

MARCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

Did you once enjoy a game of Bridge, but have not played for a number of years? Do you still play the occasional game, but would like to play more often? Are you just learning to play this exciting and absorbing game? If so, why not come along to Marcham Bridge Club on Monday evenings?

We are a friendly, cheerful bunch who meet to play in a cautiously competitive spirit. There are not too many of us, usually we have 3 or 4 tables. Nobody takes the competition too seriously, but we do try to improve our game as we go along – and many of us need to! The standard is variable, from raw beginners to quite experienced players. If you are a beginner some of us are prepared to help you learn the game 'out of school'. We don't have set partnerships, but usually work on a "mix n' match" approach. Players prefer it that way, and it contributes to the social enjoyment of the evening. We used to play rubber bridge most of the time, and still do occasionally, but mostly now we play duplicate. Don't worry if you have not played duplicate before – none of us had when we started! It's all quite straightforward.

If you feel you would like a game, why not come along on Monday evening? Our venue is the comfortable, warm Board Room at Manor Farm in Marcham, starting at 7.30pm, finishing around 10.30pm, (when a number of us repair to the local hostelry!). You don't need to bring a partner and parking is not a problem. There is an annual subscription of £5 plus £1 per evening, which includes coffee. If you would like more information ring Inge Morgan on 01865-391339. Hope to see you there.

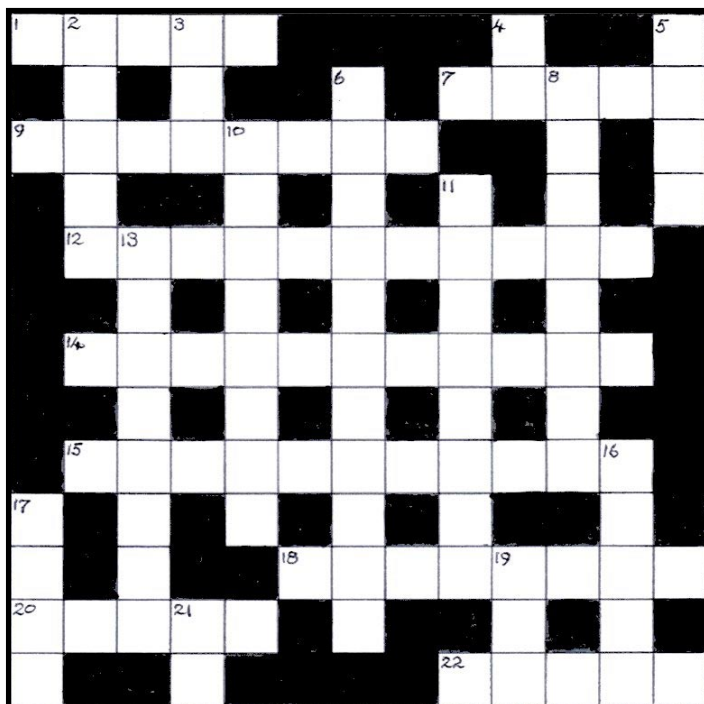
November Crossword by Alisa

ACROSS

- 1 Village near Wantage (5)
- 7 Animal (5)
- 9 Overrun (8)
- 12 Noticing (11)
- 14 Film for the 26th (6,5)
- 15 Bird (11)
- 18 See 21
- 20 Marcham close (5)
- 22 Steps in Priory Lane (5)

DOWN

- 2 Beagle (5)
- 3 Contend (3)
- 4 Depart (2)
- 5 Departed (4)
- 6 Boxer (11)
- 8 Not office (hours) (8)
- 10 Careful to avoid detection (8)
- 11 Power (8)
- 13 Insect houses (8)
- 16 Blackboard support (5)
- 17 Bread (4)
- 19 Not at home (3)
- 21 & 18 Free (2,3,5)



CHARITY CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR 2004

in aid of ROSY (Respite Nursing for Oxfordshire's Sick Youngsters) & CHILDREN with LEUKAEMIA
SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER



10am – 3pm

The Manor School,
 Faringdon Road, Shippon Nr Abingdon

- Refreshments • Children's Stalls & Activities •

Plenty of free parking

ADMISSION £2 CHILDREN FREE

ABINGDON DRAMA CLUB presents **PYGMALION** by George Bernard Shaw, at the **UNICORN THEATRE**, Medieval Abbey Buildings, Abingdon. Wed 17 November – Sat 20th at 7.30pm. Tickets: £6.50 (concessions £5.50) from Modern Music or from Ticketline 01235 524538.

Thursday 11th November 2004 at 7.30 pm.

CHIMNEY MEADOWS – ONE YEAR ON

An illustrated talk about the work done in the first year of ownership by BBOWT of this fabulous local nature reserve, by Lisa Lane, Project Officer, at Buckland Memorial Hall, Buckland. (Off A420, follow the brown information signs.) Free admission and parking, collection for BBOWT the Local Wildlife Trust. Followed by AGM of BBOWT Upper Thames Region. Contacts: K Warden 01235 764832, R Grigson 01865 390540



Are you tired of feeling like this every winter?

Flu occurs mainly during the winter months and is most commonly spread by respiratory droplets produced by coughing or sneezing. Although most people recover from flu within a fortnight, for some people it can be more serious and lead to complications such



as bronchitis and pneumonia which may require hospital treatment. In the most severe cases it can be life threatening. As well as being recommended for everybody over the age of 65, flu vaccination is also recommended for people over the age of six months with chronic respiratory disease, including asthma; diabetes mellitus; chronic heart disease; chronic renal disease and immunosuppression due to disease or treatment. For people in these high risk groups flu immunisation is free and available from their GP surgery. Further information about the flu and flu immunisation is available from www.immunisation.org.uk

PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORUM

Do you care about health? Would you like to see an improvement in health and healthcare in your local area? PPI Forums are made up of groups of volunteers in your local community who are enthusiastic about helping patients and members of the public influence the way that local healthcare is organised and delivered. Forum members come from a broad variety of backgrounds and have a range of experiences and skills. They are keen to work with all sectors of the community to find out what people really think about health and healthcare in the local area – and take action wherever necessary. If you have any concerns or issues that you would like to raise with a PPI Forum or if you are interested in attending one of their meetings in public, please contact: Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health Tel: 0845 1207111 Email: enquiries@cpih.org www.cpih.org

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