MARSTON SICCA



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EDITORS NOTES

Happy May, all!

The blossom is out, birds are at full chat, and whilst I don't want to speak too soon, it does feel like we are turning the corner in to better weather. What's that? Three Bank Holidays too!? Lovely stuff.

This month we have the annual Yard Sale on Sunday, May 14th and the Village Hall is hosting 2 movie nights. First up is the fantastic Matilda on May 12th and then Living the following Friday, 19th May.

Remember to keep up to date with events, parish council meetings and general information etc. at www.marstonsicca-pc.org.uk

All articles/adverts for the June edition must be submitted to editor@uberdoodle.com by Saturdy, 20th May.

Hugs
Simon

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

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Thank you.



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DISTRICT COUCILLOR



Dear Residents,

Hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the Coronation events.

This will sadly be my last article for the Marston Sicca newsletter, as the current Welford on Avon ward doesn't include the villages of Long Marston and Meon Vale anymore. You might know that the Local Election Boundary Commission changed the district wards boundaries locally. These changes were ratified by Parliament back at the beginning of 2023. The Welford on Avon ward has been split into two wards, with both Long Marston and Meon Vale placed in the new Long Marston ward. This meant that I was not able to stand this time to represent you in the Long Marston ward in the May local elections.

It's been a huge honour and a privilege representing you all at Stratford District Council, holding the council to account on your behalf and shaping better policies for our residents. I want to thank you all for the trust you have put in me. Special thanks also to the Marston Sicca Parish Council and the Meon Vale Residents Association for working with me to resolve local issues and make this area a better place to live. And a heartfelt thank you to the editors, present and past, of this wonderful newsletter, keeping the parish updated on all the brilliant initiatives in Long Marston and Meon Vale.

I'm proud of my record of fighting your corner. Whether it's demanding better infrastructure for the villages, holding developers to account, demanding high quality affordable homes, and protecting our green spaces and woods, it's been a pleasure to campaign on the issues that matter to you. And we did win too some important battles too.

I shall miss you all very much, but hope to keep in touch with the community, and no doubt I will be liaising in due course with your new elected representative.

I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the future,
Manuela

PARISH COUNCIL

Our April meetings were first started with the Annual Meeting of the Parish (Parish Assembly). This provides an opportunity for the organisations within the Parish to discuss activities throughout the year and to share ideas and views.

A representative of the Village Hall Committee confirmed maintenance had started to tackle the numerous problems to the hall. Repairs to areas of flooring had been completed, heaters were fixed, and an electrical upgrade had been undertaken. The exterior fencing has also been fixed along with the general décor inside the hall. Those present felt the hall was looking fresh and welcoming and hoped the wider community would support future hall events

A member of the Marston Meadow working group confirmed the area was now being worked on as the first stage in preparing a valuable green space for Marston Sicca parish. Hedging and new trees have been planted to the orchard area with additional trees to the corner of the site to commemorate the Kings Coronation.

The Gardening Club continues to organise visits to various gardens inspiring ideas and discussions among its members. The selected gardens can range from large manor gardens to smaller, intimate venues that offer an array of planting schemes and ideas.

A member of the Coopers Charity explained what the charity is about, its assistance to young adults about to start university and its heritage. It was noted, a clerk is required to replace the current clerk who is retiring after many years of service.

The Chair gave a brief overview of the Parish Council year, highlighting the successes and challenges we have faced. The council thanked all the volunteers who have continued to help support the services being managed from the Meon Vale Pavilion. The support enables a wide range of services to operate, helping a large number of vulnerable families in and around our village, and highlights the kindness and community spirit that exists in our parish.

Council members were pleased to again see Cllr. Perteghella join our meeting but sad to note this will be her last. With the ward changes

now in place, we must vote for our new District Councillor on May 4th. The council gave its sincere thanks to a very committed councillor who has supported us tirelessly over the past years.

Despite this being her final meeting with us, Cllr. Perteghella nonetheless raised her concerns about planning item 21/02405/REM, Meon Vale. A meeting had been held with SDC planners making it clear that both she, the Parish Council and Meon Vale Residents Association thought the development of 103 dwellings is too dense for the site. There is also disappointed that a local green space was not introduced, that too many trees are proposed to be felled and the potential removal of the boundary hedgerow along a section of the greenway. We understand the matter is being considered by the developer who are working on a further layout.

