

MARSTON SICCA

PARISH NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2023

COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE/CARE

Community Food Share – Operated by a small team who distribute food to those who require that extra help.

Please contact
Stephenie Hillier
(07720 975023)
or Jane Batchelor
(07522 559865).



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If you would like to donate food towards **The Community Food Share there will be a collection box outside The Poppin, Long Marston.**

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EDITORS NOTES

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first edition for 2023.

Make a note in your diaries that the new online edition of the newsletter will be available on the 1st of every month, with a llimited number of hard copies available from The Poppin and The Pavilion. We will be posting the link on Facebook through the various local forums, but for those (sensible ones) who don't use it you will always find the latest edition posted on the Marston Sicca website, along with lots of other useful local news and updates: https://marstonsicca-pc.gov.uk

Please remember to email me if you would like your child's birthday in the newsletter, editor@uberdoodle.com

Movie night this month is Ticket To Paradise with Julia Roberts and George ~~Swooney~~ Clooney, and an entertaining evening with Margot McCleary is also being put on in the village hall this month. So there's a couple of things to get out to, now the temperatures are lifting!

If we have any budding reviewers (young or old) in the village it would be great to have a monthly section with reviews of TV shows or movies that are currently streaming, or any of the new releases at the cinema. Drop me an email and get involved.

All articles for the March edition must be submitted to editor@uberdoodle.com by Monday, 20th February.

Have a lovely February.
Simon



The Electoral Commission

You now need Photo ID to vote at a Polling station

No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

Find out more at

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

or call 0800 328 0280

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Manuela Perteghella



Dear Residents,

Hope you all had a good start to 2023. In the past year this is what I have done for our wonderful ward as your representative: dealt with a wide range of residents' casework, including planning and housing issues; tabled questions and motions, and spoke on behalf of residents in full council meetings; contributed to public consultations, appeals, and to working groups to shape better policies; written to District and County councils, as well as government ministers on issues which affect our ward and residents, met with local voluntary groups and charities; sat on the Climate Change Panel and the Audit and Standards Committee, as well as being the Shadow Portfolio Holder for Culture, Tourism and Leisure. I attended a wide programme of training so that I can be an effective councillor. I also regularly attend parish council meetings to report back on district matters, and to raise issues which the parish council can attend to. Below follows an update with information which I hope you will find useful.

Elizabeth House

The District Council offices at Elizabeth House, Church Street, in Stratford, are open to the public as per pre-pandemic times, from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
The council can also be contacted via telephone 01789 267575, and residents are able to access many services online at www.stratford.gov.uk

New Boundary Wards

You might know that the Boundary Commission has changed the District ward boundaries locally. These changes have now been ratified by Parliament. The boundaries of the existing Welford on Avon ward have changed and a new Long Marston ward has been created.

Voter ID

From 4 May 2023 onwards, the government's Elections Act 2022 requires voters who are on the Register of Electors to show

photographic identification at polling stations before they are given a ballot paper. This means that voters at polling stations will be turned away unless they produce a form of photo documentation. There has been widespread opposition to these changes. There is considerable concern about this change amongst election officers across the country and the government is having to provide extra funding for more staff. I have raised my serious concerns at council's meetings too. Acceptable Voter ID documents include: Passport, Photo Driving Licence, Older Persons or Disabled Bus Pass, Blue Badge, Voter Authority Certificate issued by the government or via the District Council.

Please see here for a complete list of acceptable IDs, and how to apply for the Voter Authority Certificate: https://www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/voter-id-at-polling-stations.cfm

If voters do not possess any of the required forms of photo ID, they can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate either online, by paper application or by visiting the Council Offices. They will have until 25 April 2023 to do this and the Certificate will be valid for more than one election. Applications for Voter Authority Certificates will be accepted from 16th January 2023.

You will be able to apply either -
• on-line via www.Gov.uk ; or

• by downloading an application form from www.Gov.uk ; or

• by applying in person to Stratford District Council.

