

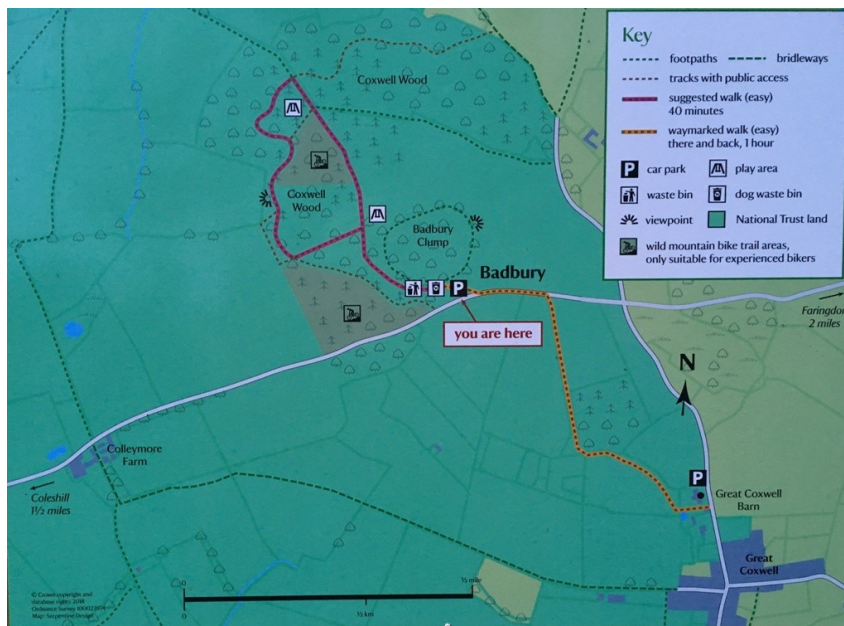
The
Marcham
Society

Newsletter

Welcome to the new year

The newsletter has, so far, not focused on one of the main activities of the Society since its inception in 1994 - the mid-week walks. This is a tradition that Eric and Sheila Dunford have been keeping up and there are a group of walkers, most of whom are members, who explore the surrounding countryside under the guidance of Eric and Sheila. Simon Blackmore has shared the itinerary of the recent walk in January,

The Map shows where they walked after meeting for a 12.30 pub lunch at the Bell in Faringdon.



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Mid-week Walks

The walks take place monthly and are advertised in both the Marcham and District News and on the Marcham Society website.

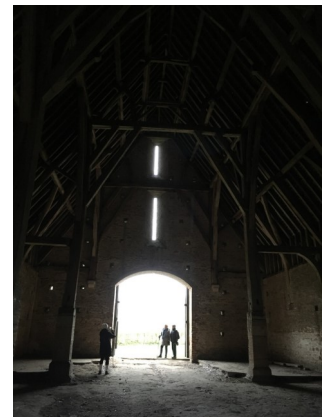
Members free, non-members £1. Visitors are particularly welcome.



Eric (the elf) Dunford with map

Cars were parked beside the Iron Age hillfort (c 600 BC) at Badbury Hill/Clump (National Trust) and the walkers made their way down the hill to Great Coxwell 13th Century Tithe Barn.

Also National Trust - For details: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/great-coxwell-barn>





The walkers then visited the Great Coxwell Church of St Giles.
For details: <http://www.faringdon.org/st-giles-church.html>



The walk continued to the ploughed out 'ramparts' of the hillfort https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Badbury_Hill before the walkers returned to their cars by four o'clock as evening was falling.



Coral Rag Progress

Coral Rag

The Coral Rag is the Journal of the Marcham Society and its name is taken from the local coral rag-stone, the Corallian limestone on which Marcham stands and which provided the building material for most of the old stone buildings in the village.

I'm pleased to report that we have the first article written for the new Coral Rag publication, Volume 10. The publications committee met and decided that the focus of this volume would be on Marcham in the early 20th century, leading up to WW1 and then following on through it. The challenge is to find sources that would allow us to understand the village economic and social operations at a time of disruption, with men from the village fighting in the

war. The questions we are thinking of are, how did the agricultural economy continue and who was involved? To what extent did female roles change in the village during and after the war period? There will be a second meeting of the committee in February to discuss the possible sources that we can access. As well as those wanting to write for Coral Rag, we will need people who would like to be involved in research of primary sources. More information to follow.

Date for Diary

12 February Cotswold Barns with Tim Jordan

Dr Tim Jordan will be talking about Cotswold barns, their design, construction method, the materials that have been used to build them over the centuries and their changing use, a fast-disappearing feature of our architecture. Tim will talk us through the things to look out for when viewing an old barn, which could be as much as 400 years old. All Saints' Church, Marcham
7.30 pm Tuesday 12th February.