get in touch now to discussing joining Marcham Pre-school: admissions.mps@outlook.com.

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Marcham Pre-school

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MARCHAM PTFA – CHRISTMAS PARTY SUCCESS!

We are delighted to share that this year's **Family Christmas Party** was a fantastic success, bringing the school and village community together for a festive evening of fun. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who came along, the Christmas raffle raised over £750, and the event as a whole brought in over £1,800—a wonderful boost to PTFA fundraising that will directly support the children of Marcham School.



A huge thank you to all families, friends, and supporters who donated prizes, volunteered time, bought tickets, or simply came along to enjoy the celebrations. Your support truly makes these events possible.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Marcham School staff for their ongoing support throughout the planning and on the night itself.

Special thanks go to **DJ Biddy**, who once again kept the dance floor buzzing and ensured everyone – big and small – had a brilliant time.

The PTFA were also pleased to support the school this festive season by providing crackers and an element of fun to their delicious Christmas lunch. In addition, funds raised have contributed towards the Year 4 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa and the Year 5/6 visit to The Living Rainforest, helping ensure these enriching experiences remain accessible to all.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the **Anson Trust** for their continued support and their generous £3,000 grant. The PTFA intend to put this funding towards supporting students with enjoyable school trips that broaden horizons and enrich their learning experience.

Thank you all for helping make this festive tradition such a warm and successful community event. We look forward to seeing you at our next PTFA occasion!

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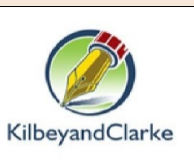


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Marcham Centre

THE HEARTBEAT OF THE VILLAGE: A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE MARCHAM CENTRE

Have you ever wondered what goes on inside the Marcham Centre when you aren't there?

While you are at work, at school, or sleeping, our halls are buzzing.

We tracked the comings and goings of a single week to show you exactly how our community comes together under one roof.

Please note: the times listed indicate when we open for these activities, rather than the specific event start times.

MONDAY: Kicking off the Week

- 10:30 AM: The week starts with energy as Zoe leads the morning session in the Main Hall. It's the perfect way to shake off the weekend cobwebs.
- 6:30 PM: By early evening, the building is full. While the Guides are earning badges in the Small Hall, the Bridge Club is settling in for a night of concentration and cards in the Hub.
- 7:30 PM: Democracy in action! The Main Hall transforms into the venue for the Parish Council, the Marcham Society, or the WI. From fitness to card games to village business, Monday shows just how versatile our space is.

TUESDAY: Focus and Wellness

- 4:00 PM: The school day ends and the Karate suits go on. You can hear the energy from the Main Hall as the students practice their moves.
- 4:00 PM onwards: In the Small Hall, the doors open for Slimming World. It's a busy evening of support and motivation. With Tennis coaching running simultaneously in the MUGA, community wellness runs right through until 9:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY: Coffee, Choirs, and Competition

- 9:00 AM: The kettle is on! The Thirsty Café opens its doors in the Main Hall. It's the perfect spot for morning school-run parents, dog walkers, and neighbours to catch up over a hot drink.
- 2:00 PM: The pace slows down (but the competition heats up!) as the mats are rolled out for Bowls.
- 7:15 PM: If you walk past the Centre late on a Wednesday, you'll hear the beautiful sounds of Harmony InSpires filling the Main Hall—ending the day on a literal high note.

THURSDAY: Little Feet and Latin Beats

- 10:30 AM: It's time for the little ones. Tom's Tots takes over the Small Hall, bringing noise, toys, and plenty of fun for local parents and toddlers.
- 6:30 PM: The vibe shifts completely as the music cranks up for Zumba. It's high energy, loud, and a lot of fun. Once the dancers cool down, Zoe is back to close out the evening with her late session.

FRIDAY: The Weekend Warm-Up

- 9:15 AM: We finish the work week strong with Zoe in the Main Hall and Gina in the Small Hall, followed by Zumba Gold—proving fitness is for every age.
- 7:00 PM: The pens are out and the thinking caps are on. It's Quiz Night in the Main Hall! The perfect way to unwind, grab a drink, and test your general knowledge against your neighbours. (Note: January's quiz is on the 16th!)

