

**MARCHAM PLAYERS**

**Summer Miscellany 7 July**

Under the tireless and cheerful direction of Christine Wild, what a glorious musical evening we had! For the first half of the programme we were entertained by the Marcham Players choir who gave an energetic and tuneful rendering of a wide variety of toe-tapping songs and romantic ballads. Readings were given at intervals by Katriona Jones and Will Cumber. Following refreshments at the main interval it was the turn of the audience, with the aid of song sheets, to join in the singing. The lively entertainment concluded with 'Land of Hope and Glory', the verses being beautifully sung by Tina Hill. Waving our Union Flags, we all sang the chorus with great enthusiasm, raising our spirits and probably the church roof! An uplifting end to a successful evening



**ALICE DOWLING**

**The Edinburgh Festival Fringe**

This year four members of the Marcham Players travelled to Edinburgh to attend a number of productions staged for the Festival Fringe. The highlight of the trip was seeing Marcham's own **Max Hutchinson** taking a lead role as Lucky Eric in an updated version of John Godber's classic "Bouncers". Max earned particular critical acclaim for his three monologues in what was a very well received production. The Marcham Players would like to congratulate Max, who cut his acting teeth on the boards of the old Institute stage, as well as wishing him all the best as he goes onto his next role with the National Youth Theatre in London.

**Forthcoming Attractions:**

**Play Reading** – Tuesday 26th September, 19:30 at Manor Farm. Another opportunity to read a play just for fun. The Marcham Players are holding their next play reading evening and would like to invite all those interested (members and non-members) to come along and take a part.

**Autumn/Winter Production** – Fri 9th to Sat 10th December.

This December the Marcham Players will be staging an evening of three one act plays in the Church. Please save a space in your diary and lookout for more details in the next issue.

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 don't hesitate to get in touch with Joey Maclean (Secretary – 391242), Dave Hutchinson (Chairman – 391964) or myself (01235 539835).

**CHRIS SMITH**

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**SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB**

Our June meeting began with a 'mental contest' trying to guess whose picture was who from 26 photographs of members in their younger days. It was quite a task, with many a puzzled face peering around the room and asking "is this you?" and getting no direct reply. At least it got everyone knowing everyone's first name. A Nellie and Muriel combination won, guessing 14 faces each receiving a small prize. As this took up most of the afternoon, we finished with our usual refreshments and a large raffle.

July 4th we had an outing to Stoke Row where the WI provided a lovely tea which all enjoyed. It was a very hot day but with the air conditioned coach, we seemed to have chosen the right day to be able to cool down in comfort. We visited the Maharajah's Well which is a very imposing oriental structure which was presented to Stoke Row by an Indian Rajah in the 1800s when they had a big drought. Very apt that we should visit, during another big water shortage!

**J PARRY**  
September 2006

**MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB**

The annual Jez Bailey Memorial Match against Sunningwell CC. was played at Marcham this year and, after a good humoured game, resulted in a win for the home side.



The Centenary Year "get-together" began after the Memorial Match and this also transpired to be a very enjoyable event. It was attended by many associated with the Club over the years and it was particularly pleasing that senior ex-players and spectators were able to join the gathering and share their memories. Recollections of the past were also prompted by an array of Club documents and photographs displayed for the occasion. Many thanks are due to all those involved in organising these events. Regarding O.C.A. matters, the 1st XI is currently leading Division 2. The 2nd XI had an unfortunate start to the Season with opportunities to earn League points being severely hampered by matches lost to bad weather. Presently the 2nd XI is "middle order" in the Division 7 table.

O.C.A. Fixtures for September are:

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	1st XI	2nd XI
<b>September</b>		
2nd	Watlington (Home)	Horley II (Away)
9th	Broughton (Away)	Westbury II (Home)
16th	Brill (Away)	Kings Sutton II (Away)

That concludes the O.C.A. League fixtures for this Season.

However, as readers will no doubt be aware, this heralds the beginning of square and other maintenance work necessary to provide good facilities for the 2007 Season. As always, information regarding the Club is available from Terry Whittaker (391317) or Graham Hill (391415).

Our Historian has kindly supplied an item relating to September 1893. Thus, it was reported in the North Berks Herald that in a match against Radley College Servants, the Visitors scored 37 and 76; Marcham managed 51 and 32. Further, it was recorded that: "After the Match a Dinner was served by Mr Harris at The White Hart and an enjoyable evening was spent".

**CLIVE BENNETT**

**ON THE BUSES**

'Witney Gateway' is not what first comes to mind when you see Thames Travel X15 trundling along Frilford Road every hour. But Witney gives connections to buses to a variety of other places which we will feature in the coming months.



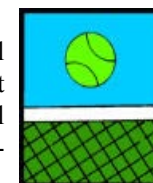
Cheltenham is just an hour from Witney Market Place by Swanbrook's service 853. Catch the X15 at 08.08 (08.13 on Saturday) to Witney with time for a quick coffee before getting Swanbrook's 09.30 to enjoy Cheltenham's shops, fine Regency terraces and the Promenade. Returning from Cheltenham at 16.00 allows a quick connection onto the 17.10 X15 during the week - on Saturdays the connection is at 17.55.

Burford, Charlbury and Chipping Norton will be our future destinations through the 'Witney Gateway'.

**BUS SPOTTER**

**MARCHAM TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

The summer season may be over but winter is still a great time to play tennis! The nets need to be put away after you have finished playing once school starts again on 5 Sept. New members welcome - call Meriel on 01865 391725 for more details.



**JENNY & MERIEL**