

MARCHAM PLAYERS

3 One-Act Plays in All Saints' Church, on Friday 8th and Sat 9th December, commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets as usual from The Post Office, or at the church door.



Open Secrets *One of the customers of a small tapas bar leads the waitress and the chef into temptation...*
What Brutes Men Are *Two women meet in an hotel bar and discover they have quite a lot in common...*

What Shall We Do With The Body? *A lady crime writer and her secretary keep secrets from each other...*

Before Christmas we hope to do another **With Great Pleasure**, a personal choice of readings. We have booked our Christmas Dinner at The Crown, on Friday 15th December.

If you would like information on our events or if you are interested in joining the Marcham Players as an actor, helping out backstage or with front house please get in touch with Joey Maclean (Secretary – 391242) or Dave Hutchinson (Chairman – 391964).

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION

**Thursday 12 October 2006
4pm – 8pm**

at the

**Sports, Scouts & Social Club
on the Anson Field**

The Anson Trust, the charitable organisation established to provide facilities and amenities for the people of Marcham, is working on proposals to provide a new community hall and sports pitches for the village. We would like to invite everyone to attend a public exhibition to view the plans and ask questions of the team.

For more information, please call Samantha Donaldson on 020 73576606 or email samantha@localdialogue.com

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing, there is one OCA fixture each to be played by the 1st and 2nd XIs. Despite a good performance in Division 2 the 1st XI is now unlikely to gain promotion due to recent losses. The 2nd XI has recovered from the set-back of cancellations and abandonments caused by bad weather in May and is currently third in Division 7.



This month's historical note is taken from a report relating to a Committee Meeting held in 1913.

"A committee Meeting was held on October 2nd to consider the best course to take with regard to keeping cattle off the cricket pitch. Mr Harpham proposed that the simplest way out of the difficulty would be for the Club to rent the field providing we get a right-of-way to it and the Secretary was instructed to see Miss Anson on the subject."

CLIVE BENNETT

TIMELY VISIT

In September Ben Webster (transport correspondent) and Gill Allen (photographer) of The Times visited Marcham to interview residents about 'the bypass' and to see the bends for themselves. Ben wrote two articles which were published on 11 September:

Broken promises leave dozens of towns in queue for a bypass and

Villagers see no sign of relief after 27 years of close scrapes

There are links to the TimesOnline from MADNews website and you can see Gill and Ben in action on the cover this month.

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**PACKHORSE LANE
ACTION GROUP FOR SAFETY**



A PUBLIC MEETING to discuss Newbridge and the A415 will be held in Standlake Village Hall on TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2006 at 8.00pm. Cllr David Robertson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transport, Oxfordshire County Council will be a guest. All are welcome.

Come and air your views on the A415 and how it affects

YOU!

On behalf of PLAGS

SALLY TIMBERLAKE

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Greedy Man

Has the world gone crazy
Has the world gone mad
Take a look around you
Oh yes, I'm sure it has.

Man must have the biggest aircraft
He must have the largest ship
He wants the tallest building
But who will put the top on it.

No problem there I can assure you
I have written and asked the lord
If he had any staff up there
Hanging around just bored

He contacted me by angel
And said he did have just twelve
But after checking all their records
He put four back on the shelf.

One of them is called Peter
Who is really one of the best
But he has this funny habit
Of saying NO when he means YES.

I have another good soul called Thomas
Who is somewhere round about
But I just could not let you have him
Because he is always in so much doubt.

I did have a man called St John
A very good man it's said
He would have been just the man for you
But he went and lost his head.

I have a man called Judas
But him I could not send
He will do anything for silver
Even betray his very best friend.

I gave you all the world to live in
Containing everything you need
But still you clamour for more and more
To feed your every increasing greed.

You have polluted all the waters
You have destroyed millions of trees
Slaughtering all the wild life
Just to satisfy your greed.

Don't bother with your large aircraft
Forget about your big ship
Has it not occurred to you
That we are all on a one-way trip

As goods increase so do those that consume them
Ecclesiastes 5-11

Maurice Shepherd