

*The  
Marcham  
Society*

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# Newsletter

## **THE ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ** Saturday 15th July 2023



Our Annual Summer BBQ will be held on Saturday 15th July 2023 by kind invitation of Di Hutchings in her beautiful garden at Ridgeway, Cothill Road.

Before the BBQ Eric Dunford will lead a short walk at 4pm around the Cothill area for those who would like to join him and the BBQ will start at 5pm.

There is ample parking and if the weather is wet, we will have the shelter of a marquee. All food and drinks are provided but please let us know if you have dietary needs.

If you would like to join us, please email Shirley Eccles: [shirley.marsoc@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.marsoc@gmail.com)  
The cost is £10 per person. We really look forward to seeing you.

NB Numbers for the BBQ may be limited - so please book in advance!



## THE JUNE MIDWEEK WALK

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023

On a glorious sunny day the countryside surrounding the pretty village of Ardington near Wantage provided the perfect backdrop for the Marcham Society's June walk. After an excellent lunch at *The Boars Head*, the circular route afforded beautiful views over to Ardington House, crossed rippling streams and allowed a peek inside West Hendred's ancient church, seemingly untouched by time. Eric's interesting anecdotes added to the enjoyment and variety of the walk too and we are most grateful to him for organising this very pleasant event.

*Rosemary Harwood*



THE BOAR'S HEAD, ARDINGTON



ARDINGTON HOUSE, a listed stately home, built in 1720

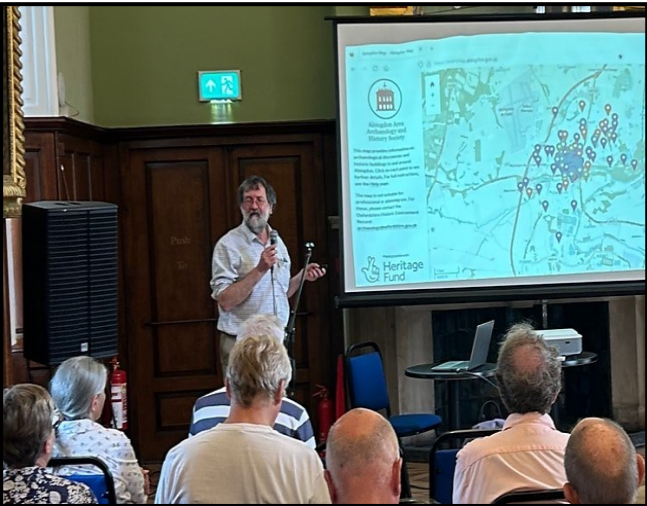


# OXFORDSHIRE PAST June 2023

Held in the Guildhall, Abingdon



The Marcham Society Stand



Time	Talk	Speaker
9.45	Registration	
10.00	Introduction	Geoffrey Tyack, OAHs Chairman
10.05	OAHs AGM 2023	All Members Welcome
10.30	Welcome to Oxfordshire Past 2023	Geoffrey Tyack, OAHs Chairman
10.35	Recent archaeological work in the city of Oxford	David Radford, Oxford City Archaeologist
10.55	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.25	Oxfordshire Buildings Record activity in 2022	David Clark, Oxfordshire Buildings Record
11.50	Gozzards Ford and the Turnpike Road, Marcham	Simon Blackmore, Marcham Society
12.15	Recent archaeological work in Oxfordshire	Vicky Green, Planning Archaeologist, Oxfordshire County Council
12.40	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2.00	Welcome by AAAHS	Roger Thomas, Chair, AAAHS
2.05	Abingdon Map Project	Roger Thomas, Chair, AAAHS
2.25	Update on the work of the Victoria County History	Simon Townley & Simon Draper, Victoria County History
2.45	<i>Tea break</i>	
3.15	Oxford Archaeology at 50: Abingdon Vineyards Project	Tim Allen, Oxford Archaeology
3.40	Is this Walter Giffard's Mill Pond?	Paul Sayers, Hanney History Group
4.00	Closing address	Geoffrey Tyack, OAHs Chairman





