



Marcham WI May 2006

Live wolves were the subject for the six-monthly area meeting held in the versatile Steventon VH. Under close supervision, and following instructions on approach, the audience were invited to stroke the two N American species. Their coats were thick and coarse, jaws large with impressive eye teeth with a **bite strength of 1500psi** – an Alsatian's is only 350.

Wolves have an unfortunate image, the last wild one in Britain was shot in Scotland in 1743. The N American wolf is being re-introduced in Yellowstone Park, America to reduce the coyote population. Other prey, depending on the country, include red deer, rabbits, beaver, elk and occasionally carcasses of domestic animals. They only kill when hungry, eat or store prey. Social creatures within their own packs, few are tolerant of or interested in humans unless reared as pups from 8 days old and kept in captivity.

The UK Wolf Conservation Trust (<http://ukwolf.org>) based in Reading which gave this excellent illustrated talk, are helping with education and research in Britain and European Governments unable to fund re-introduction.

The evening ended with Fitzharry's WI performing a humorous rhyming sketch loosely based on **Calendar Girls** accompanied by a cleverly reworded chorus of Jerusalem. Briefing meetings on the **Resolutions** for the National Federation AGM in Cardiff in June, have been held throughout the County. Topics this year were **renewable energy** technologies on new buildings and renovation; **sport for a healthy population** especially in schools and in the community for all citizens.

Details of May's speaker held over to June report.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 15 June

Summer Garden Party

Members and Guests

Display of Scrapbooks

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FRILFORD ST PETER'S WI

Friday 16 June Duffield Place, 2.00pm

Summer Lunch.

WYN HARMAN

SUNSHINE CLUB

April and May

Here I am with an update on our last two months. It's been nice to see good number of members coming along to the club. Has been a success now being in the afternoons, so makes a difference to the meetings. Over the last two months we have had a few small sales and special raffles which have helped to boost our funds. We would like to thank members for their support in bringing along contributions towards these. We have also had a few birthdays come and go over the last two months, hope they all enjoyed their day. Each received a card from the club and some have very kindly brought cakes in to have with our tea which has been appreciated and much enjoyed. We would like to thank the person who gave us a donation which was really generous, We've had one member who has very sadly had a loss with her husband's very recent death, a card of condolence was sent to her family, our thoughts are with her at this difficult time and the family.

It's been nice having some nice weather and sunshine, guess we've all been busy getting our gardens together after the winter months, buying and planting all the flowers etc ready to sit back and admire our handy work and take things easy. If only!

Will end with report on our first outing of the year, which was much enjoyed by all, which was to *Bourton on the Water*. It was very nice weather, kind not wet or windy, like we've been having, sun shone. Appears a lot of shopping was done, seeing all the bags arrive back on the coach. Plus plenty of cups of tea were partaken during the day! We shall be looking forward to another outing a little later on.

A raffle was held on the coach before returning home. Our thanks to all those who kindly gave towards, which made it a very nice one.

With no further news till we return to fill you in on June and July, trust you'll all enjoy your holidays or just being in the garden, having a few barbecues.

JOY CROOK

MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Our April meeting was a busy one once again. Not quite as well attended as previous owing to a few members being a little under the weather, we wish them well.

After the business part of the meeting was over we had a well-stocked bring and buy stall with Edna and Bet kept very busy on the selling side. This was followed by a 2 teamed quiz headed by Dolly and Joyce. Both teams did very well, it's surprising what one forgets or remembers in the later years and we had some very surprising answers. Well done everyone! We finished with the usual tea and biscuits and friendly chat.

Our June meeting will be **June 29 at 2.30pm.**

J PARRY

The Summer's Wedding

The bride is be-decked in the snow-white flowers
Of dainty filigree Queen Anne's lace,
Hawthorn and meadowsweet scent the air,
Chestnut candles, pink and white
Sway above in the summer breeze,
Buttercups strew the bridal path,
And the daisy opens wide her eye
To see the glorious panoply.

Choirs of chaffinch, blackbird and thrush
Fill the air with joyful sound,
Flights of swallows dip in salute,
And blossom petals softly fall
Upon the happy wedding scene.

And waiting for his summer bride,
Stands Autumn, mellow, russet-crowned
His gift of harvest gathered in;
With glowing face, in gentle voice
He promises fruitful days to come,
And fulfilment of the Summer's dream.

Doris Dowling

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