Please note that this change applies if you choose to vote in person at the polling station. You can still apply for postal votes as per usual process.

The Energy Bills Support Scheme (Alternate Funding)

The Energy Bills Support Scheme (Alternate Funding) starts in January 2023. It is a one-off payment of £400 to households who 'pay their electricity in a different way'. Examples of eligible persons are:

Those with a commercial landlord or intermediatory like Park Home residents and some housing association tenants with inclusive rents and care home residents.

The Scheme is due to start at the end of Jan 2023 but has already been announced by Government.

The main points are:

• Applicants can only apply via a Gov UK portal – which will be available in Mid January 2023.

• You cannot apply via your local council.

• There will be a central government contact centre to help with enquiries. (please check the council's website for the contact centre number or contact me; https://www.stratford.gov.uk/people-communities/help-with-energy-bills.cfm

• This Government portal will let you apply and verify your bank details.

• Government will then tell Councils which addresses to pay.

South Warwickshire Local Plan update

Stratford District and Warwick District Councils (covering South Warwickshire) are working together on a new Local Plan, to look at future development in the area, including policies, housing and employment, green spaces and infrastructure. The current public consultation is on the Issues and Options document, and it runs from 9 January - 6 March 2023.

Have your say at:
www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp

Full Council Meeting 12 December

The Full Council meeting was held on the 12th December. Our group proposed a motion, holding housing association to account, in particular with regards to tackling mould and damp issues timely and effectively. This has been referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. My cost-of-living motion, asking Council to review some of their schemes and help residents who need assistance, will be debated at the next council meeting.
If you have an issue, you would like me to raise at Council meeting, please let me know and I can then ask questions, which can become the bases for new policy proposals. Residents can also submit written questions to the Council.

The next council meeting will be held on the 27th February.
As usual, please don't hesitate to contact me with any query, issue or concern you might have.

Warmest best wishes

Manuela

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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Parish council members discussed the remaining transfer of land on Marston Meadow (field behind Perry Orchard). Two of the three sections of land have already been transferred to parish council ownership, the third was delayed by Severn Trent. The revised plans are now being reviewed to finally conclude on the transfer. The three sections of land that make up Marston Meadow comprise an orchard (999 year lease), a playing field (freehold transfer) and an area for community building (999 year lease). The working group are organising initial works to the field site including a gated entrance, planting of hedging and trees and are costing pathways to meander through the field. The council are also assessing the poorly constructed 'play equipment' with a view of re-siting and replacing the equipment.

Some residents had complained about inaccessible footpaths, the council have written to the respective land owners reminding them of their responsibility to keep footpaths clear. The situation will be monitored.

Following appraisal of the play area to Barley Fields, the council have purchased new boundary fencing. This should provide a more robust solution to protecting the site.

Our district councillor Manuela Perteghella and the council have been discussing changes to the election process. This is an election year and details have been circulated regarding ID requirements for voters. The council queried how this would work if postal votes do not require ID and how this can be achieved if adults do not possess a passport or driving licence. The matter is being investigated and will be on the next PC agenda.

With speed calming measures continuing to be a priority, council members had agreed to purchase a VAS system. This would provide notice of speed and record information for detailed reporting. The equipment will be installed asap.

Due to concerns over the Cost-of-Living Crisis, the council felt the matter should be a regular agenda item. The Clerk attended a Cost of Living seminar with various councils and parish councils to discuss measures being taken to help the most vulnerable. Details of grants or opportunities for support will be placed on the PC website.

With support in mind, the Parish Council would like to remind residents of the services provided at Meon Vale Pavilion Café. This valuable community centre under the management of Steph Hillier, provides a range of support for the most vulnerable or those who seek short term, immediate help. A charity has been created to manage the services at the Pavilion with trustees comprising local residents, the parish council and local business. The objectives of the charity are to broaden the support services for the local community and secure proceeds from the café to help achieve these aims. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who support Steph and the team, and the generous residents who donate food for the food share scheme.

