

*The
Marcham
Society*

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Newsletter

THE BIG MARCHAM WEEKEND

**Big Marcham
Weekend**
Friday 12th and Saturday 13th May

FRIDAY 12TH MAY - GIN & REAL ALE
FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 13TH MAY
FETE · LIVE MUSIC · BBQ ·
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, FISH AND
CHIPS, BAR

**Free
Entry**

FEATURING

Alpha Academy, Amanda Alder School
of Dance, Abingdon Morris Dancers,
Dizzy Dean, Fitness at the Farm

AND LIVE MUSIC from 4pm
STUDIO SIX and
THE RESET

**MARCHAM CENTRE, BARROW
CLOSE, MARCHAM OX13 6TY**

PLEASE NOTE ACTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**We will have a MarSoc stall there on Saturday 13th May
Do come and see us on Anson Field!**

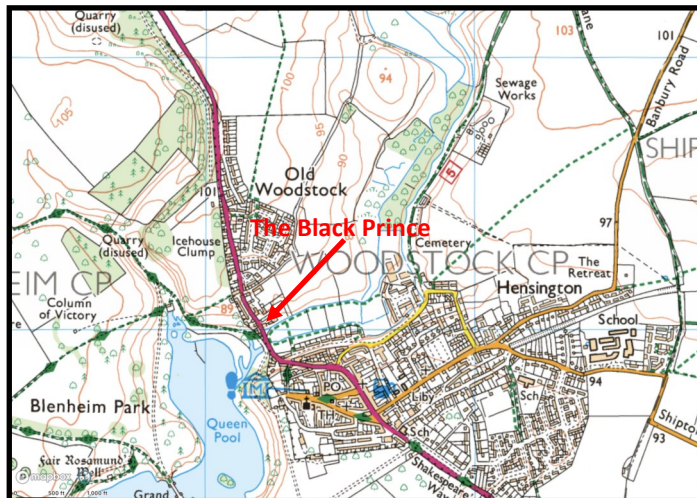
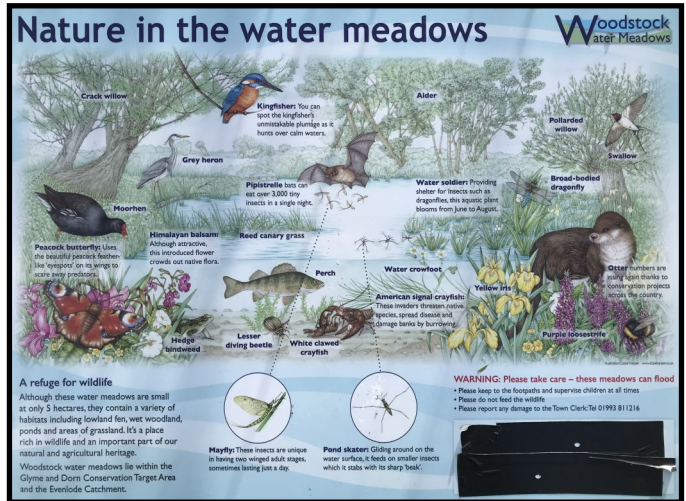
THE MIDWEEK WALK

Eric and Sheila Dunford organised another enjoyable midweek walk on **Thursday 13th April**. Our group met for lunch at the *Black Prince* in Woodstock. We walked around the valley of the River Glyme towards Wootton, taking in a bit of Roman Akeman Street.

The next Midweek Walk from *The Woodman Inn* in North Leigh is planned for 12.30 on **Thursday 4th May 2023**. Please email Eric in advance for further information: e.dunford@btinternet.com



