

BROWNIES HAVE TALENT

The 22nd of October saw the one and only performance of 1st Marcham 'Brownies Have Talent' which was a roaring success with both the parents and girls alike! We had an excellent range of performances. The sixes worked together as a group to perform one act each. The Squirrels and Badgers did some acting, while the Foxes and Rabbits performed some self-choreographed dance routines. To make up the rest of the show some very brave and nervous girls got up either individually or with a brownie friend to complete the show. The variety in the performances was astounding, from poetry to stand up comedy and singing and dancing to karate and rhythmic gymnastics. It was a great night and we are very proud of all the girls.

The 1st Marcham Brownie Unit is going from strength to strength. Our programme of activities has been very varied; over the last year we have done many things, racing boats on the stream, kite making, cooking, as well as covering the hostess skills, agility, world cultures and science investigator interest badges.

Girl Guiding is a voluntary organisation and all the leaders give up their free time to plan, arrange and staff the programme. Of course, there's more to guiding than having a good time. Guiding is a game with a purpose. It provides opportunities for girls to be challenged by new experiences and achieve a sense of pride in accomplishment, thinking for themselves and making decisions both in a team and individually whilst hopefully developing life skills, self confidence and awareness.

If you would like to enquire about a place within our pack them please contact me, fionnadh@googlemail.com or see Julia Davies or Claire Wright around the village.

FIONADH CARROLL

MARCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

Marcham Bridge Club is a small friendly club of players from Marcham and the surrounding area meeting every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) to play duplicate bridge in the Board Room at Manor Farm. We have players of all levels and partners are picked out of a hat. The annual subscription is £5 and the table fee of £1 (which also covers a cup of coffee) is refunded if you were one of the winning pairs the previous week. We have one or two social events each year and this month is our annual tournament for the 'Con Powell Trophy' named after one of our founders.

New members of any ability are welcome – for more details please contact Inge Morgan (391339), Bob Hall (391626), Joe Featherstone (391426) or Donald Creasy (391398).

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

On a bright, crisp Autumn Morning in October, Pre-school (and friends!) could be seen 'waddling' around Marcham in their wellies followed by hot dogs, refreshments, facepainting and fun to raise money for our all weather canopy. Thank you to everyone who supported us, donated or contributed to our 'Welly Waddle'!

Christmas is fast approaching and we are very busy preparing for our Nativity and all the other Christmas activities!

We are now accepting applications for September 2009 starters so please contact us if you would like an application form or more information. 07749 245313 marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk



MARCHAM SAYS GOODBYE TO EDDIE AND PAMELA SHIRRAS

As many of you are already aware, Eddie and Pamela will be leaving us after 6 years on February 1st 2009. We are planning several events to celebrate their time here, including an early evening function on Friday 30th Jan and a farewell service on Sunday 1st Feb. Further details will be in next months edition of MADNews.

Eddie and Pamela have touched so many of our lives in different ways through encouragement, friendship and guiding us in our spiritual development.

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving present please send your donation to Eric Dunford (391439) - cheques made payable to Marcham PCC.
JAMES ALLAN AND RACHEL GAISFORD

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

Details of Fixtures for the 2009 O.C.A. Season will be given in due course.

Information relating to Marcham C.C. (including playing for, or umpiring on behalf of, the Club) may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317). **CSB**



MUM'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Every other Wednesday morning a group of Marcham Mums from All Saints church meet together for coffee, cake and bible study. We met in half term and with all the extra children it really was chaos (23 people in total – yes one is missing from the photo – who knows where he was?!) and like something out of a Joyce Grenfell sketch ("George don't hit Tommy over the head, etc"). Lots of amusement and even a little spiritual development was had! Any other Mums interested in coming along, please email Gig at: elizabeth.thomas@vila-maninga.org

ELIZABETH THOMAS

MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

At our October meeting we had a visit from Sandy Nash of Sobell House to talk to us about the charity and to sell Christmas cards and other Christmas items. The club has supported this charity for the past three years and members are very supportive. Sandy also brought along a couple of quizzes starting with pictures of stars of the past. How may did we remember? Not many in some cases. Then she played a collection of old songs and the question was who was the singer - how memory plays tricks! All enjoyed it and the winners all received a small prize. The meeting ended with a cup of Reg's special brew and biscuits and a large raffle ably handled by Dolly and Margaret. There will be no meeting in December and our New Year's Party will be on January 29th 2009. **JOYCE PARRY**

MARCHAM EX-SERVICEMENS CLUB

Christmas Timetable

OAP Presents will be delivered 20th / 21st December
Christmas Draw is held on the 20th December starting at 8.45pm

Boxing Day starting at 12pm - entertainment by Colin Shore
New Years Eve - entertainment by Heather Powell

Please come along and support the Club

OAP CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Forms will be available 1st December 2008 from the Club, Post Office and Wednesday Lunch. Any enquiries please contact the committee.