

**BIG EVENT COMING!**

Please make a note in your diaries now for a special weekend of fun events for all –

**The Great Marcham Weekend on 19/20 June.**



An organising team drawn from groups in Marcham and neighbouring villages is planning a packed programme of events. Some of these include a street lunch party for everyone, street games, displays and entertainment, a pig-roast and barn dance on the Saturday, and on the Sunday, an Open Farm day, Open Gardens, guided walks, visits to the top of the Church tower and an Arts and Crafts exhibition and sale. The Sunday events will be opened up and publicised more widely across Oxfordshire to extend a welcome to friends from further afield. We also aim to raise funds during the weekend for good causes.

We are inviting people in Marcham, Garford, Frilford and Cothill who may like to open their garden on the Sunday for visitors to contact Greta Goulding (391592) or Christine Whild (391270) for details – and start to prepare. There is no particular theme or pressure to put on a big display – it can be front, back, or side; pots on patios, flowers, fruit or veg! Artists and crafts people may also wish to start preparing some work – more details will be announced soon.

We have had many good suggestions already for activities and we will need lots of willing hands for the weekend – if you can help in some way, or if have an idea for an activity or event for the weekend, please contact Jim or Denise Asher (391727).

See also the MADNews website/GMW page on [www.madnews.co.uk/gmw](http://www.madnews.co.uk/gmw)

**You will not want to miss this big event – everyone will be talking about it!**

**COULD YOUR VILLAGE GROUP MAKE USE OF A SMALL GRANT?**

The Harding Bequest is a small charitable trust which for some years has made grants to a variety of community causes in the parish. Any village group may apply to the Bequest for a grant if there is an evident need.

If you are involved in a village organisation that may benefit from a small grant you are invited to write to Louise Butt, Secretary to The Harding Bequest, 8 Hyde Copse, Marcham OX13 6PT outlining how you think the Trustees might be able to help.

**MARCHAM SOCIETY REPORT**

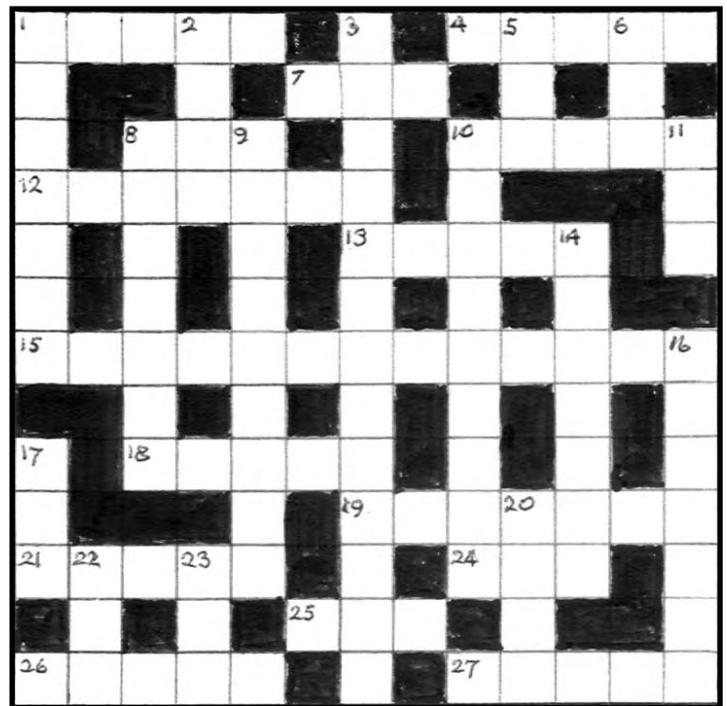
Mark Davies, our speaker on 9 February, lives on a narrow-boat on the Oxford Canal. Beginning with the links of St Frideswide to Binsey and Rosamund Clifford to Godstow, he explained how the waterways in and around Oxford have influenced the way the city has developed over the centuries. Being so far inland, the river was vital for delivery of goods. Both town and gown welcomed the arrival of the Oxford Canal in 1790, especially for the delivery of coal from the Midlands. Even after the coming of the railways, fragile goods such as china were still transported by canal, which gave a smoother journey.

In more recent times, John Betjeman led a campaign to save the Oxford Canal in the 1950s, and it has been a popular leisure attraction ever since. There is now a campaign to restore the Worcester Street car park as a canal basin and the fight to prevent building on the Jericho boatyard site continues.

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**MARCH CROSSWORD BY ALISA**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Marcham farm (5)
- 4 Tree (5)
- 7 & 25 Fred Astaire film (3.3)
- 8 The space road (3)
- 10 Liquid in fruit (5)
- 12 Cold country (7)
- 13 Of the sun (5)
- 15 It's long time coming (7.6)
- 18 Helper (5)
- 19 Things to go in shoes (7)
- 21 See 26
- 24 Dry grass (3)
- 25 See 7
- 26 & 21 Marcham cul-de-sac (5.5)
- 27 Steps in Priory Road (5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Least (7)
- 2 Precious stone (4)
- 3 Biblical helper (4.9)
- 5 Big bird (3)
- 6 Kind of lamp (3)
- 8 Applied to a whole group (7)
- 9 Lane with the bends (9)
- 10 Sea creature (9)
- 11 Tree (3)
- 14 Willingly (7)
- 16 Holiday coast (7)
- 17 Big fabulous bird (3)
- 20 Oven (4)
- 22 Star sign (3)
- 23 Begin lawsuit against (3)

**MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB**

The Club's AGM was held in February. It was a well-attended and productive event at which useful discussions took place regarding various matters relating to the Club's activities.

Net practice sessions have been well supported.

Each session is held at 19.30 on Friday evening at Radley College Sports Hall. All levels welcome.

Information relating to Nets and playing for the Club may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317).

Also, information relating to umpiring on behalf of Marcham C.C may be obtained from Graham or Terry.

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