

MARSTON SICCA

PARISH NEWSLETTER
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EDITORS NOTES

I hope everybody enjoyed the summer(?).

Remember that on the 16th we have the Flower & Produce Show. So if you haven't been busy honing your baking skills over the last couple of months you have a little over 2 weeks to get your game on!

Very much looking forward to the imminent re-opening of The Pavilion. I've been lucky to have a sneak peak inside and it looks fantastic. Steph and the team have been working incrediby hard to transform the space. Keep your eyes on the website and socials for a confirmed opening date.,

On a personal note; thank you to everyone who supported my bike ride back in July. You helped me raise £1050 which has gone to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you all so much for your generous support.

Hugs. **Simon**



PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council had hoped to have its August meeting in Meon Vale village hall but the final transfer of assets to the two parish councils is likely to be few weeks off completion. In the meantime, the tenancy for The Pavilion has returned to Marston Sicca Parish Council following an end to the refurbishment works undertaken by St Modwen. This will facilitate its opening pending the transfer of ownership.

The Pavilion has been transformed from a sports changing rooms complex to a dynamic building hosting a community café, works room and food share operation. The enhanced kitchen will enable a more diverse menu to be made available whilst continuing to serve excellent coffee and cakes.

The parish council would like to thank all the volunteers who have continued to support the food share scheme which helps families in the local area and surrounding villages.

The Pavilion is expected to open second week September and we look forward to welcoming all to our fabulous community facility.

The parish council meeting included a comprehensive report from District Councillors Stuart Keighley who has attended all parish council meetings since his election to office. His report updated council members on a range of issues including the proposed WCC full membership of WMCA. A swell of opposition to the proposal for WCC to join the West Midlands Combined Authority led to its abandonment.

Stuart also informed the council of the proposed rail office closures. These proposals were originally subject to a 3-week consultation process. The deadline was extended to 1st September following feedback. District Council strongly oppose the move to remove ticket office staff, particularly the impact this would have on those with additional needs or disabilities.

Planning 23/01223 Vary trigger point for Community hub LMAGV. The application to vary the trigger point in occupation for the Community Hub element (shop, community building & nursery), and to bring this

into line with the office building is still under consideration. If approved, it would mean the hub would be ready to use on occupation of 390 homes – 90 homes more than the original trigger point.

Residents who attended the parish council meeting asked when the Meon Vale assets would be transferred to the parish councils. With some legal work still to be concluded, members felt mid-September would be likely. The Pavilion under a previously agreed tenancy agreement would be able to open prior to the asset transfer.

Council members were asked to review the road signage to Station Road, in particular the give way sign. District councillor Stuart Keighley also confirmed he would investigate.

Cllr. Davis confirmed the Neighbourhood Plan had concluded Regulation 16. The plan is currently with independent examiners which hopefully will pass without too many changes. The plan will then go to referendum with members of the public. The plan has taken a considerable amount of work from Cllr. Davis and the NP team, who have persevered to ensure this important document is concluded for our parish.

Cllr. Barker advised interesting data has been secured from the Long Marston VAS system, revealing the build outs and VAS were having a positive impact on speeding. However, members agreed that whilst speed reduction was evident entering and existing the village, there was still a need to maintain speed restrictions towards the centre of the village. Cllr. Barker confirmed the second VAS system was no-longer operatable. Members unanimously agreed to purchase a second system.

The Parish Council has signed the agreement for the final transfer to Marston Meadow. The long delays securing agreement with Severn Trent (access to the site), has been finalised and the contract is now with Lagan Home solicitors to conclude. The parish council are assessing costs for a gate to protect the site and a pathway to ensure all residents had access.

Planning Matters
23/01708/LBC The Grange Long Marston – New structural steel to support existing timbers. Decision: No Objection

23/02055/LBP Long Marston Grounds, Station Road. – Internal alterations. Decision: No Objection
23/01271/FUL – 4 Larch Rd, side extension and relocated main entrance. Permission Granted
23/01215/FUL, Chestnut Corner, convert part of garage and first floor above into living annexe. Permission Granted.

Next Parish Council meeting 7.30pm, September 18th, Meon Vale Village Hall.

Debbie Woodliffe | Parish Clerk

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS

You might think that the neighbourhood plan steering group have been asleep for months but we have been working away behind the scenes. We were delayed by the local elections in May. This meant that we had to start the Regulation 16 consultation 4 months late. The Regulation 16 consultation is now completed and the plan and accompanying documents have been sent for independent examination. Regulation 16 consultation is a mandatory neighbourhood plan public consultation carried out by the planning authority (in this case SDC).

We hope to hear from the examiner in September. After examination we expect to have to amend as required by the examiner. Once this stage is complete, we will be looking forward to taking it to referendum (later this year). This will be your chance to vote on the plan. In the event of a yes vote the plan will be “made” and will come into force. This should put an end to the “free for all” attitude to development and gives us some control over what is built and where it is built in the future.

