



Marcham WI Summer 2007

Our **Sept meeting** is traditionally "Open" – so anyone is welcome to come along and join us for **wine and cheese** following the talk by Michael Hodges on his **metal detecting finds**, ancient and modern.

The **garden party** was driven under cover by the wet June but Denman made room for us. With a garden umbrella strategically balanced over bright table cloths we had an indoor feast of Sonia's quiches, salads and strawberries.

Dorothy gave an amusing account of the visit to the **national AGM**. London tourists, and the traffic came to a halt as thousands of WI ladies crossed over to eat their lunch beneath the splendidly restored Albert Memorial. Nola spoke of her fascinating **course at Denman on Hieroglyphics**. It transpired the Egyptians were the first to invent **texting** but in diagrammatic form.

Two members enjoyed a **WI (Tappins) Coach Holiday** to Western Eire. Very beautiful and less damp than England. Sadly, some members' homes were flooded in July when **Denman Lake burst its bank** for the first time in 39 years (see cover).

Lunch and talk by Lars Tharp (Antiques Roadshow) in Oxford was an enjoyable event. We look forward to an **Evening with Ben Fogle** in September. Also a day trip to **Tewkesbury Abbey and Beckford Silk Workshop**.

Marcham WI organised a coach trip to the **Bank of England Museum and Guildhall** in Aug and were blessed with sunshine. Another delightful summer event was held in our president's garden **flower arranging**.

Some Facts:

Marcham evening WI has just enrolled its 51st member. Oxon has 146 WIs with 4,500 members. We now have an informative and entertaining Oxon magazine 'News and Views' and a new national magazine 'WI Life'. Both are included in the membership fee. (Back copies are available for visitors at our meetings.)

Campaigns: In support of the WI's drive to cut down on supermarket packaging and reduce landfill, Marcham WI are taking their plastic margarine tubs, yogurt pots etc to one new Tesco facility in Abingdon.

Coming Up: 2 Oct, Oxford Women in Prison. Talk by Baroness Corston on calls for radical changes for treatment.

8 Oct, Drayton. After Dinner Speaking by Marian Canning.

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 20 September
Denman College Teaching Block
History Beneath My Feet

Michael Hodges

Open to All – Cheese and Wine – £2 voluntary donation

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MARCHAM SOCIETY ANNUAL BLACKBERRY WALK Thursday September 6th.

We will be meeting again at the Abingdon Arms in Beckley (Map Ref: SP 565113) at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30 for the 4 mile walk. As usual on this walk, we hope to be able to pick blackberries from the abundant bushes on Otmoor.

Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and further details.

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

ON THE BUSES

Off peak 'free' travel on buses throughout England for us oldies starts in April ending the limitation to local travel and giving endless possibilities for longer trips. Some anxiety was caused by the close deadline of 10 August for a renewal application including a photograph. Just in case you were on holiday or didn't make it by that deadline 'Bus Spotter' is reliably informed that the deadline is now 7 September. Any queries best phone 0845 300 6129 - they are very helpful.



BUS SPOTTER

STOP PRESS

New Bus Timetables area at all bus stops - with a few minor changes:

Marcham to Abingdon at 9.25 am (M-F) - very useful for hospital and doctor's appointments. R&H Transport have been most helpful in advising of these changes.

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing, the 1st XI is at the top of the OCA Division 2. This year the Jez Bailey Memorial Match was held at Sunningwell and was won by the home team. The OCA league fixtures end in Sept and the remaining matches are as follows:



Sept	1st XI	2nd XI
1	Letcombe home	West Ilsley II away
8	Minster Lovell away	Kings Sutton II home

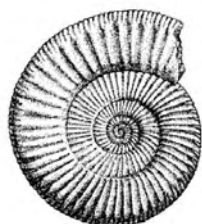
This month's historical item is from the Marcham Church News of September 1932 and runs thus:

"Members of the Marcham Cricket Club have presented to Mr George Garrett a plated biscuit-barrel in appreciation of his past interest in the Club especially as Secretary."

When providing the above item, Bill Pointer observed that George Garrett was Marcham's village policeman at some period. Perhaps some readers may remember this local officer.

As is usual, information relating to the Club may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317).

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The
**Marcham
Society**

Martin Crick The Bells of St Helen's Church

Next meeting: 9 Oct

Paul Booth: Religious Sites in Roman Oxfordshire

Non-members £1

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

Further details: Janey Cumber (391327) or Judith Fontaine (391275)

All Saints' Church

Tuesday 11th September 2007, 7.45pm

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