

*The  
Marcham  
Society*

**SEPTEMBER 2022  
Volume 5, Issue 8**

**Newsletter**

## The Marcham Society AGM

The new 2022-23 programme starts in September and our first meeting of the new season will be the AGM on **Monday 26th September**, 7.15pm for 7.45 to be held in the Marcham Centre.

Existing Members will be contacted well before the meeting about renewing their membership and paying subscriptions online.

The brief formalities of the AGM will be followed by two short talks with a break for refreshments and cake between them:

***“The Making of the Marcham Centre Sign”*** by Suzanne O’Driscoll

***“Looking back at the Sky”*** by Jim Asher

*(See page 2 for more detail on both talks).*

There will also be an opportunity to hear about the first two outings of the new season and sign up in advance as places will be limited:

*Wednesday 19th October*

Visit to the Harcourt Arboretum, Nuneham Courtney

*Friday 11th November*

Visit to Oscar Nemon Studio, Boars Hill

## The next meeting on 26th SEPTEMBER

### ***“The Making of the Marcham Centre Sign”*** by Suzanne O’Driscoll

The first talk on 26th September will be about Suzanne O’Driscoll’s Public Art. She will talk about her different public art commissions and the Commission she undertook to provide an entrance “Artwork Sign” for the new Marcham Centre.

Thirteen years ago Suzanne began to apply her painter's eye to sculpture in metal. She was soon commissioned to produce public artworks. These projects have been varied, often challenging and some very large in scale.



Suzanne works closely with her team of fabricators, lighting engineers and other experts, to design small or large pieces, as required by the commission. She sees a project through from initial ideas to the final installation of the work in its chosen setting. Suzanne also works closely with the commissioning team, and as necessary, the architects and

### ***“Looking back at the Stars”*** by Jim Asher

The sky contains an amazing range of objects – from satellites to galaxies. Some are visible by eye, others need binoculars or a telescope to see them.



Saturn as seen from Marcham

Jim will briefly share some examples of images he has captured with telescope kit and put them in a historic context. If the sky is clear, he will finish with an opportunity for a live planet view through a telescope.

He proposes to form a small astronomy group associated with Marcham Society - so please do come along, see what may be involved and register your interest.



## MARSOC DISPLAY IN THE VILLAGE SHOP



The display in the shop window prepared by Sheila Dunford has attracted much interest and inside there are additional archives for further study.

There are copies of 'Marcham Remembered' available as well as old postcards of the village on sale, showing Frilford Road, North Street, the 'Cross Roads', the 'New Estate' and the War Memorial and Dovecot.





## The Mid-Week Walk from Shabbington

Eric and Sheila Dunford organised another midweek walk on Thursday 25th August.

