

MARCHAM PLAYERS PRESENTS...

With Great Pleasure
Friday 27th January
7.30pm
The Board Room



Manor Farm, Marcham

Join us for an evening based on the Radio 4 programme. Come and enjoy individually chosen pieces read by members of Marcham Players. Refreshments provided.

If you have any suggestions for a future evening of readings, please ring Joey Maclean 01865 391242

The Marcham Players web-site is now available online
www.marchamplayers.co.uk

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

In late November the Club held its Presentation Evening for the 2005 Season; this was an enjoyable event which was well attended by players, umpires and spectators. Such an event serves to mark the passing of one playing season and naturally thoughts now turn to the next. In this context the OCA AGM has taken place and the fixtures for 2006 are already to hand; details of these fixtures will be made available in due course.



Readers requiring further information regarding the Club may contact Terry Whittaker (391317) or Graham Hill (391415).

CLIVE BENNETT

ON THE BUSES

Hopes of restoring Oxford / Cambridge train services seem to have faded and Stagecoach has acted to fill this gap by upgrading their X5 service between the two cities both in frequency and in the coaches used. It is now half hourly (hourly on Sundays) with the first departure at 0635 from Oxford (0845 Sundays) and coaches back from Cambridge until 1840 (1910 Sundays). Serving Bicester and Buckingham the X5 then makes mainline rail links at Milton Keynes, Bedford and Sandy before reaching Cambridge. Connections beyond to East Anglia include now, an hourly train service to Norwich. This is a good way to avoid cross-London journeys.



Goldrider tickets can be bought on the 31/X31 from Marcham - they cost £7 (£4 for seniors after 9am) - and take you wherever you want on the X5.

BUS SPOTTER

MARCHAM SOCIETY WALK

Midweek Walk, Thursday, January 5th

We will meet at The Plough Inn at East Hendred (Map Ref: SU458888), at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the 3½ mile walk, which will take us towards the Downs, across to West Hendred and back.

As always, new walkers are very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford 391439 for lifts & further details.

HOW TO BEAT THE BOGUS CALLER

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes, people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into people's homes. They are known as 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers', whose only aim is to get into homes to distract people and steal their money or valuables. You should always be aware when someone you don't know calls at the door.

Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the council, the police or gas/water/electricity companies. They can be convincing and persuasive. They may be men, women or even children. They may ask for a drink or water or to wash their hands. Some may be looking for a lost pet. In fact, people may use any story.

They often use 'props' like an identity card or wear overalls with a company logo. If you are expecting the caller, remember to check their identification very carefully.

And, if you are in any doubt, keep them out.

- LOCK:** Keep your front and back doors locked.
- STOP:** Before you answer, stop and think if you are expecting anyone.
- CHAIN:** If you have a door chain, use it.
- CHECK:** Check their details before you let them into your house.

If you think a bogus caller has called at your door, report it to the police immediately – dial 999. The earlier the police know that bogus callers are working in the area, the quicker they can investigate it.

Remember though, most callers to your home will be genuine.

PC BEN PEACH

Community Beat Officer

NATURE WATCH

Did you spot the mistake last month? COLD semolina needs to be made with HOT water (or left over milk), otherwise it won't swell up!



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**ABINGDON
DRAMA CLUB**

Abingdon Drama Club presents
The Prince and the Mermaid
a new pantomime
 by Eileen Bagshaw

13, 14, 19 20 and 21 January at 7.30pm
 and also matinees on
 14, 15 and 21 January at 2.30pm
 Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon

Tickets from Dawsons (formerly Modern Music) or Ticketline 01235 524538
 £6 (child and conc £5)

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<p><i>The Marcham Society</i></p>	<p>Ratty at risk? Catherine Shellswell from BBOWT will give us an insight into the life and habits of the water vole.</p>
<p><i>All Saints' Church</i> Tuesday 10th January 2006, 7.45pm</p>	<p>Non-members £1 Further details: Janey Cumber (391327) or Judith Fontaine (391275)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">www.marchamsociety.org.uk</p>