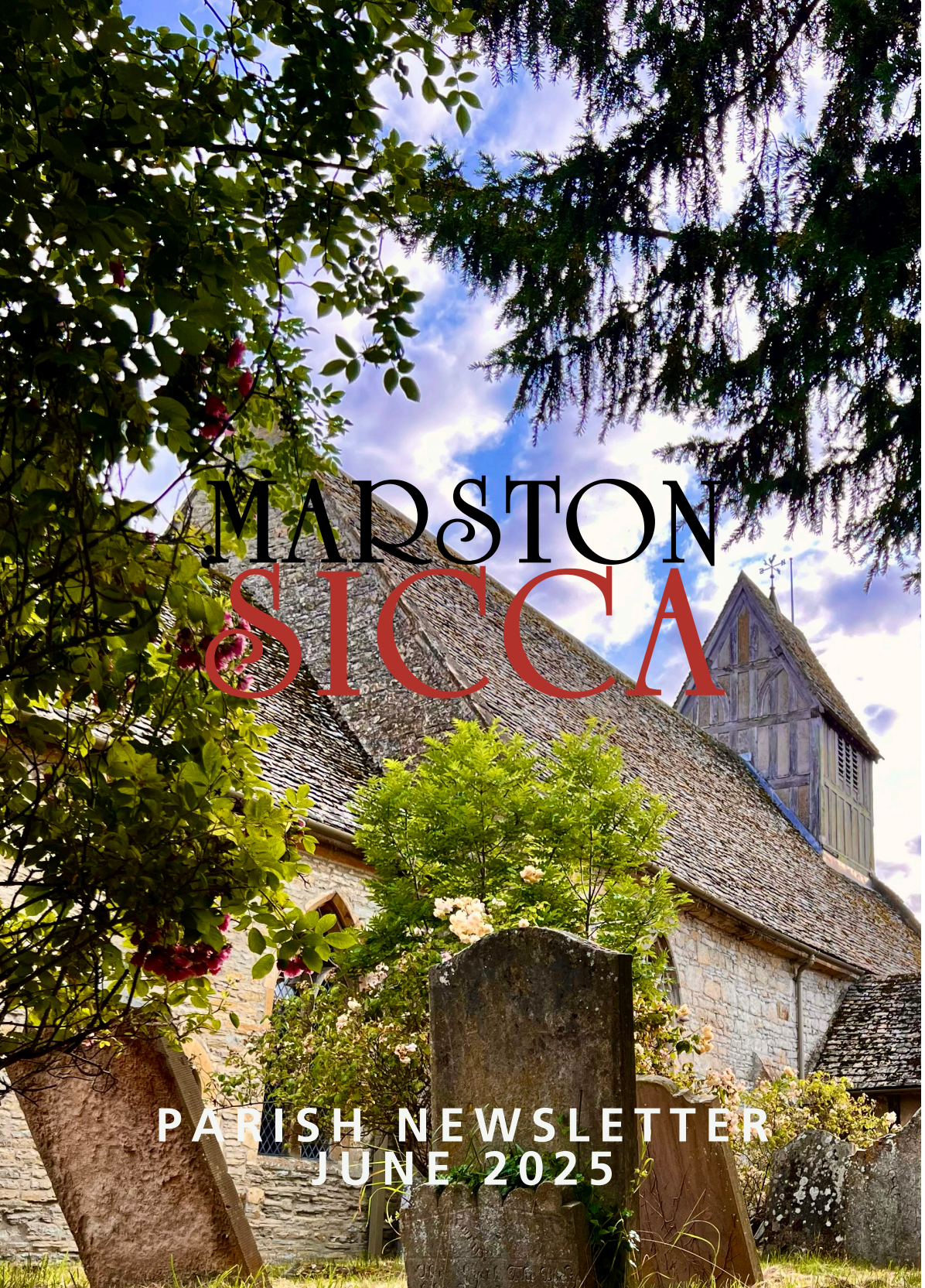


MARSTON SICCA

PARISH NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2025

EDITORS NOTES

I hope everyone is well and you've found time to enjoy some of the recent good weather. My veg bed is certainly loooking like it's having a good time!

