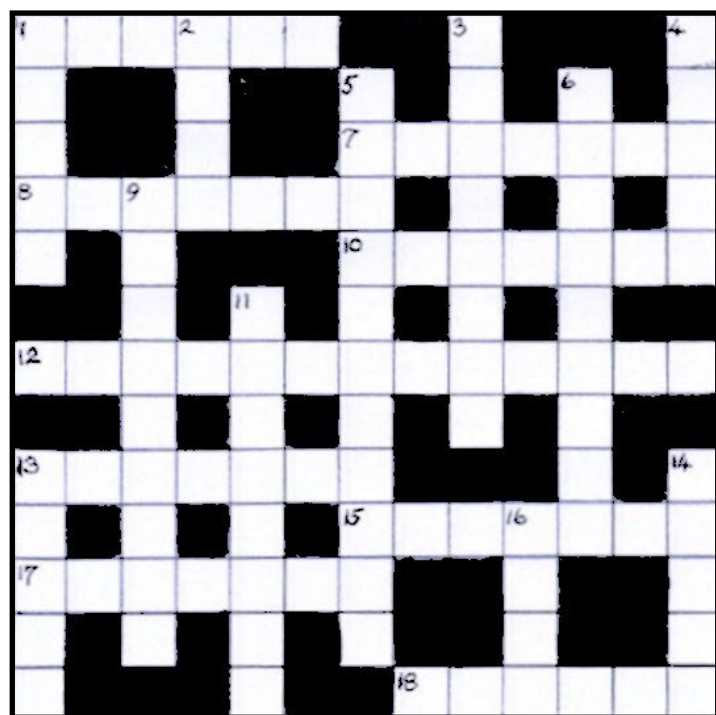


JUNE'S CROSSWORD BY ALISA



Across

- 1 & 14 Exotic vegetables (6,5)
- 7 Less blunt (7)
- 8 Shellfish (7)
- 10 Watch (7)
- 12 Happening at Bothy Vineyard (3,10)
- 13 Town with harbour (7)
- 15 Include (7)
- 17 Merchant of Venice (7)
- 18 & 5 Sports club in Marcham (6,11)

Down

- 1 American cattle farm (5)
- 2 Part of a bottle (4)
- 3 Position held by leader (8)
- 4 Animal (5)
- 5 See 18
- 6 Valuation (9)
- 9 Compares differences (9)
- 11 Explains (8)
- 13 Reptile (5)
- 14 See 1 across
- 16 Cooker (4)

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The 1st XI has won both of its first two O.C.A. League matches, but was not successful in the 1st Round of the Airey Cup. Rain prevented the 2nd XI match of 6th May from taking place. The 2nd XI was in what looked like a winning position in the fixture of 13th May, but unfortunately rain resulted in this match being abandoned.



O.C.A. fixtures for June are:

1st XI

- 10th Home to visitors Garsington
- 17th Away to Faringdon
- 24th Home to visitors Brill

2nd XI

- 3rd Away to Horley II (2nd Round, Osberton Cup)
- 17th Home to visitors West Ilsley II
- 24th Away to Coombe II

In addition, as one of the events planned to mark the Club's centenary this year, a 10-10 Tournament will be held at Marcham on 11th June. This event is scheduled to begin around 10.30 a.m. and is set to involve four teams; two of these teams will be representing Clubs that Marcham C.C. has played, from time-to-time, over the last 100 years.

Appropriately for the Club's centenary year, our Historian has kindly provided details of an item relating to 1906.

Thus, in the North Berks Herald of 30th June 1906, it is reported that in a match between Dry Sandford and Marcham, Dry Sandford scored 122 runs and Marcham 70.

This is the earliest record of a match involving the present Marcham

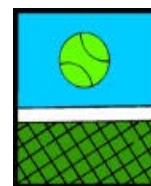
Cricket Club found so far.

As usual, please contact Terry Whittaker (391317) or Graham Hill (391415) if you require information relating to the Club.

CLIVE BENNETT

MARCHAM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Registrations took place on 6 May, if you didn't make it, please call Meriel on 391725 to arrange to pay and pick up a key. The cost this year are: Junior £13, Adult £21 Family £43 (key deposit £4). *Please bring your old key if you have one.*



PLEASE remember to put the nets back in the box when you have finished so that the school can use their playground. If juniors are playing, there should be a responsible (strong!) adult to assist them with the net posts as they are heavy.

JENNY & MERIEL

MARCHAM PLAYERS

Despite the loss of our spiritual home, The Institute, there are still plenty of events taking place within Marcham Players.

The play reading for April, *Accommodations*, a lighthearted comedy of American confusion was held on in the boardroom at Cumbers farm (Thanks again Will) on the 7th. It was highly successful, 12 people attended including 3 new faces. Susie Dalton of Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group gave a short introduction about the work of Oxford Drama Network (ODN), particularly the 'workshops' held to further the expertise of local theatre groups. They will be a great help to us!



May 5th was an evening *'With Great Pleasure'*. Selected poetry readings were performed by 6 volunteers and arranged by Christine Whild. A great success, the audience requested future events which we shall endeavour to provide.

A summer *'Musical Miscellany'* has a tentative date for July 7th. This is still subject to final confirmation but would be held in Marcham church. If you fancy 'stretching the vocals' and would like to participate, give Joey Maclean a call.

Wednesday 31st May, Marcham Players are holding their annual pilgrimage to The Globe Theatre London to see *'Titus Andronicus'*. (Plenty of action blood & gore!) Shakespeare isn't everyone's cup of tea but the venue, novelty, quality and sheer magnificence of a full evening's entertainment in London; and for only a fiver + travel cost is a must if only once. There are still have a few tickets left so if you're interested please call Joey Maclean.

With our transfer to the church for major productions we may find ourselves a little constrained for subject matter. As with TV, the theme of many plays revolves around sex, murder and other 'cutting edge' subjects not necessarily appropriate to our new venue. Acceptability is of course is down to the 'eye of the beholder' and how the people of Marcham see their church used. To support this, we are making a request for YOUR views as to what you'd like to see performed (specifically where possible). Hopefully, this way we can stage subjects acceptable to the majority and as a bonus, provide US with fresh ideas. After all you're the people watching and there's nothing like audience participation. Please pass on your views to any of the Marcham Players or phone: Dave Hutchinson or Joey Maclean.

Finally a subject that burdens virtually everyone, the minefield of **insurance**. Marcham Players are looking for friendly advice or guidance on the subject. If you feel you can offer such help, again please contact Dave Hutchinson or Joey Maclean.

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