

*The
Marcham
Society*

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Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023



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THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE MARCHAM CENTRE



Marcham Society Christmas Party

Malvin's Quiz 2022

Section 1: Food and Drink

1. Which Spanish drink contains wine, chopped fruit and orange juice?
2. Which 3 flavours make up Neapolitan ice cream?
3. What is the filling in summer pudding?
4. What is the name of the cocktail typically served at Wimbledon?
5. Who invented muesli?
6. How did Toll House Cookies get their name?
7. Which soup is traditionally served on Burns Night?
8. Who was the dessert "pavlova" named after?

Section 2: British towns and cities

1. What is the county town of Cornwall?
2. Name any London tube station with only 4 letters?
3. Name any British town starting with "J" ?
4. Name the river that runs through Cardiff ?
5. Name 2 sporting venues beginning with "A" in Liverpool?
6. Which Cathedral city is 14 miles North of Cambridge?
7. Name the spa town in Derbyshire?
8. Which island has Douglas as its capital?

Section 3: History

1. Which people in Asia were united by Genghis Khan in the early 13th century?
2. Which Queen of England was the daughter of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon?
3. Which Nazi politician was arrested on a secret trip to Scotland in 1941?

MALVIN'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

4. On 4th May 1945, who received the capitulation of the German Armies fighting in Holland and Denmark?
5. Which fearsome lady organised a revolt against the Romans in A.D. 60?
6. Where was Custer's Last Stand?
7. Which Archbishop of Canterbury was murdered in 1170?
8. Who was the first woman to be elected Speaker of the House of Commons?

Section 4: Music

1. What were the Christian Names of the Everly Brothers?
2. Who was the owner of Sun Records?
3. Who was in "The Million Dollar Quartet"?
4. Who wrote the lyrics for "West Side Story"?
5. In which film did Doris Day sing the Oscar winning song "Secret Love"?
6. In "Oklahoma", how high does the corn grow?
7. Which musical soundtrack topped the charts for 70 consecutive weeks between 1958 and 1960?
8. Which Shakespearian play was "Kiss me Kate" based on?

Section 5: Nursery Rhymes

1. What is the name of the black hen that lays eggs for gentlemen?
2. What will poor Robin do when the north wind blow?
3. Which one of Ladybird's children hasn't gone?
4. What is Tuesday's Child?
5. Who laughed after the cow jumped over the moon?
6. By which time should the cobbler mend my shoe?
7. Who stole the tarts that the Queen had made?
8. Why did Doctor Foster never go back to Gloucester?