PLANNING MATTERS

11/03427/FUL Hopkins, conversion of barn to form a single 2-bedroom dwelling and alterations to the garage to form a bat loft.
Decision: No Objection provided the converted barn remains ancillary to the main dwelling of Hopkins.

22/03027/FUL The Grange, internal works to provide a new mezzanine level and associated refurbishment works.
Decision: support

22/02914/FUL 24 Poplar Drive Meon Vale, demolition of existing wall and erection of 1.8m close board fence to boundary.
Application was refused by SDC

22/03623/AMD Pavilion Meon Vale, alterations from Sports Pavilion, enclose the main frontage terrace with screening and alterations to the internal layout of the building.
Decision: Support

Next Parish Council meeting
February 20th, 2023, 7.30pm
The Pavilion, Meon Vale
https://marstonsicca-pc.gov.uk

LONG MARSTON WI

Our Christmas Party was delayed by a week due to the deep snow, freezing roads and pathways. It was better being nearer to Christmas and was a festive, happy occasion with a buffet supper created by the members.

Our January meeting we welcomed Mark and Pia Wilkes who came to talk to us about Neurodiversity and Autism Spectrum. There was a quick introduction to nerve paths in the brain and the challenges someone with Autism has in coping with everyday life.

Mark and Pia work with enthusiasm to encourage the work force to realize the value and role such people can give to a team and to help them to engage and respect each other.
Autistic people think outside the box. Have quick perceptive minds, high concentratation and when blended into a team are invaluable with their skills.

Mark and Pia are inspirational in their work.

Next Meeting ***Wednesday 8th February 7.30pm***
Shakespeare and Me with performance extracts – Jennifer Rigby.

Liz Marcuse

LIBRARY & COFFEE MORNINGS

The Library has been coming to Long Marston for many years, if we don't use it we are in danger of losing it. The library comes to the village every 3 weeks and the van parks in the pub's car park. It is next with us on Feb 7th and 28th at 10.45 am, followed by tea or coffee and biscuits in village hall. Come and join us for a natter after Library, or just come to the coffee morning. Donations are welcome and is given to local charities each year. This year we have donated £120 to the Shakespeare's Hospice. You can order books to pick up.



Chris Rathbone | 01789 720969

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who took part in The Salvation Army tea party in the Village Hall at the end of October. We raised £185 from the sale of hot drinks and cakes.
Thanks too, to all those that bought via our special door service, my husband, and Nathan on the day. We hoped everyone was blessed by our home-made bakes. Thank you everyone!

Maria Carter

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Tuesday February 21st is our AGM at 7.30pm.
Come along to join us to learn more about our lovely hall and help plan for it's future.



Agenda
1. Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM held on Feb 28th 2022
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Nomination of Honorary Auditor for 2023
6. Election of Committee
7. Any other business

MARSTON MOVIES
Friday February 17th at 7.30 pm we are showing TICKET TO PARADISE.
A romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts and George Clooney. Licenced bar with drinks, snacks and ice cream. Feel free to bring a cushion to add to your comfort.

WINTER WARMER
Saturday February 18th. St James Church is holding this event with entertainment in our hall.

THE LAUNCH OF LONG MARSTON FETE 2023
Thursday March 2nd at 7.30 pm
We have a Fete date.....***Saturday July 1st***. All we need now is the enthusiasm of villagers to come along and help us to put this event together. New ideas are most welcome. Join us for a glass of wine and a friendly chat. Bring your family and neighbours. Together we can make July 1st a most enjoyable day.

EASTER BINGO
Saturday March 24th Doors open 7pm Eyes down 7.30pm. Lots of lovely prizes. Dawn has kindly offered to call.

