



Marcham WI December 2008

Christmas will soon be here and so to get us into the Christmas spirit we will be attending Oxford Town Hall for Oxfordshire WI Christmas songs with mince pies and punch. This will be led by our own Christine Whild conducting and introducing carols, poems and readings. This is a really good start to the festive season.

At our meeting this month we will be entertained by a local group "Vale Islanders" who will perform seventeenth century Elizabethan dances as well as acts and poems from the period. There will also be our usual bring and share buffet supper with wine as well as a bran tub and carols.

During November a very successful buffet lunch was held at a members house with a "pudding club" theme. After a light main course we enjoyed sampling many of the ten puddings on offer. The most popular was the steamed syrup pudding, closely followed by traditional bread and butter pudding - both with lashings of custard. It was an enjoyable way to raise funds for Marcham WI.

Happy Christmas to all Marcham WI members from the committee. We appreciate your support in the past year.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 18 December

Vale Islanders – 17thC dances, acts and poems

Christmas Buffet Supper

Denman College: Teaching Block

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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SUNSHINE CLUB

November

Pleased to say how nice it is to see so many of you at the meetings – we did have a spell when numbers were a bit on the low side. Realise illness and things come up we had a few birthdays this month, one lady who was 98 – a card was sent wishing her a happy day. Well done Alice. Best wishes to the other ladies also, hope they enjoyed their day. Cards were sent from the club.

We've had a new member join the club, and hope she is enjoying it. We have one lady who is in hospital at the moment – Sally. She used to help fold the raffle tickets with Vi – afraid she won't be coming back to club, but we all send our best wishes to her.

This month we had an extra outing to Evesham with lots of lovely food to choose from. Most people headed that way first after which it was a walk round the shops then a nice pot of tea with lovely cream cakes, then back to the coach for the raffle before starting for home. Luckily the weather stayed nice and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

We will be having our Christmas party on December 4 at the Crown and Thistle where we went last year, times will be given out nearer the date.

JOY CROOK

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

Thursday, 4 December

This winter walk will explore the woods on Wytham Hill by kind permission of the Conservator. We will meet for lunch at The White Hart in Wytham (Map Ref: SP 476086). We will meet at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the walk. The route of about 4 miles gives super views of Oxford and is mostly on metalled roads and tracks, but does involve the climb from the village to the top of the hill.

New walkers are very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.

QUIET CUBS

On Saturday 8th November the Cubs took part in their annual Sponsored Silence. This always takes place the day before Remembrance Day and on the Tuesday prior to this we discussed what Remembrance Day and the word Armistice meant. The cubs also drew and painted poppies and during the Sponsored Silence cut out the poppies and pasted them onto a green piece of cloth which was hung from the pulpit in church on Remembrance Day.

The Sponsorship money is always divided 50% to cub funds and 50% to a charity of our choice. We asked parents for suggestions to which charity they would like this to go, and a very appropriate one suggested was the "Hope for Heroes Charity". This suggestion will be put to the committee members, and if they agree, we will donate our money to them.

CHRISTMAS POST

The cubs have not done this for a couple of years, so this year we thought it would be nice to offer the service again. We have made post boxes covered in Christmas paper, and they will be placed in The Post Office, The Church, Duffield Place, and the School on Saturday December 6th. Any local Christmas Cards you wish to be delivered may be placed into these Boxes and they will be collected and delivered by the cubs, but with the help of parents, on Saturday 20th December. A small donation can be offered and placed into a small box attached to the post box.

The Cubs would like to take this opportunity in wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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(We didn't really have to gag them to be silent, they did it all on their own!)

Noël by **Sally Jones**

Nice and warm we sit
beside the fire,
Cracking nuts and
Drinking Beer.



Even steps upon
the snow, white
snowballs are good
to throw

'Oh' how good it feels
to know Santa has
been here.

Love and kindness,
joy and cheer,
We wish you all a

HAPPY NEW YEAR