## Guided Walk in Chimney Meadows Nature Reserve by Lisa Lane



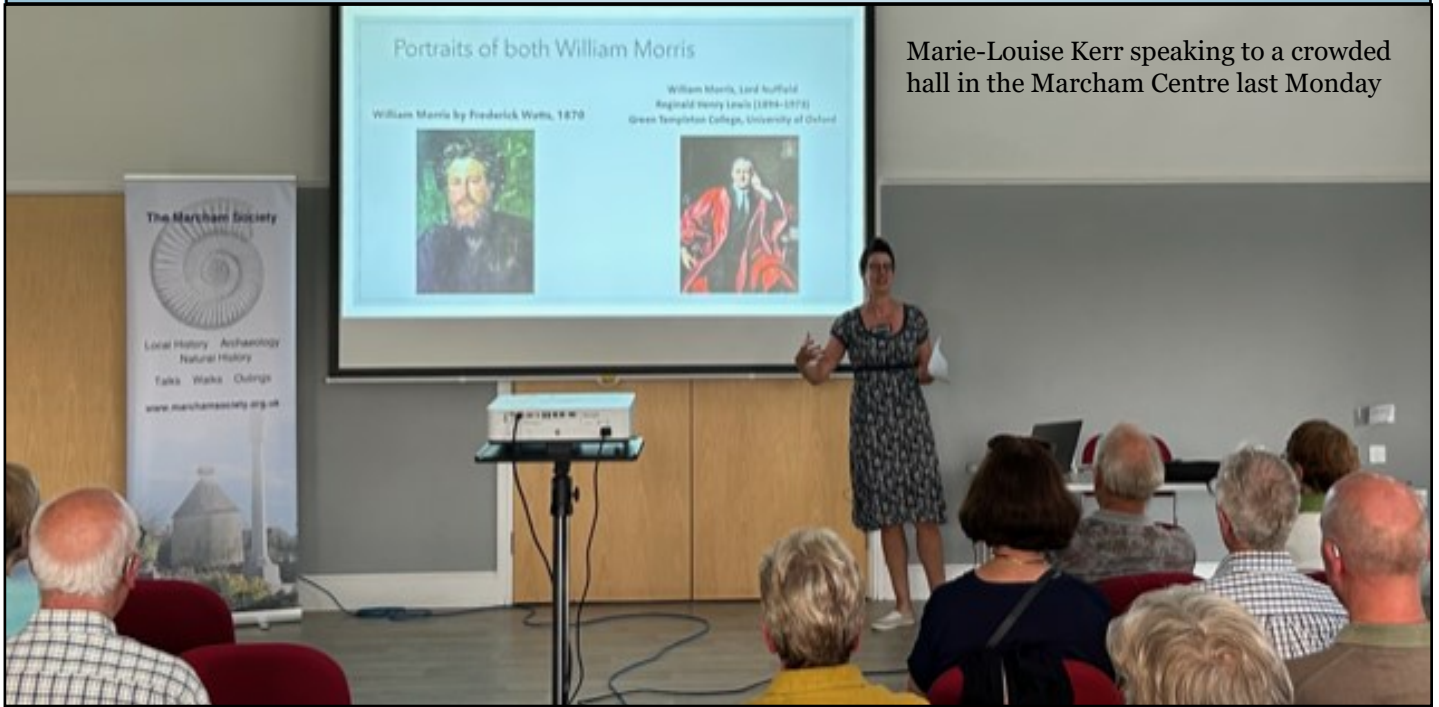
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Following her fascinating talk in May on the restoration of the Chimney Meadows floodplain, Lisa Lane gave a group of Marcham Society members a guided tour of the meadows, BBOWT's largest nature reserve in Oxfordshire. There are more than 300 hectares of wildflower meadows and a wetland habitat, with the River Thames meandering right through it. Our thanks to Lisa for the outing - as one member described it: *"a wonderful walk and a very special place"*. Also our thanks go to Malvin Drakely who provided these photographs.