FLOORBOARDS
Over the years we have had continuing problems with rotting floorboards. On attempting to replace floorboards in the bar area we have been advised that the problem is serious. The bar area at present is out of bounds, and we may have to close off the hall completely to get the problem sorted at some point.

We apologise for this. Hirers have been informed and we hope to keep as many activities as possible going for as long as we can. Unfortunately we have had to cancel all exercise classes.
We hope to get back to normal as soon as possible.

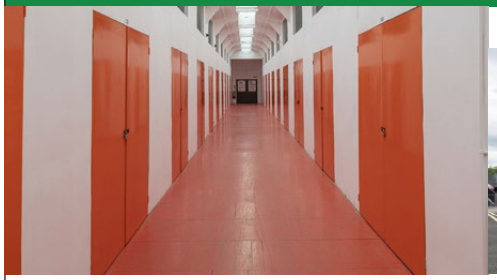


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CHURCH FUNDRAISERS



WINTER WARMER

Margot McCleary "The Velvet Glove"

Join us for sketches and monologues for your entertainment.

18th February at Long Marston Village Hall

Doors open 7:00pm with Margot on at 7:30pm

Tickets - £10 including a meal, available from The Poppin

Raffle & bar on the night.



25TH MARCH

2PM AT LONG MARSTON VILLAGE HALL

Donations can be dropped off at the hall on the day from 11am

THE POPPIN

Poppin changes.

As with everyone else the Poppin has to adapt to changes and events.

The biggest change has been to find a way to buy the stock for the shop when the supplier for the past several years changed their pricing and delivery schedules. This meant we couldn't continue with them and needed to find another supplier. We have solved that problem and with a dedicated team to re stock the shelves we are progressing well.

A survey was carried out to check the costs of the electrical appliances. That survey showed that it was costing more to run the current upright freezer than the sales from it. It was decided to change the open fronted deli unit to one with doors to reduce the energy bill.

I'm sure the shop will meet these challenges and continue to provide a full service to the village but we do need you all to support us to keep the shop a going concern.

We always need more volunteers so if you can manage a small amount of time even if it is as little as two hours a fortnight that would be useful. To tempt you we traditionally have a barbecue in late summer and skittles evening in the pub in the winter and of course you meet friends and get to know people in the village.

We stock seasonal items and the current ones are for Valentine's Day and Easter but we also cater for birthdays and anniversaries etc. with cards, chocolates and wine.

Hope to see you soon.
John Rathbone - Poppin Chairman

We need your help in Marston Meadows

The Parish Council Working group have been given 420 hedging whips. They will be delivered in early March. They need planting and we are appealing for volunteers to help us with this task.
We have set aside Saturday 11th or Saturday the 18th March, at 10 o'clock. If you have a spade, wellington boots and are willing to give us a hand, children are most welcome, could you email Ian Johnsey on maintenance@marstonsicca-pc.gov.uk

Margaret Clarke - Parish Council



SHOE BOX APPEAL

We were delighted to hear from a volunteer who travelled out to distribute the shoeboxes that they handed out one of our boxes to a little girl in Suplacu de Barcau in Romania.

As you tidy up from Christmas, please remember we can use your empty shoeboxes, left over cards and wrapping paper, also the fronts of used greeting cards. Small toys, no longer played with, are essential for our boxes, so please let us have them.

Items can be left in The Poppin or in the box by the front door of "Gaverne".

We are looking forward to sending more boxes this autumn.

PUZZLES

3+ Letter Words

Grab pen and paper! Using the letters above how many words can you make, always including the central letter.

FEBRUARY QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. What star sign are you if you were born in early February?
2. What happened in Britain on the 15th of February, 1971?
3. Februalia was the Roman festival of ritual what?
4. On 16th February, 1659, what was used for the first time in Britain as Mr Nicholas Vanacker settles a debt?
5. True or false. It is possible to have Easter in late February?

KIDS JOKE CORNER

Q: What did the paper say to the pencil?
A: Write on!

Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses in school?
A: Because her students were so bright

Q: What is a witches favourite subject in school?
A: Spelling

Q: What is the best place to grow flowers in school?
A: In Kindergarten



VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH

A V U A N G C A N D Y Q E I Y N J E T F
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Valentine
Candy
Chocolate
February
Flowers
Friend

Cupid
Cuddle
Hug
Kiss
Love

Be Mine
Hearts
Card
Love
Arrow

Pink
Red
Roses
I Love You
Sweet



BINGO!

LONG MARSTON VILLAGE HALL

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Ingredients

100g/3½oz plain flour
2 free-range eggs
300ml/10fl oz semi-skimmed milk
25g/1oz unsalted butter, melted, plus a little extra for cooking
1 tbsp vegetable oil

For the filling
Grated cheese
Smoked ham, shredded

Method

1. Sieve the flour into a large bowl. Make a well in the centre and crack in the eggs. Beat the eggs with a fork, gradually incorporating the flour from the outside of the well as you mix.

2. Gradually pour in the milk, whilst whisking, until the batter is smooth and there are no lumps. Stir in the melted butter. Cover with a cloth and put in the fridge for 15 minutes.

3. Heat 1 teaspoon of oil in a frying pan over a medium heat and add a knob of butter. When the butter has melted, spoon 1–2 ladles of the batter into the pan. Carefully swirl the pan around until the batter has coated the bottom. Cook for 1–2 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Repeat with the remaining oil and batter.

4. To serve, transfer the pancake to a plate and sprinkle over a little cheese and ham. Roll up the pancake while it's still warm so that the cheese melts a little and serve immediately.

HAM & CHEESE PANCAKES





CARROT & CORIANDER SOUP

Ingredients

1 tbsp vegetable oil
1 onion, chopped
1 tsp ground coriander
1 potato, chopped
450g carrots, peeled and chopped
1.2l vegetable or chicken stock
handful coriander

Method

1. Heat 1 tbsp vegetable oil in a large pan, add 1 chopped onion, then fry for 5 mins until softened.

2. Stir in 1 tsp ground coriander and 1 chopped potato, then cook for 1 min.

3. Add the 450g peeled and chopped carrots and 1.2l vegetable or chicken stock, bring to the boil, then reduce the heat.

4. Cover and cook for 20 mins until the carrots are tender.

5. Tip into a food processor with a handful of coriander then blitz until smooth (you may need to do this in two batches). Return to pan, taste, add salt if necessary, then reheat to serve.

Ingredients

4 medium carrots, thinly sliced
55g butter
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
200g grated Emmental cheese
2 leeks, washed and finely shredded
3 large potatoes, thinly sliced, do not wash
450g pumpkin or butternut squash, peeled and thinly sliced
325g Jerusalem artichoke, peeled and thinly sliced
300ml of milk
300ml of cream
1 bayleaf
Sprig of thyme
Grating of nutmeg
125g Emmental (optional) or breadcrumbs

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas mark 5

2. Place the carrots in the bottom of a medium-sized baking dish. Add the butter and a pinch of the garlic. Sprinkle over some of the grated Emmental

