

*The
Marcham
Society*

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Newsletter

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Marcham Society Christmas Party

**Monday 12th December 6.30pm
Small Hall, Marcham Community Centre**

All members are cordially invited to come to the Marcham Society Christmas party to join in and celebrate the season of goodwill. We will provide drink, decorations and a Christmas Quiz. Party frocks, glitter, Christmas jumpers and hats will all add to the fun.

Numbers are limited so please contact Shirley **before Friday 9th December** to confirm your place and let her know what you will be bringing.
If you have any food allergies please also let us know.

MARCHAM SOCIETY OUTING

Paul Harwood's account of the visit to Oscar Nemon Studio on 11th November as published in the MAD News

History came to life for the Marcham Society in November with a well attended visit to the house of **Oscar Nemon**. Who? I hear you ask.

Nemon, as he always referred to himself as, was an early twentieth century sculptor of considerable talent.

Born Oskar Neumann in the town of Osijek in present day Croatia, he developed his skills during his teenage years. Later, he settled in Belgium to study at the Académie de Beaux Arts in Brussels; however, Nemon was born to Jewish parents and it became increasingly clear that he would have to escape mainland Europe to keep one step ahead of the growing influence of the Nazi party.

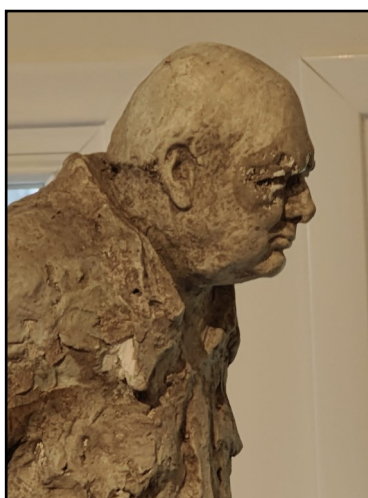
Ultimately, Nemon settled in Oxford in 1942, and sculpted in his studio, Queen Elizabeth (The Queen Mother), Churchill, Freud, Truman, Eisenhower and Macmillan among many other notables during his time there.

He lost many of his family during the war, and created an area of remembrance in his garden, where, at 1100 on the 11th November we stood in reflective silence.

Our visit there was truly interesting, enhanced by our enthusiastic and at times, emotional guide, Alice, who is the daughter-in-law of Nemon, to whom we are all thankful for a day that we will remember for many years to come.

For more information: oscarnemon.org.uk

OUTING TO OSCAR NEMON STUDIO



The Mid-Week Walk from Fernham

Eric and Sheila Dunford organised a midweek walk on Thursday 10th November.

