



Marcham WI October 2006

Much mirth from Marcham and District as hundreds of members and guests rolled helplessly as a mature **Pam Ayres** told stories and recited poems new and old including "I wish I'd looked after my teeth".

Two Blokes and a Piano was an excellent evening of old favourites – "The day the gasman cometh", "The 97 London omnibus", the Hippo song – a few of us were lucky enough to see Flanders and Swann in London in the 1960s.

Despite flooding locally we were luckier on our trip to **Wells Cathedral** and the **Bishop's Palace**. The sun popped out long enough between showers for a wander round the beautiful grounds with its ancient mulberry and walnut trees, walled walk overlooking the moat where the swans reportedly ring a bell to be fed. Inside the magnificent 12th C cathedral is a huge clock with lovely quarter chimes when knights on chargers hurtle around. I recommend the Cloisters Café for wholesome meals.

Our thanks to those who donated cakes and gifts and came to our President's house in support of the country-wide **Macmillan Nurses coffee morning**. This raised £116.

Clinical Holistic Aromatherapy was Jane Birchenhough's topic this month. She has worked as a forensic psychologist in prisons for many years. Further training as a therapeutic aromatherapist has enabled her to work with other groups including challenging long-term prisoners, pupils, teachers and parents using vaporised essential oils to help relax, unlock memories and get in touch with their feelings. Both projects are showing interesting, positive results.

Coming up:

Heritage Lecture: Thur **16 Nov** 7.30pm, Didcot Civic Hall "Christmas Traditions" Tickets 01869 331081

Thanksgiving Lunch: 23 Nov 12-2.30pm, Yarnton Village Hall. Bring and Share lunch £5.50 Tickets as above

Christmas Songs: 4 Dec 7.30pm Oxford Town Hall £6 (£7 non-members) Carols, monologues, poems, audience participation, mince pies, wine, sales tables – always an uplifting evening.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 16 November

Denman College – Craft and Cookery Building

RAG RUGS – Hooking and Prodding – Sue Crisp

Display: Unusual item from your sewing box

Contacts: Greta Goulding 01865 391592
Christine Whild 01865 391270

We welcomed 4 visitors, one from Cumbria, this month

READY, STEADY...

On Oct 3rd Marcham WI joined with Abingdon Country Markets to watch two shows of Ready, Steady Cook being recorded. These will be broadcast on Nov 1 and 15. *A good time was had by all!*

SUNSHINE CLUB

Here we are with a few lines this month, afraid we don't have much new to write each month. Start with an outing we had to the Windmill for lunch on September 29th which was much enjoyed by all, after which we had a nice ride round and had the raffle. In May we also had an outing to Bourton-on-the-Water and this was also a nice sunny day. Everyone did their own thing with plenty of "tea breaks"! and lots of shopping. So enjoyed with raffle to finish off. Unfortunately our chairlady was unable to join us, was not feeling too well. Over the last few months we have had a few special raffles, also a tombola, both brought in money for funds. We would like to thank members for their support in bringing things to help out etc. Another money raising we had, was lots of home-grown lovely runner beans which didn't take long to sell plus other home-grown veg. Our thanks to the Chairlady's husband. We would like to say many thanks to the person who kindly gave us a donation for our funds. We've had quite a few birthdays over the last few months and each has received a card. Alice Campion went into hospital for a few days little while ago, but has made a good recovery and not back at club. What is significant is that she will soon be coming up to her 96th birthday – well done. The next thing to come round will be Christmas with all that entails etc, but as always, we are ready!

I'll be back soon with our latest news and happening, Afraid am closing on a sad note, which is that Rose Himpson, who used to be a member of the club for several years, have been in hospital quite a while and become very ill and have to say, she passed away Saturday early hours. Our thoughts will be with the family at this sad time.

JOY CROOK

SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

At our meeting in September we had speaker, his topic was "Growing Up in Bampton". The stories he told us could just as well taken place in Marcham or any other village. Some were quite hilarious to and I'm sure brought back memories of days gone by for our senior citizens. We ended with our usual refreshments and friendly chat. Thanks to all who gave a hand at the meeting, as we were very short on the ground with committee members, owing to family pressures. Our November meeting will be on Nov 30th.

See you all there.

JOYCE PARRY

FRILFORD ST PETER'S WI

Friday 17 November Duffield Place, 2.00pm

The Oxford Hearing Centre Mr Tim Johnson

WYN HARMAN

MIDWEEK WALK THURSDAY NOV 9TH

This month's walk will start at The White Horse Inn, Laughton Hill, Stonesfield (Map Ref: SP 393175). We shall be walking along some of the nicest stretches of the valley of the River Evenlode and visiting the North Leigh Roman Villa. We will meet at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the walk of about 4 miles.

As always, new walkers are very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.



The
**Marcham
Society**

Annual Society Lecture

Christine Whild Christmas Customs

All Saints' Church

Tuesday 14th November 2006, 7.45pm

Non-members £1

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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