With the Village Fete fast approaching Volunteers are still needed to run stalls and games. Please contact Adam at the Masons Arms if you can help.

All articles/adverts for the July edition must be submitted to editor@uberdoodle.com by Wednesday, 25th June.

Hopefully the recent good weather will continue.
Simon

PARISH COUNCIL

The May PC meeting was as usual, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, with first item on the agenda to be the election of Chairman. Members unanimously voted for Cllr. Ian Johnsey who therefore starts another year in the office of Chair for the parish council. Members also voted for Cllr. Noel Davis to be Vice Chair. With changes in County and District councils, and the growing size of our parish, this is likely to be a challenging civil year, but your councillors are committed to providing quality services for all residents and remain actively involved in all aspects of parish business.

The annual meeting was attended by 28 residents who collectively came to raise concerns over speeding through the village. The Parish Council share these concerns and have, over the years, looked to mitigate speeding through various action plans. These have included the siting of build outs to each end of the village and the use of a VAS system, along with many discussions and requests put to Highways. It has been encouraging to see residents organise a speed watch campaign and Cllr. Barker has shared VAS data with the speed watch team. The data revealed that the build outs had produced a positive result on speeding. To explore additional measures against speeding, the PC must follow

Highways rules, which have led to some suggestions being declined in the past. The parish council, however, have agreed for Cllr. Brown (now also a County Councillor), to raise the matter again with Highways to determine what options may be available.

A resident of Meon Vale reminded councillors of the concern over the woodland and greenway as future ownership and management of the sites is far from clear. Discussions are ongoing for these important community assets.

Councillors discussed the next stages for work to Marston Meadow and will be applying for funding to support further activity. Residents have remarked on how they enjoy using the space. Repair works are also about to start on Barley Fields play area.

It is important for the parish council to engage with the community and vice versa with the Annual Meeting of the Parish (Parish Assembly) being an excellent opportunity. This is not a Parish Council meeting (as noted above), but instead, is a meeting for members of the parish to raise concerns or discuss the status of local organisations and activities. This year, however, we had quite a small number of residents in attendance and consequently, councillors are discussing whether this annual meeting could be organised as a community event to highlight the council's ideas for the parish. This is an ideal time for you to have your say.

Residents that did attend gave an update on the Meon Vale allotments (now fully occupied), the Village Shop which requires the support of volunteers, the annual show box appeal and the remedial work required for Long Marston Village Hall. The council thanked those who came along and gave an informative account of local matters.

Planning Matters
25/00856 – application by Porterbrook to create cat accommodation.
Decision: No Objection.

Next Meeting: Due to holidays and the reduction in council members, there will be no parish council meeting in June.

We look forward to seeing you July 21st in Long Marston Village Hall.

HELLO FROM THE POPPIN

It is great to see new faces in the shop, both customers and new volunteers.