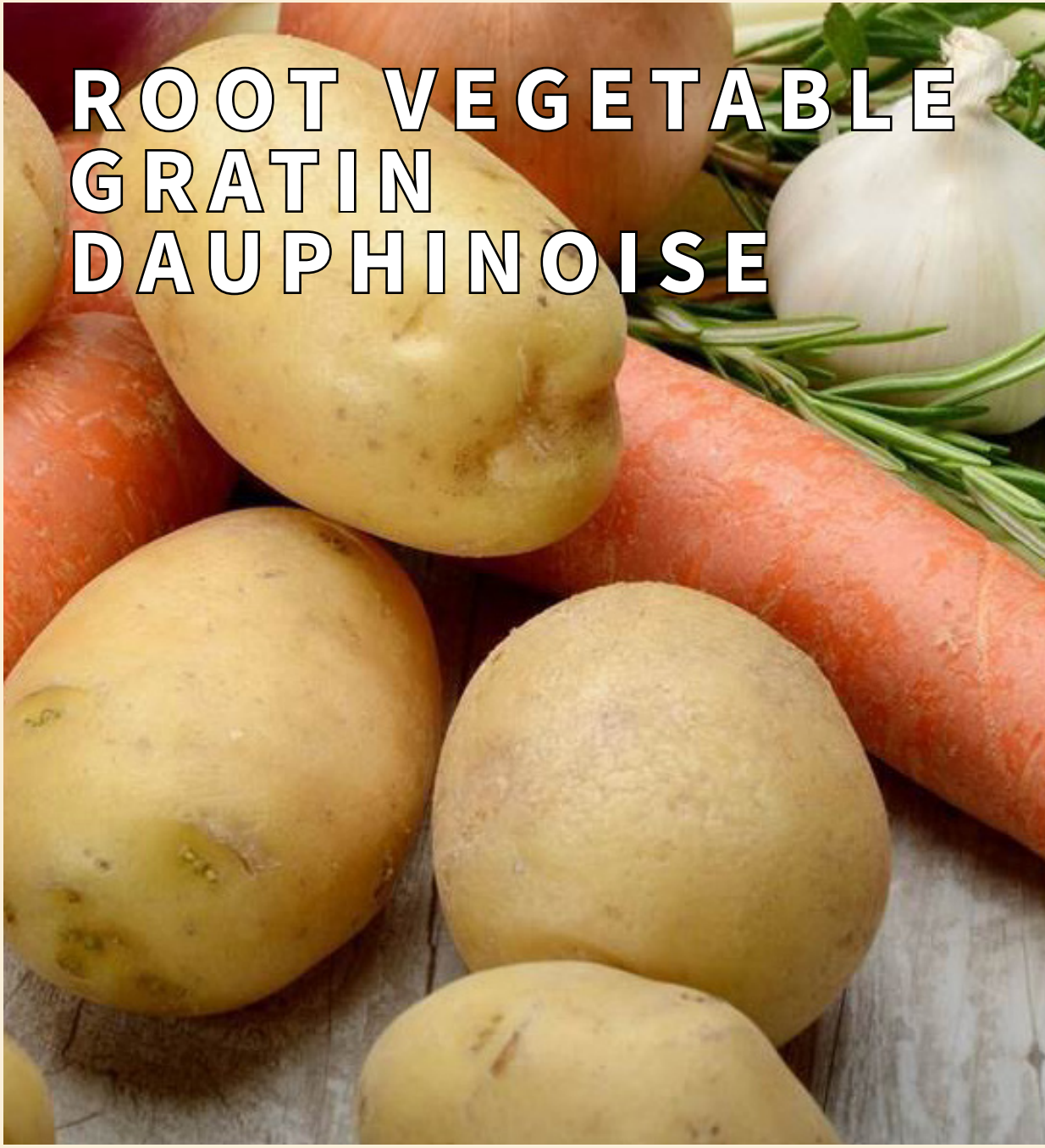
3. Layer the pumpkin on top and add a couple more knobs of butter, and a little more garlic

4. Repeat with the Jerusalem artichoke and finally the leeks and then potato and sprinkle over the remaining cheese.

5. Mix together the milk, cream, bay leaf, sprig of thyme and grating of nutmeg then strain and pour over the vegetables

6. Sprinkle over the optional Emmental or breadcumbs and place in a pre-heated for 1 hour and 15 mins or until cooked

5. Tip into a food processor with a handful of coriander then blitz until smooth (you may need to do this in two batches). Return to pan, taste, add salt if necessary, then reheat to serve.



ROOT VEGETABLE GRATIN DAUPHINOISE

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