



Marcham WI January 2008

Happy New Year to all our members. We have an interesting and exciting programme planned for this year, when we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary. Marcham WI was originally formed in 1922, but closed briefly in 1946, reforming in 19458, the same year as Denman College was opened.

At this month's meeting our speaker Adrian Thornton will be talking about the 12 National Parks in England and Wales eg Dartmoor, Exmoor, Lake District. The talk will be illustrated with slides.

During December some of us attended Oxford Town Hall, when Christine Whild, hosted the evening, leading WI ladies from all over Oxfordshire, singing carols and celebrating the coming of Christmas.

Our December Christmas party was much enjoyed by all – lots of sparkly outfits, a selection of drinks, a vast array of tasty food contributed by members, a bumper raffle and very enjoyable entertainment by Vale Voices. This local group who sang Christmas songs, recited funny poems and presented a mini panto Puss in Slippers, made our meeting festive and also funny.

We hope to see you all (old and new members) at this month's meeting to start our 2008 programme.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 17 January
Denman College Teaching Block
National Parks
Adrian Thornton

Visitors Welcome – £2 voluntary donation

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MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The AGM of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association was held recently; Graham Hill attended as the Club's representative.

Various matters were discussed, including aspects of the Association's Rules. Details of fixtures for the 2008 Season were made available at the AGM and it is intended that, as usual, information will be given regarding the Club's matches in due course.

Please remember that information concerning the Club, including details regarding becoming a playing member, may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317).

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ON THE BUSES

Good to have a plentiful supply of timetables for Stagecoach 31 (available from the Post Office) showing the vastly improved service through Marcham, especially in those previous gaps in the morning between 8 and 10. Watch out for a couple of journeys from Abingdon during the week that pick up at the War Memorial, not Stratton Way (0852 and 1724) and the afternoon gaps back from Wantage. Let's be sure to encourage each other to use Stagecoach 31 more.



More trains, too, stopping at Didcot Parkway to and from Paddington. Day Travelcards can be used in the week on 0919 and 0953 as well as 0929, filling a long gap until 1017, then 1029 and 1047.

BUS SPOTTER

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Midweek Walk, Thursday, January 3rd.

For this month's walk we will revisit the The Hatchet Inn in Childrey (Map Ref: SU 363874). This time we will go over the hill to Letcombe Regis and return along the Wilts and Berks canal where further restoration has been taking place near West Challow. We will meet at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the walk.

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

MARCHAM EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

New Years Eve Entertainment

by Billy John 8.30pm till late

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Dinner and Disco

To be held in The Four Pillars Abingdon on Sat January 26th. Applications and Menus on display in the Club
Book early to avoid disappointment

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On the Phone Link service, our trained volunteers phone housebound and isolated older people for a friendly chat once or twice a week, free of charge.



The Phone Link has given me something special to look forward to during the day

It is a lifeline.

I don't know what I would do without it.'

If you think you might benefit from the service, or you know someone else who would, please contact Alex at Age Concern Oxfordshire on 01235 849400.



The
**Marcham
Society**

John Taylor

The Life of the Glow Worm

All Saints' Church

Tuesday 8th January 2008, 7.45pm

January 2008

Non-members £1

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

Further details: Janey Cumber (391327) or Judith Fontaine (391275)