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Our Summer BBQ

Saturday 11th July 2026 at 5pm - £10pp
at The Bothy, Faringdon Road, Frilford, OX13 6QW



The Barbecue



The Venue



The Barman

Our annual BBQ will be at The Bothy again this year and our thanks go to Sian and Richard Liwicki for hosting us. As usual all food and drinks are included in the price but please bring your own chairs and table. There will also be a marquee set up in case of inclement weather.

We would like to ask for volunteers to help set up, clear away and to donate salad dishes for the BBQ. If you can help with food dishes we would be most grateful. Jill Tuffley has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the event this year so please email her at catkins@post.com

If you would like to come, please pay £10pp online to :
The Marcham Society, Account : 72461087 Sort : 09-01-54
Give your SURNAME and "BBQ" as a reference.



Thank you to Martin Whild for organising this Midweek Walk from *The Wolvercote*.



The next Midweek Walk
is on Thursday 2nd July meeting at 12.30

The Fox Inn

Fox Lane, Boars Hill, Oxford,
Oxfordshire OX1 5DN

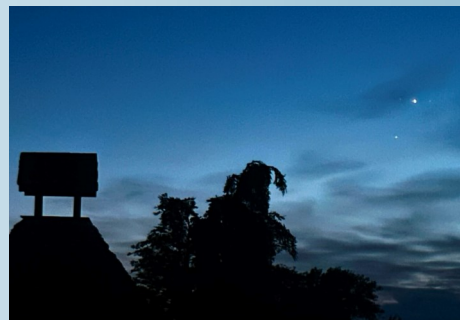
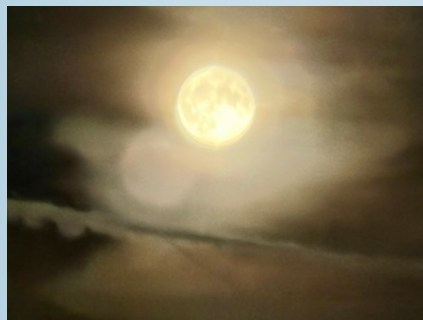
For more information on this and future walks, email:
walks@marchamsociety.org.uk





June Photos from the Marcham Star Gazers

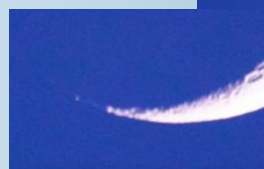
There was no Astronomy meeting this month but there was still an enthusiastic exchange of photographs from those on the Marcham Star Gazers WhatsApp, some taken on iPhones and some with more sophisticated equipment. We welcome all enthusiasts!



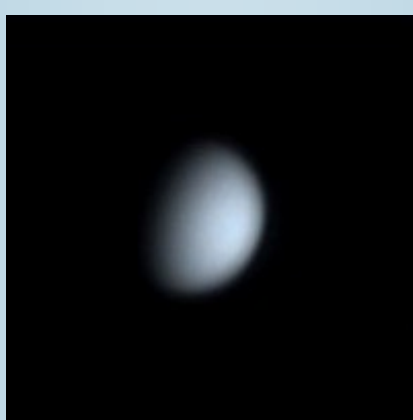
The moon is easy enough to distinguish...
...but the keen eye might also be able to see Jupiter or Venus.



A close-up of
the moon
allows us to
see the
surface.



Notice the tail!



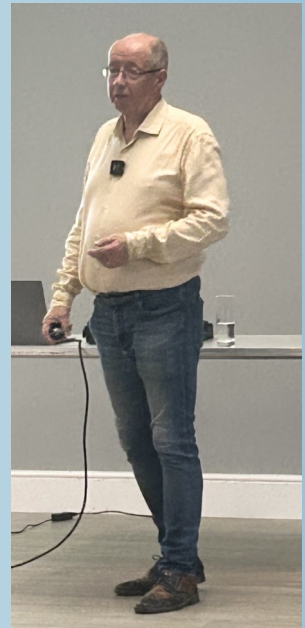
Images of Venus or Mercury do not have the same detail.

The next Astronomy meeting is on **Wednesday 16th September** at 7:30pm

A Way with Waste

A UK and Local Success story

By Paul Dumbleton



In his talk Paul told us how Oxfordshire has dealt with its waste historically, why things have changed and the future of landfill and recycling in the County. As a senior waste management professional with over 30 years experience in the industry he gave us an insight into the strategic development of waste recycling facilities.

At the end there were a record number of questions from the audience on a subject that Paul admits always stirs a lot of diverse opinions and even strong feelings!

Oxfordshire recycling rate

- ▶ Oxfordshire is consistently the top performing county in the UK with an overall county recycling and composting rate of over 58%
- ▶ South Oxfordshire District Council 62.9% (Ranked 1st in England)
- ▶ The Vale of the White Horse 60.7% (Ranked 4th in England)
- ▶ West Oxfordshire District Council 57.2%
- ▶ Cherwell District Council 51.5%
- ▶ Oxford City Council 48.3%



Oxfordshire's success rate in recycling



Paul answering questions at the end



The first weekend of Archaeological Test Pits planned for the end of June had to be postponed because of the extreme weather warnings. Digging in the open in high temperatures approaching 40 degrees would not have been wise. However all being well the three June hosts will be rescheduled in due course.

The July / August MAD News features a cover photo taken by the editor of the dig in her garden last year. The dates of the weekend digs are also advertised (*see bottom right*) and these will take place, of course weather permitting.

if you would like to visit, help dig or are interested in hosting a small one metre square test pit in your garden next year, please email :

marchamsociety@gmail.com



THE MARCHAM TEST PITS

Over two weekends, 25th & 26th July 2026 and 29th & 30th August 2026 there will be six archaeological test pits carried out in the village.

More information can be found on the Archaeology page of our website

BOOK LAUNCH

St. Helen's Church, Abingdon
7-9pm, Thursday 9th July

ENGLAND'S OLDEST TOWN?

The Archaeology of Abingdon

Roger Thomas

St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, OX14 5BS
Doors open: 7pm, start talk: 7.30pm. All welcome, free entry.
Refreshments available, donations welcomed.
The book will be available to purchase on **special offer**, and afterwards in local bookshops and Abingdon County Hall Museum from July 2026.

www.aaahs.org.uk
Abingdon Area Archaeology and History Society

Map © Oxfordshire History Centre

July 2026

Thursday 2nd: Midweek Walk 12.30 from the Fox Inn on Boars Hill

Saturday 11th: Annual BBQ 5pm at the Bothy (See Page One)

Saturday 25th/Sunday 26th: Marcham Test Pits

August 2026

Thursday 6th: Midweek Walk 12.30 (*More information to follow*)

Saturday 29th/Sunday 30th: Marcham Test Pits

September 2026

1st September: Renewal of subscriptions

There will be a new 2026/27 programme of events, talks, walks and outings.

Talks will continue take place on the fourth Monday of the month in the Main Hall at the Marcham Centre. Astronomy meetings will be on Wednesdays in the Small Hall.



Look out for notices on the Marcham Society Facebook page



The QR code on the membership card allows immediate access to the Marcham Society website and the most up to date information on the programme page.

For Programme of Events Visit:



- * Monthly Talks
- * Midweek Walks
- * Archaeology
- * Astronomy Club
- * Special Visits

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