The Parish Council discussed ground maintenance schemes and the tender process we operate each year. With repeated concerns over Barley Fields (including the play area), council members decided to remove this area from the tender and to also exclude the maintenance to Marston Meadow and to organise this work via separate contract.

Council members also discussed the need for some house owners to reduce the size of hedges to the front of dwellings. Some hedges although trimmed have encroached significantly over the pathway making it difficult to pass. The Clerk will be contacting relevant residents to highlight the problem and get hedges reduced.

The Parish Council are keen to support the Kings Coronation celebrations and voted to contribute funds to help mitigate costs for the event organisers. We hope the weather is kind and we can enjoy this historic event together.

With Climate Change and Biodiversity high on our agenda, the Parish Council along with the Biodiversity Working Group are hosting a Big Green Day at Meon Vale on June 10th. This will be day of information, fun and schemes to highlight the issues and what can be done locally. We have a range of activities throughout the day, projects to participate in, guest speakers and presentations by relevant / key organisations. Stratford District Council are considering policies and action plans and can build these plans with rural participation. Please come along on the day and see the amazing prizes to be won.

Planning Matters

21/02405.REM Phase 4c Meon Vale. Mirroring the comments outlined by Cllr. Perteghella, Cllr. Tempest gave a complete review of the application, all the concerns and impact. Decision: Object

23/00796/HHPA, 16 Rumer Close, Long Marston. Single storey rear extension. Decision: Support

23/001/38/VARY (20/02745/OUT) Airfield House. Marston Sicca originally supported the outline planning application 20/02745/OUT based on the housing mix being proposed. However, the variation to change all dwellings to affordable is against policies CS.18 and CS.19 of the SDC core strategy. A more detailed response will be organised. Decision: Object

Our meeting in May will be a full contingent of councillors, welcoming new councillors to the role.
The meeting will be held 15th May, 7.30pm
Long Marston Village Hall.

GARDEN CLUB

On Wednesday 19th April several members visited Iffley Meadows at Oxford. Unfortunately it was a bit of a Wiggy disaster! It started off with a warning to wear gum boots. Good advise as it was very wet and muddy at the Meadows adjacent to the Thames. We were hoping to view a meadow of friterallies but could only spot 6. We had more than that in our gardens! Despite the lack of flora we had an enjoyable day out.

Next outing will be a visit to Highgrove which is fully booked. Wonder if there will be some Coronation Quiche to taste!

LONG MARSTON LADIES

Nuala Ryan-Long, clairvoyant, sent shivers down the ladies backs with her accurate readings from past loved ones.
There were tears and smiles and many emotions as she passed on messages. Everyone felt comforted and amazed at the gift Nuala had.

LIBRARY AND COFFEE MORNING

Don't forget our Coffee Morning/Library on May 2nd and May 23rd. at 10.30 am. We would love you to come and join us for a natter even if you don't use the Library.
Tea and biscuits just give a donation large or small.
Chris Rathbone

ST JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH

Sunday 7th May - Avon Vale Churches Benefice, Holy Communion Service at Long Marston. Start at 9am

Sunday 21st May - Family Breakfast Service which will include a Christening Service at Long Marston. 10.30am Start.

Eveyone welcome at both Services, please come along a meet us all at St James The Great Church,

Enquiries - Contact Mike Edwards Churchwarden Tel 07786 483114

LONG MARSTON WI

Our Meeting on Wednesday 12 April welcomed Linda Sharpe who came to talk to us about 1940's Ration, Fashion and Fun.
Linda dressed the part as a colourful Flapper. Linda enveloped us in the detailed challenges of this wartime period. Recycling really
Was life and death. Everyone had 3 bins - Metal (planes) Bones (gelignite) Paper (shell covering etc) Deprivations were ingeniously countered by women's courage and undaunted inventiveness. Hitler failed to starve the UK into submission. Women filled the role of men in factories, on the land and in the kitchen they managed to make food palatable even with restricted rationing.
The Village Hall dances allowed the women to laugh and let their hair down – legs stained with tea and line drawn with an eye pencil to make up for no stockings – ok unless it rained on their way to the Hall!

