

ORCHIDS

As with any pot plant, orchids need the right environment to thrive in, but unlike other pot plants, the different type of orchids need a multitude of differing environments.



The dying of any orchid can be depressing and extremely expensive in some cases, so I thought I would outline the usual areas which can be directly the cause of most orchids dying.

Strong sunlight can lead scorching heat behind glass, and contrary to popular belief, orchids don't need constantly high temperature. By all means, give your orchids some direct sun, but always steer clear of the mid-day sun.

Over-watering is often the cause of orchid death, follow the watering instructions that come with your plant, some orchids need very little water. So if your plant looks unwell, don't assume just because it is dry that it needs a good drenching of water.

Incorrect usage of fertilizers is also a problem. Never feed an orchid when it is not actually growing and again follow the feeding instructions that came with your specimen.

Sometimes the room you are growing your orchid in is too dry and still. Open a window occasionally to circulate fresh air and try and increase the humidity by putting a glass of water nearby that evaporates steadily into the atmosphere. Or perhaps regularly mist your plants with a hand sprayer to keep them moist. If you do open the window, avoid exposing your plant to cold draughts, as this is another no no as far as orchids are concerned.

Also, keep these precious plants away from the direct heat of radiators.

Finally, watering late at night is often disastrous, as leaves which are wet all night can often lead to fatal consequences. It is always best to water during the day.

Apart from this little lot, orchids are easy to grow!!!! Only joking. That's probably why I never have on reflection.

Happy Gardening,
STUART MABBUTT

FYFIELD FETE

14:00 Saturday 18th July, in the garden of Manor Farmhouse. Main entertainment will be provided by the "**Jubilee Brass Band**" and for the children "**Uncle Brian's Magic Show.**"

The stalls will include: Plants, crafts, White Elephant, Raffle, Books, Games and Quiz, Tombola, Silent Auction, Auction of Promises, Jewellery, Haberdashery, Homemade Cakes, Face Painting and Hair Braiding.

REFRESHMENTS: Tea, Coffee, Juices, Ice Creams, Cakes, and Cream Teas.

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On Friday 24th July, members are going to Basildon Park to see an open-air production of 'MOWGLI STORIES', performed by Illyria Theatre Co, who have adapted Rudyard Kipling's classic. Gates are open at 5:30pm. We intend to meet at 6:00pm take a picnic to share.



Tickets are £12.50. Requests by members to Joe, Secretary on 01865 391242 or Dave Hutchinson - Chairman on 01865 391964.

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Any enquiries about us will be willingly answered either by our Secretary, Joey, on 01865 391242 or, Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964.

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July / August 2009

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

OCA Fixtures for July and August are as follows:

July	1st XI	2nd XI
4	Westbury Away	E&W Hendred II Home
11	Charlbury Home	Risinghurst Away
18	Horley Away	E Oxford III Home
25	Freeland Home	Kilkenny Away
Aug		
1	Shrivenham Away	Uffington II Home
8	Oxford Caribbean Home	Kings Sutton II Away
15	E Oxford Away	—
22	Tetsworth Home	Hook Norton II Away
29	Great Horwood Away	Chadlington II Home

In addition to the above Fixtures, Marcham CC has been chosen as the venue for the Final of the Telegraph Cup on Sunday 23rd August.

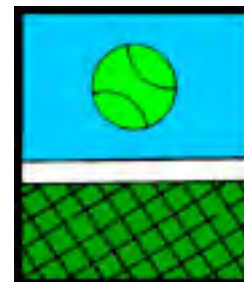


Information relating to Marcham CC (including playing for, or umpiring on behalf of the Club) may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317).

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MARCHAM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The tennis locks at the courts will be replaced on Sun 5 July. If you would like to join or renew your membership call Meriel on 01865 391725 to arrange a time.



Costs for 2009 - 2010 will be Family £44, Adult £22, Junior £14. Cheques payable to Marcham Parish Council, payment in cash also accepted.

KEY Exchanged free of charge if you bring back the old one or £4 deposit for a new one.

CRICKET

**You've played the game and you were good
With leather ball and bat of wood,
Husband of mine, explain to me
This game we're watching on T.V.
That man is in, or so you say,
But he's just come out, begun to play,
The ball's been caught, you say he's out,
He's just gone in, there is no doubt.
A maiden over? Seems to me
There's only men that I can see,
He's played a yorker? How is that?
No Yorkshire man has come to bat.
What's caught in the slips? Leg before?
What is a wide? — Isn't it a bore
That I am unable to read the score?
You don't play now, but all the same
You have been there, you've played the game.**



Doris Dowling