



Marcham WI November 2006

Our Nov speaker Sue Crisp saw a whistle-stop talk on the history of **Rag rug making**. Particularly popular post-WWII, there were many scenes in many homes of families 'hooking and prodding' strips of rags to make scatter rugs. Other materials wool, T-shirts, old shirts even plastic bags have been used. Sue showed us some of her innovative and colourful creations (see picture) including cushion covers, wall hangings and handbags. We hope she will return for a workshop. We were delighted to see more visitors and to welcome some new members. Also to see those members, who have been unwell recently, in good spirits.



Thank you to Christine Denton for hosting a **coffee evening** to raise funds for the annual bursary. Also to those who donated items and supported the tombola. An Oct coach trip to **Exbury Gardens** (near Beaulieu, Southampton Water) to see the Autumn Colours was invigorating as we strode, sometimes paddled around greeting others by dipping umbrellas. Lack of frosts and the long, hot summer had delayed the change except some azaleas and acers. An extensive estate full of variety throughout the year now with steam railway and buggy rides.

Coming up:

Christmas Songs, Town Hall, Oxford, 4 Dec

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 14 December

Denman College – Craft and Cookery Building

Christmas Bring and Share Finger Buffet

with bran tub

(Members and Guests)

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FRILFORD ST PETER'S WI

Friday 15 December Duffield Place, 2.00pm

Christmas Lunch

There is no January meeting

WYN HARMAN

MARCHAM SOCIETY NEWS

A visitor to the Marcham Society display at the recent 'History On Your Doorstep' event hosted by The Longworth & District History Society remembered a wartime incident that occurred in Marcham. She has recorded the incident for the Marcham Archives.

Grace Bork née Heighton, now resident in Albuquerque, New Mexico recalled that she and the pupils travelling home after school were allowed to leave the school bus to view a large bomb crater in the orchard near Hyde Farm. During the night a German bomber crew had jettisoned the bomb over Marcham on the return flight to Germany.

Other memories of war time incidents relating to this village and the surrounding area have been recorded by Marion Pointer and published in Coral Rag 5, the Journal of the Marcham Society. Editions can be purchased in the Marcham Post Office.

ELIZABETH WHITEHOUSE

To get your letter or notice included please write to the editor by 20th month latest
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SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

At our meeting in October we had a speaker from Sobell House. She told us how the House was run and what is done for the patients and their families but like all other charities money is in short supply and there is never enough to do everything they would like. Christmas cards for the charity were on sale afterwards and quite a lot were bought by members in support of their funds.

This was followed by a large table top which kept Bet and Muriel busy. Reg brewed his famous tea which we all enjoyed with our biscuits. We ended the meeting with a bumper raffle, called by Dolly and Margaret. November 30th will be our last meeting of 2006 and we will be back on 25 January 2007. This meeting will be our New Year's Party.

The committee wish all members and friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year

JOYCE PARRY

ON THE BUSES

Take some of the hassle out of Christmas shopping, go by bus and avoid driving in heavy traffic and the frustration in finding a place to park.



Go to Reading with Thames Travel, at 0928 and every hour from Frilford Road (X15, not Sundays), changing at Wallingford (X40) with time for a quick cuppa. Home from Reading every hour until 1525, then 1635 (last to make the connection at Wallingford).

Bicester Retail Outlet and Milton Keynes Shopping Centre are both served by Stagecoach X5 from Oxford Gloucester Green on the hour and the half hour everyday, with the usual connections from Marcham, hourly from 0956 (32), and from 0919 Sundays (31). Ask for an Explorer ticket to take you there and back.

Check bus services over Christmas and New Year:

Thames Travel 01491 837988, Stagecoach 01865 772250

BUS SPOTTER

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Well it's almost that time of year again, where you get cramp in your hand and chills in your bones by writing and delivering your Christmas cards.

Well not this year, you have the cramp but let Marcham Cubs have the chills by delivering your cards for you. We hope to have approx four collection boxes stationed in Marcham School, Post Office, All Saints; Church and Duffield Place, all we ask for is a small donation.

The cards will be delivered on Sat 16 Dec and will cover Marcham only. Please make sure **name** and, most importantly, **the address** are on the envelope.

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1 Wellwisher 7 Orchard 8 Sewn 12 Who 13 Ed Vaizey 14 Yam 17 PSV 18 Midweek walk 19 Bat 20 Aye 22 Pliantly 24 Boa 26 Once 27 Stilton 29 Fourposter

DOWN: 2 Ego 3 Lucid 4 Servicemaster 5 Lino 6 New 9 Whisky 10 Nay 11 Peewit 13 Emit 14 Vowels 16 Amazon 17 Play 21 Elm 23 Lotus 24 Bomb 25 Ace 28 Née

MIDWEEK WALK THURSDAY DEC 7TH

This month's walk will start at The Plough Inn, Great Haseley (Map Ref: SP 639018), which is just off the A329 before the M40 is reached. This is a short walk of 3½ miles in view of the early sunset, so if you haven't come before because of the distance, here is a chance to try something a little shorter. We will meet at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the walk. As always, new walkers are very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.