

MARSTON SICCA

PARISH NEWSLETTER
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EDITORS NOTES

STOP PRESS

The Village Fete has been postponed until August.
For further updates on the new date keep an eye on the Long Marston Village Hall noticeboard and/or Facebook page.

All articles/adverts for the September edition must be submitted to editor@uberdoodle.com by Tuesday, 26th August.

Have a fantastic Summer.
Simon

THE PAVILION

CAFE &
COMMUNITY SPACE

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm
The Pavilion Cafe, Meon Vale, CV37 8YE

Registered charity number: 1196371

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council continue to review the data produced from the VAS unit. To provide accurate, current information, the council will assimilate the data and publish results quarterly in the village newsletter.

Highways have been contacted regarding the public footpaths through the village with specific reference to areas that require remedial work or where they are difficult to use o it due to the continual encroachment of hedges. Again, the parish council would point out, this specifically relates to hedges that have grown beyond the original boundary.

The council are debating plans to further enhance the Marston Meadow Green space and are continuing to participate in discussions regarding the Meon Vale woodland and wetlands.

Our PC ordinary meetings will resume on July 21st and we welcome all residents to come along.

Debbie Woodliffe
Parish Clerk

LONG MARSTON LADIES

Three Shires Osteopathy headed by Sarah, whose practice is very local between Long Marston and Dorsington, came along to Junes meeting of Long Marston Ladies.
She presented a very interesting evening about how Osteopathy works and standards of practice, along with slides, and a skeleton!

HELLO FROM THE POPPIN

We have welcomed two new suppliers to the shop .

'Taste Merchants' have an extensive range of products , we have started to stock some new lines to include Mrs Darlington jams and marmalade , Farmhouse biscuits , Tyrrell's crisps , Mary Berry dressings and Freee Gluten free biscuits . We will be adding lots more ranges so do pop by and see what's new on the shelves.

Whitfield and Rose are a local company who produce the most delightful natural soy candles and wax melts . There are a range of amazing scents available& these make wonderful gifts .

We are also trying out new savoury and sweet items from local bakeries Le Petit Croissant and Wests , don't forget we also take orders for fresh bread and pastries to guarantee your favourites .

We hope to see & serve you soon , shop local and support your community shop.

Best wishes
Helen Leedham and the Poppin team .





FRIDAY 4th July - 7:30PM

Licensed Bar | Snacks | Ices
Only £3 on the door

THE PAVILION

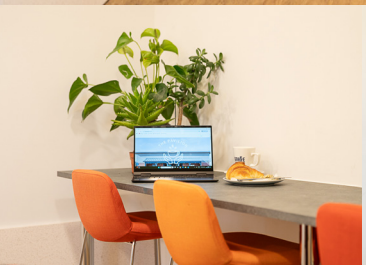
CAFE &
COMMUNITY SPACE

Did you know we have a side room available for hire?

If you are looking for somewhere to host a meeting, hold an event, or just somewhere to work from (with easy access to amazing coffee & cake!) then get in contact with Steph for further information.

steph@meonpavilion.co.uk









LONG MARSTON WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

At our June meeting Cheryl Rawbone gave us a very interesting talk on The Warwickshire Children's Charity. They operate a Friendship project where adult volunteers are paired with a child, who due to home circumstances, is deprived of going out and about. The volunteer takes them to places of the child's choice, planning ahead so the child can look forward to it. Even a visit to the local play park can be precious for them. Many of these children are carers. Several times a year there are BBQ's and special outings so they enjoy time with other deprived children and volunteers.

Our ***July meeting*** is on ***Weds 9th at 7.30*** when Annalisa Jones will be sharing her Philippines Shell Art. Visitors are most welcome, £5 including a sandwich and cake supper.

In ***August*** we look forward to visiting Lisa's lovely home next to the River Avon where we will enjoy our Annual Garden Party.

LONG MARSTON GARDEN CLUB

In June we visited Campden House in Chipping Campden. Not many of our members attended but those that did enjoyed a private viewing of this lovely garden and a delicious tea provided by and in aid of the local hospice. Their drive alone is one mile long!

Our next visit is on ***Sunday 27th July*** at Sandy Lane, Cheltenham.
This is open on a RGS day and we plan to arrive 2.30. Admission £4. This is a small garden. Then in August pencil in your diary ***Sunday 3rd August***, Highnam Court, 2pm arrival, £6 entrance, food available in Orangery.

Happy gardening and hope to see you at our next outings.
Wiggy

THE POPPIN - PLEASE HELP

As you are aware the Poppin is a community shop run by volunteers .

It is a valuable asset to the village and stocks a wide range of provisions , staple basics such as freshly baked bread,milk , tea and sugar , a good range of Willersly cooked and fresh meats , award winning Fladbury pies , a fantastic range of greetings cards , wide selection of beers , wines and spirits including Cotswold range of gins and whiskey and much more .
In order to keep the shop open we are desperately needing more of you to help . Just an hour or two per month would be such a valuable asset . There are many areas in which we would welcome new volunteers , if you are an early person we need openers or equally if you prefer a later slot in the day we have closers shifts. General till working , shelf stocking or even administrative jobs there are many areas in which your help would be greatly welcomed.
I started working in the Poppin over 15 years ago and can honestly say it is a great way of meeting people , getting village news first hand and you even a get a free read of the papers !! Not only is it fun but it's a rewarding knowing you are helping the village community. In return there are many complimentary social events that you & your partner are invited to thank you for your time .

