



## Marcham WI January 2009

Best wishes to all our members for a happy year in 2009. In our diamond jubilee year we have attracted many new members to Marcham WI and now in January, when annual subscriptions are due, is an excellent time to join. Visitors are welcome at all our meetings and it is not all "Jam and Jerusalem". Why not come along and see!

We were pleased to be invited to take part at Marcham School's Christmas Fayre and thank you to all who helped and contributed to our festive stall which raised money for the school and the WI.

The end of the year was celebrated with our Christmas party at Denman College and we enjoyed the entertainment by Vale Islanders as well as our tasty buffet supper, games and bumper raffle. On the 19<sup>th</sup>. December, 22 of us went to Denman College for sumptuous four course festive feast (Christmas Lunch) and a tour of the college's new buildings.

The Oxfordshire Federation of WIs is celebrating 90 years in 2009 and there will be additional activities. We are set for a very busy time ahead.

### Future Events

- Jan 23 Dairy Day, Kirtlington
- Feb 6 90th Anniversary celebrations at Christchurch Cathedral
- Feb 10 Aqua Exercise at White Horse Leisure Centre
- Feb 19 An afternoon in Japan
- Feb 2 / 16 Heritage lectures, Exeter Hall

### NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 15 January

*Secrets of the Honeymoon Suitcase*

**Valerie Threlfall**

*Also a Dutch Auction*

Denman College: Teaching Block

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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### MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

**Thursday, January 8th:** For this month's walk we will visit the remote village of Berrick Salome about two miles north of Benson. We will eat at the Home Sweet Home Inn (Map Ref SP628934) in Roke at 12.30pm for lunch, but start our walk from The Chequers Inn in Berrick (Map Ref; SP622944) at 1.30 for the walk of about 4 miles to the tiny village of Newington on the River Thames.

*Start the new year in good company*

*New walkers are very welcome. Members free, non-members £1.*

*Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.*

### MSSSC: Marcham Sports, Scouts & Social Club The pavilion & field off Morland Road

Below are our planned events for early 2009, please don't forget we are also open every Saturday after the home football match.

#### REGULAR BAR OPENING TIMES

Every Friday - 8pm to 11pm

Every Saturday - after Football or Cricket

#### JANUARY SOCIAL EVENTS

*Quiz Night* Fri 9th 8.30pm

*Real Ale (and wine?) night* Fri 30th (Last Fri every month)

#### FEBRUARY SOCIAL EVENTS

*Quiz Night* Fri 13th 8.30pm

*Real Ale night* Fri 27th (Last Fri every month)

*We look forward to seeing you at the club*

For more info contact Geoff Dix, secretary  
on 391577 or geoff.dix@hotmail.com

### SUNSHINE CLUB

We had our Christmas dinner at the Crown and Thistle in Abingdon – we had a lovely Christmas meal with all the trimmings, etc and everyone enjoyed it. Our thanks to Maureen and Wendy for organizing it for us and for the nice raffle prizes. Maureen went into hospital and has had her 2nd knee op, we wish here a speedy recovery. We only had one member with a birthday this month who reached 80! Cakes were given round with tea. During this break, we had readings from a book on senior moments which brought plenty of laughter. It was a good afternoon which was also our last for this year, until we re-start on January 5th 2009.

Just like to say thank you for all the things you have brought in for sales, tombola etc – it has been appreciated. We look forward to a good year in 09 with lots of members coming to meeting which helps the club work. Anyone wishing to join – just come along 2pm Mondays – you'll be welcome. Just before closing would like to wish club members and everyone a healthy and happy new year 09 and our thanks to the team who do such a good job of getting the newsletters out.

**JOY CROOK**

### IS YOUR PC GIVING YOU A HEADACHE?

Are you interested in belonging (FREE!) to a group who have computers and can help each other with the inevitable problems? There are five people currently helping each other – why not join in? Email david@frasersoft.net.



The  
Marcham  
Society

The Mediaeval Household  
*Elizabeth Gemmill*  
*Oxford historian from Kellogg College*

**All Saints' Church**

Tuesday 13th January 2009, 7.45pm

January 2009

Non-members £2

[www.marchamsociety.org.uk](http://www.marchamsociety.org.uk)

Further details: Sheila Dunford (391439) or Judith Fontaine (391275)