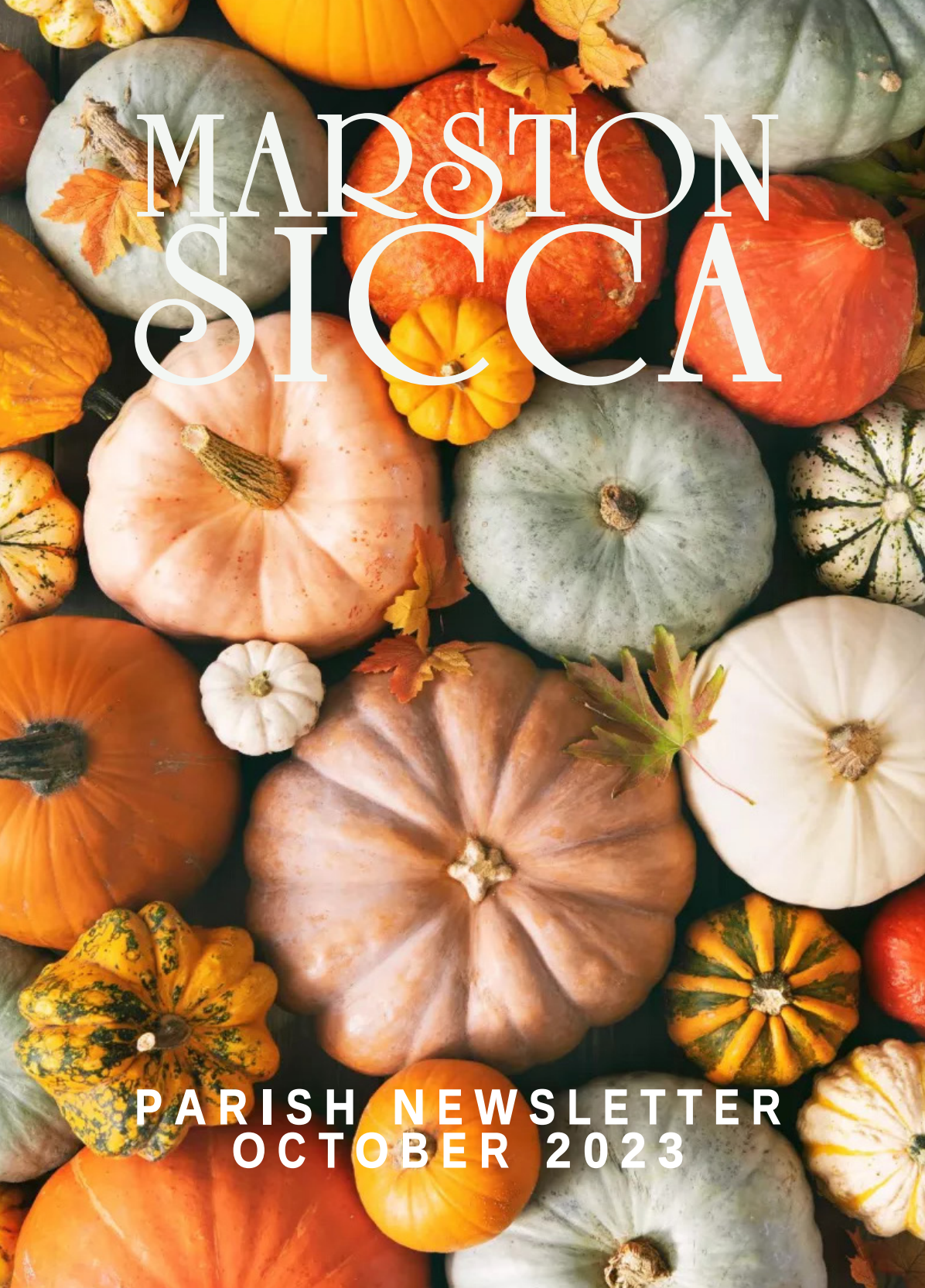


MARSTON SICCA

PARISH NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2023

EDITORS NOTES

Hello, Pumpkins.

Have you got the costumes ready, and the pumpkin carving tools from the shed? It's that time already and I'm looking forward to seeing all the frightening costumes and pumkins. Feel free to share your efforts in next months newsletter by sending in your photos.

