



Marcham WI November 2009

The season of mist and mellow fruitfulness is here once again and as usual the members of Marcham WI have been busy. We have enjoyed a walk around Dorchester on a beautiful day in October and the newly formed book club had its' first meeting. Two successful craft days have been held in member's homes for card making and needlework. We hope to repeat these again through the coming months. We have an entry for the Oxfordshire showcase this month at Benson and two teams are being entered for Drayton WI Quiz Evening.

Our meeting this month takes the form of a hairdressing demonstration with Mark Creed and his assistants from Philosophy Hairdressing. Mark specialises in hair colouring and is going to include some glamour tips for the festive season.

Plans are under way to decorate the main house for Denman College in December. There will be a Marcham WI stall again this year at the Marcham School Christmas Fair and we are looking forward to Christmas Songs in Oxford Town Hall led by Christine Whild.

Future Events

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| Nov 13th | Drayton WI Quiz Evening |
| Nov 25th | Malaysian Day at Weston on the Green Village Hall |
| Dec 1st | Winchester Christmas Market and Cathedral |
| Dec 7th | Christmas Songs, Oxford Town Hall |
| Dec 12th | Marcham School Christmas Fair |

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 19 November Open Meeting
Hairdressing by 'Philosophy'
Mark Creed and Assistants

Display of members items of 1950/60/70s hair styles
Denman College: Teaching Block

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, November 5th.

For this month's walk we will meet at The Lamb Inn in Mill Street, Wantage (Map Ref: SU397881) at 12.30 for lunch and 1.30 for the walk of about 4 miles. We will be exploring another section of the Wits and Berks Canal to East Challow and a stretch of the Letcombe Brook..

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

SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

We resumed our meeting in September after a summer break. To start the meeting we were entertained by Mr Tony Barrett playing on the keyboard. This had our feet tapping for a while, then a welcome cup of tea and biscuits and afterwards a large raffle was called. Notice was given of a lunch outing in early November and a Tombola at the November meeting. Any prizes for this will be most welcomed by any committee member. Thanks to all who helped at the meeting.

JOYCE PARRY

MARCHAM SOCIETY REPORT

I'm sure that those members of the Marcham Society who attended the October meeting were not expecting a talk which not only included identification of mushrooms and toadstools but also the uses to which fungi might be put. These ranged from infusions to boost the immune system to a substitute for chamois leather both from the same white bracket fungus that grows on birch trees. We were treated to a very amusing, informative evening, our speaker Pedro Collins telling us he regularly drinks infusions from fungi for his health and also eats a variety of species. He explained to us the best way of cooking, drying and pickling fungi and also some of the side effects that certain species cause, having once tried 'magic mushrooms' he told us it was not an experience he wished to repeat. Pedro has agreed to take us on a fungus foray next autumn if it can be arranged and hopes it will be a better season as the recent dry spell has meant that there have been far fewer specimens around this year.

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MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

The work of applying loam and seed to the cricket square was completed last month. It is work such as maintenance of the square, together with other aspects of the Club's ongoing programme of maintenance, the leads to the provision of cricketing facilities of sound quality at Marcham.



In this context it may be noted that Marcham CC was chosen as the venue for the 2009 OCA Telegraph Cup Final.

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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ED VAIZEY WRITES...

I will be attending the Remembrance Day Parades at Wallingford and Didcot on Remembrance Sunday this year. It is always a very moving occasion, and most people have noted that the crowds swell each year. This is not surprising given the prominence that the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq have taken. But it is nonetheless very welcome.



As the MP for Wantage I am conscious of the huge contribution local people are making to the conflicts. Although RAF Benson is not in the constituency it is on the doorstep, and many of its personnel live in Wallingford and Cholsey. Like the Rifles, RAF Benson enjoys the freedom of the town. *Continued on next page*



The
Marcham
Society

Gary Locke

will be revealing what was found in the 2009 season of
The Dig at Noah's Ark

All Saints' Church Tuesday 10th November 2009, 7.45pm

Next meeting 14th January 2010
Gig Thomas: *Miracles & Disasters:*
The story of Vila Maninga

Non-members £2

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

Further details: Sheila Dunford (391439) or Judith Fontaine (391275)