Section 6: Sport

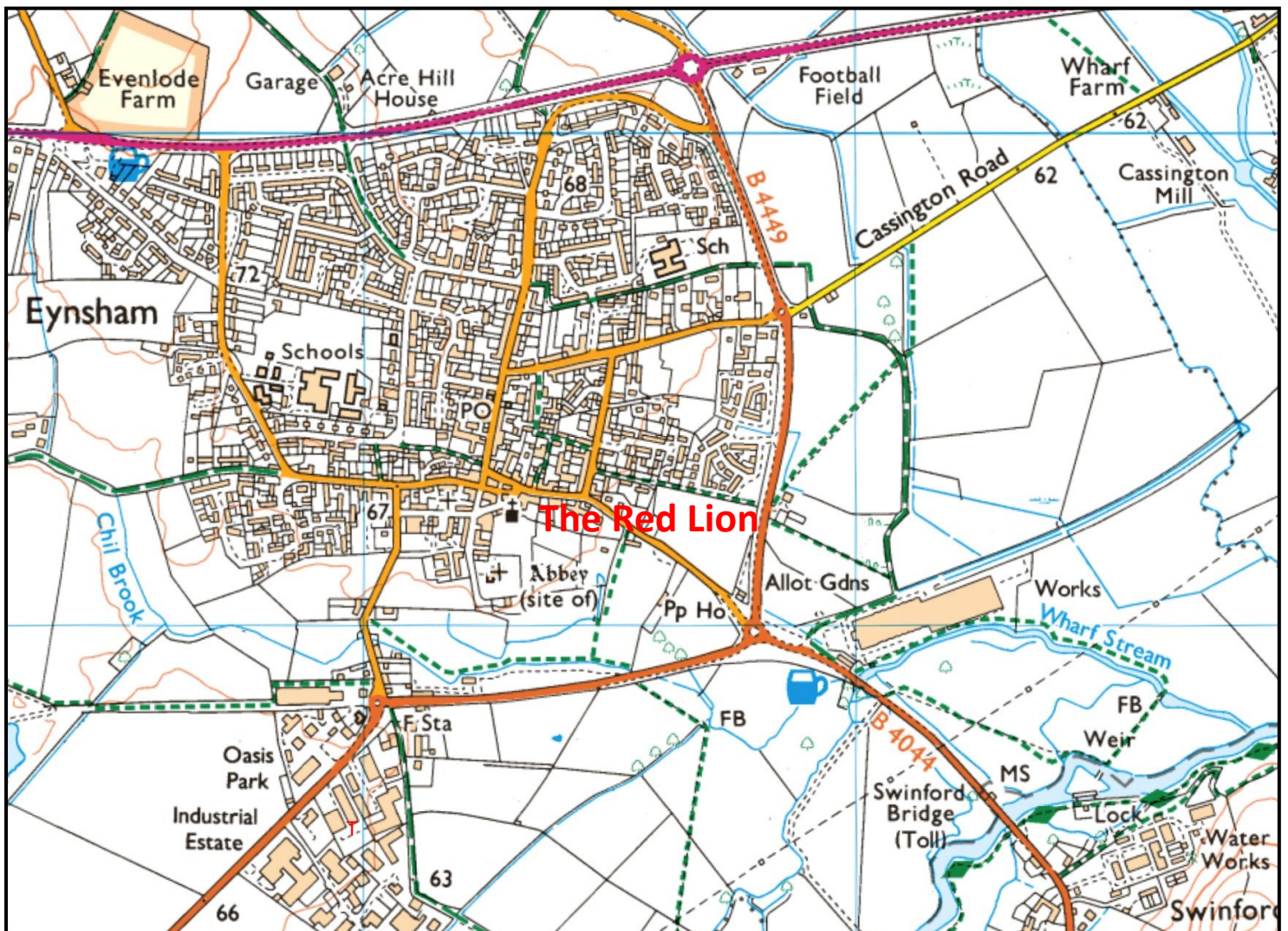
1. In tennis, what countries host the 4 Grand Slams?
2. Which Welsh sportsman was a regular captain on "Question of Sport"?
3. Who scored a perfect 6 with their ice dance to "Bolero"?
4. Who in snooker is nicknamed "The Hurricane"?
5. Who said "They think it's all over"?
6. Where did Roger Bannister run the first sub 4 minute mile?
7. In which sporting event was Sue Brown the first female participant in 1981?
8. Which female athlete won Olympic Gold in 1984 for javelin?

The Mid-Week Walk from Eynsham

Eric and Sheila Dunford organised a midweek walk on Thursday 8th December. The group met for lunch at the Red Lion, Eynsham. From the pub, we walked west through the village towards Twelve Acre Farm and South Leigh. We looped back along Chilbridge Lane past the Oasis Park and joined the Heritage Trail passing the site of Eynsham Abbey. An extra loop took us past 'The Talbot' pub along the wharf stream down to the river at Swinford Lock and then back towards Eynsham where our cars were 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 **Thursday 12th January 2023**
But please email Eric in advance: e.dunford@btinternet.com



PHOTOS FROM THE MID-WEEK WALK



Eynsham Church near the Red Lion...



...and our group of walkers.



A brisk pace to keep warm.



An information board about the Abbey



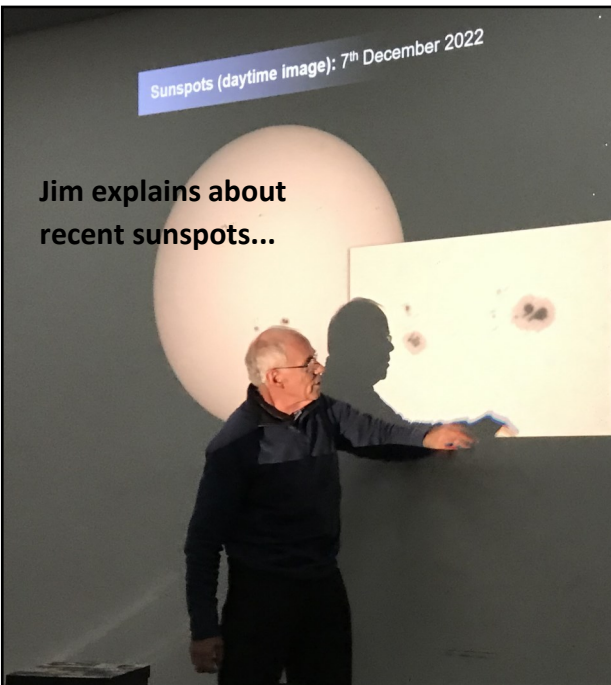
Some stonework from the Abbey?



