

**MARCHAM PLAYERS**

On 13 November a party from the Players visited the Watermill Theatre at Bagnor near Newbury and reported a thoroughly good evening's entertainment. Visits such as these are just one of the benefits of membership of the Marcham Players. We regularly organise visits to local and regional theatres and details will be published in MADNews with contact details to book a place. All you need to do is ensure you are a fully paid up member - to do this telephone either Joey Maclean on 01865 391342 or Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 - and then follow the booking instructions.



Saturday 17 November saw over thirty members attend a belated Guy Fawkes celebration at Manor Farm by kind permission of Will and Janey Cumber. Mulled wine on arrival was followed by a world premiere of a specially written drama from our own Tim Owen! This told the story of Guy Fawkes in some forty minutes in the splendid Stone Barn, complete with manacled prisoners in the tower and on the dreaded rack! Then followed the burning, almost literally, of Guy Fawkes. The evening concluded with hot soup and other very welcome fayre in the Farm Board Room - a splendid evening. Many thanks to all who contributed in so many ways. A special thank you to Tim Owens for leading the whole project from inception, through writing to production.

Our next offering, to members, non members and prospective members, will be WITH GREAT PLEASURE - an informal reading evening in the Board Room at Manor Farm, Marcham on THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER at 7.30pm. Do please come along and join us for some light reading of Christmas oriented pieces - and light refreshments! Better still, if you have a favourite Christmas reading you would like to contribute to the evening, please contact either Joey Maclean or Dave Hutchinson ASAP on either of the above telephone numbers.

**DAVE HUTCHINSON**

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**Eggbert's Adventures**  
 www.eggbertsadventures.co.uk  
 Eggy activities from Paul Gustafson

Try a different Christmas decoration this year and make a hairy egg person!

**1** Carefully cut off the top of a boiled egg, scoop out the egg and eat it for your breakfast or make a nice sandwich.



**2** Fill the shell with soil or seed growing compost. Sprinkle cress seed evenly on the surface. Keep damp by gently watering.



**3** Draw the face of an Eggbert character like 'Bad Egg Bill' or a Christmas character, Santa, a Snowperson or Rudolf, on the egg shell. Put it onto the window sill and watch their hair grow!



**THE DECEMBER CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

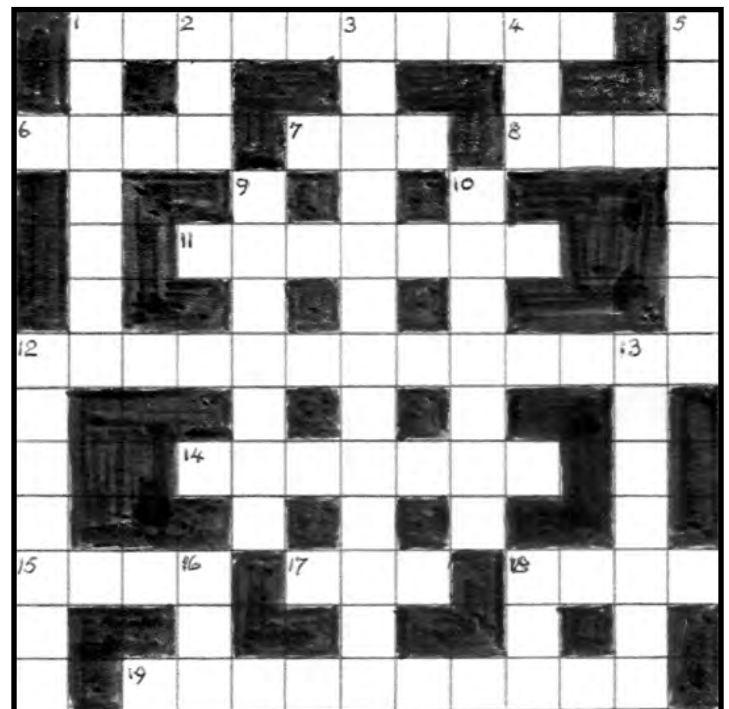
- 1 & 15 Venue for Christmas songs (6.4.4)
- 6 Footwear (4)
- 7 Not on (3)
- 8 Weapon (4)
- 11 Samson's wife (7)
- 12 Travelling service (6.7)
- 14 Village near Abingdon (7)
- 15 See 1
- 17 Chancel or Orchard (3)
- 18 See 9
- 19 Mutual understandings (10)



**DOWN**

- 1 Shakespeare play (7)
- 2 Enemy (3)
- 3 Marcham cul-de-sac (8.5)
- 4 Trap (3)
- 5 Theft (7)
- 9 Rich (7)
- 10 Sort of sale (3.4)
- 12 & 18 across Health Centre (7.4)
- 13 Discloses (7)
- 16 Support (3)
- 18 Manage (3)

**ALISA**



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