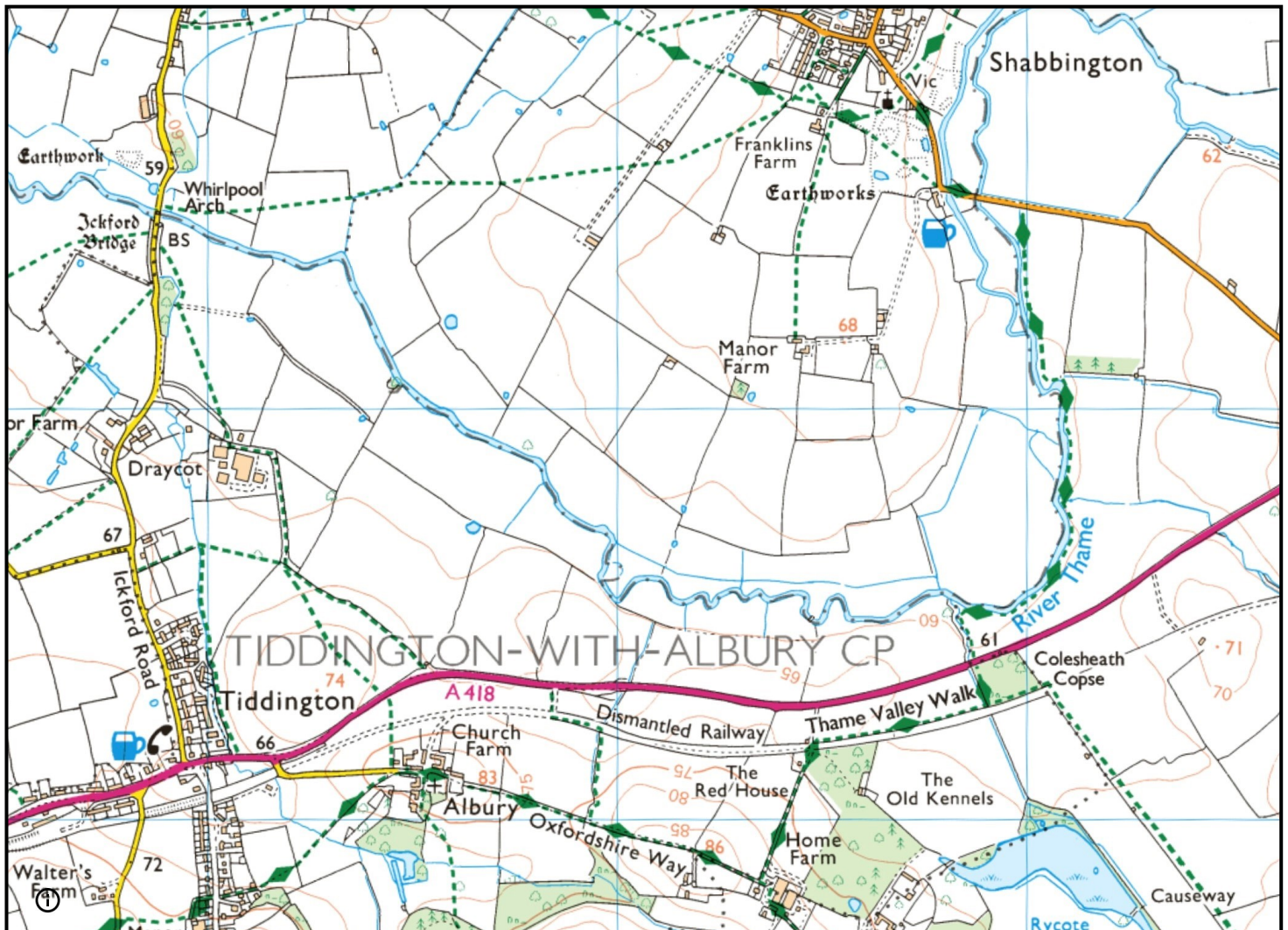
The walkers met for a 12.30 lunch at the *'The Old Fisherman'* in Shabbington.

The circular walk left the village westwards towards Ickford Bridge, crossing the River Thame and heading to Albury. Here they join the Oxfordshire Way and the Thame Valley Walk. Then following the path along the bank of the River Thame, and recrossing the river they returned to their point of departure.

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

The next Midweek Walk is planned for **Thursday 15th September**

For information, please email Eric : [e.dunford@btinternet.com](mailto:e.dunford@btinternet.com)





PHOTOS FROM THE MID-WEEK WALK



The Old Fisherman for lunch



A visit to Shabbington Church



The Group of Intrepid Walkers



The Leader checking the map...



A few difficult moments...



...and then also clear pathways!



# FUTURE DATES AND EVENTS

## Information to be found in the September issue of MAD NEWS



The  
**Marcham  
Society**

**Monday  
26th September  
7.15 for 7.45pm  
Marcham Centre**

The new 2022-23 programme starts in September and our first meeting of the new season will be the AGM on Monday 26th, 7.15pm for 7.45 to be held in the Marcham Centre.

The brief formalities of the AGM will be followed by two short talks with a break for refreshments and cake between them:

"The Making of the Marcham Centre Sign" by Suzanne O'Driscoll  
"Looking back at the Sky" by Jim Asher



Past members will soon be contacted about renewing their subscriptions. We welcome new members and to join or if you have questions about membership, please contact us by email: [membership@MarchamSociety.org.uk](mailto:membership@MarchamSociety.org.uk)

### Subscription Rates (2022-23):

£23 - family membership    £13 - individual membership

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

**Also see pages 1 & 2**

## MARCHAM SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Work organising, collating and recording the Society's archives continues and there are regular sessions in the Marcham Centre.

If you are interested in helping, please email:  
[sheilajtilley@gmail.com](mailto:sheilajtilley@gmail.com)

## New Programme 2022-23

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

### Monday 26th September

The Society's AMG followed by two talks:

*"The Making of the Marcham Centre Sign"* by Suzanne O'Driscoll

There will be an interval between the two talks for cake and refreshments.

*"Looking back at the Sky"* by Jim Asher  
Jim will lead a Skywatch outside after his Astronomy talk.

### Monday 24th October

*"High Society Scandals in Oxfordshire"*  
by Julie Ann Godson

### Monday 28th November

*"The Commonwealth War Graves Commission"* by Karen Elliott

### Monday 12th December

Christmas Party in the Marcham Centre

## 2023

### Monday 23rd January

ANNUAL LECTURE by Michael Worthing

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

**Details on other talks and  
future events can be found on:  
[www.MarchamSociety.org.uk](http://www.MarchamSociety.org.uk)**