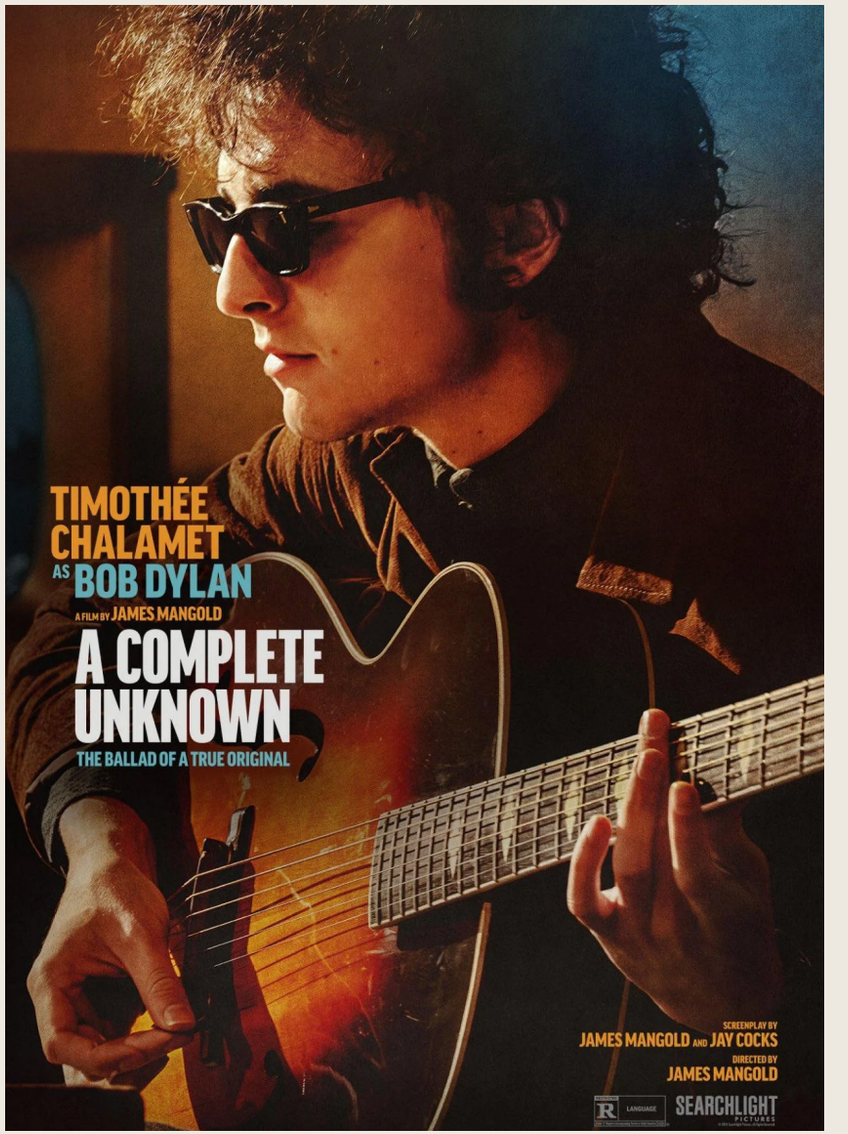
If you have not visited for a while, do pop in and see what we have on offer, a great convenience store on your door step with lots of new ideas. I am confident you will be surprised at our range! If we don't sell something you would buy on a regular basis do let us know and we will endeavour to stock it for you. We always welcome new helpers so do leave your name in the shop if you would like to get involved with our friendly team.

With the warmer weather finally arriving we have a great range of beers, wines, spirits, Pimms & soft drinks for those garden gatherings as well as charcoal etc to get those barbecues going.
Lots of new ranges arriving in the fridges including hand made sandwiches, pies, flans, cheeses and meats.
Don't forget Father's Day on Sunday 15th June, we have cards in stock along with a fine selection of whiskies if that's a favourite tipple!

Shop is open seven days a week 8am - 4pm weekdays and 8am to midday weekends. And don't forget we have the post office counter too weekdays.

Look forward to welcoming you soon!
Best wishes
Helen Leedham and the Poppin team .





FRIDAY 27th JUNE - 7:30PM

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

THE PAVILION

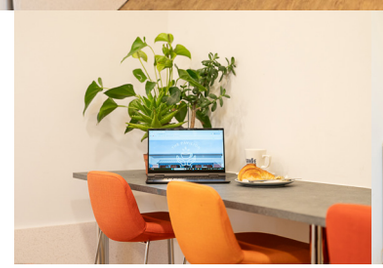
CAFE &
COMMUNITY SPACE

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

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

During our April meeting we travelled in pictures and dialogue to South Africa with Lisa on her working trip with one of the major supermarkets. Not only did we see the breathtaking S. African scenery but we learnt about the characters she worked with and of course their well stocked, spacious supermarkets!