SATURDAY: The Best Way to Start the Weekend

- 8:30 AM: There is no better smell than fresh coffee and baking bread. The Thirsty Café is back open for business, joined by the Pop-up Bread stall in the Meeting Room. With Tom's Tots running in the Small Hall, the Centre is the lively hub of the village on a Saturday morning.
- 2:00 PM onwards: The Centre shifts into party mode. With bookings in both the Small and Main Halls, we often host birthday parties and celebrations well into the night.

BAR OPENING TIMES

Our bar hours are changing slightly for the football season - here's when you can join us:

Wednesdays	7pm until 11pm
Fridays	5pm until 11pm
Saturdays	3pm until 10.30pm
Sundays	Midday until 6.30pm

Your Centre, Your Space From the morning buzz of the Thirsty Café to the quiet concentration of Bridge, there is something here for everyone.

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SPORT REPORT

MARCHAM FOOTBALL

Marcham Football is mostly continuing its good fortune. At the time of writing (2 weeks before Christmas) Marcham Reserves have won their last two games in the North Berks War Memorial Cup, and Marcham First are currently top of the table having won 6, drawn 1 and lost 1. Sadly the Vets have not won a match since the beginning of November and have one more game scheduled before Christmas – come on Marcham!

WORLD FOOTBALL

Some will be excited by the news that the Jules Rimet Trophy (1930 – 1970) as was, and now the FIFA World Cup Trophy (1974 – present) will be contested this year (2026) in the United States of America, Mexico and Canada. The most northerly venue is in Vancouver (with Toronto only the second one in Canada) and the most southerly being Mexico City (3 venues in Mexico). The USA boasts 11 host cities.

Those with long memories will recall that the original (Jules Rimet) trophy was stolen in 1966 just before the world cup started (when England hosted and won the trophy) and was found a week or so later wrapped in newspaper in a hedge by a dog called Pickles. When Brazil won the trophy for the third time in 1970, they were allowed to keep it. However, just before Christmas 1983, it was stolen again and has never been recovered. This is the new trophy. It is 13.5 pounds of 18 carat gold worth about £183,000

Forty-eight countries will contest the trophy, divided into 12 pools of 4 countries each. Of the home nations, England are in Pool L, Scotland in Pool C. At the time of writing, Wales and Northern Ireland each have a play-off match, and if they win those they will have to play each other, so there is a possibility that one other home nation may play in the World Cup.

The price of tickets recently revealed by FIFA has caused much controversy as it is many times higher than the previous world cup and more than they had originally quoted. Furthermore, FIFA have not categorically ruled out dynamic pricing.

For those who do not find football enthralling, you might consider having a holiday somewhere with no electronic signal between 11th June and 19th July.

CLOSER TO HOME

Those who regularly walk the playing field may have noticed that Big Bertha – the roller for the cricket square – has a smaller sibling sitting alongside her. Big Bertha has been retired after 35 years of faithful and reliable service to the cricket club. Big Bertha was built at Green's works in Leeds in 1968. The records for most of the motors produced there have been lost and its early life is a mystery. It came to Marcham from a second-hand company in Gloucester and now sits looking towards Marcham Primary School through their hedge.



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Kennington Memory Club Blog for January

New year, new hopes, new opportunities.

Christmas is now done and dusted, so from Kennington Memory Club we wish everyone a very happy, peaceful New Year and all of 2026.

Wanted: Kennington Memory Club is always looking for more volunteers. There are four categories of people we would love to recruit to our team:

1. **Trustees.** People who have experience of strategic insight and forward planning in running a business, charity or other organisation, who could contribute their expertise to the KMC Trustee body.
2. **Financial wizards.** People with perhaps a background in accounting or similar who could help with the everyday managing of the charity's income and outgoings.
3. **Fundraisers.** Grant application writing is a skill in itself these days. Could you help with this vital way of raising funds to boost KMC's income and so add enrichment to our members' experience of their time at the Day Centre?
4. **Session volunteers.** The professional staff at the Day Centre are excellent, but rely on having willing volunteers at the sessions to help. A session volunteer would be rostered to do a half day once a week, a fortnight or just occasionally. They would be expected to be involved with the setting up or clearing up at either end of the day, moving tables and chairs, preparing the kitchen for our use, making teas and coffees and washing up, and the best part is chatting to our members and helping them join in with activities. What could be more rewarding?

