

*The
Marcham
Society*

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Newsletter

The next Marcham Society Outing :
OSCAR NEMON Sculptor
1905-1985



Oscar Nemon lived and sculpted here from the 1940s until his death in 1985. Famous for his portraits of Churchill and Freud, and originally from Yugoslavia, now Croatia, Nemon came to Britain as an émigré, and then Jewish refugee, in the 1930s. The Nemon Studio Museum is surrounded by trees and fields off a quiet lane on Boars Hill, twenty minutes drive from the centre of Oxford.

Friday 11th November 2022 from 10.30am Cost £10 per member
Please contact Shirley on shirley.marsoc@gmail.com to join the outing.

MARCHAM SOCIETY TALK

“Scandal in High Society Oxfordshire”

by Julie Ann Godson

Julie Ann came to the Marcham Centre to talk to the Marcham Society about six past scandals of Oxfordshire associated with well known locations, colourful characters and prominent aristocrats.

The suspicious death at Cumnor Place

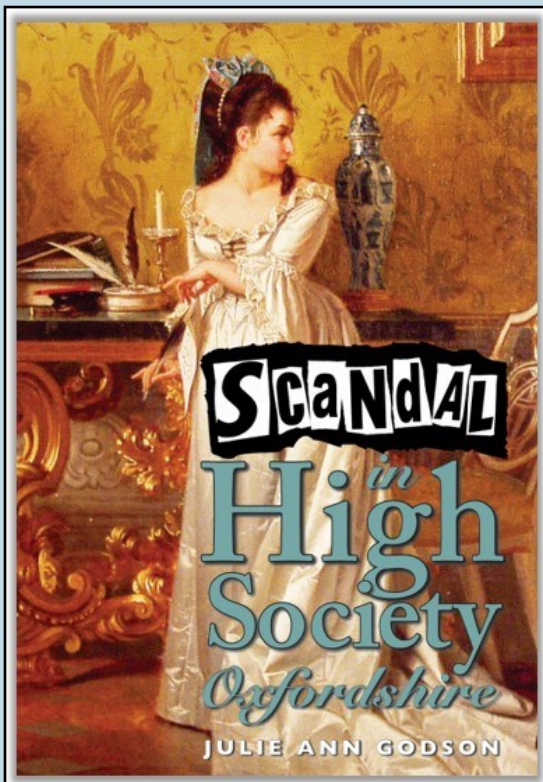
The extortioner of Shirburn Castle

The recluse of Blenheim Palace

The hellraiser of All Souls College

The poisoner of Buscot Park

The Predator of Nuneham Courtney

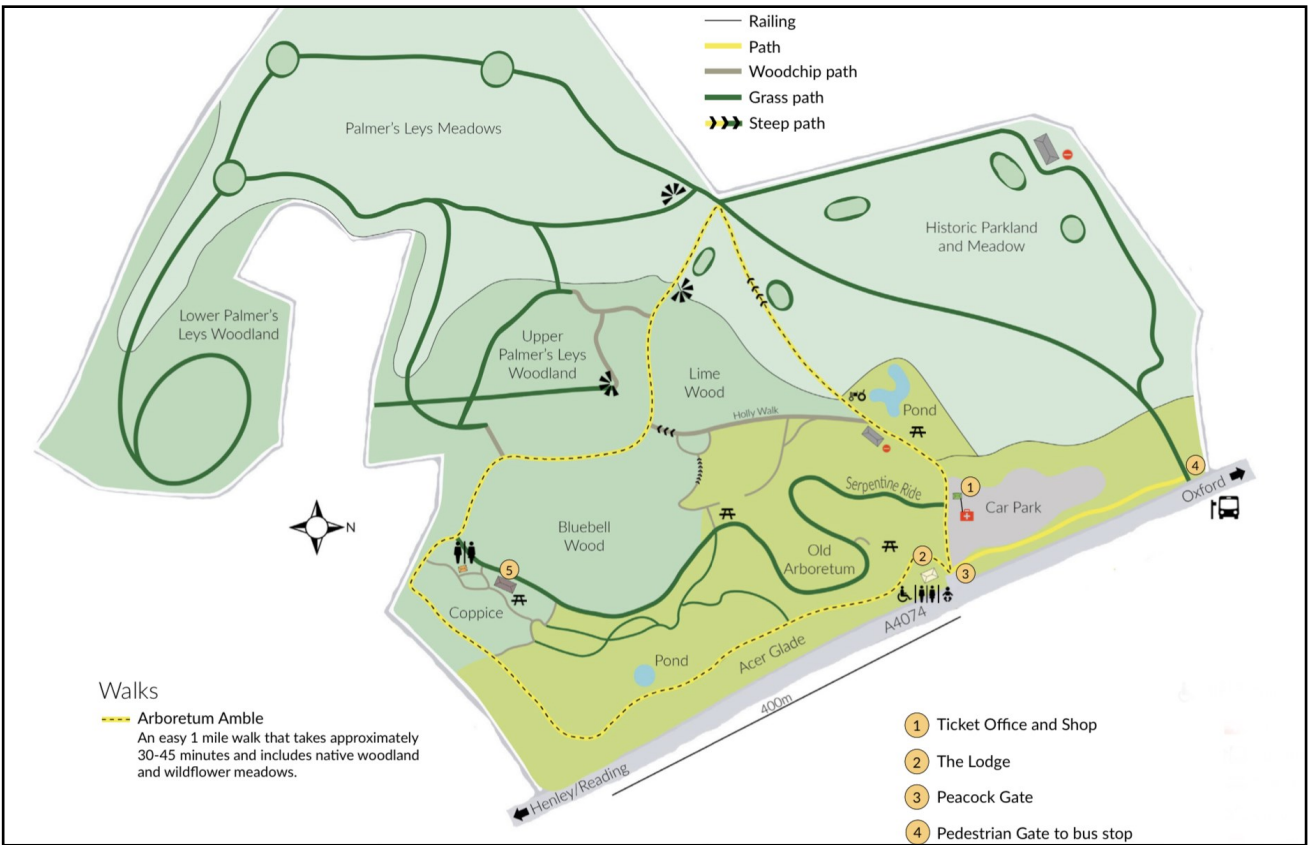


Her six chosen topics above ranged from Tudor to Victorian times and each account was illustrated by pictures and portraits of victims and possible culprits.

There was a surprise moment when a photograph of Cherie Blair appeared almost by error and we wondered if we were going to be treated to details of more modern intrigue and scandal.

We were then invited to delve into her book for further stories and over a dozen members were tempted by Julie's offer!

MARCHAM SOCIETY OUTING TO THE ARBORETUM



The Mid-Week Walk from Aldworth

Eric and Sheila Dunford organised a midweek walk on Thursday 13th October.

The group met for lunch at the Bell Inn, Ambury Road, Aldworth, RG8 9TL.

