


MARCHAM SOCIETY WALK

Midweek Walk, Thursday, December 1st

This month's walk is a largely mud-free walk from Upton to Chilton following the pretty valley thorough which the railway climbed into the Downs towards Newbury. We will meet at The George and the Dragon in Upton (Map Ref: SU512867) on the A417 between Harwell and Blewbury, at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the walk of about 4 miles. As always, new walkers are very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford 391439 for lifts & further details.



Local Heritage *initiative*

The Vale and Ridgeway Trust invites you to
the Official Launch of

'The Trendles Project: Exploring Marcham's Past'
on Tuesday 6th December 2005
at All Saints' Church, Marcham at 7.30 pm

Speaker: Dr. Gary Lock 'The story of the Trendles Project'

Seasonal Refreshments Displays

MARCHAM PLAYERS PRESENTS...

The Canterville Ghost

Another great evening of entertainment from Marcham Players and what an inspired choice of play, given the enforced venue of the Church. All Saints' lent itself well to becoming Canterville Chase, an ancient pile being rented for the summer by an American family, and the stage crew made a virtue out of necessity by their imaginative use of church furniture.



The acting was certainly up to Marcham Players' usual high standard despite a number of actors making their first appearance for the group. The Hutchings family showed their formidable talent with Max as a beautifully mournful ghost and Pat and Dave as caricatures of American parents. Ruth and Jenny Narramore were excellent as the twins from hell and Sophie Cumber as the misfit elder sister gave another performance of the high standard we have come to expect from her. Congratulations to all the 'Americans' and to Jenny Warwick, another talented new-comer who played the housekeeper, for sustaining their accents throughout. Lastly, a word of praise for Daniel Andrews, another unfamiliar name on the cast list who gave an impressively static performance as the statue of the Happy Prince.

I hope the attendance on Saturday was better than that on Friday. In this village we have a very dedicated and talented drama group and it seems a pity that they aren't given better support.

SHEILA DUNFORD

The Marcham Players web-site is now available online, at www.marchamplayers.co.uk. If you would like to join Marcham Players please ring Joey Maclean 391242.

ON THE BUSES

Those who look closely at the X15 Bus Stop timetables will see a very early journey (0614) everyday, including Sunday, to Witney and a new one back at 1905 from Witney Market Place. These journeys serve those working at Abbott Diabetes Care in Range Road, Witney, and are another example of how the X15 is adapting to local needs. One useful outcome is a morning journey on Sundays and Bank Holidays from Witney to Wallingford; timed in Frilford Road at 0747 it makes a good link with the X3 from Abingdon to Oxford, with connections from there by coach and train.

BUS SPOTTER

December 2005

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB



Plans to mark the Club's Centenary next year are now taking shape and details of events will become available in due course. Historical cricketing items for December are not plentiful.

However, it may be mentioned that, on a Boxing Day in the late 1980s a "fun" match was played in fancy dress. Recollections regarding the exact details of this match seem to be somewhat hazy. As always information regarding Marcham Cricket Club may be obtained from Terry Whittaker (391317) or Graham Hill (391415).

CLIVE BENNETT

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- Know you are making a real difference

If you would like to know more about mentoring or think this is the opportunity you have been looking for then visit our website at www.oyms.org.uk or Ring Kahren 01235 537272 or Maxine 01865 848181

South and Vale Carers Centre

The Carers Centre is just going into its thirteen year of supporting unpaid family and friend Carers in your area. We have consistently received support from your local Parish/Town Council which enables us to continue to identify Carers and help them with benefit forms, getting suitable services, general advice on any problems they are facing, or just with a cup of tea and someone to talk to who understands what it is like to be a family carers. In addition to this support contact with the Carers Centre will allow you to access the following free and confidential services:

- Time for Carers Service which is financial support to purchase services or items to support your caring role including a small amount of help to look after the person you support while you have a break.
- An advocacy worker for difficult or confused cases and pursue them through to conclusion with various agencies.
- Carer Training to help with your caring role, moving and handling, stress management etc
- Young Carers workers to support children and young people who help to look after a parent or sibling. We take them on outings and let them have fun.

Although being a Carer is very rewarding it can also be a very demanding, difficult and frustrating role, as well. So for those times we are here for you, so call us 01235 510212 and we will visit you at home.