Our May Meeting in the Mason's Arms was about this year's chosen resolution which is encouraging more people to actively learn about CPR. So many more lives could be saved if more people gained basic knowledge.
We then had a lively game of skittles, followed by an excellent cooked meal. Andy, Eloise's partner was overall winner but Rachel won a special prize for the WI member with the highest score. This prize was donated and presented by David Marcuse in memory of his much loved wife Liz.

Sadly in the last 3 months we have lost 3 very valued, long term members, Liz Marcuse, Jane Sully and Lynn Manning. All three are very much missed.

JUNE…we are busy in June. On Wednesday 4th June, the WI National Day Conference is coming to us via large screen in the Masons Skittles Alley. We are very grateful to Adam and Derek for allowing this. During the day members from other local WIs will be popping in to join us. We will be learning more about the CPR Resolution.

Our monthly meeting on ***Wednesday June 14th*** at 7.30pm will be about"Warwickshire Children's Charity", Cheryl Rathbone will be our speaker. Visitors are most welcome £5 to include a sandwich and cake supper.

ST JAMES THE GREAT

Hope in the BBQ Season (and Beyond)

The grass is growing again. The days are longer. The sun (occasionally) shines. I've already seen a few brave souls out in shorts and flip-flops, and someone down the road has fired up their barbecue like it's the Med. Meanwhile, I've stared at my lawnmower twice and thought, "Maybe tomorrow…" I'm trying to hold off on mowing in May for the bees and all that, but there's something about this season that makes us want to tidy up, dig out the garden seating, and believe that brighter days are coming.

Spring has always been a season of hope. The garden starts to come back to life. The evenings stretch out. There's that fresh smell in the air—equal parts blossom, muck on the fields and overcooked sausages. It's the time of year where things feel possible again.

And in the Church calendar, it's no coincidence that this season of new life sits alongside the stories of Jesus' Ascension and the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Jesus leaves his disciples not with a farewell party and a shrug, but with a promise: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit turns up" (Acts 1:8). And they do. Ten days later, in a locked room, with fear still hanging thick in the air, the Spirit rocks up and changes their lives, changed ours. These timid, fearful disciples hidden away, spread the news about Jesus throughout the world, which such confidence in the message that I'm still harping on about it today.

That promise wasn't just for them. It's still for us.

Right now, the world can feel like a lot. From the very local—cars flying through our villages far too fast—to the global—conflicts and heartbreak on a scale that's hard to take in. It's easy to feel powerless. Easy to settle for "well, that's just the way things are." But hope isn't passive. Hope stirs us. Hope challenges that voice in us that says nothing will ever change.

The Church of England has a great initiative at this time of year called Thy Kingdom Come. It's not a magic spell or a religious slogan—it's a prayer. A prayer that God's hope, peace, justice, and love would take root in our world. That we'd stop just scrolling and start hoping. Praying. Acting. Trusting that the same Spirit who stirred those first disciples still stirs in us. **If you'd like the resources get in touch!**

Jesus never promised an easy life (in fact, quite the opposite). But he did promise to be with us. In the middle of it. To be peace in the storm. Which means whatever this season holds—whether it's laughter around a BBQ, or a quiet moment wondering what comes next—you are not alone. And you are not powerless.

So maybe the real question this spring isn't "When should I mow the lawn?" (although that remains hotly debated), but rather: **Where do I need hope right now?**

Because hope is like sunlight—it doesn't make the rain stop, but it helps us see through it.

And as for the BBQ? Just keep an umbrella nearby. This is still Britain, after all.

Rev. Jay

St James the Great
RiverVale Churches

Email: admin@rivervalechurches.co.uk
Web: www.rivervalechurches.co.uk

Sunday 1st June: 10.30 sausages and bacon baps for breakfast followed by a family service.
Sunday 15th June: 10.30 croissants followed by a family service.
Also at 12.00 noon a holy communion service.
Everyone is welcome.

On Saturday 28th June we will be doing strawberry and cream teas in the churchyard from 2.30 pm. If wet we will be in the church.

