



The  
Marcham  
Society

# Newsletter

## ***CORAL RAG 11***

You will no doubt have bought and read your own copy of 'Coral Rag 10' when it was published in 2019. You will also have seen this advertisement below that appeared in last January's issue of MAD News.

### MARCHAM & DISTRICT NEWS



### CORAL RAG

Since 2001 the Marcham Society has published ten volumes of 'Coral Rag' containing articles covering topics of local interest, including Natural History, Geography, Archaeology and History. Coral Rag 10 was brought out for the 'Great Marcham Weekend' in 2019 and copies are still on sale in the Village Shop.

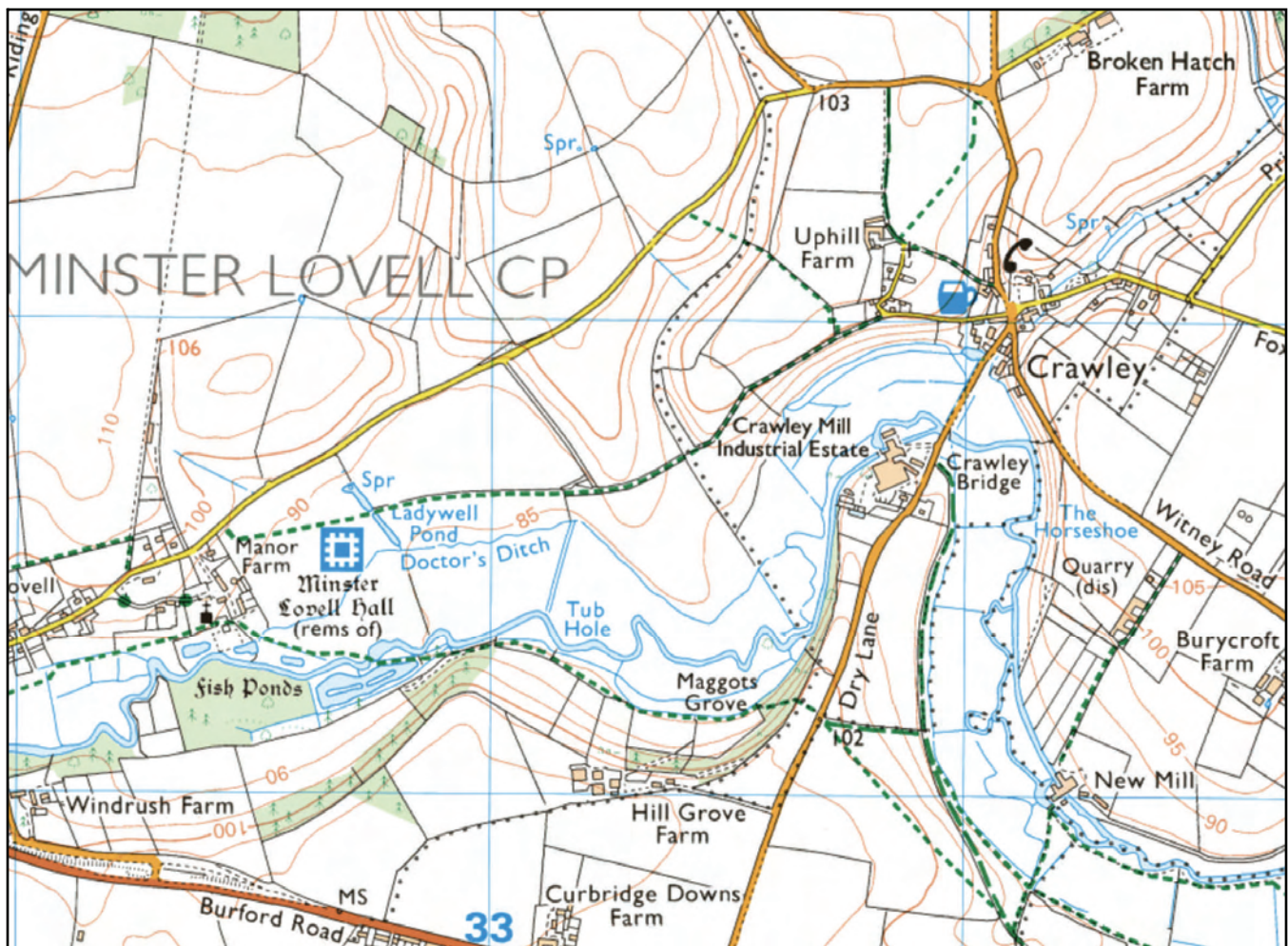
Our intention is to bring out a further volume during 2021

Sheila Tilley and her team have been working on 'Coral Rag 11' and the plan is to bring out the next volume this Autumn. When the annual subscriptions are due on 1st September 2021, you will be able to reserve a copy in advance for yourself!

## Marcham Society Mid-Week Walks

Eric and Sheila Dunford organised another mid-week walk on 29th July. The group met at the Lamb in Crawley and walked to the picturesque ruins of Minster Lovell Hall, a 15th century manor house beside the River Windrush. More about its history can be found on the English Heritage website.

The next walk is planned for **Thursday 26th August**. Please contact Eric if you are not already on his mailing list and are interested in joining the group: [e.dunford@btinternet.com](mailto:e.dunford@btinternet.com)  
Our thanks as always to the Ordnance Survey for the image below.





MAP AND PHOTOS FROM THE MID-WEEK WALK



## FUTURE DATES

The Marcham Society was founded with three pillars of investigation in mind:-

**local history,  
archaeology  
and natural history.**

In designing our programme year by year we have strived to keep those three subjects in mind. The exception has been when giving the annual lecture, where a notable villager provides a talk from their own sphere of experience or expertise.

If you have suggestions for future talks and topics for visiting speakers, please contact the Secretary, Shirley Eccles:  
**shirley.marsoc@gmail.com**

### ***Dates for the Diary***

*Unless otherwise notified, future meetings will be held in the Main Hall of the Marcham Centre*

#### **2021**

##### **Monday 27th September:**

AGM to be followed by a talk on *'Butterflies, Marcham and Lockdown'* by Jim Asher

##### **Monday 25th October :**

*'The History of St John's College'* by Alastair Lack

##### **Monday 22nd November :**

Richard Venables describes his role as High Sheriff of Oxfordshire

##### **Monday 6th December :**

Christmas Party in the Small Hall at the Marcham Centre

#### **2022**

##### **Monday 24th January**

##### ***Annual Lecture :***

James Gilbert describes his life and work as Consultant Transplant and Vascular Access Surgeon

*Further details of the 2022 programme will be published as soon as possible*

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