

Our next meeting in July 2024

Marcham Society Annual BBQ

Saturday 13th July 2024 at 5pm £10pp Members only

at The Bothy Vineyard, Faringdon Road, Frilford, OX13 6QW



The Barman



The Barbecue



The Chef

Our annual BBQ has a new location at *The Bothy* this year. Our grateful thanks go to Sian and Richard Liwicki for hosting the Marcham Society's Annual Barbecue. They have kindly offered to take a tour around the vineyard before the BBQ and if you are interested in taking part please meet at The Bothy at 3.45pm. As usual all food and drinks are included in the £10 price. There will also be a marquee set up in case of inclement weather !

If you have not yet booked your place, please contact Shirley Eccles as soon as possible on: shirley.marsoc@gmail.com

Thursday 6th June - Midweek Walk

Eric and Sheila Dunford organised another enjoyable walk setting out from
The Swan at Compton, RG20 6NJ



Our visit to Ewelme and St Mary's Church

on Monday 10th June
2024



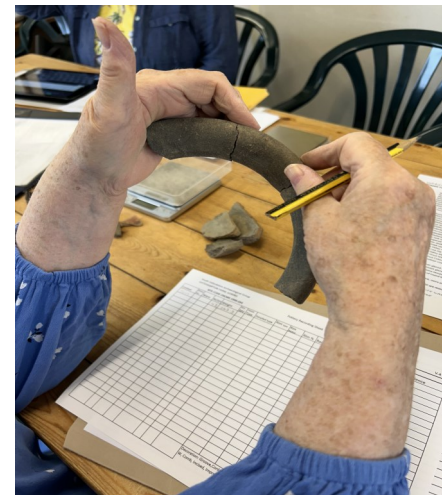
St Mary the Virgin, Ewelme is an exceptional Church with a distinguished history. The Church, Alms-houses and School were built about 1432 by William de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, and his wife, Alyce Chaucer, granddaughter of the poet Geoffrey Chaucer. We had a guided tour by Susan Doran, Professor of History at Oxford University.



The Archaeology Group



Following our talk in April about the Trendles Roman Temple and the Gatehampton Roman Villa, Marcham Society members have been working with the South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group (SOAG) sorting their finds — both bone and pottery. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we are based in the portacabin at Sharrards Barn, just off Mill Road and we welcome any interested visitors.



The Portacabin at Sharrards Barn on Mill Road



We are sorting a great variety of Roman pottery with many different shapes, designs and decorations.



"The Ridgeway and Lowbury Hill from above"

A talk by Hedley Thorne on Monday 24th June 2024

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Since becoming the IT Operations Manager for Heathrow Airport, Hedley Thorne has retreated to the Ridgeway in his spare time as an antidote to the relative chaos of his job. He has combined his love of flying with the use of drones to produce aerial photography of historic landscapes.



In his talk Hedley explained the techniques that he employs to photograph key sites along the Ridgeway, how drone photography is used in collaboration with landscape art and archaeology and how perception of historical monuments is enhanced by views from above. He gave us details about one site that he photographs most frequently, Lowbury Hill, explaining some of its possible historic connections.

He finished with an atmospheric video with a 'fly-past' over many familiar sites on the Ridgeway and further afield in Wessex. Over sixty people attended his talk and it was very well received.

Left: Two photos of Lowbury Hill at different angles and in contrasting seasons.



Above left: West Kennet Long Barrow and Silbury Hill

Above right: White Horse Hill

Left : Uffington Castle

Right: Avebury



The next Midweek Walk is on

Thursday 4th July 2024

meeting for lunch at 12.30 pm at



The White House, 1 Grove Road,
Bladon, Woodstock, OX20 1RQ

For more information please email:
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Programme for 2024

*Unless otherwise announced, evening meetings will be held in the Main Hall of the Marcham Centre.
Doors open at 7.15 pm for 7.45 pm start.*

Thursday 4th July :
Midweek Walk (*see opposite*)

Saturday 13th July :
Our Summer BBQ at 5pm (*see the front page*)

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1st September - Subscriptions for 2024-25 are due
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Thursday 12th September: Astronomy Group 7pm

Monday 23rd September: Annual General Meeting

"England's Oldest Town? The Archaeology of Abingdon."
A talk by Roger Thomas

The programme of events for 2024-25 is now available
on our website: www.marchamsociety.org.uk

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The General Election on Thursday 4th July



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