Dear Residents,

On the 18th & 19th June 2025, Rail Live's annual show will be opening its doors at Porterbrook's Long Marston Rail Innovation Centre.

Rail Live is an important and key event in the Rail industry where the likes of Network Rail and many visitors will travel far and wide to see the latest innovation in the Rail Sector.

We want to be good neighbours, so, recognising that 1000's of people will be arriving in your neighbourhood over a two week period, we wanted to send you some dates and information that we hope you will find helpful so you can make arrangements around the peak times.

Build up Period

We have a light build up week between Monday 9th to Friday 13th June 2025. Whilst there will be HGV's and vehicles coming in and out of the site, we hope that disruption is minimal for you.

We go into full build up on Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th June – these key dates are when the majority of our exhibitors will be arriving and we expect fair amounts of flowing traffic throughout both of the days.
All vehicles enter into the site via Station Road, but exit via the Meon Vale industrial estate to ensure a one way system is kept flowing.

Open Dates
We open our doors on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th June 2025.
The show opens at 0900 hrs Weds and 0900 hrs on Thurs, so we expect roads will be incredibly busy around this time with visitors and exhibitors arriving over a good few hours parking into the field nearby the site entrance. We have two gates operating into this field and they will vary between being entry gates only in the morning, one entry and one exit over the cross over, and both as exit gates for egress towards the end of the day.

The show shuts at 1630 hrs on Wednesday and 1600 hrs on Thursday.
Again, we expect the roads to be steady late afternoon with visitors departing and some vehicles slowly arriving for breakdown, on the Thursday.

Breakdown
We will be breaking down from Thursday evening, around 1700hrs – 2000 hrs.

We have advised HGV's not to arrive to the site until 1800hrs and they have been given details of a local lorry park to keep them clear of the roads until then. Its inevitable some may arrive early so we will do our best to take them onto the site and keep the road clear if it is safe to do so with the visitor exiting by foot. We will continue to breakdown the show the following day on Friday 20th June.
With regard to the above we would like to take this opportunity to inform you of local traffic systems in place for the event to enable you to plan your journeys accordingly.
Warwickshire County Council have issued a Temporary Traffic Regulations Order, authorizing our traffic plan.

I. Traffic Routes for Rail live: - all traffic from the motor way will be routed along the B4632 into Station Road

II. Temporary traffic signals will be in place and will only be in operation when deemed necessary at the following location:-

a. At the entrance to the Farmers field directly opposite LMRIC site entrance for pedestrians to cross.

Delays on approach roads may be experienced during the inbound and outbound peak periods of the event and for which we apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

We are also encouraging visitors to use our complimentary coach shuttle service collecting passengers from both Stratford Parkway station and Honeybourne station with coaches departing both locations every 30 minutes.
If you would like to contact us to discuss our event before we open in June, please do not hesitate to call me on 01733 468289 or email raillive@bauermedia.co.uk

We would also like to extend an invitation to all local residents to come and visit our event and find out what Rail Live is about. If you would like to take up this invitation, please contact us using via email above and we can give you more information and arrange a complimentary ticket. We just require your individual names and email addresses to arrange your badges.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

With warm regards,
Katie Gordon-Hill
Exhibition Director for Rail Live

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

CAN YOU HELP? Volunteers are needed to run stalls and games at the village fete on July 19th. Please contact Adam at the Masons Arms if you can help.

MARSTON MOVIES – The film at 7.30pm on June 27th will be "A Complete Unknown" about the early musical years of Bob Dylan. Bar & snacks as usual. Admission £3.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY for June

