



## Marcham WI November 2005

A less frenetic month when some members enjoyed a gentle walk while others hugged the open fire in The Crown for food and chat or a warming drink. Walks are usually on a Tuesday monthly and the pub club 2 or 4 weekly on a Monday or Thursday lunchtime (contact Sylvia on 391607). Sadly, our November meeting began with singing Jerusalem as a tribute to **Barbara Gill** following her recent sudden and untimely death. In her second year as Chairman of the National Federation of WI (based in London) Barbara was a fantastic ambassador during this year's 90th celebration year of the WI movement. Travelling all over the country she charmed people yet spoke with authority and knowledge on issues concerning not only women but also modern society. Barbara continued to maintain the respected profile of the WI in the media and she will be greatly missed.

**Sugarcraft** was demonstrated by Mrs Pamela Marchbanks and her daughter, With skill and speed they crafted delicate flowers, leaves and berries from sugar-paste. Samples were passed round and much admired for being so life-like. These talented ladies create beautiful cake decorations. This was a family effort as Mr Marchbanks videoed the demonstration so we could watch the demonstration on a raised TV, a great help.

### Recent Events:

Annual Quiz Evening in Drayton - Marcham entered a team of 4, we didn't win but it was great fun with around 68 participants.

### Imminent

- Visit to Guys and Dolls at The Playhouse.
- Annual Christmas Songs at Oxford Town Hall, always hugely enjoyable, an evening of participation and entertainment.

**Future Big Events:** (some open to non-members) always well organised by Oxon Fedn of WI.

- Heritage lectures: Feb-March 2006 on various environmental topics, Kidlington, 4 evenings £3.50 each
- Day of Dance and Fitness: 13 Feb, Sandhills, £7.50. Good fun taster sessions on exercise suited to the mature body (lycra leo-thongs not essential!)
- Coach trip to British Legion Poppy Factory, Marble House and Richmond, March, £25 (members)
- Holiday N Wales and Chester, June 2006, 5 days

A sample of the wide range of activities Marcham and Oxon WI has to offer.

### NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 15 December

Denman College - Craft and Cookery Building

### Christmas Supper Party

Carols, Bran Tub etc

*Contacts:* Greta Goulding 01865 391592  
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We have been delighted to see some new faces from Marcham and local villages recently. Do come and join us, bring a friend to our January 06 meeting on 'Choosing the Right Plants to Give Your Garden the WOW Factor' (that must qualify as the longest title of a talk!).

*See photos of recent events on the cover.*

### FRILFORD ST PETER'S WI

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 16 December. There will be no meeting in January.

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### MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Our October meeting was a little different to usual, we sat around and had a chat until Sandra Nash came along to tell us a little of what goes on at Sobell House, also selling charity Christmas cards to us. Tea and biscuits were served and the afternoon ended with the raffle. Both Joyce Smith and Edna Wright are home again after their operations and going on nicely, a card and flowers were given.

Bernard Higgins sent a note to the club saying regrettably he's unable to attend our meetings, we thank him for his donation, and sent him and Beryl our best wishes.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

No meeting in December.

Late Christmas party Jan 26th 2006.

*EDNA CADLE & BETTY REED*

### SUNSHINE CLUB

November: Our social this month we had a Christmas sale table with lots of very nice things. Also a tombola and hand made cards by Alice Campion which were very nice she seemed to have a lot of buyers with Christmas not far away. After all the selling we had light refreshments and tea. We would like to thank all members for contributions towards the above activities. We did really well for the club funds. It was our best one for many a long time and this was unfortunately our very last social to be held in the club. This is due to a very high rise in the rent and as we are only a small club regards members, we couldn't continue to do socials. Members were asked to submit suggestions on how we could raise money and any helpful ideas and a very good response we received having taken on board what members said and discussed with them. A committee meeting was held and final designs were made that subs would have to go up by 50p. Christmas vouchers cancelled which we were very sorry about and a few other things will have to go on standby for the moment. We will be holding our Monday meetings in the afternoons as usual, 2.30pm and on some Mondays shall be having small table sale and special raffles on other Mondays to bring in funds etc. We will be having Christmas lunch as we have been doing at The Lantern, Steventon. This is our way of thanking members for their help and support through the year. So will be looking forward to Tuesday 22nd and an enjoyable afternoon for all. This month we had 7 birthdays, five of these were specials, one very special and has reached the age of 95. We wish her many congratulations, I know she won't mind her name being given which is Alice Campion.

We will be starting our year for the AGM this coming January 06 – date to be decided later. Chairlady and committee feel with the support of the members we will be able to make Mondays work for us all and our best effort to continue for some time to come.

Will close now, but first take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

*JOY CROOK*

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY WHIST?

Then why not come to the Abingdon Hospital League of Friends whist drive on the first Friday of each month, starting at 7 pm in the Day Hospital. Friendly company, good prizes and refreshments provided. All profits go to the hospital, so you can enjoy yourself and support a very good cause at the same time.

If you run or are a member of a group, why not write a short report about it?