Our next Meeting is to discuss and vote on the NFWI Resolution which this year is 'Clean Rivers for people and wild life' This will be taken Nation Wide by the WI planning to effect change. The Meeting will be held the Masons Arms 7.30pm also for a game of skittles.
Liz Marcuse

THE POPPIN

Thank you to all the people that completed the survey. We haven't finished the analysis yet but you asked for extra opening hours so the opening times have changed to ***7 am Monday to Friday and 8.30am Saturday and Sunday***. We are looking into the request to extend the hours at the end of the day but for that we need more volunteers, interested?
There was one or two questions the survey didn't answer so we will contact as many people as we can online therefore if you are contacted please help by answering the questions.
Thank you
The ideas for the layout of the shop are now in the drawing and costing stage so it shouldn't be too long before the actual physical work starts. Exciting times!
The changes regarding the freezer and display fridge have resulted in a big reduction of electricity use. The old units generated quite a lot of heat that raised the room temperature considerably and caused the air conditioning to be required that is no longer an issue thus saving even more power.

The shop is open as usual so the cakes, bread and pastries that are very popular will still be available as will all the essentials such as milk, eggs, toilet rolls, drinks and sandwiches .

John Rathbone

VILLAGE HALL NEWS



Refurbishment of the boundary on the southern side of the hall is nearly complete and small items of maintenance have been carried out inside. The members of the village hall committee are very p[eased that hall bookings, attendances at bingo nights and film evenings continue to increase to almost pre-covid levels. To hire the hall for your event please contact Anne on 01789 720368.

We still need more interested volunteers to join the committee to help to look after the hall. Contact Diana Rippin on 01789 720536 or any committee member.

MARSTON MOVIES

There will be two film evenings in May. On the 12th at 6.30pm the family film "Matilda". On the 19th at 7.30pm Bill Nighy in "Living"
Bar and snacks available as usual.
Tickets - £3 adults £1 children

