

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The 2009 Season has been satisfactory so far with the 1st and 2nd XIs recording more wins than losses. In the Osberton Cup competition the 2nd XI is through to the 2nd round matches.



Remaining fixtures for June are as follows:

June	1st XI	2nd XI
16	Oxford Caribbean <i>Away</i>	Kings Sutton <i>Home</i>
13	East Oxford <i>Home</i>	Bye
20	Testsworth <i>Away</i>	Hook Norton 2nd XI <i>Home</i>
27	Great Horwood <i>Home</i>	Chadlington 2nd XI <i>Away</i>

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 PLAYERS

'Small Hotel' Play reading 15th April. This proved to be a successful evening with goo attendance. The play had an adequate number of characters to give everyone a chance to read, and plenty of humour to make for good entertainment.



'Bubbles' Saturday 9th May. This was a production by the touring company from the Watermill theatre in Newbury. We had booked tickets to see it at the Unicorn Theatre in Abingdon on 8th May, but due to lack of support, the company switched our booking to 9th May at Sunningwell village hall, which was a sell out! The play, a musical, centred around the mother (Bubbles) of a London suburban family. Father owned a scrap yard and operated on the shady side of the law, did a spell in prison, but died, not long after coming out. One of the two sons of the family carried on the business in the same fashion as his father, but becomes worried when his brother points out he is being watched by the police. At the same time Bubbles discovers she has Alzheimers disease and decides to end her life before she becomes a liability to her sons. The sons decide to turn their yard into a market garden. Three actors took the parts, father and son being played by one man. The plot does not sound as though it would be light hearted, but in fact there were lots of laughs, several pleasant songs and the acting was superb. The result was a very pleasant evening.

For the future programme we are planning a **visit to the Watermill Theatre** on Tuesday 23rd June to see 'Blithe Spirit' by Noel Coward, and on the Friday 24th July we shall go to **Basildon Park** to see 'Mowgli', we intend to take a picnic & arrive there about 6.00 pm. **JANET FRERE**

Requests for tickets by members or 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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DENMAN COLLEGE

On 20 April we celebrated the opening of the WI Cookery School. More than 50 guests attended the event in the college's Ferris Room, and the official opening was performed by Sarah Dawson, daughter of the NFWI Chair Barbara Gill who sadly died in 2005. Guests *June 2009*



were also treated to presentations by chocolatier Massimo Bishop-Scotti and tea expert Henrietta Lovell, and a wonderful afternoon tea prepared by WI Cookery School Manager, Pieter Germishuys. WI Cookery School courses are open to all - for more information contact the college on 01865 391991.

No sooner had our development work been completed at the start of April than a pair of mute swans appeared on our lake. There is some debate about when swans were last seen at the college, but it is somewhere between 10 and 20 years. Their return is being taken as a good omen: and they do look very much at home.

STEPHEN HACKETT, Principal

Marcham/Frilford Dig News 2009

This July will be (unbelievably) the ninth season for the dig in Trendles field on Manor Farm, Marcham. You can reach it on foot from Marcham village via public and Jubilee footpaths - the site is just off the A338 before it crosses the Ock on the road to Wantage, off the footpath that leads to and from the former Noah's Ark pub. Lots of you will have already visited the site where the University of Oxford is digging a Romano-British site, but we find out more each year about this religious centre so it's worth a return visit.

It's a remarkable site - don't miss the chance of seeing the history that's on your doorstep.

This year as before the public are welcome to visit (archaeologists are at work every day except Saturdays for the 4 weeks from Sunday 5 July) - but the best day to visit will be **NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY - SUNDAY 26 JULY - 10-4** - when there will be guided tours and other attractions. Many schools, societies and groups arrange to make separate day time or evening visits - please let me know if you are interested. You can read about the excavation in back issues of the Coral Rag - on sale at Cumbers Farm Shop. There is also a free Lottery-funded booklet available from me or at the site. The 'People's Trench' will be operative in 2009 - to give hands-on archaeological training and experience to local people - six days a week (Saturday is a rest day) - for the duration of the dig. We will welcome new volunteers - you don't need any special skills or strength: you will receive some basic training and be fully supervised at no cost to yourself! You can do as little as a day - but more is preferable! Please note that anyone under 16 must be accompanied.

'Pot washing' is on offer as well - those who do not want to dig all day can sit down and 'pot wash'. If you or someone you know might enjoy getting their hands on finds which have not seen the light of day for a couple of thousand years please let me know. These are the dates - Thursday 9, Thursday 16, Sunday 19, Tuesday 21, Thursday 23, Tuesday 28.

For further information please contact Janey Cumber on 01865-391327/391840 or by email janey.cumber@tiscali.co.uk. If you have already put your name down I will be in touch with you during June.

<p>WANTAGE SILVER BAND presents Wantage Youth Brass in association with The Imperial Male Voice Choir All Saints' Church, Marcham, SUNDAY 21 JUNE, 7.30pm. Tickets: £9 adult, £6 senior/student, £1 accompanied child from Wantage Museum, Grove Pharmacy or please tel. 01235 770378. For more details www.wantageband.org / www.imvc.org.uk.</p>