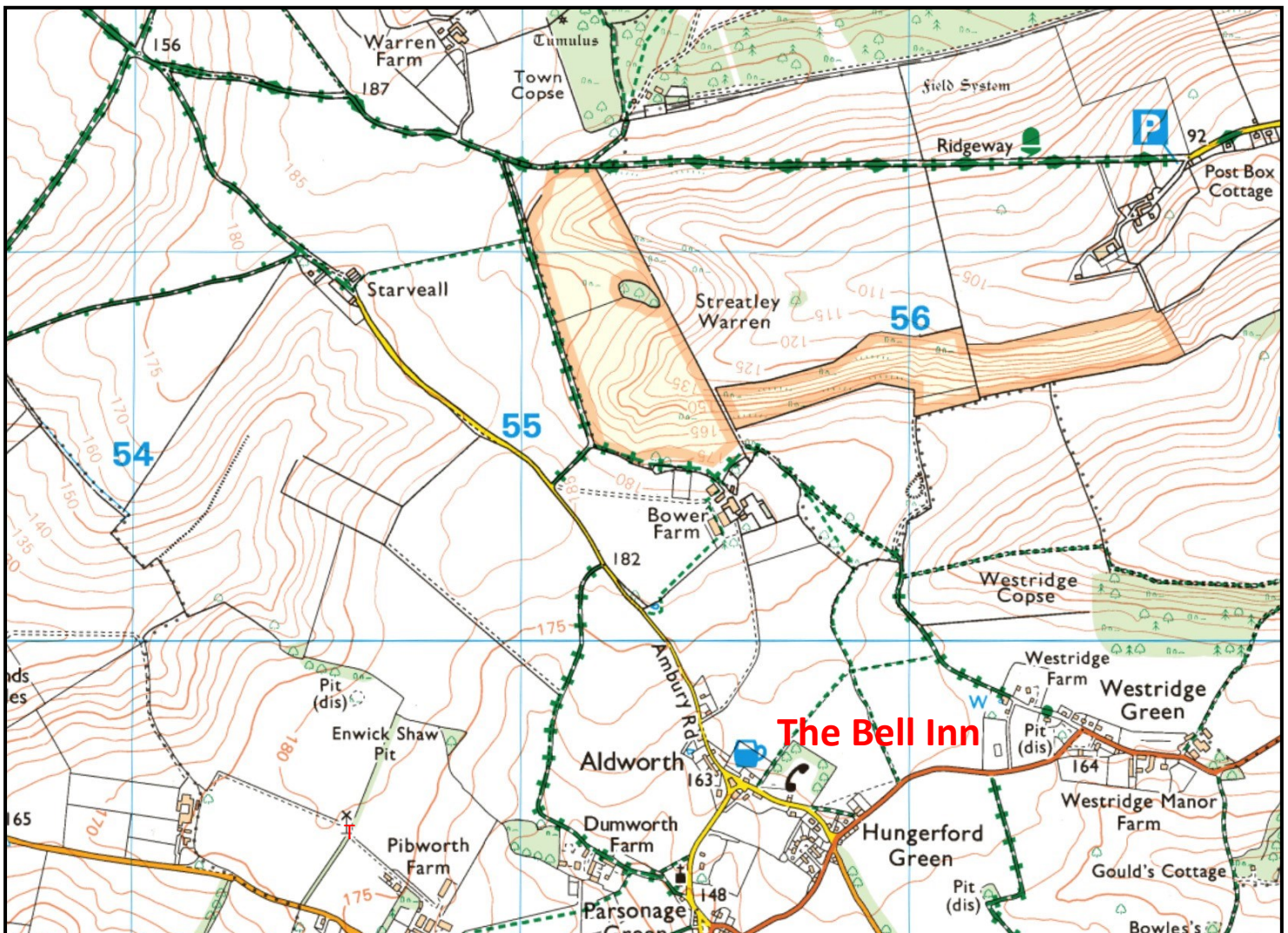
From the pub, the route took the walkers South towards the church just outside the village. After visiting the church, walking North West past Dumworth Farm, the group headed towards Starveall and the Ridgeway. There were views into the distance in all directions. The return skirted the green valleys of Streatley Warren and once passing Bower Farm, the path brought everyone directly back to the Bell Inn.

Thanks to the Dunfords for arranging the walk and to Bartle Frere for his photographs.

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

The next Midweek Walk is planned for Fernham on **Thursday 10th November**

For information, please email Eric : e.dunford@btinternet.com



PHOTOS FROM THE MID-WEEK WALK



St Mary's Church, Aldworth...



...with its 1,000 year old yew.



Phil feeling rather agricultural....



...Bartle's group photograph.



"Don't worry. We are not lost!".



The way back to the Bell Inn.

FUTURE DATES AND EVENTS

The publicity below is to be found in the latest November issue of MAD News and also on our Facebook page



The
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**Monday
28th November
7.15 for 7.45pm
Marcham Centre**



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

*an introduction to its history and ongoing work
with an insight into the casualties of the local area*

Karen Elliott

Over 100 years since the end of the First World War, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission continues today to commemorate the millions of service men and women who lost their lives in two world wars in more than 150 countries. Karen's talk will cover the origins of the organisation, its global commitment and the work that it carries out today. It will also look in more detail at some of the names on the Roll of Honour in Marcham Church and how they are commemorated by the CWGC.

For more information contact membership@marchamsociety.org.uk
www.marchamsociety.org.uk
Facebook: [marchamsociety](https://www.facebook.com/marchamsociety)

MARCHAM SOCIETY ASTRONOMY

Jim Asher is forming a small astronomy group. Its first meeting is in the small hall of the Marcham Centre **at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th November.**

If you want to be involved, please register your interest by emailing:
jim.asher@btinternet.com

Programme 2022-23

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

Monday 28th November 2022

"The Commonwealth War Graves Commission" by Karen Elliott

See on the left

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 on other talks and
future events can be found on:
www.MarchamSociety.org.uk**