



The Marcham Society

MARCHAM SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Mystery photo

This photo was taken by one of our members one morning recently. Do you recognise the location? The answer will be given at the meeting on 13 February.



Marcham Society Meeting, Tues 13 February

Those of you who receive *MAD News* may have spotted a change to next month's speaker. Unfortunately, Olivia Robinson is unable to be with us, but hopes to speak next year. Instead, Ben Jack (a senior manager at Earthwatch, Little Wittenham) - has kindly agreed to tell us "*a story from the Phillipines about our world's oceans*".

Illustrated by beautiful images from the Phillipines and Indonesia, Ben will share experiences from his work with rural communities on marine conservation. We will hear about the importance of healthy coral reefs to local people, the challenges they face and

some of the solutions. We are all connected to the sea, so local issues will bring to life global trends, with ideas about how we can help support a healthy, vibrant ocean.

Berkshire Local History Association

The Committee recently decided that it would be a good idea to join the Berkshire Local History Association. Up until 1974 Marcham was in Berkshire (there are still some who refer to this area as “occupied North Berks”!), so many local records are stored in Reading and the Group’s activities are likely to be of interest to us.

Our membership number is 2075. As with the Oxfordshire LHA, future newsletters will be forwarded to you, but past ones can be seen at <http://www.blha.org.uk/newsletters-2/>

Archive meeting, Wednesday 7 February 2.30pm

There will be another chance to delve into the archive boxes on Wednesday. If you haven’t been before and would like to join in, please contact Judith Fontaine on 01865 391275 or email peter.fontaine172@btinternet.com

Payment of subs

A very few people have not yet paid their subs for 2017/18. Please make the Treasurer’s day by paying at the next meeting.

24th Annual Lockinge Estate Past & Present Exhibition, Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 March 2-5pm

Looking ahead to the beginning of next month, the above exhibition will be held in the Loyd Lindsay Rooms, Ardington. This year’s theme will be *Cottages & Tenants*.

Previous exhibitions have proved very interesting and the village itself is well worth a visit. You may remember a talk we had a while back about Lord Wantage’s development of the estate during the 19th century.