



Marcham WI March 2006

This year's 'New Year' lunch was taken at The Merry Miller, Cothill. 28 members and guests enjoyed a good choice of delicious meals, well-presented (on hot plates) in convivial surroundings with excellent service and a sensible gap between courses. Poor accessibility to coat hooks and rather gloomy lighting in some areas were minor drawbacks to a most enjoyable event. Altogether very good value.

Our March meeting featured three lovely ladies from the **Witney Hazzazz Belly Dancers**. The history, dress, movements and cultural reactions were explained then they gracefully performed several brave members "had a go" (see photo) which was fun and then the audience joined in with hand and neck movements. Jolly good exercise and an aid to remaining supple in advancing years apparently.



This drew in a good attendance (32) for the AGM when a new President, Sonia Edwards was elected. With a committee of 10, the many tasks are shared and we look forward to another varied programme of speakers, outing and events. The lady who won this year's Denman College Course bursary was thrilled, well deserved having been an active member for 32 years. Barry Collett returned again to Benson VH to present three entertaining day-time sessions on the lives of lesser-known composers and played an interesting selection of music on CDs.

Coming up

- "Walking with Wolves", Steventon VH. Mon 24 April 7pm £2.50 tickets available from Sonia Edwards.
- Exbury Gardens, Hants. Coach trip Sunday 7 May. £14 (£15 non-members) plus entrance fee. Superb coastal venue for azaleas and rhododendrons,
- Waddesdon Manor, nr Aylesbury. Summer visit to see gardens, statues and fountains, date tba.
- "Discover Legal London". AM Guided walking tour of the Inns of Court, Middle Temple, Churches of Knight's Templar and St Clement Danes. PM coach trip, Old Bailey, Lincoln's Inn etc. Tues 4 July or Wed 5 July £23 (£24 non-members).

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 20 April

Denman College – Craft and Cookery Building

Shopping from the other side of the counter

Mr Geoffrey Bailey from Marcham

Display: Member's best buy

Bring and Buy – anything and maybe some home-made jam!

Contacts: Greta Goulding 01865 391592
Christine Whild 01865 391270

Visitors very welcome

Northcourt Centre, Abingdon is having a Craft Fair!!!

8th April 2006, 10am—3pm

£10 per table—book now!

Contact: Trine Lucy, 32 Norman Avenue,
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FRILFORD ST PETER'S WI

Friday 21 April Duffield Place, 2.00pm

My favourite things - by Members.

WYN HARMAN

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The month of April sees the start of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association Season. The 1st XI is at home to visitors Shrivenham on the 29th; 2nd XI matches begin, this year, in May. Our historian has supplied two items from Club minutes which demonstrate the resolve of members during World War II. The first relates to a General Meeting of 16th April 1941; it was "proposed by A. Gosling and seconded by B. Higgins that the Club should carry on if possible" - this was agreed.



A report of another General Meeting of 1st April 1943 indicates that owing to War conditions it was proposed and carried that the Committee serve for the duration of the War.

Returning now to the present, please contact Terry Whittaker (391317) or Graham Hill (391415) for details relating to the Club.
CLIVE BENNETT

MARCHAM PLAYERS PRESENTS... A PLAY READING

Friday 7 April 7.30 pm. at Manor Farm.

An ideal opportunity to read a part in a play, just for fun! We often choose for readings, challenging plays, or those which it would be difficult, if not impossible to stage ourselves.



Any one is most welcome to come along and take part.

JOEY MACLEAN, secretary.

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MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Our AGM last month was well attended. No great changes made. Afterwards we had a large table top sale, where I am sure many members found a bargain. This was followed by a quiz which was won by Mr & Mrs Woods who each received a small token prize. The meeting ended with tea and biscuits and a large raffle. Our March meeting will be on Thursday 30th and April's meeting is on, 27th April at 2.30pm.

J PARRY

SUNSHINE CLUB

February & March Our Monday meetings are going well and it's nice to see so many members attending. We've had a few small table tops and also special raffles, which have brought in funds which help the club – sent letter of thanks. Will be looking soon about having an outing once weather gets better – let's hope it won't be too long! February we had one lady with a birthday card given, hope she enjoyed her day, and in March we had five birthdays. They also received cards and trust also enjoyed the day. Just like to say one of those five ladies was Dolly Cox's mum – Elsie Carter. She used to be a member for many years, she was 98 years, a card was sent from the club along with our very best wishes and congratulations from us all. She still supports the club by having raffle tickets through Dolly. She has been made an honorary member.

We had some cakes kindly given by one of the birthday people for our club tea – enjoyed by all thank you. We have two ladies who have left the village for pastures new, but still come along to the club, we are pleased to see them. I am sure everyone will join in sending our congratulations to our chairlady Kath Norton and her husband Cyril on their 55th wedding anniversary on 24th March. A card signed by members was given and a plant. Everyone is pleased Cyril is now recovered but must take things easy – our best wishes. Will be back in **May** with an update of Club events.

JOY CROOK