



Marcham WI March 2011

This month Marcham WI will be back to more everyday business and events with our annual meeting at Denman College. This will be after all the excitement of Tuesday, 22nd February when 27 members of Marcham WI have been invited to attend a reception at Denman College in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. She will be touring the college, visiting the main house, the cookery school and see students on various courses. The visit will end with a reception in the Ferris Room with the National Board of Trustees and the presentation of flowers by Sonia Edwards, President of Marcham WI.

At our annual meeting in March, the speaker will be the Reverend Helen Kendrick talking about Women in the Church. There will be an election for the committee and President. We have had a very good attendance at our meetings in the past months and our membership now stands at 58.

Future Events

- Mar 9 Shakespeare at Denman with Jane Lapotaire
- Mar 15 Music Taster Day at Benson Village Hall
- Mar 22 Oxfordshire WI ACM, Oxford Town Hall
- Mar 25 Barn Dance at Horton cum Studley Village Hall
- Apr 6 An evening with Bob Flowerdew at Headington Girls School

ANNUAL MEETING

7.15 pm *Note early start*

Thursday 17 March 2011

Women in the Church

Reverend Helen Kendrick

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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Tea Dances

Civic Hall, Portway, Wantage OX12 9BX
14.00 – 16.30 Fri 11 March
£3 including tea and biscuits, parking nearby £1 for 3 hours
Call 01235 763 456 for more details



MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, March 10th 2011.

For this month's walk we will go to The Strickland Arms (Map Ref SP356078) in Ducklington at 12.30pm for lunch and 1.30pm for a level walk of just under 5 miles, along new permissive paths by the River Windrush to the hamlet of Hardwick, returning by gravel pits now turned in nature reserves. New walkers are always very welcome so do start the year in good company. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.

Have your say...

- Thursday, 25 March 2011 2000-2200
Duffield Place, Marcham
Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team
NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill
Non-emergency number: 0845 8 505 505

SENIOR CITIZENS

January was our first meeting after the Christmas break and thanks to better weather, although still cold, we had quite a turn out. It was our New Year's party and we spent a very pleasant afternoon enjoying the food that was prepared by the committee and music played on the keyboard.

Our February meeting will be a little more down-to-earth, it will be our AGM.

JOYCE PARRY

Women's World Day of Prayer

The service this year has been arranged by the women of Chile, and will take place in the Baptist Church on Friday 4th March at 11am. Our speaker will be Ruth Corderoy. There will be a simple lunch afterwards in the Baptist Hall. You will be made most welcome.



GARD UPDATE AND AGM DATE

We hope to have some news about the outcome of the Public Inquiry into Thames Water's draft Water Resources Management Plan in the near future, indeed, by the time of this newsletter's publication there may have been a press release or announcement as we understand the Inspector's Report has now passed through Defra, and presumably reached the Minister's Office.

It has been a long battle and the Minister's decision will affect all of us in the four villages surrounding the proposed reservoir site. Whatever the outcome there is nothing to prevent Thames Water bringing forward the proposal again in its next plan, even if the decision is broadly in our favour. However the Company's decision to opt for a reservoir which cannot be justified on the evidence of demand forecasts, and which is the most expensive solution should be reflected in the Inspector's Report.

We hope that Thames Water will be required to study and cost several more appropriate, sustainable and less environmentally damaging alternatives which it dismissed in its plan, in the event of a real need for more water resources becoming evident.

The AGM of GARD will be held at Stocks Lane Farm on Tuesday 22 March at 7.30 pm and we would welcome attendance by members, whom we thank for their support.

NICK THOMPSON Hon Chairman GARD

HELP WANTED WEDNESDAYS MID-DAY

Marcham Café needs extra helpers to drive the village minibus to transport people to and from café. We also need a strong person to put away tables and awkward equipment after the meal. The same person might be able to do both jobs! Marcham Café provides a roast lunch at the Social Club on the Anson field every Wednesday during term-time so we would be pleased if our new helper stayed to lunch if they could. Pick up times starts about 11.30 and clear up time at about 1.20 p.m.!

If you think you could even on an occasional basis please contact Sheila Dunford 391439 or Jenny Allan 391373 and we could produce a rota. For insurance purposes drivers must be under 65.



The
**Marcham
Society**

A Poor Place for the Industrial Population

Liz Woolley

All Saints' Church Tuesday 8th March 2011, 7.45pm

Next meeting 12th April 2011
Collections of the Oxfordshire Museums

Non-members £2

www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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