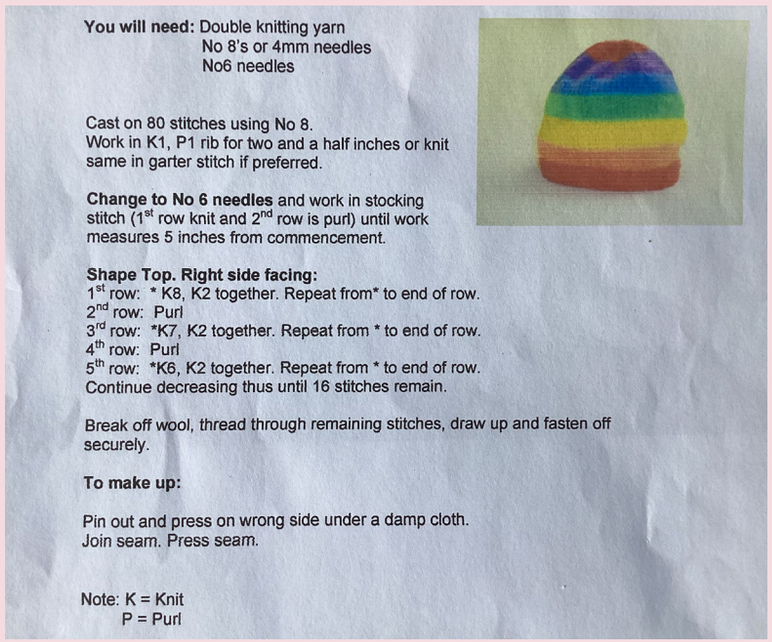
Beavers	2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th	5-7pm
Yoga	10th 17th 24th	7-8pm
Long Marston Ladies	4th	7.30 pm
Private Booking	5th 12th 19th 26th	
Private Booking	6th 13th 20th	10-12 am
Library/coffee morning	10th	10.30-12 am
W.I	11th	7.30 pm
HelenLeedham	20th	
Marston Movies	27th	7.30 pm
Village Hall Committee	30th	7.30 pm

Please telephone Anne Harrison 01789 720 368 to book the hall

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.



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

On a sad note, we have lost a most valuable member of our team. Lynn Manning had been an active supporter of Long Marston shoeboxes for over 20 years, sourcing and contributing a large amount of shoebox items each year. Our condolences go to Arthur, her husband and Tim, her son. We will all miss her so much.

JUNE 2025
Services around the benefice

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

Sunday 1st
9.00am Holy Communion - Weston (BCP)
10.30am Breakfast Service - Long Marston
10.30am Family Communion - Welford –
With speaker from Birmingham city mission, followed by lunch
7.00pm 'Re-fuel' Informal Worship - Welford

Sunday 8th *Pentecost*
10.30am Informal Service - Welford
10.30am Family Communion - Quinton
3.00pm Meon Church - Meon Village Hall

Sunday 15th
9.00am Holy Communion - Weston (BCP)
10.30am 'All In' Family Service - Quinton
10.30am Informal Worship - Welford
10.30am Breakfast Service - Long Marston
12.00pm Informal Communion - Long Marston

Sunday 22nd
10.30am Communion - Quinton
4.00pm Messy Church - Welford

Sunday 29th
4.00pm Benefice Communion - Welford

rivervalechurches.co.uk /RIVERVALECHURCHES

CONTACTS

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Chairman - Ian Johnsey
Councillor - Cliff Brown
Councillor - Noel Davis
Councillor - Colin Parrott
Councillor - Bill Tempest
Councillor - Steve Barker

Parish Clerk/RFO - Debbie Woodliffe
Email - parishclerk@marstonsicca-pc.gov.uk
Telephone- 01386 834321
Mobile - 07485 437702

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Simon Hanagarth - editor@uberdoodle.com

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS
Anne Harrison - 01789 720368

THE POPPIN VILLAGE STORE
01789 721011

THE POST OFFICE, LONG MARSTON
01789 721411

NOMINATED SAFE-GUARDING PERSON
Linda Thomas - 01789 721180

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

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM
www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/ship

PCSO 6230	Emma Turner
PCSO 6362	Ben Cole
PC 1508	Sid Hammond

Shipston Police Station
01789 444670
shipston.snt@warwickshire.police.uk
www.facebook.com/ShipstonPolice

Crimestoppers
0800 555111

WEBSITE
www.marstonsicca-pc.gov.uk