Another bonus of having a NDP is the amount of CIL money we can claim. The Community Infrastructure Levy is paid by builders of new developments. Without a plan we would be entitled to 10% of the levy, with a plan this rises to 25%. With all the new building planned for the airfield garden village this could make a big difference to the affordability and deliverability of future projects like the Open Space and Community improvements.

Noel Davis

VILLAGE HALL



July 1st - Fete Day
Seems a distant memory now, however, many people worked very hard indeed to make the day a success and raise a profit of £3,121.56 for St James Church and the Village Hall.
So grateful thanks to everyone who worked, volunteered, donated and supported on the day. This event could not have happened without you.

MARSTON MOVIES The film to be shown on September 8th at 7.30 p.m. will be "The Fabelmans". The bar will be open and snacks available as usual. Entry £3

VILLAGE HALL DIARY for September

ZUMBA - 2, 5, 9, 12, 19, 26
LINE DANCING – 4, 11, 25
VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE – 4
MORRIS DANCING - 6, 13, 20, 27
LONG MARSTON LADIES – 6
FILM SHOW – 8
W.I. – 13
W.I. FLOWER SHOW – 16
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 18
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – 29
MOSAIC WORKSHOP – 29

To book the Village Hall please contact Anne on 01789 720368



FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER - 7:30PM

Licensed Bar | Snacks | Ices
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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd - Avon Vale Churches Combined - Holy Communion at St James the Great Church Long Marston at 9am

Sunday 17th - Family Breakfast Service at 10.30am

We are thrilled to announce that a New Rector has been appointed to our Benfice and will be officiating at St James the Great, Long Marston.
He is The Rev Jay Niblett formerly attched to the Chipping Campden Benefice, news of a date for his induction Service will be with us in the next few weeks.

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

Obituary. Jean Matthews.

We are sad to report the death of Jean Matthews, at the age of 88. A long time resident of Long Marston although in later years she moved to Welford on Avon. She was born in Boxbush Cottages in 1935 and later lived with her parents and younger brother John in North End, now Rumer Close. Her first job was with the National Provincial Bank, now the Westminter Bank and afterwards she worked for Warwickshire Police and the Ministry of Defence. She was deeply involved in all community happenings in Long Marston including the WI, Church events,volunteering at The Poppin and organising and hosting the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning. She was an accomplished pianist and organist and played at church services around the area. She also accompanied the community Carol Singing in the Masons Arms on Christmas Eve for many years. She delved into the history of Long Marston and wrote and published two books detailing life in previous decades in the village. She loved all sports and played hockey and tennis in her earlier years. She was also an ardent Aston Villa supporter! A graveside burial service has been held at Dorsington as Jean had requested.
She will be sadly missed by her Niece Sarah, Sister in Law Joan and her many friends both in Long Marston and in the surrounding area.

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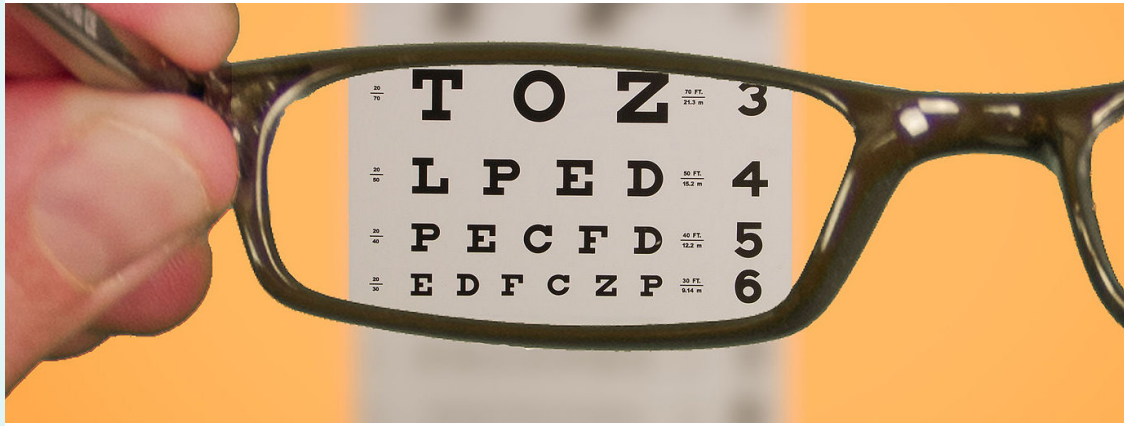
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LONG MARSTON WI

Summer Meeting began with a talk in July about 'Influential Women Gardeners' Given by Francis Freeman. August was our Summer Party held at Lisa and Malcolm Blaxall's home in Harvington with that wonderful swathe of lawn down to the Avon. It was a glorious summer evening and we all relaxed with a glass of Pimms and seating in the garden and on their terrace. The marquee on the lawn was used for shade – quite a change! Everyone contributed towards the buffet meal and it added up to an inviting feast and happy evening.