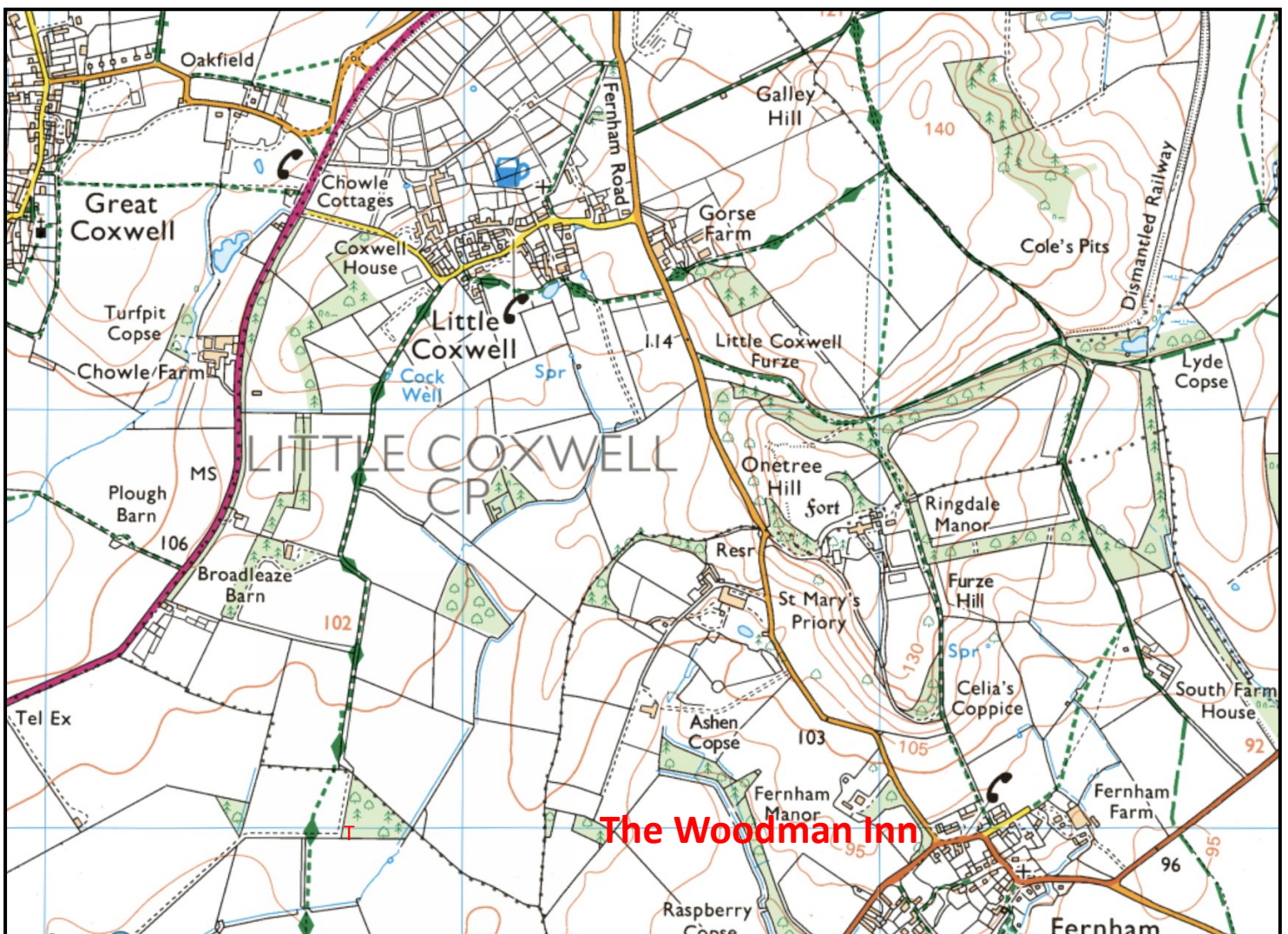
The group met for lunch at the Woodman Inn, Fernham, SN7 7NX.

From the pub, we walked north past Furze Hill, Ringdale Manor and the remains of the Iron Age enclosure towards Little Coxwell. The return took us closer to the A420 with views of Faringdon, turning south at Galley Hill, crossing fields with excited horses, back towards Fernham and our cars parked in the Pub Carpark.

(See the map below for the location, with thanks to the Ordnance Survey).

The next Midweek Walk is planned for Eynsham meeting at the Red Lion on
Thursday 8th December

But please email Eric in advance: e.dunford@btinternet.com



PHOTOS FROM THE MID-WEEK WALK



Fernham...



...our intrepid group of walkers.



Vaughan trying out the village pump!



Remains of the Iron Age 'fort'?



"Don't worry. It is not poisonous!?"

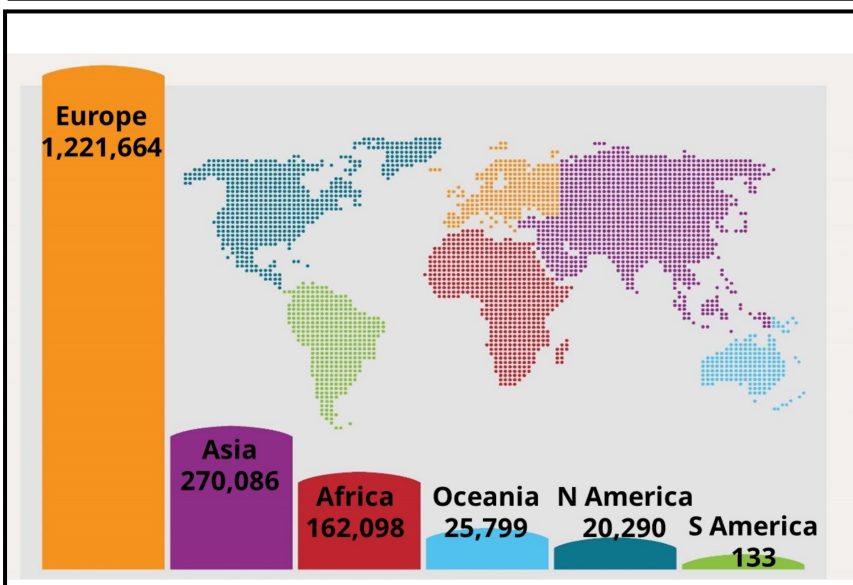


St Mary's at Little Coxwell.