Please do consider helping and keeping the shop open ..

Give it a try! Contact Helen on helen.leedham@btinternet.com for more information or leave your details in the shop .
We hope to welcome you soon !

Helen Leedham





VILLAGE HALL NEWS

MARSTON MOVIES – "Mad about the Boy", the fourth film in the Bridget Jones series, will be shown on June 4th in the hall at 7.30 pm. Admission £3. Bar & snacks as usual.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY for July

Yoga	1st 8th 15th	7-8 pm
Long Marston Ladies	2nd	7.30 pm
Private Booking	3rd 10th	
Private Booking	4th 11th 18th 25th	10-12 am
Marston Movies	4th	7.30 pm
Beavers	7th 14th 21st 28th	5-7 pm
Library/Coffee Morning	8th	10.30 -12 am
W.I.	9th	7.30 pm
FETE DAY	19th	
Parish Council Meeting	21st	7.30 pm

To book the hall please telephone Anne Harrison on 01789 720368

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

PRODUCE
5 Potatoes - same variety
3 Onions - same variety
5 Tomatoes - same variety
3 Courgettes
5 Runner/French beans
3 Root vegetables
3 Orchard fruits same variety/mixed
You've grown it - Let's See It!!
Collection of Vegetables (minimum 5)

CUT FLOWERS IN A JAM JAR
Single Rose
3 Cut Flowers- same variety
5 Cut Flowers (any variety)
Branch of Flowering OR Fruiting Shrub/Tree
Selection of Herbs

POT PLANTS - Best Overall (Pat Robbins Trophy)
Flowering
Foliage
Cacti/Succulents

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS (Accessories allowed)
Arrangement in Unusual Container
Harvest Colours
Petite Arrangement no greater than 5" (12.7cm) in any direction
Floral Wedding Accessory
Foliage

FLOWER SHOW
SEPTEMBER 2025

DOMESTIC CLASSES
Tea Loaf - (Pat Tredwell Trophy)
Coffee and Walnut Cake
Victoria Sandwich Cake - (Liz Marcuse Memorial Trophy)
Traybake
6 biscuits
Fruit Crumble
Jar of Marmalade
Jar of Chutney
Quiche - (including Vegetarian)

HANDICRAFTS
Painting (Any Medium)
Alternative Art - Computer or Other

Handicraft Item - (Miss Sandars Memorial Trophy)
Knitting/Crocheting
Sewing/Embroidery

PHOTOGRAPHS
The Sky
Village Life - Past or Present
Pets in Action
A Study in Black and White
Historical Interest
Gardens

CHILDRENS CLASS
Look What I've Made!!
Split into 3 Age Groups
5 yrs and under
6 - 8 yrs
9 - 12 yrs

SHOEBOXES

The Shoebox Team are aiming to fill 400 boxes for needy children again this year but we do need your help. We still need donations of all sorts but we are especially short this year of BOYS TOYS, so if you know any boys who have toys they have outgrown, please think about donating them to us.

The other shortage is HATS. We need 400 of them so if you have some oddments of wool, how about knitting us a hat or two? We would be most grateful.

Hat Pattern



You will need: Double knitting yarn
No 8's or 4mm needles
No6 needles

Cast on 80 stitches using No 8.
Work in K1, P1 rib for two and a half inches or knit same in garter stitch if preferred.

Change to No 6 needles and work in stocking stitch (1st row knit and 2nd row is purl) until work measures 5 inches from commencement.

Shape Top. Right side facing:
1st row: * K8, K2 together. Repeat from* to end of row.
2nd row: Purl
3rd row: *K7, K2 together. Repeat from * to end of row.
4th row: Purl
5th row: *K6, K2 together. Repeat from * to end of row.
Continue decreasing thus until 16 stitches remain.

Break off wool, thread through remaining stitches, draw up and fasten off securely.

To make up:

Pin out and press on wrong side under a damp cloth.
Join seam. Press seam.

Note: K = Knit
P = Purl

CHURCH SERVICES JULY 2025

RiverVale Churches
Welford | Weston | Quinton | Admington
Long Marston | Meon Vale

St. James the Great - Long Marston



Sunday 6th - Breakfast Service 10.30am

Sunday 13th - Breakfast Service 10.30am
Informal Communion 12.00pm



St.Swithin's - Quinton with Admington

Sunday 13th - Family Communion 10.30am

Friday 18th - Quinton House Service - 11.00am

Sunday 20th - All In Family Service - 10.30am

Sunday 27th - Communion - 10.30am



Meon Vale

Sunday 13th 3.00pm Meon Church
This service includes children's activities and toddlers space!

CONTACTS

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Chairman - Ian Johnsey
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DEFIBRILLATOR
This is located outside the Poppin shop.
A 999 call giving the location will provide a code and method of use.

ST JAMES THE GREAT
Church Warden – Carol Watts 07730 419958
Church Warden – Mike Edwards 01386 644231 – 07786 484114

POLICE
999 - Emergency only
101 - Non urgent contact

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