VILLAGE HALL DIARY

May 1st 2-5pm Private booking

May 1st /8th/22nd/29th Line Dancing 7.45-8.45 pm

May 2nd/9th/16/23/30th Zumba also ***May 6th/13/20/27*** Zumba

May 2nd/23 Library & coffee morning

May 3rd/10/17/24/31 Morris Dancing - afternoons

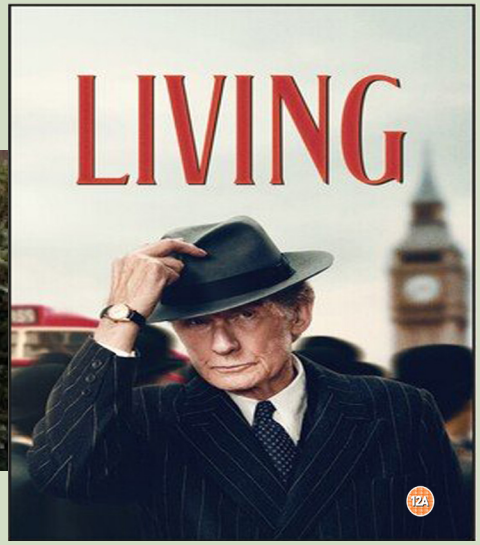
May 3rd Long Marston Ladies – evening

May 4th Voting - all day

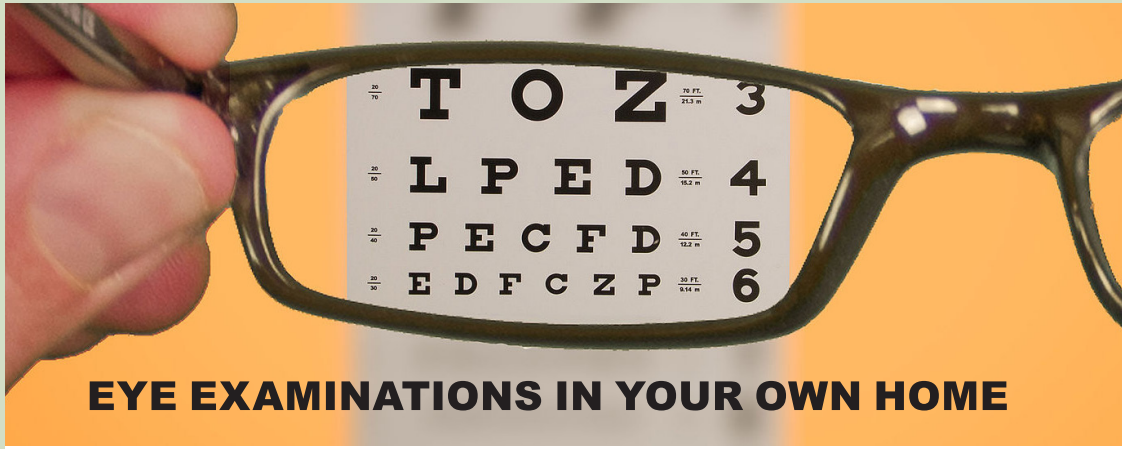
May 9th 7 – 9.30 pm Private booking

May 12th/19th Marston Movies

May 14th Yard sale

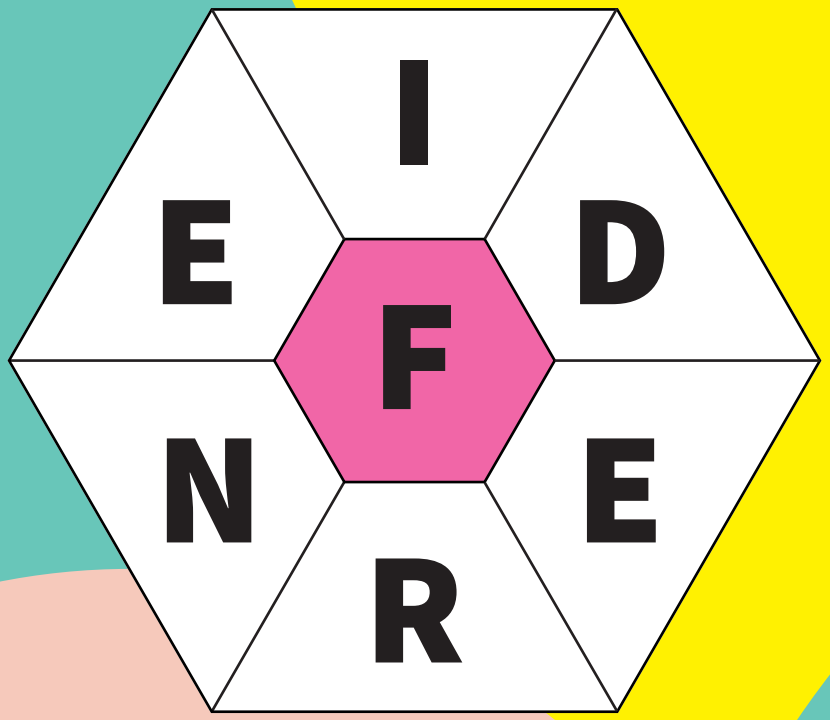


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PUZZLES



3+ Letter Words

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

def	defer	defier
define	definer	fee
feed	fen	fend
fender	fern	fid
fie	fiend	fin
find	finder	fine
fir	fire	free
fried	friend	infeed
infer	reef	ref
refine	refined	rife

MAY QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. May is named after which Roman goddess?
2. What are the two zodiac signs for the month of May?
3. Which UK city is home to the world's largest Maypole?
4. Who did Queen guitarist Brian May marry in November 2000?
5. Which sweetly scented, highly poisonous woodland flowering plant is the birth flower of May?

CLICK FOR ANSWERS

1. Maia
2. Taurus (until May 20) and Gemini (May 21 onwards)
3. Chelmsford
4. Anita Dobson
5. Lily of the Valley

KIDS JOKE CORNER

Q: Why did the scarecrow win an award?
A: Because he was outstanding in his field.

Q: Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?
A: In case he got a hole in one.

Q: What do you call a lazy kangaroo?
A: A pouch potato.

Q: Why did the cookie go to the doctor?
A: Because he was feeling crummy.



Ingredients (Serves 4)

2 leeks, cut into 2cm slices
2 red peppers, deseeded and cut into chunks
4 whole garlic cloves, peeled and lightly bashed with a rolling pin
Drizzle olive oil
400g tin borlotti beans, drained
250ml hot lamb or chicken stock
400g cherry tomatoes on the vine
4-8 lamb cutlets
2-4 tbsp wholegrain mustard
Crusty bread or potatoes to serve

Method

1. Heat the oven to 200°C fan/gas 7. Put the leeks, peppers and garlic on a baking tray or in a roasting tin, drizzle with a little oil and season with salt and pepper, then toss to coat and roast in the oven for 10 minutes.

