



Marcham WI September 2008

We are now half way through our Diamond Jubilee Year and look forward to continuing to celebrate with some very interesting speakers and topics this autumn. If you have thought about joining Marcham W.I., now is the time as our meeting this month is an open meeting. The speaker, Julie Summers will tell us with slides, about her grandfather's experiences in Burma. She is a historian and has published a book based on her talk – **Bridge on the River Kwai – Truth or Fiction.**

In July a group of W.I. members and husbands followed the Diana Trail around two London parks on a beautiful sunny day, (picture) visiting Kensington Palace and other places associated with the late Princess Diana. During August, twenty five of us visited Friars' Court at Clanfield for a garden tour and afternoon tea. The weather was very unsettled (heavy showers) but it was an interesting afternoon seeing the grounds and various areas of the garden.

Future Events

- 8th September Fantastic Plastics lecture at R.A.L.
- 15th September Ann Widdecombe
Oxford Town Hall
- 29th September Group Meeting – Nell Gwynne
- 30th September Cider Museum, Hereford

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 18 September

The Bridge on the River Kwai - Truth or Fiction

Julia Summers

Denman College: Teaching Block

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

Wet weather had a considerable impact upon the OCA programme of fixtures last month. Many scheduled fixtures were not played on the first Saturday in August and, a week later, only one OCA fixture commenced – only to become a victim of rain later in the day.



On a brighter note it may be reported that, in between matches in a 15-over competition held on the final day of Abingdon's Vale's Cricket Week, Matt Launchbury of Marcham CC took part in a fund raising event for the charity Cancer Research. Bowlers were invited to bowl to him and pay £1 to the charity for every run scored. He made 300 runs off 13 overs – no mean feat! Thanks are due to Matt and all the bowlers – the sum raised was £465.

The 2nd XI has no fixtures in September; the 1st XI matches are as follows:

- 6th Charlbury – away
- 13th Letcombe – home

This month's glimpse of the past comes from the North Berks Herald of 27th September 1873 wherein it is reported:

“Drayton v Marcham. This match was played on Thursday the 11th inst., at Drayton in a meadow kindly lent by Mr J Lyford. The batting of Mr J Betts and likewise of Mr T K Dene on the Drayton side was much admired, the former making 53 and the latter 47 runs. After the first Innings, the players proceeded to “The Lion” Inn and after enjoying the good farer provided by mine host, Mr J H King they returned and finished the game. The following is the score Drayton 82 and 56, Marcham 26 and 18.”

For information relating to the Marcham CC (including playing for, or umpiring on behalf of, the Club) may be obtained from Graham Hill (391415) or Terry Whittaker (391317).

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MARCHAM SOCIETY ANNUAL BLACKBERRY WALK TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

The next walk will be on **TUESDAY 2 September**. Please note the change from our usual day. We will be meeting again at the Abingdon Arms in Beckley (Map Ref: SP 565113) at 12.30pm for lunch or 1.30pm for the 4 mile walk. As usual on this walk, we hope to be able to pick blackberries from the abundant bushes on Otmoor. **New walkers are very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.**



The
Marcham
Society

Petticoats and Partlets
Women's Clothes in the early 17th Century
Barbara Allison
& AGM

All Saints' Church
Tuesday 9th September 2008, 7.45pm

Non-members £1

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

If you run or are a member of a group, why not write a short report about it?