



Marcham WI April 2009

Spring has arrived at last, in Marcham, and during April we will be busy hosting a Group Meeting at Drayton for local WIs and entering two teams for a County Quiz at Kidlington. A coach day trip for all WI members is planned to Bath on Tuesday, 27th. April for sightseeing and shopping. There will be no charge to members for this. Further details from Christine Denton (01865 391497) and to confirm if you wish to go.

A successful coffee morning was held in March raising £68 for funds. At our annual meeting Sonia Edwards was re-elected as President and a £200 bursary for a course at Denman College, was won by Rosemary Stone. The speaker at our March meeting, Deborah Brady, told us about her experiences as a female photographer in Fleet Street with slides and interesting anecdotes about celebrities. One of our members Hazel Fitton, is shown carrying just some of the cameras in her work (see cover). Our speaker for April promises to be very interesting and our members are invited to bring along artefacts to be valued.

Future Events

- April 19th Group Meeting Drayton Village
- April 27th Coach Trip to Bath with afternoon tea at Sally Lunn's Leaving Marcham Institute at 0830am
- April 28th WI County Quiz – Exeter Hall, Kidlington
- May 20th Visit to Syon Park and Richmond
- June 2nd National AGM at Cardiff

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 15 April

Simon Jones

Antiques Roadshow

Bring artifacts for valuations
Denman College

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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UNSUNG HEROES

The publications group of the Marcham Society received *Unsung Heroes of the Vale* awards from the Chairman of the Council, Alison Rooke. They had been nominated by Marcham Parish Council in recognition of their work in researching and writing **Marcham Remembered: a village in pictures**. Along with 70 other residents of the vale they collected their award at a lunch in the Guildhall in Abingdon on 6 March. See cover for photo.

MARCHAM PLAYERS

Just prior to our AGM last month we held another very successful "With Great Pleasure" evening. We once again centred the evening on the reading of extracts from some of our favourite childhood books.



These provided a wide diversity of topics. The evening was also greatly enhanced by Dave Hutchinson reading a further range of favourite extracts provided by children from Marcham School - it was interesting to hear also the comments from the children as to why they had chosen the particular extract.

The committee is now working on the programme for the remainder of the year and further details will appear in these columns as and when appropriate. Events will include a musical evening under canvas one Sunday evening in June as well as a contribution to the Marcham Weekend in the same month.

If you have suggestions for the programme please do not hesitate to contact Dave Hutchinson on 01865 391964 or Joey Maclean on 01865 391242.

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale

to raise money for the marathon we are walking in May for Helen & Douglas House. Please support this worthy charity.

Saturday 24th April 10am – 12.30pm

18 The Gap, Marcham

Liz and Geoff



SENIOR CITIZENS

Our last meeting which was our AGM was well attended. Reports were given by the Chairlady and our treasurer, which were well received. A vote of thanks was given by Barbara and she thanked the committee for all they had done over the past year to keep the club in good shape. The committee were all re-elected for a further year. The AGM was followed by John's Quiz (streets, lanes and places in Marcham), it really got everyone thinking but no-one had all the answers correct although we had tried hard!

A lunch outing has been arranged for April 9th, when we will be going to the Windmill at Asthall and visiting a garden centre afterwards.

JOYCE PARRY

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, April 8th 2010. This month we will revisit the quiet village of Northmoor; this time exploring the countryside between there and Standlake with glimpses of the River Windrush. We will eat at The Red Lion Inn (Map Ref SP420028) in the village at 12.30pm for lunch and will start our walk of about 4 miles at 1.30.

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

Marcham Remembered is on sale at all Marcham Society meetings - have you got your copy yet?



The
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Society

The Ridgeway

Ian Ritchie

will be revealing the history of one our
most ancient long-distance routes

All Saints' Church Tuesday 13th April 2010, 7.45pm

Next meeting 11th May 2010
The History of Sutton Courtenay - *Ron Dell*

Non-members £2 or use your free token www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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