'Boots' crossing the Wharf Stream

THE ASTRONOMY GROUP

There was a good turnout for our meeting on 8th December, which started with a clear sky and telescope viewing of Jupiter and its moons, and Saturn with its rings and largest moon, Titan. We also looked at Mars, near its time of closest approach (and maximum brightness in the sky) – then we retreated indoors to escape the frost to continue the meeting. Jim explained how the Moon had occulted Mars and he showed images he had taken early that morning. Then we discussed other astronomic events due to happen in December and January before the next meeting (*see page 8*).



THE CLIMATE CRISIS EXHIBITION



"Climate Crisis Exhibition" in the Marcham Centre, 7th–15th of January and three (free) lectures

The exhibition provides unbiased evidence of the causes and effects of climate in the form of short texts, cartoons, photos and graphs. It describes five climate challenges, their corresponding solutions; and how ordinary people can help support these solutions:

- a) *Eco crisis and restoring habitats;*
- b) *Agriculture and changing diet;*
- c) *Renewable electricity, insulation heat pumps and more;*
- d) *Electric cars, public and active transport;*
- e) *What you buy - personal and company's carbon footprint.*

The Exhibition will offer expert advice and contacts on how to both save the climate and money, and help you find out about energy efficiency, insulation, renewable energy like air source pumps, wind farms and solar panels, on a private or communal level.



Evidence, challenges and solutions

LECTURES 7pm-8pm

Monday 9th "*Wild Flowers - Life on the Verge*" by Rhiannon Evetts

Tuesday 10th "*Saving money and the planet - insulation and renewable energy around your home and car*" by Harry Bratt and Catherine Ryan

Friday 13th "*Farming, food-supply, diet and the climate*" by Neil Rowe and Julian Parfitt

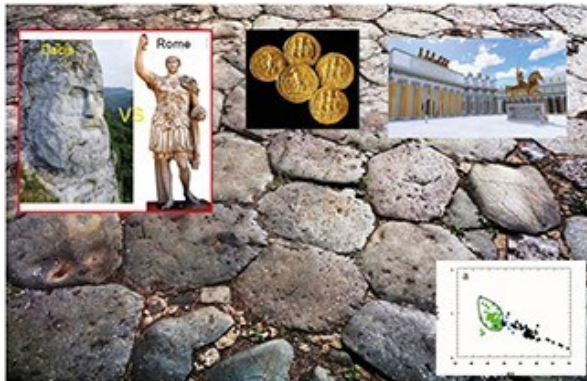
FUTURE DATES AND EVENTS



The
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Monday 23rd January
7.15 for 7.45pm
Main Hall
Marcham Centre

Marcham Society Annual Lecture



Michael Worthing

speaks about his career as a Geologist

Michael Worthing did a PhD in Geology at the University of London. He worked as an academic and a field geologist in many different parts of the world. Towards the end of his career he used his geological skills to assist archaeologists in sourcing rock materials in Pompeii, Tuscany and Rome... which explains the title of his talk!

"Sourcing second century lava paving stones from Trajan's Markets in Rome, funded by plunder from the Dacian Wars."

In the early second century the Roman Emperor Trajan invaded Dacia. The Dacians put up stout resistance but were eventually defeated and Dacia became a province of the Roman Empire. Huge amounts of plunder were taken back to Rome and with it Trajan funded a massive building programme which included Trajan's Forum and Markets. These monuments were paved with lava paving stones. As part of his talk he will describe the use of geochemistry in sourcing these paving stones to a local volcano and their transport from source to building site.



Upcoming Events

- Thursday, 12th January 12.30pm - **Marcham Society Midweek Walk** - contact e.dunford@btinternet.com
- Monday 23rd January 7.15pm Marcham Centre Main Hall **Annual lecture**: Michael Worthing's career as a Geologist :
- Thursday, 26th January 7pm - **Marcham Society Astronomy Group** - contact jim.asher@btinternet.com.

For more information contact membership@marchamsociety.org.uk
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Programme 2022-23

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

Monday 23rd January 2023 (see on the left)

ANNUAL LECTURE: Michael Worthing speaking about his career as a Geologist

"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*)

Monday 22nd May 2023

"Chimney Meadows—floodplain restoration"
by Lisa Lane

MARCHAM SOCIETY ASTRONOMY

The next meeting of the astronomy group is in the small hall of the Marcham Centre **at 7.00pm on Thursday 26th January**

If you want to be involved, email:
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