



Marcham WI December 2010

Christmas will soon be here and we end the busy year with our meeting this month which will be an Old Time Music Hall entertainment. We hope our members will dress in Victorian costume (maybe a hat and shawl). There will be a festive bring and share supper, a bran tub present for all and Christmas Carols to end the evening.

In November we organized two very enjoyable evenings. Our ghost walk around Marcham was led by Christine Whild as she told us about the past residents of the village and mysterious happenings and appearances.

BBC Oxford's Bill Heine welcomed us to the Summertown Headquarters and gave us a most interesting insight to radio and television broadcasts. We met the news presenter Geraldine Peers who told us about Oxford news bulletins televised from her compact studio. (see cover)

We look forward to a busy and successful programme for 2011. Best wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year to all MADNews readers from Marcham WI.

Future Events

Dec 4 Marcham School Christmas Fair – donations to committee members

Dec 6 Christmas Songs – Oxford Town Hall

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 16 December

Old Time Music Hall

With Keith Harris and Lesley Morris

Bring and Share Supper

Bran Tub and Carols

Visitors welcome - £3 voluntary contribution

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more information Christine Whild 01865 391270

MARCHAM SOCIETY MIDWEEK WALK

Thursday, December 2nd 2010.

This short winter walk will explore the quiet backways of Brightwell-cum-Sotwell and the small hamlet of Mackney. We will meet at the 16th century thatched Red Lion Inn (Map Ref SU582907) in Brightwell at 12.15 for lunch or 1.15 for the start of the 3½ to 4 mile walk. Please note the slightly earlier start to avoid coinciding with another party at the Red Lion. New walkers are always very welcome. Members free, non-members £1. Ring Eric Dunford on 391439 for lifts and details.



WHO ARE THESE BOYS?

The photo (below and on the cover) was given to the Marcham Society by Chris Slade. The lady is Frances Tyrrell but we have no ideas about the boys. If you recognise them, please call Sheila Dunford on 01865 391439.



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SENIOR CITIZENS

We had a visit from Sandra Nash at our last meeting. Sandra sells cards and Christmas goods for the charity Sobell House. We have supported this charity for a number of years and enjoy Sandra's visits. This year she organised a quiz of who is the singer and who are the film stars, quiet reigned while our brains went into overdrive. Not many correct answers but the winners were Barbara's team with all correct. Well done to them. We ended with our usual large raffle, after a cuppa and biscuits.

JOYCE PARRY

Have your say...with our new PCSO

• Tuesday 14th December between 1800 – 2000
Duffield Place, Marcham introducing our new PCSO
I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as I'm the new PCSO in the area. My name is Carly Milward (C6517) and I will be patrolling the areas of Wootton, Dry Sandford, Marcham and Shippon. I look forward to getting to know the area and the community, and I will be doing various school visits and attending coffee mornings etc to get myself known and to give people the opportunity to come and speak to me with any concerns or problems that they have. Feel free to come and talk to me at any time, and I will try to help with any issues that arise.

Abingdon Outer Neighbourhood Team

NAG7 Marcham, Wootton, Shippon and Boars Hill

Non-emergency number: 0845 8 505 505

VILLAGE CAFÉ: WHEELS FOR MEALS



12 noon on Wednesdays at the Sports and Social Club on the Anson Field.

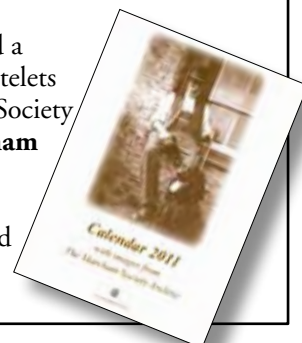
For a trial period from November 3rd to Dec 15th, Marcham Café is planning to offer transport between homes in Marcham and the village Café for a hot roast meal with dessert. Marcham Café is run as a non-profit making service with people attending making an average donation of around £2.50. If you are interested please ring Sheila Dunford on 391439 by the Tuesday evening beforehand.

MARCHAM CALENDAR

Are you beginning to think about Christmas presents?!

The Marcham Society has produced a calendar for 2011 and a range of notelets featuring photographs given to the Society when their successful book "**Marcham Remembered**" was produced.

You can buy copies of the calendar for £3.50 each at the Post Office and Cumbers Farm Shop or contact Sheila Dunford 391439.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S POPPY APPEAL



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised £3,497.52 in Marcham, Frilford and Garford. Once again very many thanks to all those who had tins and poppies on their premises and the loyal band of house to house collectors who always do it so willingly. The "static points", i.e. shops, schools etc raised £2,098.87 and the house-to-house collectors £1,186.03, plus Church collection and donation from the Ex-Servicemen's Club and Parish Council. Unfortunately the Royal British Legion will always need the money, now more than ever as there are a horrifying number of our young Service men and women with life altering wounds.

SUSAN SPURGEON