



Marcham WI December 2007

At our December meeting we will be entertained by a local group – Vale Voices, who will present a Christmas Cornucopia of readings, carols and a mini-pantomime. As usual there will be a Bring and Share Supper, a bumper Raffle, a Bran Tub. (Please bring along a small wrapped gift for the Bran Tub) The Dress Code is “Sparkly”

November was a busy month and Marcham WI continued to grow, we welcomed seven new members who joined us for the excellent Christmas flower arranging demonstration by Jayne King (see cover). The trip to the British Museum to see the First Emperor Exhibition and Terracotta Army was well attended and the exhibits, life size clay warriors over 2000 years old, were stunning. Twelve members also had a most enjoyable afternoon at a matinee of the musical “Billy Elliot” at the Victoria Theatre in London.

COMING EVENTS

- 3rd Dec Christmas Songs Town Hall, Oxford
- 13-15th Dec Christmas lunches and dinners at Denman College

2008

- 25th Jan Wild Life Crime + Red Kites
- Feb/March Heritage Lectures:
Famous Oxfordshire families and their homes
- 11th March A day visit to the Potteries.



Christmas Greetings to all our members and we look forward to 2008 when we will celebrate our 60th Birthday.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 13 December
Denman College Teaching Block
Christmas Cornucopia



Visitors Welcome – £2 voluntary donation

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MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The OCA Presentation Dinner was held on Friday 16 November, as winners of Division 2, members of the 1st XI attended this event to be presented with awards and the appropriate OCA Trophy. With the approach of the 2008 Season in mind, please remember that information regarding playing for Marcham CC (and other details relating to the Club) may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317).



This month’s historical item from Bill Pointer refers to a General Meeting which took place “out of season” in 1921. Thus, on 19th January 1921, Club members met and the following Rule was put forward: “Any Member swearing, using obscene language, or being intoxicated on the Ground shall be warned and if he still persists in disobeying the Rule shall be expelled from the Club.”

Perhaps involvement in the 1914-18 War led to the expansion of the vocabulary of some members of the population.

CSB

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

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ON THE BUSES

Bus Spotter is very pleased to be back on a cheerful note: from 9 December Stagecoach 31 becomes half-hourly Wantage to Oxford via Frilford, Marcham and Abingdon, hourly in the evenings and on Sundays, just a couple of gaps from Wantage in the afternoons while our bus goes off to serve Harwell.



Those awkward morning gaps in the week are filled: buses to Oxford at 08.48 (08.53 Sats) and 09.23, then 53 and 23 mins until the afternoon; buses to Wantage at 08.30 (not Sats), 09.00 and then half-hourly.

What an improvement - just what we’d been asking for. Hopefully timetables available soon - in the meantime there is one in the Marcham Post Office window.

Let’s use the revived 31!

BUS SPOTTER



MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS’ CLUB

Our last meeting was well attended once again and we had a very busy afternoon. After our usual preliminaries, we had a representative from Sobell House (Sandra Nash) who spoke about the services they offer. Then she and her husband had a musical quiz for us, guessing who the singers were from various records played. The winners were Mo, Marjorie, Peggy and Barbara who between them had 19 correct out of 20 and Sandra gave a prize to all four. Then there was a brisk sale of charity Christmas cards. After tea and biscuits a very large raffle was called by Margaret and Joyce.

There will be not meeting in December (your committee are taking a break). We will be back a January 31 2008 and this will be our New Year’s party. 12.30 – 4pm.

Happy Christmas to everyone – see you in the New Yr
JOYCE PARRY



MARCHAM EX-SERVICEMEN’S CLUB

Christmas Schedule

OAP Christmas Presents delivery on Saturday 15th
Club Christmas Draw on Saturday 22nd starting at 8.30pm
Boxing Day Lunchtime Entertainment by Danni 12 till 3pm
New Years Eve Entertainment by Billy John 8.30pm till late

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Dinner and Disco

To be held in The Four Pillars Abingdon on Sat January 26th.
Applications and Menus on display in the Club
Book early to avoid disappointment

SUNSHINE CLUB

Sadly we start with the sad news of Jean Revee having passed away after a long illness with cancer, which we are all very sorry to hear. She was a very nice person and had taken on being our treasurer but due to illness had to give up. She will be very much missed by so many, our thoughts go out to her family. A card of condolence was sent from the club to the family.

In Oct we had a special raffle which brought in a nice amount for the funds. Thanks to all who kindly gave. We shall be having a Christmas Tombola on 17 Dec which is the day club closes down till New Year 2008. We’ve had a few birthdays over this year and each had a card on their day, our eldest lady had her 97th birthday this month. We hop she enjoyed her day. We are having our Christmas Party on 6 Dec at The Crown and Thistle in Abingdon. Will report on this in next months’ newsletter. Will close for now and send our best wishes to all for a **Happy Christmas**.

JOY CROOK