Please do remind your little terrors to only approach houses that have a pumpkin in the window.

Congratulations to Steph and everybody who has put in so much time and effort in getting The Pavilion Cafe up and running after its fantastic refurb. Go and give them a visit!

As well as any of your images please ensure all articles for the next newsletter be emailed to ***editor@uberdoodle.com*** by the 20th of the month.

Scary Halloween hugs. **Simon**



PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council are thrilled to see the Pavilion open its doors after a long period of closure. The coffee shop is there to provide important support to the community, and we have plans afoot to increase the services within this important hub.
We hope residents will enjoy the new menu (which is evolving as we speak), and the contemporary décor that has been created. We again thank all the volunteers that support the community projects including those who routinely give up their evenings to manage the foodshare operation, and of course our Manager Steph Hillier who is now an expert in Panini's, sausage rolls, light fittings, cleaning gadgets and good old customer service.
Details of the additional services we plan to roll out will be in the next newsletter, with an opportunity for residents to get involved in various projects. In the meantime, come and enjoy a filling toastie, or excellent cake in a friendly environment.
The Parish Council are also thrilled to confirm the Pavilion was assessed and has been awarded 5 stars! Well done all, this is an amazing achievement.

The parish council was recently asked if there were opportunities to have an allotment. Whilst the site on Meon Vale is primarily for local residents, there may be opportunities for shared pitches. It is an excellent site and can be very rewarding for those who wish to grow their own produce. The Parish Council will shortly be organising a meeting regarding allotments and will publish the date and time on the PC website.

Long Marston residents are aware of the pending closure of the main road through the village to facilitate works by Severn Trent, the council have been advised the start date has been delayed until 2024. Again, once we have the firm dates confirmed, we will note the details on the website.

With road works in mind, County Councillor Daren Pemberton confirmed the closure to Binton Bridge will now early October. There will be intermittent opening for walkers and cyclists, but will nonetheless be largely closed for vehicles into next year.

The Parish Council pointed out the issues relating to the verges along Milcote Lane where at some points, there is a considerable drop. If this is going to be a diversion route, the council have asked to have the verges assessed and remedied.

The ongoing legal wheel relating to Marston Meadow and Meon Vale assets continues to grind along. The former is now with Lagan Homes whereby the final transfer document for the area noted as 'community building' is being actioned and the latter is being concluded via the Parish Council and St Modwen solicitors. To ensure effective management of the assets, Marston Sicca and Quinton Parish Councils (joint owners) have created an Asset Management Group, details of meetings will be routinely published on the PC websites.

Debbie Woodliffe | Parish Clerk

MEON VALE REPORT

SUMMARY

- The MVRA is planning a Halloween and Christmas event. Potentially a Christmas craft fair as well. Dates TBC.
- St Modwen confirms construction of woodland play area by the 'bridge' is expected to commence in 2024.
- ASB & vandalism is still a problem we are still pushing for CCTV cameras for the main public areas with Stratford District Council there is still a delay with planning permission, we will update the situation in a month.
- Site issues: Streetlighting still not working along Bailey Avenue from Londis leading up to the school. Dead trees removed but not replaced. An area of land between St Modwen and new Persimmon Meon Way Gardens development needs work to prevent it flooding and to clear up the litter etc from the industrial estate. All reported to the developers.

- Pavilion Community Café is now open.
- We hope to have some news very shortly on when the Community and Business Centre (village hall) will open, delays are due to the legal process of transferring these assets from St Modwen to the Parish Councils.

Crest Nicholson Planning Application- 21/02405/REM phase 4C Wellington Lane

Amendments have been issued and are now on the portal, we encourage residents to comment if they are not happy with proposals, the consensus appears to be the site seems very dense, compared to all other phases, there is insufficient protection for hedges and some trees and the road layout does not have sufficient passing places.

Bus Stop Provision

Costs still being investigated; but it is likely Long Marston Parish Council will fund one in early 2024.

Climate Emergency Action Plan & BAP Long Marston

Although significant work has already been produced, with lots of literature and posters available we are currently working on the following more detailed plans:-

- Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Claire
- Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) Richard

These are both required for the whole of the parish, we hope to finalise first drafts before 2024.

We are keen to produce plans that will be actually consulted going forwards and relevant to the challenges of Long Marston.