THE BLACK PRINCE, WOODSTOCK

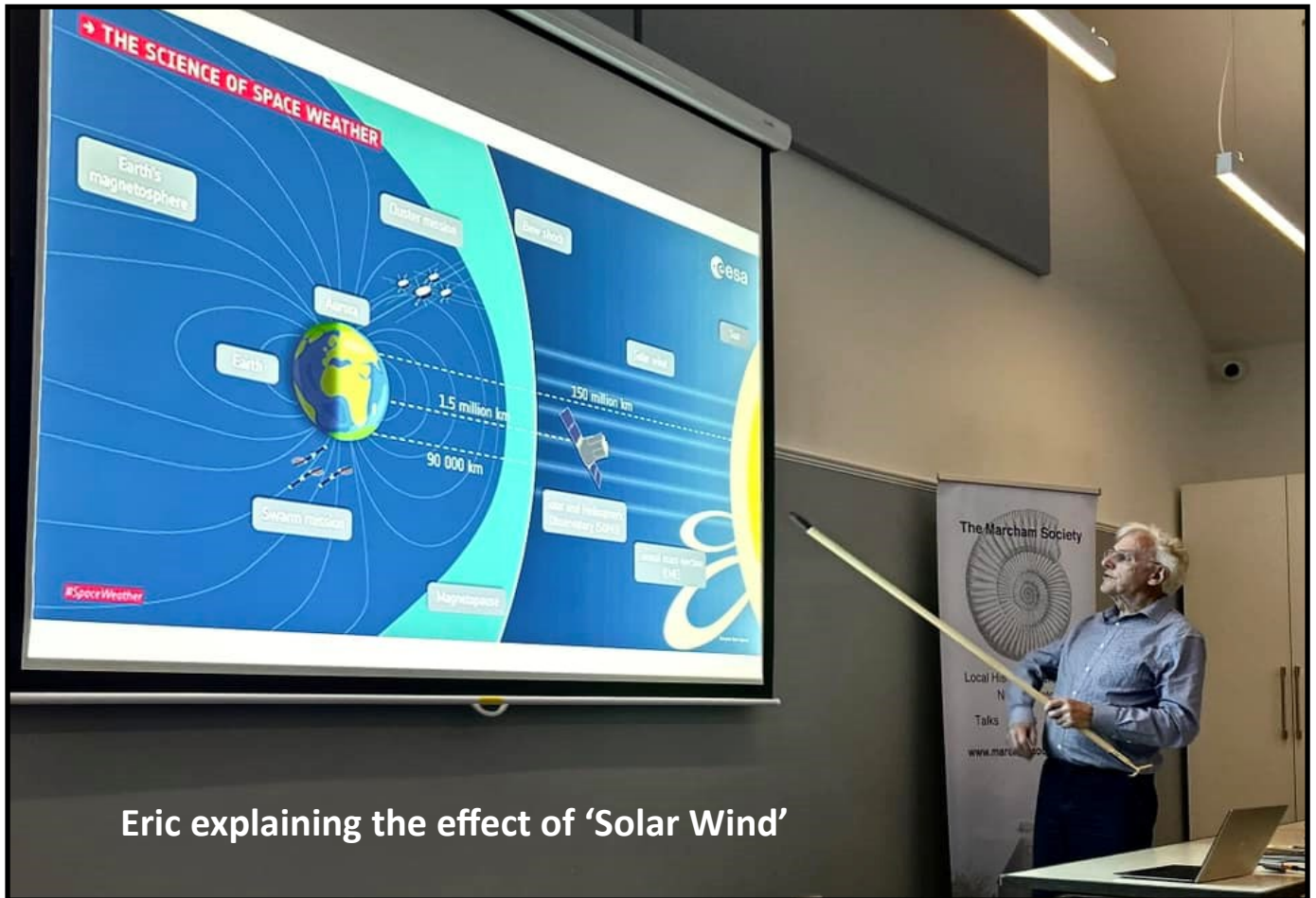


APPARENTLY THERE IS A ROMAN SITE SOMEWHERE HERE!



PAWS FOR A REST?!

THE MARCHAM SOCIETY ASTRONOMY GROUP



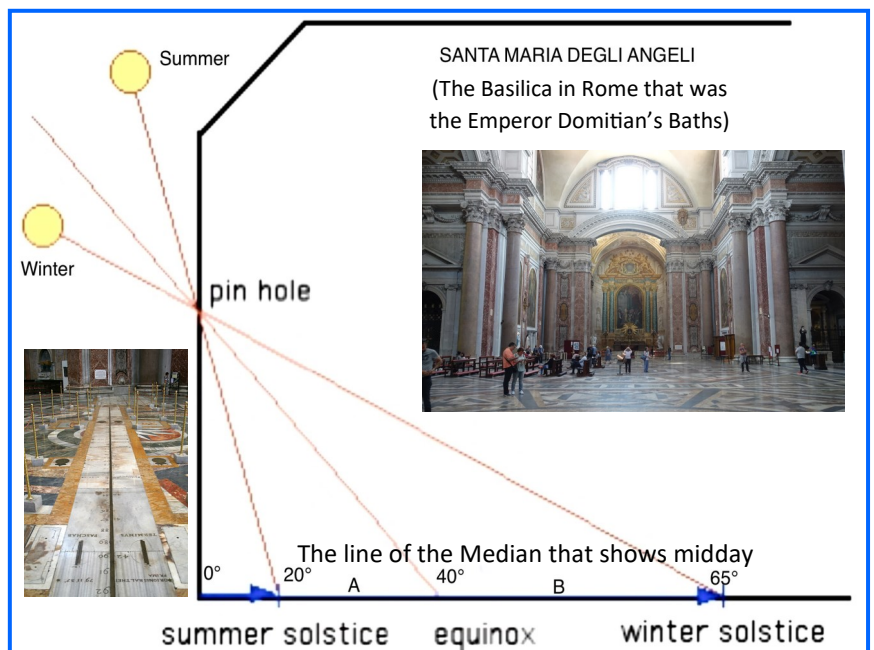
Eric explaining the effect of 'Solar Wind'

Thursday 20th April was the sixth meeting of the Astronomy Group. The cloud cover did not allow much star observation to take place but Venus was clear in the night sky. After Jim Asher's introduction there were two talks:

"Domitian's Baths and the Pope's Median" - Simon Blackmore's visit to the Santa Maria Degli Angeli in Rome and an attempt to explain Pope Clement XI's sun clock and calendar of 1702.