2. Add the borlotti beans, stock and cherry tomatoes to the tray/tin, stirring to combine, then roast for 6-8 minutes more. Meanwhile, coat the lamb cutlets on both sides with the mustard (½ tbsp per cutlet), add them to the tray/tin and roast for 12-15 minutes or until cooked to your liking.

3. Serve the lamb with the roast vegetables and roasting pan juices, as it is or with crusty bread or your favourite potatoes.

LAMB TRAY ROAST WITH MUSTARD, LEEK AND TOMATOES





NEW POTATO, BEAN AND MOZZARELLA FRITTATA

Ingredients (Serves 4)

500g new potatoes, quartered
Oil for frying
1 onion, finely sliced
1 red chilli, finely chopped, or 2 tsp chilli flakes
4 fresh rosemary sprigs, leaves finely chopped
200g green beans, trimmed
8 large free-range eggs, beaten
125g mozzarella ball, drained

Method

1. Turn the grill to medium-high. Boil the potatoes in a pan of salted water for 10 minutes or until just tender.

2. Meanwhile, in a 23cm non-stick ovenproof frying pan, heat a drizzle of oil over a medium heat. Add the onion and fry for 5-8 minutes until softening. Add the chilli and most of the rosemary, then season with salt and pepper. Fry for a couple of minutes more, then add the green beans and cook for a minute. Drain the potatoes well, add them to the pan and turn the heat to low. Pour the beaten egg into the pan, then shake and tip the pan a little to make sure the egg coats everything evenly. Tear the mozzarella ball into pieces and scatter on top.

3. Fry the frittata for about 5 minutes on a medium heat to set the egg at the bottom of the pan. Put the pan under the hot grill and cook for 4-5 minutes until the frittata is just set. The mozzarella will release a little liquid as it melts, so don’t mistake this liquid for runny egg. Keep a close eye on the frittata as grills vary in heat and this dish is best when the eggs have only just set – cook it too long and it will dry out.

Ingredients (Serves 4)

750g jersey royal or new potatoes, halved if large
200g asparagus spears, tough ends trimmed
200ml soured cream
Small bunch fresh dill, roughly chopped
2 tsp dijon mustard
1 tbsp olive oil
4 salmon fillets, skin on

Method

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/ 180°C fan/gas 6. Fill a large pan with boiling water and put a steamer with a lid on top. Steam the potatoes for 15-20 minutes until tender, adding the asparagus for the last 5 minutes (less time if the stalks are particularly thin).

2. Meanwhile, mix the soured cream, dill and dijon mustard in a small bowl with a pinch of salt and pepper and set aside.

3. Heat the olive oil in a large non-stick frying pan. Fry the salmon, skin-side down, for 4 minutes, then gently turn and cook for 4 minutes more or until cooked through. Set aside and keep warm. Pour the sauce into the pan and gently warm through for a minute – don't let it boil. Serve the fish with the steamed vegetables, then pour the sauce over the fish.

MUSTARD AND DILL SALMON WITH NEW POTATOES AND ASPARAGUS



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STOP PRESS

Long Marston Neighbourhood Plan

Following the regulation 14 public consultation by the Parish Council, the neighbourhood plan is now entering its regulation 16 consultation. This is a public consultation undertaken by Stratford District Council who are the qualifying body overseeing the plan.
Responses to the regulation 14 consultation were considered in detail, the plan was modified accordingly and then submitted to SDC as the submission draft for the regulation 16 consultation.
Notice from SDC concerning the consultation: -
"Notice is given that Long Marston Town Council as the Qualifying Body has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan entitled the 'Long Marston Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2031' for their Town with the help of the local community. The plan sets out a vision for the future of the Town and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally. In accordance with Regulation 16 of Part 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Local Planning Authority must publicise the draft plan for a minimum 6-week period inviting representations on the plan.
A copy of the Draft Plan and associated documentation can be viewed on the Council website at www.stratford.gov.uk/longmarstonnp or at Stratford-on-Avon District Council's offices, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Stratford-upon-Avon library during normal opening hours. The documents are also available to view at Poppin Village Store, 14 Jackson Orchards, CV37 8RU.
The consultation starts on Thursday 11th May 2023. Representations on the draft Plan may be made to the District Council by no later than 5pm on Friday 23rd June 2023.

You are encouraged to submit your representations electronically. This can be done either by using the on-line form on the website at www.stratford.gov.uk/longmarstonnp or by attaching a form to an email and sending it to planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk

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