

MARCHAM PLAYERS

The Vicar of Dibley is coming to Marcham!

Look out in the September issue of MADNews for details of a visit on 16 September from Paul Mayhew-Archer (writer of The Vicar of Dibley) to talk about the programme. It will not be called 'An Evening with Paul Mayhew-Archer' after the confusion this caused when Marcham Players held a similar event with Colin Dexter!



Coming soon! The Marcham Players web-site.

If you have the technology & are a paid up member of The Marcham Players you will be able to sign up for theatre visits, and check out the date of the next play reading, and even if you are not you will be able to find out about our next performances! (Members without the technology will still be contacted by 'phone, snail mail or Deirdre mail!)

In the meantime if you are a paid up member, and would like to join the list for theatre trips, and don't think you are already on the list, please ring Joey Maclean on 391242.

We might have lost our home, but we have not shut up shop! Marcham Players will continue to put on performances, probably in the Church, hold play readings, usually at Manor Farm Boardroom, and go on theatre trips Oxford, Newbury, Winchester, London.... the world's our lobster!

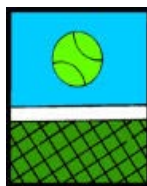
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MARCHAM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

More medals for tennis stars...

Beth Simmons (who was NOT selected for the Olympic trip to Melbourne) won the ladies singles, Ladies doubles with Alex and the mixed doubles at the National Deaf Championships in Gloucester on the half term bank holiday weekend. **FRAN SIMMONS**



If that has inspired you to take up a racquet, please join the association and make use of our own 'private Wimbledon'. Call me on 01865 391725 to arrange a time to renew your membership or join in time for the summer.

Fees are Junior £11.50, Adult £20, Family £42

Please remember to put the nets down during term time so that the school can use their playground. During holidays you can leave them up but on the last day before term, please put them away:

End of Term: 22 July. **Start of Term:** 5 Sept 2005.

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MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB



In common with many cricket matches scheduled for 21st May, both the 1st and 2nd X fixtures were not played due to b weather. At the time of writing the 1st XI is second in Division 2 and the 2nd XI is first in Division 7.

The 1st XI was successful of the Airey Cup and now to play Oxford Caribbean at Marcham on Sunday 3rd July. Unfortunately, the 2nd XI narrowly lost (by 2 runs) in the Osberton Cup. In the Wootton Sixes Marcham lost by the narrowest of margins in the semi-finals. The July and August OCA fixtures are as follows:

July 2nd	1st XI away to Horley
	2nd XI home to Kennington 2nd XI
July 9th	1st XI at home to Watlington
	2nd XI away to Shrivenham 2nd XI
July 16th	1st XI away to Eynsham
	2nd XI home to Combe 2nd XI
July 23rd	1st XI away to Faringdon
	2nd XI home to Marsh Gibbon 2nd XI
July 30th	1st XI no match
	2nd XI away to Horley 2nd X
Aug 6th	1st XI no match*
	2nd XI home to Wantage
Aug 13th	1st XI home to Marsh Gibbon
	2nd XI sway to Freeland 2nd
Aug 20th	1st XI away to Charlbury
	2nd XI away to Freeland 2nd XI
Aug 27th	1st XI away to Brill
	2nd XI home to Chalgrove
	* Chinnor withdrawn from league

Also, there are the following Sunday 'friendlies':

31 July Blenheim (away)

21 Aug J Bailey Memorial Match (this year at Sunningwell)

Please remember, as always, spectators are very welcome at the Club's matches.

The historical 'snippets' appearing below are based on reports in the *North Berks Herald*.

In a nine-a-side match played in July 1882 Marcham Boys scored 16 and 20 against Appleton Boys (58). A report of 12th July 1893 show that Marcham scored 50 in a match against Garford (25 and 23). It was noted that this match was played on Thursday 6th July and "resulted in favour of the Visitors by an innings and two runs".

A match was played in August 1880 between Radley Cricket Club and Marcham Workman's Cricket Club; the report or 21st August indicates that the scores were, respectively, 24 and 15 and 26 and 34. In a fixture of August 1896 between Abingdon and a Marcham Vicarage XI the Town won by 135 runs to 60.

Details relating to Marcham Cricket Club may be obtained, as usual, from Terry Whittaker (391317) or Graham Hill (391415).

Marcham has been involved with cricket for a long time it is sincerely to be hoped that it will continue to be so for many years to come.

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RED CROSS APPEAL 2005  **BritishRedCross**

This year's collection raised a very healthy £286.98 for this worthy cause, (slightly down on last year but an excellent response, nevertheless).

The Senior Red Cross Fundraiser for Oxfordshire sends his thanks to all those who contributed financially and to those who gave up their time knocking on doors etc.

My personal thanks go to those who helped me out again this year.

TONY B

MARCHAM GARDENING CLUB

Please contact Malcom Skinner for details of the club's meetings

07765 387275 which take place in Marcham Baptist Hall

Anyone is welcome to meet with us and there's no charge.

MALCOLM SKINNER

July 2005



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