

## Marcham WI December report



*Christmas spirits – see cover for full colour version!*

The annual Christmas concert in the packed Oxford town hall was a most enjoyable occasion. Interspersed with carols, when we were accompanied on the organ, were poems and sketches. Memorably, a young choral undergraduate performed songs from popular musicals. The 'package' included a drink and mince pie (home made of course!).

Festively adorned ladies and guests came to the Christmas party bearing plates of delicious finger food. The committee entertained the gathering light-heartedly followed by carols round the piano, each leaving with a small bran tub gift.

A few members went to Upper Heyford for a day demonstration of exotic Christmas wrapping ideas and also made a Christmas ring for their front door.

Several hardy souls manned a stall in Abingdon Market Place in December as a final event towards equipping the Oxford Children's Hospital. The £182 taken brought the grand total to £684 (raised by Marcham and Frilford St Peter's WIs). Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts.

### NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20 January, Denman College, 7.30pm

Kiwi Magic – Clive Jones

and travel tips from members

Guests and non-members welcome

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## MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

At our meeting in November, we all enjoyed a social afternoon, having our usual table top sale, and a nice tea put on by the committee. Thank you to all concerned for the hard work put in.

A few of our members will be going to see "Peter Pan" at the theatre on January 10th leaving Duffield Place at 1.00pm and our Christmas Party will be held on January 27th starting at 12 noon till 4pm. Please make a note in your new diary.

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Hubert Smith for their generous donation to the club, also to another member for their donation but who would like to remain anonymous. See you all in the New Year.

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## SUNSHINE CLUB

**December:** Our social this month. We had our Christmas sale with a tombola. A nice sale table – cakes – and Christmas cakes made by one of our committee, also handmade cards by Alice Campion. Refreshments, we had wine, fruit juice, tea with a mince pie. It was a very nice afternoon and enjoyed by all and did well for club funds.

Our thanks to all member for the nice things given, and those who brought, we could not have done this without your support. We will not be having a social afternoon in January.

Our Christmas party will be taking it's place, this will be on January 13th Thursday 2005 at the Lantern Restaurant, leaving Duffield Place 12.15pm, Post Office 12.20pm, returning around 3.30pm – notice will be put on the board.

We have one member leaving us to move nearer family, we wish them well and hope they will be very happy in their new home, a card has been given, from the club.

We have kindly been given a £10.00 donation, by one of our member who is unable to get over to club.

Our last meeting for this year 2004 was on 20th December and each member received a Tesco £5 gift voucher our thanks to all members for supporting the club weekly plus sales etc through the year, 2004. No birthdays this month.

Please note we shall be starting back to club on January 17th 2005, notice will be put up on board.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and now looking forward to the new year ahead. Trust it will be a healthy and "Happy New Year" for one and all.

**JOY CROOK**

## MARCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

The 'Con Powell Trophy' which is the prize for the winners of the annual knock-out tournament for pairs picked out of a hat, was won by Inge Morgan and Roger Holmes.

*See cover for colour picture of the winners.*

Membership is now at a record level and we usually play 5 tables each Monday evening. If you would like more information about joining us, ring Inge on 01865 391339.

## MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

Many readers will know of Marcham Cricket Club, others may not. Records indicate that cricket has been played in the village since the 1870s and show that the present Marcham Cricket Club came into being in 1906. Bill Pointer, a stalwart and long-serving member of the Club, is currently engaged in a formidable research project concerning the history of cricket in Marcham; we are indebted to him for retrieving historical details and look forward to seeing further results of his endeavours as they become available.

In the 2003 Season the Club, for the first time in its history, entered two teams rather than one in the programme of matches organised by the Oxford Cricket Association (O.C.A.). Each of these teams won its respective Division and achieved promotion. In the 2004 Season each team again achieved promotion.

Some readers may have noticed that the Field receives considerable maintenance throughout the year – not only in the playing season. In this connection it is notable that within the last few years the Club won the O.C.A. "most improved Ground" Award. As will be apparent the Club is active and energetic and this was underlined by the success of our Presentation Evening held in November.

With few exceptions, resulting from fixture constraints, there is usually a cricket match to be seen on the Field every Saturday afternoon from late April/early May until early September. We hope to supply more information relating to the forthcoming 2005 Season in due course. Please come to see us; spectators and prospective players are always welcome.

If you are interested in finding out more about Marcham Cricket Club please contact Terry Whittaker (391371), Graham Hill (391415) or Clive Bennett (391717).

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