

MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

I am afraid this letter isn't going to be a very easy to write. We all send our deepest sympathy to Ivy McGrath's and Jack Wooloff's families in their very sad losses. Ivy a respected and lovely lady who will be sadly missed at our meetings, Jack who had lived in the village most of his life and went to Marcham School (Mill Road) with a lot of us. Our thoughts are with both Ivy's and Jack's families at this sad time. God Bless You All.

Will you excuse no club news this month, hopefully will make up for it next time.

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SUNSHINE CLUB

May: Our social table this month was anything and lots we did have. Thanks to all, we had a competition of number objects on a tray. This was won by Dolly Cox, a small prize was given. This was followed with a ham salad supper, always enjoyed by all. The evening ended with the raffle. Birthdays this month we had two members with special birthdays each were given a card and box of biscuits. We hope they had a nice time, we received a donation to the club. Our thanks have been sent on.

We are all rather sad at the loss of two members Faith and Ivy. Both were long standing members over many years and each gave of their time to the club, They will be very sadly missed. Will take a while for us to come to terms with these losses, our hearts go out to both families. Another member has also suffered a sad loss of her husband Jack Wooloff, who so many people in the village knew and liked very much. Our thoughts are with Marjorie his wife. Cards of condolence were sent to each family. We hope they gave a little comfort. Donations to cancer have been sent on the 18th of May, David and Julia celebrated ten years at the shop and post office. We all send our best wishes and thanks, with so many villages around having lost these amenities - the saying "if you don't use it you could lose it" so it's up to us all to support.

Here we are almost at the end of May and looking forward hopefully to a nice summer we have all been busy in our gardens tidying etc, plants waiting in greenhouses for that last frost, when they can come out and soon give us all those lovely colours we enjoy.

JOY CROOK

*Do all the good you can
to all the folk you can
in all the ways you can
as long as you can*

I found this in my mother's autograph book which she received on her 13th birthday in 1925. Grandmother had written it in beautiful neat handwriting, and lived up to her advice. When a tramp called at her door, Gran would ask him in to sit at the kitchen table. After bread and cheese and a cup of tea, he would be sent on his way with a large slice of her home-made cake.

I think it is lovely - a good, simple guide to daily living!

JOAN CARTER

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Don't forget
Senior Citizen's Menu available Monday - Saturday

FRILFORD ST PETER'S WI

Our next meeting will be on Friday 17 June at 2.00pm in Duffield Place.

Programme

The speaker will be Mrs Mais Appleton from the Associated Country Women of the World, which is the international version of WI.

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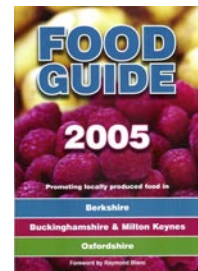


**Marcham WI
March report**



Our April talk was entertaining, educative and delicious! Why? Because Jane Bowler of Dews Meadow Farm, East Hanney, assisted by Suzanne Crafer of Marcham, laid on a range of organic, additive-free cold meats, sausage, goats cheese, bread, cake (including gluten-free), from various sources for us to taste.

We learned how economic survival forced Jane and her husband to seek new outlets for their pork and Farmers' Markets were born. There are now 16 in Oxfordshire alone. An excellent Food Guide promoting locally-produced is available via 01865 484116, email localfood@brookes.ac.uk or visit www.local-food.net. WI markets continue in Abingdon Fri 9.30-11.00, Roysse Room, Abbey Buildings, and Abingdon FM, 3rd Monday in the month, 8.30-1.00, Market Place. And now, in Marcham organic meat from the Cumbers Manor Farm Shop, Tues-Sat 10-1pm. Fresh asparagus in season.



In April Oxon's Fed of WI drew many to a day of demonstrations on 'speedy ideas using fresh local food' and wonderful flower arrangements at Didcot Civic centre. Earlier this month a coach took groups to The Whistler, Monet, Turner exhibits at the (old) Tate Britain, Millbank. Sculpture, many artists work from earlier centuries to modern artists including Tracey Emin were also on view. A small group of Oxford Operatic devotees went to see "Anything Goes" at the New Theatre, Oxford and deemed it one of their best productions.

This month we look forward to the talk by Joyce Cotterill on her 'teenage years in a Japanese internment camp'. Annual Resolution to go forward to the national WI AGM will be discussed. There will also be a plant stall.

Dates for diaries

Visit to BMW, Cowley: Mon 13 July, 7pm at plant
Tickets £3 Contact: May Giles Tel: 391867
Visit to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford: Wed 27 July pm
Walk along the Thames Path inc pub lunch: late Aug.
Further details in July MADNews.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 16th June
Summer Garden Party
Members and guests

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