



Marcham WI November 2008

Autumn has arrived with the mist's and colours and at our last meeting we were fortunate to be able to use the new Ferris Room at Denman College which was a great privilege, our speaker Gillian Franklin was also very seasonal with her talk on apples, she gave us the history of the apple and bought along several varieties for us to try.

Since my last report on the happenings of Marcham WI we have had the Denman Diamond celebrations (60 years) with many of our members acting as stewards for the thousands of WI visitors from all over England and Wales. The six day event was a great success and gave many people in the village a chance to see the beautiful house and grounds as well as the opportunities available on our doorstep. Part of the musical entertainment was skilfully performed by Christine Whild in the newly refurbished sitting room. It was also interesting to see the newly finished Ferris room and accommodation building. At the end of September members attended a WI group meeting in Drayton, the speaker, Lesley Smith gave a stunning talk/performance as Nell Gwynne, the orange seller, actress and mistress of Charles II. She enacted the role in full costume and make-up with an accurate and witty account of her life in the 17th century. (See picture) During October visits were made to the Cider Museum in Hereford and the gardens at Stourhead in Wiltshire.

Future Events

- Nov 11th Pudding Club "Buffet Lunch"
- Nov 14th W I Quiz at Drayton
- Nov 20th American Thanksgiving 'Oxfordshire Style'
- Dec 2nd Christmas Songs – Oxford Town Hall

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 20 November

**Rivers, Flooding and the Environment
Jed Ramsey**

Denman College: Teaching Block

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

Contacts for: Sonia Edwards 01865 391442
more information Christine Whild 01865 391270

MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

At our last meeting we had quite a good attendance of members and a busy afternoon. A speaker from Age Concern came along to explain what help senior citizens could get from different sources if they needed it and that help is available to fill in forms etc. It proved very interesting and questions were asked and answered. Leaflets were also given out, I'm sure they were most useful. We then had two raffles, extra gifts having been given for us to raffle off and make extra contributions to funds. Many thanks to the people who gave the gifts it is greatly appreciated. Our next meeting will be on November 27th and this will be the last meeting of the year. Trust, we will see you there.. **JOYCE PARRY**

MARCHAM EX-SERVICEMENS CLUB OAP CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Forms will be available 1st December 2008 from the Club, Post Office and Wednesday Lunch. Any enquiries please contact the committee.
November 2008

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, 6 November

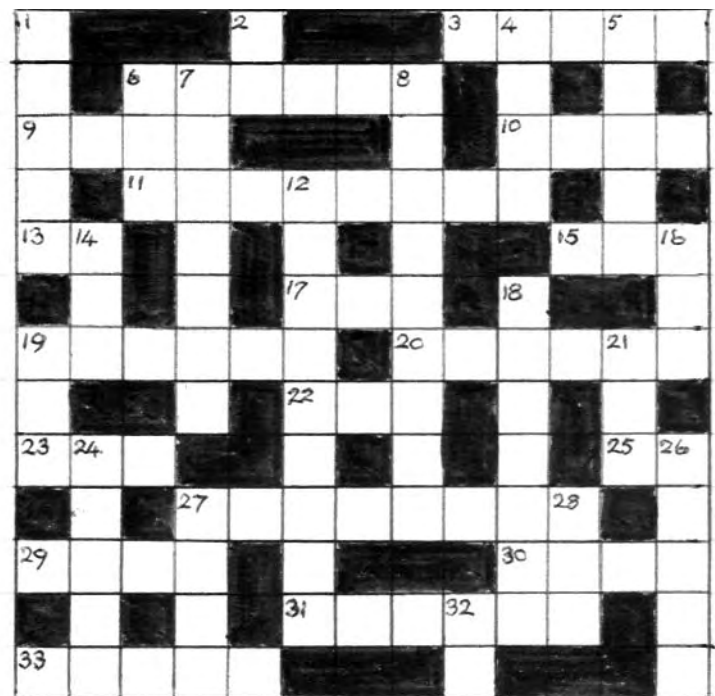
For this month's walk we will meet at The Blowing Stone Inn in Kingston Lisle (Map Ref: SU 327878), just off the B4507 west of Wantage, at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for the walk of about 4 miles just a glimpse of the Berks and Wilts Canal and a visit to the splendid medieval effigies in Sparsholt church

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

SUNSHINE CLUB

Oct: This month we had a Tombola, we would like to thank all those that brought things along. It was a really nice table which is always a help for Club funds. We will be having an outing in November for members, the cost of coaches has gone up like a lot of other things and we will be having a Christmas party - more on that later. We've had a few birthdays over the month and hope they all had an enjoyable day - each received a card. It won't be long before the early dark nights set in, throwing on an extra thermal or two this winter! Close for now, till next month

JOY CROOK



NOVEMBER CROSSWORD BY ALISA

ACROSS

- 3 Clean air (5)
- 6 Stress (6)
- 9 US president (4)
- 10 Standard required (4)
- 11 Affecting a big area (8)
- 13 When (2)
- 15 Throw (3)
- 17 Pull (3)
- 19 & 20 cleaners (6.6)
- 22 Animal (3)
- 23 Spinner (3)
- 25 Marcham organisation (2)
- 27 Animal (s)
- 29 Asterisk (4)
- 30 Cleaner (4)
- 31 Number (6)
- 33 TV programme (5)

DOWN

- 1 Shinbone (5)
- 2 Parish council (2)
- 4 Metal (4)
- 5 Street in Marcham (5)
- 6 Snake (3)
- 7 Kindness (7)
- 8 TV programme (9)
- 12 Cleaner (9)
- 14 Ocean (3)
- 16 Affirmative (3)
- 18 Versus (7)
- 19 Animal (3)
- 21 Rule (3)
- 24 Surpass (5)
- 26 Suggest (5)
- 27 Cupid (4)
- 28 Breed of dog (3)
- 32 Not any (2)