If any of these volunteer roles could be yours, make it your New Year Resolution and don't be shy about coming forward. Please email chair@kenningtonmemoryclub.org.uk with how you can help. Our members, those with dementia who attend the Day Centre, need you!

For more information, please visit the website, www.kenningtonmemoryclub.org.uk or contact the Club Organiser, Kay, by email organiser@kenningtonmemoryclub.org.uk or telephone **07852 883496** (if no reply, please leave a message). It might just be the catalyst to make those with dementia and their carers feel less like the 'forgotten army'...

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TITIAN: the mythological paintings

Lois Oliver

The great series of mythological paintings that Titian created for Philip II of Spain in the mid-sixteenth century has long been celebrated as one of the supreme achievements of Western art. Inspired by Ovid, Titian's poesie demonstrate the artist's extraordinary ability to convey a narrative in a single scene. Over 450 years after they were created, these pictures retain their visceral power, treating themes of love, desire, transgression, and violence: the fierce extremes of human experience, interpreted by the poets of classical antiquity through myth. Featuring the poetry that inspired them and letters exchanged between Titian and his patron, this lecture is a close-up encounter with art, poetry and myth.



Dr Lois Oliver is Professor in History of Art at the University of Notre Dame in London, and a Visiting Lecturer at the Courtauld Institute.

The talk will be held at The Abbey Cinema at 10.30 and 2pm.

Visitors are very welcome to attend this lecture, cost £6.00. Lectures last 1 hour but allow extra time for announcements.

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The Squirrels: Acrobatics, but Petty

The squirrels, who spent autumn stuffing acorns into every conceivable crevice (including the electric meter box, which the landlord still insists was "vandals"), now devote winter to competitive bird-feeder heists. They approach it with the intensity of Olympic athletes and the moral compass of career criminals. One squirrel – known only as "Flip" because he once did a triple somersault off the compost bin – has developed a system that involves dangling by one toenail while taunting the birds below. It works more often than it should.

The Pigeons: Neighbourhood Gossip Columnists

Pigeons, wrapped in their naturally puffy down jackets, strut around like they own the place. They hold daily conferences on the garden fence, cooing loudly about the events of the day.

- "Coo-rru? Coo-rru!" translates loosely to: Did you see that squirrel wipe out?
- "Ruuu-cool!" means: Someone dropped half a bagel near the bus stop; assemble the squad.

If a pigeon glares at you, don't worry – it's probably just critiquing your footwear.

The Fox: Elegant, Aloof, Definitely Judging You

At twilight, a sleek red fox slips through the blanketed shrubs like it's auditioning for a luxury cologne commercial you see on tv around Christmas. It pauses only to stare disdainfully at the mess the pigeons have made of the mulch. The fox does nothing to fix the problem, of course – lead actors don't do cleanup – but its silent judgment encourages everyone to pretend they're tidier than they are.

The Mice: Winter's Tiny Real-Estate Tycoons

Under the shed lives a clan of mice engaged in nonstop home renovation. Every night, they drag in new "furnishings" – a lost mitten pom-pom, a stray Cheerio, and once, an entire dog toy they somehow rolled across the patio. Their winter lifestyle philosophy is simple: if it fits, it's décor. If it doesn't fit, you chew it until it does.

The Long Tailed Tits: The Garden's Hype Squad

They bounce through the snowy branches shouting like caffeinated motivational speakers. Their energy alone melts frost. If squirrels and pigeons ran the place, chaos would reign; Long Tailed Tits keep morale high, even when the windchill is personally insulting.

Final Verdict

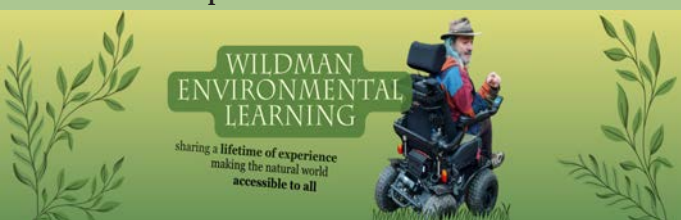
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The actor Jim Carrey once said, "I think everyone should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of, so that they can see it's not the answer." He's one of many well-known personalities quoted on the Alpha Course, a course designed to introduce the basics of the Christian faith and show people what it is like to live as a Christian. We're going to be running the course in Marcham on Thursday evenings from 29th January 2026.

