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Our AGM and first talk of the 2025/26 season

**Monday 22nd September at 7.15 for 7.45pm
in the Marcham Centre**



After a short AGM, there will be a talk:



**The Portable Antiquities Scheme
in Marcham and Oxfordshire**

***“Getting big stories from
small finds”***

by Dr Edward Caswell



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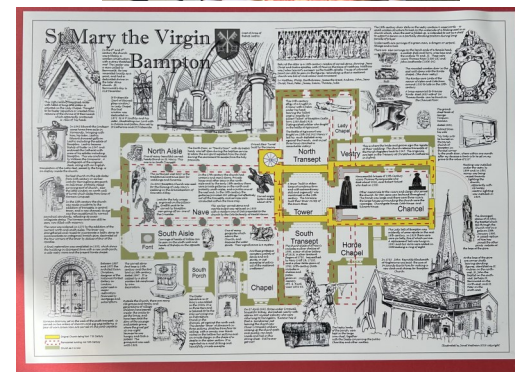
Members free , Guests welcome £5

Annual subscriptions are due for renewal from 1st September



Thank you to our hosts, Richard and Sian Liwicki at the Bothy, to Hugh and Sue Lawton for cooking on Neil Rowe's BBQ and also to John Scoble and Shirley Eccles for organising such an enjoyable evening.

Photos from our August midweek walk that set out from *The Market Tavern*, Bampton



Our thanks to Eric and Sheila for organising another successful outing. The next midweek walk will be on the **second** Thursday on 11th September. To receive more information please email: walks@marchamsociety.org.uk

Our October Outing
A guided tour of Ashmolean Galleries
Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 10.30am

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The Alfred Jewel - Convent Thoughts (Charles Alston Collins) - Iznik Plate

We are privileged to have a guided tour of the Ashmolean Museum to uncover some of the treasures of the collection, from ancient to modern.

Our tour guide will be Jude Barrett. She will lead us through galleries representing each department of the Museum, so you will have an opportunity to see objects from the ancient world such as iron age musical Instruments, beautifully carved monumental reliefs from Assyrian palaces, the enigmatic Alfred jewel, also coins and precious objects from across Oxfordshire, including the Watlington Hoard, about which James Mather, who discovered the hoard, gave a talk to Marcham Society a year or so back.

We will also feature the beauty of arts from China and Japan as well as a selection of Western art works including Uccello, Titian, Reynolds, Vernet, Pissarro, Turner and the Pre Raphaelites. There will also be ceramics and textiles to see.

The tour will take an hour and then we will be taken to the Learning Studio at the Ashmolean to see some objects up close and possibly handle them. This special session will be half an hour, finishing around noon. For those who would like to stay on for lunch at the Ashmolean, there is a café located on the lower ground floor, offering a selection of freshly-made meals from soups, to quiches and salads or a roof top restaurant serving more substantial meals.

If you would like to come, firstly, please email : ***Shirley.marsoc@gmail.com*** and then **pay £15 online to "The Marcham Society" Sort code: 09-01-54 Account: 72461087** Give your surname as a reference plus the code **"ASH"**

For more information on the Ashmolean Museum: <https://www.ashmolean.org/>

The new 2025-26 programme

Unless otherwise announced, talks will take place in the Main Hall at the Marcham Centre. Doors open at 7.15 for 7.45pm start.

September

- Thursday 11th:** Midweek Walk 12.30
Wednesday 17th: Astronomy Meeting 7.30 Small Hall, Marcham Centre
Monday 22nd: A short AGM followed by a talk:
 "Getting big stories from small finds" by Edward Caswell

October

- Thursday 2nd:** Midweek Walk 12.30
Wednesday 8th: Ashmolean Gallery visit and talk 10.30 am
Wednesday 15th: Astronomy Meeting 7.30 Small Hall, Marcham Centre
 "Argonaut: Europe's lunar lander programme" by Dr Ludovic Duvet
Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th: Marcham Uncovered - 30th Anniversary Exhibition (see below)
Monday 27th: "The Port of Wantage" a talk by Sem Seaborne



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EXHIBITION



Saturday 18th October 1330-1800
 Sunday 19th October 1000-1700

The Marcham Society celebrating 30 years

Come along to Marcham Centre and learn about...

- where Marcham came from**
archaeology, geology and rivers
- local history**
from the Domesday Book to present day
- people, places, events**
where you live, village life and more
- natural history**
wildlife, nature reserves and our own Astronomy group
- the future**
planned growth and the proposed reservoir

Take part in...

- guided walks** around the village*
- astronomy viewing** through telescopes*
- worksheets/quizzes** for all the family

*weather permitting

...with refreshments

