



Marcham WI July / August 2008

Our speaker this month, Mary Bates, will tell us about all her travels and experiences in China and bring colourful examples of Chinese kites. Kite flying is a favourite pastime in China with people of all ages and Mary will demonstrate how to make a simple kite and the principles of flying them.

Our June meeting started with the loudest noise heard in Denman College for a long time. Abingdon's Town Crier, Tony Legge, entered ringing his bell and crying in rhyme that he was "Instructed to bring the best wishes of the Mayor and Town Council of Abingdon". He wore his full official regalia, which had been made by Jean Anns who is one of our members (see cover for photo). He then told us about his duties for the Mayor at official functions.

During June Marcham W.I. took part in a county quiz at Didcot and visited the New Theatre, Oxford, to see a new production of the Pirates of Penzance. Eight members had a most enjoyable day at Salisbury Cathedral and also visited the home of the Earl of Pembroke at Wilton. Wilton House has an excellent art collection and extensive landscape gardens.

There is no meeting in August, but we have arranged a visit to view the house and gardens at Friars' Court, Clanfield, followed by afternoon tea (details at meeting).

Future Events

- 1 July London Square Mile visit
- 30 July Life drawing classes
- 29 June London Diana Walk
- 12 Aug Garden Tour and Afternoon Tea at Friars Court, Clanfield
- 1 Sept Watercolour workshop for beginners
- 8 Sept Fantastic plastics lecture at RAL
- 18 Sept Open meeting - Bridge on the River Kwai
- 29 Sept Group meeting - Nell Gwynne

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 17 July

China and Kites

Denman College: Teaching Block

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MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, 3rd July.

The July walk will revisit the Perch and Pike Inn in South Stoke, near Goring (Map Ref: SU 599836). As well as walking part of the Thames Path, this time we will explore some of the open country on the slopes of the Chilterns. We will meet at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the walk of about 4½ miles.

Thursday August 7th.

The August walk will be another summer walk along the Thames, this time taking advantage of a recently re-opened local path from The Maybush Inn. We will meet at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the circular walk of about 4 miles

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

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

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The 1st and 2nd XIs presently occupy a mid-table position in their respective Divisions. One match which took place recently was a particularly entertaining affair; Shrivenham set a very creditable 238 for 3 and, at first, thing did not go well in Marcham's reply.



However, the 1st XI was initially successful – greatly helped by an impressive and speedy innings of 172 not out from Matt Launchbury.

Fixtures for July and August are as follows:

July	1st XI	2nd XI
5	Horley Home	no match
12	Letcombe Away	Kilkenny Home
19	Charlbury Home	E & W Hendred II Away
26	Westbury Home	Garsington II Away
August		
2	Minster Lovell Away	Westbury II Home
9	Great Horwood Home	Kennington II Away
16	Shrivenham Away	Hook Norton II Home
23	Oxford Caribbean Away	Sunningwell Home
30	Tetsworth Home	E Oxford III Away

Now, turning to the past: Jackson Oxford Journal of 14th July 1855 reports "The Steventon Club and Marcham Juniors played a Match at Marcham Park on Monday last, when Marcham were beaten in one innings. Score: Marcham 20 and 32; Steventon Club 60.

The Parties afterwards partook of an excellent supper at the White Hart, and a very pleasant evening was spent."

It appears that Marcham were more successful the next month as Jacksons Oxford Journal of 11th August 1855 records:

"A friendly game of cricket was played on Wednesday last, at Marcham Park, between the Abingdon and Marcham Clubs, when Marcham were victorious, in one innings and 25 runs to spare. Score: Abingdon 1st innings 46; 2nd 48; Total 94. Marcham 1st innings 119."

For information relating to the Marcham CC (including playing for, or umpiring on behalf of, the Club) may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whitaker (391317).

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MARCHAM PLAYERS

Exciting new venue for July production of Alan Ayckbourn's *Living Together!*

At 7.30pm on the 24th, 25th and 26th July

The Marcham Players will be presenting another of the Alan Ayckbourn's *The Norman Conquests* comedy trilogy in the **Garden of The Crown**.

Several years ago our last production in the Institute was one of the other two plays **Table Manners**. Three of the original cast are taking part again. Tickets costing £5 and £4 concessions for Thursday 24th, and £6 and £5 concessions for Friday 25th and Saturday 26th will be available from the Post Office from 14th July, or contact Joey Maclean (391242). We are very grateful to the new team at The Crown for supporting us - putting on a production in a marquee in a pub garden has many interesting aspects and will be an exciting challenge! Do come along and enjoy an evening of comedy by one of our most respected and entertaining playwrights.

If you would like information on our events or if you are interested in joining the Marcham Players as an actor, helping out backstage or with front house please get in touch with Joey Maclean (Secretary - 391242) or Dave Hutchinson (Chairman - 391964).

JOEY MACLEAN

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