

**WARTIME MEMORIES**

Do you have memories of the war years? Did your family host evacuees or were you evacuated to Marcham? Perhaps you remember the bombs falling in and around the village? If so, The Marcham Society would like to hear from you so your memories can be recorded, and some may be published in a future edition of The Marcham Society booklet, Coral Rag. The 2004 edition of Coral Rag is now available in Marcham Post Office priced at £3.50, and also from committee members. Please contact Marion Pointer on 01865-391679 with details about your Wartime memories or for further information about supplies of Coral Rag.

**MARCHAM SOCIETY WALK**

**Tuesday October 5th.** For our next walk we will be exploring the lovely valley of the River Windrush around Swinbrook and Asthall. We will meet at The Swan in Swinbrook (Map Ref: SP 283118) at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the 4 mile walk. New walkers are always very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details.

**MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**

Our last meeting in August was an informal sit and chat, we welcomed two new members, Beryl and Bernard Higgins, we hope they will enjoy some nice afternoons with us.

Joyce gave us one of her wordsearch puzzles to do, the first few to finish with correct answers received a choc bar.

Our annual trip to the sea which this year was Bournemouth as voted for by members, once again was a beautiful sunny day, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, a good raffle was held on the coach.

We have had several members with birthdays over the last two months, a lot of **special** ones (aren't they **all** special at our age?!). Congratulations to Edna and Sid Wright, Doris McKay and Bernhard Higgins, our new member, who all reached another milestone in their lives. Hope they all enjoyed their day.

See you all at our next meetings 30th September and 28 October at 2.30pm

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**SUNSHINE CLUB**

Our social table this month was cakes, tins, jars etc and a lot we had, which didn't take long to clear. Thanks to those who gave and also brought. The social part we had a quiz which was enjoyed by all. 1st were Sally and Vi, 2nd ladies from Sweetbriar this was followed by a ham salad supper, always a favourite with the members. Evening ended with the raffle. We were sorry to hear Lou was in hospital a get well card from club was given, she is now out and on the mend and home with flowers to cheer her up from club. We had three ladies with birthdays this month, one of these was a special and received a tin of biscuits, all had cards. Trust they enjoyed their day. Owing to the evenings now getting darker early, it has been decided to change meetings to afternoon, so Monday's and socials will be starting this on Monday 13th starting time 2.30pm for both. We are sorry that this means we shall lose a few unable to come afternoons, sorry about that.

*JOY CROOK*



# Marcham WI

20 members visiting Evesham on a fine August day! Included a tour of 17th century almonry museum featuring archaeological remains, battle uniforms and records, social history memorabilia, some aural, and farming implements. Followed by a boat trip down the river on "Handsom Too", accompanied by a flotilla of swans giving an opportunity to peek at picturesque riverside gardens and landscaped mobile home sites. The previous day, gale force winds and torrential rain would have reduced even the hardiest calendar girl to a drowned rat. The day was rounded off with a delicious, authentic cream tea at "Word of Mouth" café to which Marcham WI gave their seal of approval.

August also saw a £2 bargain when seven WIs in the area organised a group meeting clubbing together to get an A1 speaker. Colin Dexter (of Morse books fame) humorously revealed the personal encounters which have been woven into his plots. Members in pairs brought along a plate of goodies towards a spontaneous supper.

September's speaker, Dorothy Wise, talked of her research into "William" (not "Just William" Brown!) whose initials and 19th century date were carved on a farmhouse in Clanfield where she lived in the 1960s. William, a butler, who had a keen eye and memory, recorded in his diary some daily events he observed in an aristocratic London household where he worked for 18 years. First published in the 1970s it contains fascinating insights to social life and the employee's lot in the mid-late 1800s.

Talk followed by cheese and wine and admiring delightful "flower arrangements in a small cup" brought along by seven members.

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 21 October 2004, Denman College, 7.30pm

"The Ashmolean Museum" – Alice Foster

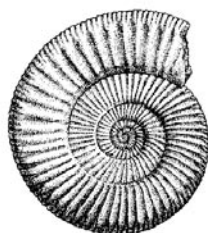
Competition: Bring along a "treasure"

This is an Open Meeting – spouses, partners, friends neighbours, daughters and sons – all very welcome.

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**WI PS**

Don't worry we sang Jerusalem in September, it's a very occasional experience. October's refreshments: tea/coffee and biscuits, sorry no jam!



The  
**Marcham  
Society**

Nick Hance will be explaining  
what happened at the Harwell site  
from 1900 to 1948

Non-members £1

**All Saints' Church**  
Tuesday October 19th 2004, 7.45pm

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