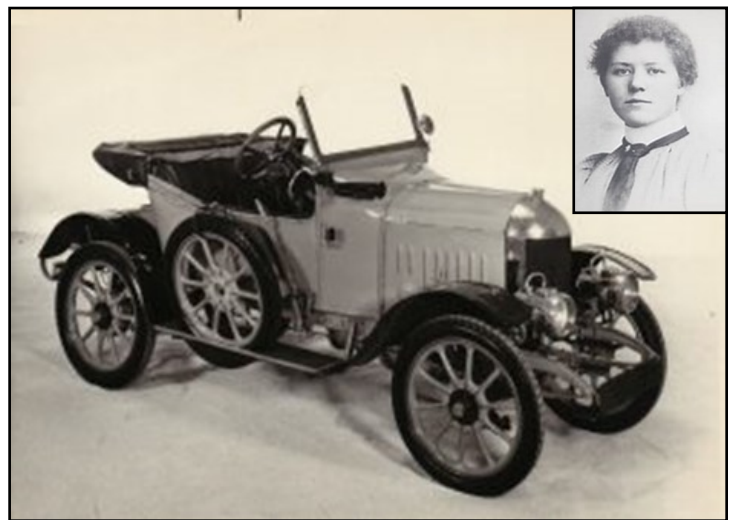
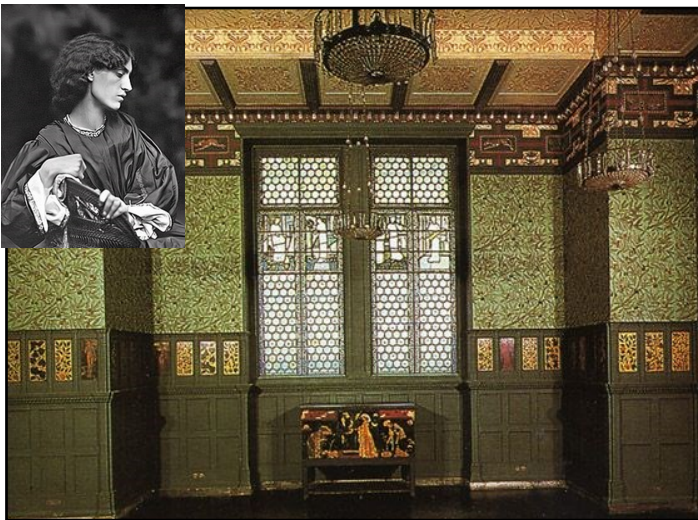
# “The Two William Morrises”

by Marie-Louise Kerr, *Curator Without Museum*



Marie-Louise Kerr speaking to a crowded hall in the Marcham Centre last Monday

Marie-Louise gave us a fascinating comparison between the lives and achievements of two contrasting gentlemen with the same name. She also compared Jane Morris with Elizabeth Lilian Maud Anstley, Décor with Cars and Kelmscott with Nuffield Place. At the end of her talk, we were all wondering which of these two famous characters we preferred!



**Kelmscott**



**Nuffield Place**



## FUTURE DATES AND EVENTS

### The Publicity on the right is from MAD News.

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

[www.marchamsociety.org.uk](http://www.marchamsociety.org.uk)

The Midweek Walk is planned for **Thursday 13th July 2023** meeting at the *Bowyer Arms* in Foxborough Road, Radley, OX14 3AE



Please email Eric in advance:  
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### Coral Rag 12

We are writing an article about the Institute for the Marcham Society publication Coral Rag. Do you have memories, photos or stories of happenings at the Institute that you would be willing to share? If so, we would be very glad to hear from you.

Please email Judith Haworth at [judithhaworth22@gmail.com](mailto:judithhaworth22@gmail.com) or phone Judith Fontaine on 01865 391275.

#### Upcoming Events (please check with the organiser)

- Thursday, 13th July: Marcham Society Midweek Walk – for more details contact [e.dunford@btinternet.com](mailto:e.dunford@btinternet.com) 01865 391439

The 2023-24 programme of talks and events will start in September when the next annual subscriptions will be due.

For more information contact [membership@marchamsociety.org.uk](mailto:membership@marchamsociety.org.uk)

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## The Marcham Society Programme for 2023-24

The Marcham Society has no events planned for August but the new programme will start in September (as our dates follow the school year).

Members will be contacted about the renewal of subscriptions with next year's programme of talks, walks, outings and other events. As soon as possible these will also be advertised on the society's website.

We also hope to offer the chance to pre-order copies of *Coral Rag 12* which is due for publication in Autumn 2023.