The Commonwealth War Graves by Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott is one of the volunteers helping with the finds from the Roman temple site on Manor Farm (Trendles Field). She is also a volunteer with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) and she explained to us how over 100 years since the end of the First World War, the CWGC continues to commemorate the millions of service men and women who lost their lives in two world wars in more than 150 countries.

Her talk covered the origins of the organisation, its global commitment and the work it carries out today. She also looked at some of the names on the Roll of Honour in Marcham Church and how they are commemorated. She cited three soldiers in particular from the Marcham memorial (*details are shown opposite*).



Above: This infographic is useful for introducing the scale of the work done by CWGC. Note the numbers for the oldest and youngest casualties are those killed in battle during the First World War on the Western Front.

Left: This graph shows the number of commemorations throughout the world and the extent of work done by CWGC.

THREE SOLDIERS FROM THE MARCHAM WAR MEMORIAL



Brigadier General Julian Hasler

East Kent Regiment
Son of William and Selinah Hasler of Chichester.

Born 16/10/1868 and educated at Winchester then Sandhurst.

Served on the Northwest Frontier, in South and West Africa and Northern Nigeria,

Sent to the Western Front in 1914.

Killed in action 27th April 1915 St. Jean near Ypres. Buried White House Cemetery, Ypres.

Twice mentioned in Dispatches,

Captain Thomas Rupert Aldworth

Royal Berkshire Regiment
Son of Phillip and Martha Edith Aldworth of Frilford, Oxfordshire

Died 11/3/1915 aged 32 years
Buried Neuve-Chapelle British Cemetery in France

Inscription: "Their Glory shall not be blotted out"

Mentioned in dispatches



John Francis Raikes

Essex Regiment

Son of Rev T D and Elizabeth Raikes of Whichford Rectory, Shipston on Stour.

Exhibitioner of Corpus Christi College Oxford.

Born Abingdon 1896

Died on the Somme 10/10/1916 aged 20

Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial



FUTURE DATES AND EVENTS

MARCHAM WAR MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANNED CONSULTATION



This month many people attended the Remembrance Service at the Church and War Memorial. The structure, described as a wayside cross, was first dedicated on the 25th June 1920 and was bestowed to the Parish by Mr and Mrs Gore-Browne of Oakley House.

Marcham has changed significantly since 1920, not least the amount of traffic along Frilford Road passing by the Memorial.

Accordingly, to recognise the changing face of the village there is some discussion as to whether the current location of the War Memorial is the most suitable.

Therefore Marcham Parish Council would like to announce the intention to begin a consultation process, commencing in the New Year, involving the residents of Marcham, Frilford and Garford to understand views, concerns and wishes for the War Memorial.

More details of the consultation process are to follow and will be outlined in future editions of MADNews.

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ANNOUNCEMENT TAKEN
FROM MAD NEWS

Programme 2022-23

Unless otherwise notified, meetings will be held at 7.45 pm in the Main Hall of the Marcham Centre

Monday 12th December 2022

Christmas Party in the small hall at the Marcham Centre from 6.30 to 10.30pm

Monday 23rd January 2023

ANNUAL LECTURE by Michael Worthing

"Sourcing 2nd century lava paving stones from Trajan's Market in Rome subsidized by plunder from the Dacian Wars"

Monday 27th February 2023

'The Wildlife of the Rare Fens and Salt Spring of the Marcham Area' by Judith Webb

Saturday 25th March 2023 (All day)

Berkshire Local History Association
Conference in the Marcham Centre
All Marcham Society members welcome

Monday 27th March 2023

'The Blue Plaques in the Vale' by Robert Evans

Monday 24th April 2023

MEMBERS EVENING (*Details to be announced*)

MARCHAM SOCIETY ASTRONOMY

The next meeting of the astronomy group is in the small hall of the Marcham Centre **at 7.00pm on Thursday 8th December.**

If you want to be involved, email:
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