Of course Jim Carrey speaks from a perspective of wealth and privilege as a successful movie star, but that does not take away from the perceptiveness of his point. Regardless of our circumstances, we can all easily fall for the lie that wealth and success bring fulfilment. Freddie Mercury is also quoted on the course as saying, "You can have everything in the world and still be the most lonely man. Success has brought me world idolisation, and millions of pounds, but it's prevented me from having the one thing we all need. A loving, ongoing relationship."

The claim of the Christian faith is that Jesus provides people with both a loving ongoing relationship and the answer to the meaning of life, and more besides. If you would like to explore who he is and what he means for life, then why not try Alpha? Details of the course here: alpha.org.uk and for more information about Alpha in Marcham please contact alpha@allsaintsmarcham.org.

REVD NICK WELDON.



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Sunday 1 March, 11am Service led by Revd. Mike Dilly

Sunday 15 March, 11am Mothering Sunday led by Ven. David Tyler

Music continues to underpin the worship at St. Luke's and the anticipation of Advent was reflected in several beautifully harmonic pieces from the choir, at the service led by Archdeacon David Tyler. The subsequent Service of Lessons and Carols to receive the wonder of the Christmas story brought a celebration of shared joy through congregational carols (and our tradition of delicious refreshments afterwards).

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our services in 2026.

Contact: st.lukes@allsaintsmarcham.org



If you have an event to promote

email editor@madnews.co.uk with the details

Deadline is the 15th of the month before publication

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT RESERVOIR NEWS

A Happy New Year to all residents!

JOINT LOCAL PLAN (JLP)

Residents may remember from previous months' reports that the Vale's JLP (together with South Oxfordshire) was in jeopardy due to a request for withdrawal by the Planning Inspectors over a perceived failure to cooperate with Oxford City Council. Getting the JLP approved is a key ambition for us, since it would spread the huge amount of housing growth that the 2015-19 administration locked us into over an extra ten years, thereby giving the area time for infrastructure to catch up. The Government has recently announced that the 'Duty to Cooperate' will soon be scrapped and so this major blocker should be removed... we're not counting our chickens yet, but it certainly is welcome news!

RESERVOIR

In last month's MAD News, I urged everyone to respond to Thames Water's consultation on SESRO, the huge reservoir proposed for the south of Marcham. I know there is a diversity of feelings around the need for the reservoir but, whatever your views, now really is the time to respond. There are positive proposals in the plans, including leisure and biodiversity provisions, but without evidence of strong local feeling on specifics there's a risk these may be dropped later on. The consultation is open until Tuesday 13th January; documents are available from the Marcham Centre or online at <https://thames-sro.co.uk/projects/sesro/>

PERSONAL NEWS

And lastly, the announcement that from early January until at least May, I will be "moving up" to the Vale's Cabinet as the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Climate Action, and Nature Recovery. The current Cabinet Member is expecting to go onto maternity leave from early January, and so I will be covering for her until at least May (when there are annual internal elections for posts within the council). The Environmental Services aspect of the portfolio includes matters such as residential waste collection and street cleaning, and the other two are natural extensions of my (outgoing) role as Chair of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee (CEAC).

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

I hope everyone managed to enjoy some well-deserved downtime with friends and family over the recent Christmas period. At the December meeting of full council, I was pleased to vote in support of a motion raising serious concerns about the emergency discharge risks associated with Thames Water's proposed reservoir (SESRO) to the south of Marcham. The motion highlighted that, under current rules, Thames Water would not need an emergency plan in place until after the reservoir was built, despite being required to install equipment capable of releasing huge volumes of water into the River Thames at short notice. Such an emergency discharge – around three times the river's normal flow – could have major consequences for communities, wildlife and the environment along the Thames. The motion passed and the County Council agreed to write to the Secretary of State seeking clarity on how such an emergency would be managed, and a commitment that the resources needed to protect communities would be in place before a Development Consent Order is considered. During the debate, I spoke on the local implications for our area and the need for proper safeguards to be in place.

Turning to roads now and an update on the long-awaited improvements to the A415/A338 Frilford Lights. I'm pleased to



report that the optioneering study for the scheme has now been completed and officers at the County Council are reviewing its findings. Once a preferred way forward has been identified, officers have agreed to meet with me to discuss this further. I'm hoping this meeting will take place in January, so I should have more to share in my February update.

