

MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

The AGM meeting in March, was well attended and quite busy, members paying their subs and names being taken for our trip to the Windmill in April, date to be decided upon. Our committee has agreed to carry on the same and we welcome Mrs Moxon on board.

We had a table top sale and some nice items were sold, many thanks to the people who kindly donated. Mrs Parry did one of her anagram puzzles on birds, that got our brains working. Tea and biscuits were served and our meeting ended with our usual raffle.

Next meetings: March 31st and April 28th.

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SUNSHINE CLUB

March 7th held our AGM – Committee agreed to stay on another year and would like to thank all members for prompt payments of subscriptions which is a big help. The yearly reports for year 2003-2004 were read out which included minutes from last AGM yearly report and treasurers report. Statement sheet was given to each member. We had a good year and look forward to this coming one, what would be nice is to have some more members.

So if you feel like a change we would be very pleased to see you at our meetings which are held on Monday afternoon at 2.30pm in "Duffield Place". Friendly club with bingo, tea and biscuits and a chat. If interested you can ring me on 01865 391695 or just come round. We will be going back to evening meetings starting 7pm which might be better for some during summer. There is no age limit!

At our social this month the table was cake, tins, jars etc which soon sold out - thanks to everyone who gave and those who brought which helps the funds, which all goes towards outings etc. It's your club, your money. During tea interval some readings were read out by the secretary which brought a smile and memories of days gone by. How times have changed! So were enjoyed by all.

We had one lady with a special birthday this month, she was 97 – well done. A card and box biscuits given from the club. This was Dolly's mum, Elsie Carter and to those whose birthdays were also this month, we hope you all enjoyed your day. Each had a nice card from the club. We would like to say how nice it is now Eric is back home and getting on nicely and will be back with us on Monday club, had a box of biscuits from the club.

It's nice having this lovely sunshine being able to get in the garden, cutting grass, tidying up etc makes one feel so much better, may it carry on.

JOY CROOK

WANTAGE CONCERT CLUB
23 April 7.30 pm St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, Wantage
 Flute and Harp *Juliette Bauser & Sally Pryce*
 More details from: Wantage Concert Club, The Old Bakery, Bakery Lane, Clanfield OX18 2SD. or the Tourist Information, Wantage.

TALKING SCIENCE @ RAL *Let's get talking...*
13 April 2005: Open Afternoon 1:30pm - 4.30pm
Engineering and Instrumentation
 Admission to the lectures and open afternoon are by ticket only. Please contact the Talking Science booking line on 01235 445959 to book your tickets. Lecture Reservations must be made in advance from four weeks before the date of each lecture.

Marcham WI

March report



Anne-Marie Banks with a display of Fairtrade goods

Despite the fact the press-woman overlooked publicising the AGM, a good number turned up and two new members joined the re-elected committee. About a quarter of the members have roles or jobs to organise the many activities Marcham WI enjoys.

The AGM was followed by Joe Emery's fascinating talk on "Co-incidences when researching Family History". A chance meeting with two young Aussies camping in Standlake during the 1970s has led to familial links in New York and Perth, Australia with friendships and visits to each others homes.

This is also the annual occasion when the Denman bursary is drawn. £100 is given to one member towards a course. The winner was thrilled.

During Feb and March two new activities have started. Christine held four small music evenings when she described a piece followed by listening to the CD. Very relaxing, with coffee and walnut sponge rounding off the evenings.

Sylvia suggested members meet occasionally at The Crown. Two groups have met for a lunchtime drink/meal and the "pub club" also hopes to visit other pubs.

Short random rambles continue to be arranged in Oxon by Jean and Maureen.

Meanwhile the "New Year" annual meal took place at a pub in Clifton Hampden with an opportunity for spouses, partners and friends to join members.

March also included a "Muffins Coffee Morning" held at our president Carole Sands' home in Drayton. £62 was raised for Action Aid, the charity for Fairtrade and £80 of Fairtrade goods were sold.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 21 April

Denman College: Craft and Cookery Building

"Promoting Local Food" *Jane Bowler*

Food quiz and cake stall

Guests and non-members (men & women of any age) welcome

We are a friendly group, just come along or ring a contact:

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PS Whoops! *Good thing no men turned up in March, apparently this species is only invited to "open meetings".*

Press-person has escaped ducking by a whisker!

FRILFORD ST PETER'S WI

Our next meeting will be on Friday 15th April at 2.00pm in Duffield Place. Our speaker will be Mrs Barbara Gray: "Those you have loved, or not as the case may be".

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