

## Marcham WI December 2005



A festive month which included many enjoyable events:

• **A Christmas Feast of Words and Music.**

750 people county-wide converged on Oxford Town Hall to sing carols, accompanied on the magnificent organ and listen to seasonal poems, monologues and Dylan Thomas stories delightfully read with Welsh accents by Jonty, 8, and Ian, 70+. Katie Hamilton provided the musical interlude, a very talented music scholar, she played three piano pieces and the audience was spellbound. The evening was once again compered and conducted so delightfully by Christine Whild who always manages to make it look easy.

• Several members joined a coach trip to **Bath Christmas Market** – in- and out-door. Apparently a great atmosphere and the narrow alleyways are beautifully decorated. On then to the American Museum at Claverton Down where the rooms depict life in the colonial era 1600s-1800s. There is a famous collection of quilts and the museum was decorated for the festive season.

• Finally, this year's **Christmas Party with a difference.** A magnificent traditional meal, (which was catastrophically calorific) with some Gallic touches, a red berry fruit terrine and after the carols, fresh figs and dates stuffed with marzipan and home made truffles (both beautifully presented *see picture*).

All prepared and served by our committee who were adorned with champagne-coloured furry antlers and seasonal pinnies (no, they weren't naked in-between!). A real opportunity to relax and enjoy good conversation and superb food without worrying about dropping a sausage roll on the carpet.

On behalf of the Marcham WI members a big **THANK YOU** to our innovative and hard-working committee who provide such a varied programme and stimulating evenings and outings.

Our thanks to **Denman College** and staff who provide us with excellent facilities in the cookery centre and main house. The foyer with its wonderful displays of crafts and photos of courses made a welcoming setting for drinks and canapés.

### NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 19 January

Denman College - Craft and Cookery Building

**Choosing the Right Plants to Give your Garden the WOW Factor**

Rachel Myers

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*Visitors most welcome*

*Watch our for Feb meeting, something different. Crumbs! I'm on the sub-committee, better put my thinking cap on.*

### FRILFORD ST PETER'S WI

There is no meeting in January.

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### MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

We had quite a lot going on at our November meeting, which was well attended, Joyce and Reg were back well refreshed after their holiday in Australia. Our tombola had some rally nice prizes on, with quite a few lucky winners, we did very well. There was a really nice doll to win, if you were lucky enough to choose here name, Lou (?) was that lucky person. Our members were given a really nice tea, thanks to the committee for **all** their hard work. The afternoon ended with our usual raffle. Next meeting will be the late Christmas party on **Jan 26th 2006 12.30om** start, see you then.

On behalf of **all** the committee I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year

*EDNA CADLE & BETTY REED*

### SUNSHINE CLUB

**November** Seems strange not writing about the socials anymore, so we'll start with our Monday meetings which pleased to say are going very well, nice to see so many turning up. Have had a few sale tables and some special raffles, both have brought in funds for the club, which is a great help with our high rise in the rent. Our thanks to one and all for your support.

We were all very sorry to hear of Mrs Nancy Brown's passing. She had been in hospital some time but she was always cheerful when visiting her. She was a very nice lady and enjoyed coming to the club of which she had been a member for many years, also a committee member, always willing to help where needed and take an interest in what was going on. A card of sympathy was sent to her family – our thoughts are with them at this time.

One of our members is moving away to pastures new before Christmas to be near her daughter. We wish her all the best and hope will soon be settled in. Pleased to say she will still be coming to club. Also another member moved away, not too far and will be continuing to come over to club – best wishes to her.

Our Christmas dinner which was held on 22nd November at The Lantern, Steventon. We had a lovely meal, all the tables looked very nice with Christmas decorations etc, everyone enjoyed the afternoon which ended with a very nice raffle. Our thanks to all who gave.

That's all the news for now, only to add Club restarts on January 9th 2006 at 2.30pm. We will also hold an AGM this month – watch the board for date.

Look forward to seeing you in Year 2006 – wishing Club and everybody a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

*JOY CROOK*



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
CHRISTIAN UNITY



CALLING ALL CHRISTIANS!

THERE WILL BE A TEA PARTY IN  
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH AT 4PM ON  
SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY.

DAVID WINTER, AUTHOR AND BROADCASTER,  
WILL SPEAK ON THE THEME "WHERE TWO OR  
THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME".

YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

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