Finally, on everyone's biggest bugbear – **potholes**! As with every winter, the poor weather has seen a deterioration in roads across the county. There is a broader discussion to be had about whether enough funding is directed towards highways maintenance, but that is a conversation for another time. In the meantime, my priority is ensuring that potholes across the division are repaired as quickly as possible. If you spot a pothole, please do report it via **FixMyStreet** (www.fixmystreet.com) in the first instance but if you notice one that has remained unrepaired for a period of time, or one that appears quite serious, please let me know and I will do my best to escalate a repair.

As always, if you'd like to stay up to date with what I'm doing around our division, do follow me on Facebook where I post regular updates www.facebook.com/JamesRPlumb

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MP'S REPORT

TAKING THE PRIME MINISTER TO TASK ON SERVICE CHARGE RIP-OFFS

In December, I raised the experiences of constituents facing unfair and extortionate service charges directly with the Prime Minister. These included charges for cleaning communal areas that do not exist, hedge-cutting residents had carried out themselves for over twenty years, and increases of more than 160% in just three years. I am pushing for a cap on unreasonable service and estate management charges, the creation of a new regulator (as recommended by the Lord Best review), and stronger powers for local authorities to crack down on abuses by property management companies. Residents deserve transparency and fairness, not rip-offs hidden in small print.



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

As Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee, I recently oversaw the publication of a major report into community mental health services. We found a system that is overstretched, under-resourced and poorly designed for the people who rely on it. The Health and Social Care Committee's report calls for 24/7 neighbourhood mental health services to be rolled out nationwide, genuine parity of esteem for mental health in NHS funding, and urgent action to tackle workforce shortages. I was particularly proud that one of the voices informing our inquiry was local resident Dianne Martin, who has campaigned tirelessly to improve support for people discharged back into the community.

THE BUDGET

The Chancellor's Budget was a missed opportunity to kick-start growth, particularly given the continued refusal to pursue a closer trading relationship with the EU. Our economy continues to take a significant hit, while families face rising costs and high taxes. That said, there were some important wins. Scrapping the two-child benefit cap will lift hundreds of thousands of children out of poverty. The Government has also agreed to take on the funding deficits in SEND provision, and the increase in Remote Gaming Duty is a welcome step to limit the harmful impacts of online gambling.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

2025 has been personally and politically significant. Welcoming our baby into the world was a joyful highlight, and I'm grateful for the kindness shown by so many across our communities.

After years of campaigning, the Government committed to

scrapping the Vagrancy Act, finally ending the criminalisation of rough sleeping. I was also proud to secure a ban on the use of non-disclosure agreements in cases of workplace abuse and discrimination.

The UK's recognition of the State of Palestine was another important milestone – a long-overdue step towards a two-state solution and lasting peace.

Closer to home, winning a Liberal Democrat majority on Oxfordshire County Council will help deliver improvements in infrastructure, education and SEND services. Progress has also been made at Lodge Hill junction, and goodwill payments were finally secured for businesses affected by the Botley Road closure.

I want to thank everyone across our communities for their resilience, kindness and engagement over the past year. I wish you a hopeful start to the New Year.

With warmest wishes

LAYLA MORAN

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NEWS FROM SOBELL HOUSE



Over the past couple of months, a network of wonderful companies and individuals across the county have been taking part in RAISE 25, an amazing initiative raising money for 12 local charities including Sobell House. The campaign aims to raise £50,000 by the end of January, which a generous anonymous benefactor has agreed to match up to £50,000. B4 CEO and Raise Founder, Richard Rosser has been ably leading the fundraising efforts with a whole range of challenges and activities taking place over the last quarter including an ice bath challenge, a darts competition, dinner parties and a Christmas extravaganza. Richard has now pledged to spend most of January doing press ups, with the commitment to doing 10,000 over the month of January... 323 per day! To help push Raise across the fundraising finish line, he is inviting 20 Oxfordshire organisations to host their own 323 Challenge session. For further details see <https://raise4charity.co.uk/news/f/organisations-invited-to-join-the-323-challenge-to-support-raise>

We are busy planning lots of events and activities for next year as our 50th anniversary. Amongst them will be Forever Flowers in May; a special raffle in January; a Spring Stroll at Blenheim Palace; and a fun-filled day at the Westgate Centre for the whole community in June. Plus throughout the year we'll be looking back at 50 years of memories and remembering some of the people who enabled us to do the work we do, sharing the impact we have had across the county, and asking people to download our 50 for 50 fundraising pack!

