

MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Out last meeting in January was the Christmas Party which was held over as wished by our members when put to a show of hands. It was a nice party with plenty to eat and drink, we would like to thank the committee and helpers too for all the hard work put in, also to everyone who came along – hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Mr Eric Hall entertained us on a keyboard and invited us to sing along, it was nice to see one couple having a dance. We had two raffles, one free where everyone had something, the other was a nicely dressed doll, chocolates and wine which had kindly been donated, Nelly had the first ticket drawn and chose the doll, on leaving everyone was given a packet of assorted chocolate bars. We are now looking forward to some nice weather and a few trips out.

Eric Russell is now back in Marcham Road Hospital recuperating after having a hip replacement, we wish him a speedy recovery, and hope it won't be too long before we see him back at our meetings.

The AGM will be next time we meet on Feb 24th, subs remain the same, £2 residents and £2.50 others. We shall be having a small table top, plus the usual raffle. Looking ahead to our March meeting on 31st March there will be a competition for the best decorated garden on a plate.

BR & EC

SUNSHINE CLUB

February: Social table this month was anything and lots we had, thanks to those who gave and those who brought, which helps the club funds. We shall be looking forward to the better weather and start thinking about outings which we all enjoy. Our entertainment, we had a quiz and a few winners – the three ladies from Sweetbriar, Joyce and Reg, Sally and Vi. Each had some chocolate bars. This month we had one lady with a special birthday, a box of biscuits and card from the club were given and we hope she enjoyed her day. One member is in hospital, Eric Russell had an op on his knee and as far as we now getting on nicely and card has been sent from the club. Our next social afternoon will be on Thursday 10th and NOT on the 3rd. Notice will be put up.

JOY CROOK

Marcham WI

February report



Well, what a surprise! Diligent MADNews readers would have expected a talk on the health benefits of eggs. Instead members were entertained by Christine Whild decorating empty egg shells! Fascinated, we watched her skill in creating beautiful designs in an array of colours using paint and felt-tips. Members then had fun creating their own decorated egg. Christine brought her extensive collection (which rivals Fabergé eggs) for us to enjoy. An amusing array of egg cups and cosies, some vintage, were displayed by members.

This month I went to a music appreciation session on Mendelssohn. Barry Collett, a retired music teacher and wonderful pianist and accompanist, has the ability to silence 190 WI women (and a scattering of men) by his wry observations on the lives of composers. Their lives were generally poverty stricken and short but prolific and the quality all the more amazing when every note was created in quill and ink by candlelight.

Barry described various stages and instruments in each piece of recorded music. It was bliss to listen (without any of the usual distractions at home) to powerful, romantic and evocative passages. I'm sure I wasn't the only person to nod off. I'm looking forward to two further 1½ hour sessions on Liszt and Chopin at Benson Village Hall in March. Great value at £11 for 3.

NB Barry also takes courses at Denman College. These are now open to non-members and both sexes. Contact Denman College on 01865 391991.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 17 March

Denman College: Craft and Cookery Building

“Co-incidences of Researching Family History” *Joe Emery*

Display: Item of family memorabilia

Guests and non-members (men & women of any age) welcome

We are a friendly group, just come along or ring a contact:

Contacts: Greta Goulding 01865 391592
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Thank you to all who who have supported our efforts.