Cllrs Claire Craige & Richard Whittaker

VILLAGE HALL



Would you like to join the village hall committee to assist in the general running and care of the hall? If so, please contact Diana Rippin 720536 as the committee is still below strength.

MARSTON MOVIES
The film at 7.30pm on Friday, October 6th will be “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” starring Penelope Wilton and Jim Broadbent.
The bar will be open and snacks available as usual.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY for October

Line Dancing - 2, 9, 23, 30 | 7:45 - 8:45pm
Zumba – 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 9:15 - 10:15am
Zumba – 7, 21, 28 | 9:30 - 10:30am
Morris Dancing - 4, 11, 18, 25 | 2:00 - 4:00PM
Long Marston Ladies – 4 | 7:30pm
Beetle Drive – 5 | 10:00am - 12:00 noon
Marston Movies – 6 | 7:30pm
Shoebox Coffee Morning – 14 | 10:30am - 12:00 noon
Parish Council Meeting – 16 | 7:30pm
Harvest Supper – 20
Library & Coffee Morning – 24
Beavers – Every Monday during term time | 5 – 7 pm



FRIDAY 6th October - 7:30PM

Licensed Bar | Snacks | Ices
Only £3 on the door
Bring a cushion!

Why not hire our hall for a family and friends event. We have very reasonable prices and AIR PURIFIERS to help keep you safe. Phone Anne on 01789 720368

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st - Avon Vale Churches Combined - Holy Communion at St James the Great Church Long Marston at 9am

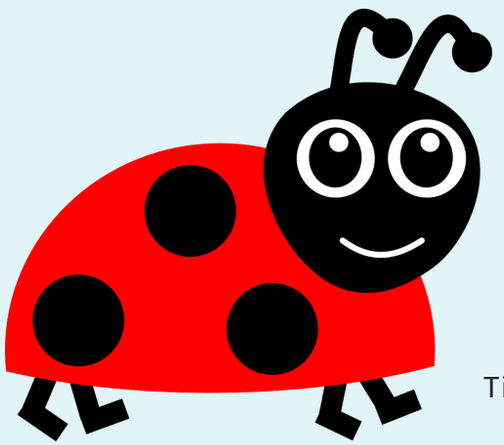
Sunday 15th - Harvest Family Breakfast Service at 10.30am

Sunday 29th - A Service to remember lost loved ones at 4pm

The Long Marston Harvest Supper will be held at The Village Hall on Friday 20th October, 7pm for 7.30pm.
Tickets Costing £12 each are on sale at the Pop In Shop.
The evening will consist of a meal and popular entertainment. (Everyone Welcome)

We are thrilled to announce that a New Rector Rev Jay Niblett has been appointed to our Benfice and will be inducted as Rector on Monday 2nd October at Welford on Avon Church. He is The Rev Jay Niblett formerly attached to the Chipping Campden Benefice.

We all look forward to welcoming him and his family to Long Marston!
Mike Edwards



BEETLE DRIVE

LONG MARSTON VILLAGE HALL
Thursday 5th October
10am until 12noon

Tickets £10 to include tea/coffee and cake

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LONG MARSTON WI

At our September Meeting we had Alan Benjamin to talk to us about his Expedition Golden Orange, which involved climbing Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya. He gave an amusing rendition of the beginning of this exercise coming together with slides to emphasise the challenge and interest of the climb.

The Village Flower Show was held on Saturday 16 September. The WI organize this event for the whole village to participate. It was the first time for 4 years due to Covid Lockdown. It was a great success with many entries and the Hall looked full of colour with plants and vegetables and many cooking exhibits. Next Meeting Wednesday 11 October 7.30pm Village Hallwhen Maria Carter is coming to talk about the work of the Salvation Army.

Guests are always welcomed. ***Liz Marcuse***

UPCOMING...

Beetle Drive

Long Marston Village Hall on Thursday 5th October 10am until 12noon.
Tickets £10 to include tea/coffee and cake.
All proceeds to Shakespeare Hospice

Contact Lynn 07803 598 811

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



SHOEBOX COFFEE AND CROISSANT MORNING

Saturday October 14th
10.30am to noon.

Raffle/Bring and Buy.
In aid of Long Marston Teams4U Shoebox Appeal.
(Donations for raffle/Bring and Buy including cakes/produce most welcomed).