This was followed by Eric Dunford's talk on *"The Science of Space Weather"*. He spoke of solar activity and how it affects the earth's atmosphere, particularly the Aurora Borealis.

The next meeting will be at 7pm on **Thursday 28th September** after the Summer break. A programme of meetings will be circulated to members.



A DIAGRAM EXPLAINING THE ANGLES OF SUNLIGHT SHINING THROUGH THE PINHOLE ONTO THE FLOOR OF THE BASILICA SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI

A MARCHAM SOCIETY VISIT TO COTHILL HOUSE



Cothill House



Duncan shows us the classrooms

On **Monday 17th April** twenty members visited Cothill House and were shown around by the Headmaster Duncan Bailey and the Head of Junior School, Tom Aubrey-Fletcher. Both had been pupils at the School (*see them below, circled in their school photograph that dates back to 1989!*) We were only the second group to be shown the new Sports Hall that is due to open at the end of the Summer Term. Duncan explained some of the history of the school and the tour include the classrooms, the library, computer room and dormitories as well as a view over the grounds. Tea and biscuits in the School dining room ended off a fascinating afternoon. As a thank you, we contributed to JDRE, *Juvenile Diabetics Research Foundation*, Duncan's preferred charity.



'Blackie' remembering his days as a master at Cothill...



COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL
1899



MEMBERS EVENING IN THE MARCHAM CENTRE

The Marcham Society



**Gozzards Ford
and the Turnpike Road**



**A talk on Gozzard's
Ford and the
Turnpike Road**



**Day By
Day**

DAY BY DAY REMASTERED

THE MEMBERS EVENING Monday 24th April

The evening began with a short talk on “*Gozzards Ford and the Turnpike Road*” by Simon Blackmore. He suggested that this might have been a suitable route for the Marcham by-pass!

There followed an interval with wine and cakes before the main feature – the film on Marcham Church’s role “*Day by Day*” originally made in 1993 and recently remastered by Bartle Frere. He gave an amusing introduction to the film.

We were delighted to see David and Tricia Pritchard who came to see the film’s relaunch and share their fond memories of Marcham!



**Bartle Frere
introduces
the film
“Day by Day”**



Our goodbyes after the Members Evening is over

“Day by Day” is available on YouTube : <https://youtu.be/BzzofDsGiOA>

FUTURE DATES AND EVENTS

Publicity below from MAD News.

Information is also published on Facebook, on the website and updates are also sent to members by email.

www.marchamsociety.org.uk



The
**Marcham
Society**

Monday 22nd May
7.15 for 7.45pm
Main Hall
Marcham Centre

Chimney Meadows floodplain restoration

Lisa Lane

Lisa Lane started working for Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) in 2004, as Chimney Meadows Project Officer, creating a nature reserve from a mixed commercial farm.



The nature reserves that BBOWT manages are unique and special havens, alive with plants, birds, mammals and insects. Whilst being important refuges for wildlife, it is increasingly clear that these isolated areas of habitat surrounded by relatively hostile urban, agricultural and industrial landscapes are not enough. The way forward is nature conservation on a landscape scale, working with others to create a Living Landscape for people and wildlife.

Upcoming Events (please check with the organisers)

- Thursday, 4th May: Marcham Society Midweek Walk – for more details contact e.dunford@btinternet.com 01865 391439

For more information contact membership@marchamsociety.org.uk

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Facebook: [marchamsociety](https://www.facebook.com/marchamsociety)

Programme 2022-23

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

Thursday 4th May 2023

Mid-week Walk at 12.30 pm

(See information below)

Wednesday 17th May 2023

Tour of Garford Village

NB Postponed to September 2023

Monday 22nd May 2023

'Chimney Meadows—floodplain restoration'
by Lisa Lane

(See information on the left)

Tuesday 20th June 2023

Guided Walk in Chimney Meadows Nature Reserve at 10 am by Lisa Lane *(see above)*

Monday 26th June 2023

'The Two William Morris of Oxfordshire'
by Marie-Louise Kerr

Wednesday 5th July 2023

Visit to Aston Pottery Gardens, at 11am

Saturday 15th July 2023

SUMMER BARBECUE

(Evening: details to be announced)

The next Midweek Walk is planned for

Thursday 4th May 2023

starting at

The Woodman Inn,

New Yatt Road, North Leigh, Witney,

OX29 6TT

<https://thewoodmanatnorthleigh.com>

Please email Eric in advance to book:

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