STOP PRESS

Just to give you the heads up that I have committed to take part in Richard Rosser's incredible press up challenge for RAISE in January... not the whole month, just a day! So on 14th January from midday for about an hour-ish, Richard and I will be doing 323 press ups each here at Sobell House raising money for ten incredible Oxfordshire charities through RAISE 25 (<https://www.oxfordshire.enthuse.com/pf/323-challenge>). If you would like to join us (no press ups required unless you want to...) then please let me know!

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- Answers to this month's Crown Quiz from page 7
1. Dallas, Texas
 2. Scoville Scale
 3. Sir Christopher Cockrell
 4. Alan Carr
 5. Located in Dubai, the Burj Khalifa stands at 828 metres (2,717 feet) and has held the title since 2010
 6. Mexico
 7. Watford Football Club who adopted the nickname 'The Hornets' in 1959 when they changed their kit to yellow and black
 8. Quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisation
 9. Greenland
 10. Sesame Street
 11. Field Marshall
 12. Can we fix it? by Bob the Builder

What do you think Healthwatch Oxfordshire's priorities should be for 2026-27?



Healthwatch Oxfordshire would like your views on which areas of health and social care it should focus its work on in 2026-27.

The county's independent health and care watchdog would also like feedback on how you think it is doing.

You can share your views by completing a short, anonymous survey at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/priorities26-27>

Your feedback will be used by Healthwatch Oxfordshire to help inform its plans for the year and to ensure it gives the best possible service to people in Oxfordshire.

The survey will close for comments on Monday 2nd February 2026.

If you would like a copy of this survey in another format or language, please contact Healthwatch Oxfordshire on **01865 520520** or at hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk

To find out more about the work of Healthwatch Oxfordshire see www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk



Soha Housing is an Oxfordshire housing association actively assisting communities to develop small pockets of land for affordable housing in perpetuity.

Community-led housing is about local people finding solutions to local housing need. In very simple terms, a community identifies the need for housing and the land to put it on. It forms a Community Land Trust (CLT), a democratic organisation owned by the community. The trust purchasing the land effectively removes it from the market as it must always be held for the community to use. The CLT designs and builds the homes and acts as long-term steward of the housing, so that it always remains affordable. CLTs don't build in order to sell on – it's all about keeping the interest in the land in the community for ever.

CLTs that Soha is involved with often require different partnership arrangements: this may be expertise and guidance to progress the project, acting as the developer or accessing grants through Homes England or Council subsidy. In return, Soha adds to the stock of homes it manages for rent or shared ownership.

To take a first step in exploring if a CLT is right for Marcham and to commission a housing needs survey, take advice from Community First Oxfordshire on **01865 883488** or email info@communityfirstoxon.org

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The number in brackets refers to the page number
where you can find more details

Abbreviations:

AS All Saints' Church, Marcham, **SL** St Luke's Church, Garford
DP Duffield Place, **MC** Marcham Centre

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
				Milleets Farm Classic car meet 9.30am-noon	Revised Waste Collection (5)	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
AS Morning Service 10.30am (17) SL Epiphany Service 11am (17) AS Evening Service 6pm (17)	DP Community Games Group 10.30am-12.00 noon (5) MC Bridge 6.50pm		MC Thirsty Cafe 9-11.30am (5) DP Holy Communion 10.30am (17) MC Short Mat Bowls 2.30pm (13)	Revised Waste Collection (5) Marcham Society Midweek Walk 12.30 pm (7)	MC Bingo 7.30pm (13)	MC Thirsty Cafe with Natural Bread 9-11.30am (5)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	DP Community Games Group 10.30am-12.00 noon (5) MC Bridge 6.50pm MC Marcham Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm (3)	Christmas tree recycling at Howard Cornish Road textile bank (3) SESRO consultation ends (18)	MC Thirsty Cafe 9-11.30am (5) DP Holy Communion 10.30am (17) MC Short Mat Bowls 2pm (13)	MADNEWS DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE Closing date for Infant or Primary school applications (3)	MC Quiz Night 7.30pm (13)	MC Thirsty Cafe 9-11.30am (5) MC Farmers Market 9am-12noon (9)
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Details of events may change after publication, please check with the relevant organisers before attending events