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who have all ready donated items for the boxes. We are hoping to pack at least 300 so still need donations of all kinds especially items suitable for boys.

Donations can be left at The Poppin or in the box outside "Gaverne".

SOLO LUNCH

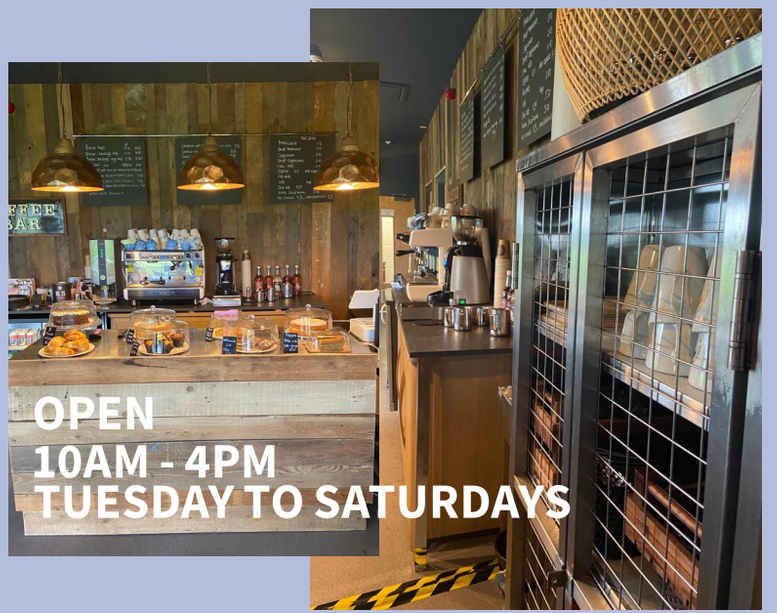
A group of people who live alone meet for a meal at our friendly Masons Arms on the last Wednesday of each month at 12.30 pm. Newcomers are always most welcome.... just come along and ask at the bar where we are sitting. You can be sure of an excellent lunch and a good chat! October's lunch will be on Weds. October 25th.

THE PAVILION CAFE

We are overwhelmed of the support on our reopening. It was truly wonderful to welcome back our regular customers and welcome new ones.
We have expanded from just serving cakes to a hot menu, which has been a roaring success, and are excited to share a more 'autumnal' menu very soon. Now we are open we can focus on new projects and ideas for our new space next to the cafe. It's perfect for business meetings, arts and craft clubs, physio, book club, board games.

Watch our social media for updates:
https://www.facebook.com/thepavilioncoffeeshop

If you are interested in volunteering for a few hours a week please contact steph@meonpavilion.co.uk | ***01789 720275***



The Pavilion runs a community foodshare for people/families that are struggling to afford food for the whole week. If you feel you need that extra bit of help, please contact steph@meonpavilion.co.uk or 07720975023.

TUDOR GRANGE



We would like to say a huge thank you to all at Marston Sicca Parish Council for their kind donation to Tudor Grange Primary Academy Meon Vale.
We purchased a playhouse for our early years garden which has proven very successful. The children are enjoying having somewhere to role play and let their imagination run wild.

Thank you!

GARDEN CLUB

We visited two gardens in September. The first was Beckley Park, Otmoor, a privately owned garden belonging to Lady Amanda Neidpath and interestingly her husband, owns Stanway House and Estate. The garden surrounds the most amazing house dated from Saxon times. It was a very unusual garden intertwined with moats and an extensive range of topiary which was looked after by a former cowman, in his 70s who has a natural sense of form to keep these hedges the shape they are.

The second, was Aston Pottery travelling with Colin in a minibus we visited on a day of extensive rain and gales. There again this garden was a complete contrast to Beckley with a wonderful vista of bright coloured flowers created by the owner of the pottery. Stephen Baughan produces pottery using 300 year old mould making and slip casting techniques and extended his pottery to include an excellent cafe and gift shop with the garden appealing to his artistic talents. Despite the weather, us gardeners were able to ignore the bad weather conditions.

Wiggy
01789 720275

LIBRARY & COFFEE

Dates: October 24th | November 21st | December 19th



Please come along to support the library and coffee morning. Remember donations go to local charities.

Chris Rathbone

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