Our next Meeting is on Wednesday 13 September at 7.30pm Village Hall 'Expedition Golden Orange, Kilmanjaro and Mount Kenya' with Alan Benjamin

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

UPCOMING...

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 29th September
10.30am to noon in Long Marston Village Hall.
Cakes, coffee etc, Raffle, Bring and Buy.

Donations of cakes will be most welcome also prizes for the Raffle and items to sell on the Bring and Buy. Please leave at The Poppin. We look forward to seeing you there.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



SHOEBOX COFFEE AND CROISSANT MORNING

Saturday October 14th 10.30am to Noon
Coffee, teas, Croissants and Cakes
Raffle, Bring and Buy.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

The Shoebox Team are looking forward to the packing of the boxes on Saturday November 11th. Donations are coming in nicely. Thank you to all the generous people in our village. We still need donations , especially soap etc, pencils, notebooks, small toys of all sorts, scarves etc and combs. Boys Toys we are very short of….eg.cars, balls, games, puzzles etc.

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 12.30pm. Newcomers are always most welcome….just come along and ask at the bar where we are sitting. You can be sure of a good chat and an excellent lunch. September's lunch will be on Weds 27th.

LONG MARSTON VILLAGE FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 16th September 2023

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Produce
1. 5 Potatoes
2. 3 Onions
3. 5 Tomatoes
4. 3 Courgettes
5. 5 Runner Beans
6. 3 Root Vegetables
7. 3 Orchard Fruits
8. You've grown it - Let's see it
9. Collection of vegetables (minimum of 5)

Cut Flowers in a jam jar
10. Single Rose
11. 3 Cut Flowers (same variety)
12. 5 Flowers (any variety)
13. Branch of flowering or fruiting shrub
14. Selection of herbs

Pot Plants (Best overall for Pat Robbins Trophy)
15. Flowering
16. Foliage

Flower Arrangements (Accessories allowed)
17. Arrangement in your favourite container
18. Autumn Glory
19. Table decoration
20. Petite arrangement (not to exceed 7" in any direction)
21. Hand Held Posy

Domestic Classes
22. Tray bake (5 pieces) - Chris Jackson Cup
23. Victoria Sandwich Cake
24. Ginger Cake
25. Savoury Quiche
26. Fruit Cake
27. Chocolate Brownies (5 squares)
28. Jar of Jam
29. Jar of Chutney

Handicrafts
30. Painting (any medium)
31. Handicraft item (Miss Sanders Memorial Trophy)

Photographs (Not to exceed 8x6 inches)
32. Architectural Interest
33. The Wonder of Nature
34. Insects at Work
35. A Funny Moment
36. Character Study

Children's Classes (Please state age on entry form)
37. A Model (asny medium)
38. 3 Decorated Fairy Cakes
39. Picture (any medium)

Fun Classes
40. Limerick on Royal Family Member
41. Vegetable, Animal or Person (2 classes - under 12, and over 12)
42. An invitation

LIBRARY & COFFEE

Dates: Sept. 5th | Sept. 26th | October 24th | November 21st | Decemeber 19th

Very lively coffee morning in July with lots of topics covered. 12 people attended 2 of which were men. Please come along to support the library and coffee morning. Remember donations go to local charities.

Chris Rathbone



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Ingredients (Serves 4)

For the crumble topping
120g plain flour
60g caster sugar
60g unsalted butter at room temperature, cut into pieces

For the fruit compote
300g Braeburn apple
30g unsalted butter
30g demerara sugar
115g blackberries
¼ tsp ground cinnamon
Vanilla ice cream, to serve

1. Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Tip 120g plain flour and 60g caster sugar into a large bowl.
2. Add 60g unsalted butter, then rub into the flour using your fingertips to make a light breadcrumb texture. Do not overwork it or the crumble will become heavy.
3. Sprinkle the mixture evenly over a baking sheet and bake for 15 mins or until lightly coloured.
4. Meanwhile, for the compote, peel, core and cut 300g Braeburn apples into 2cm dice.
5. Put 30g unsalted butter and 30g demerara sugar in a medium saucepan and melt together over a medium heat. Cook for 3 mins until the mixture turns to a light caramel.
6. Stir in the apples and cook for 3 mins. Add 115g blackberries and ¼ tsp ground cinnamon, and cook for 3 mins more.
7. Cover, remove from the heat, then leave for 2-3 mins to continue cooking in the warmth of the pan.
8. To serve, spoon the warm fruit into an ovenproof gratin dish, top with the crumble mix, then reheat in the oven for 5-10 mins. Serve with vanilla ice cream.



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