MARSTON SICCA



PARISH NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2024

Referendum

Thursday 28th March 2024

Long Marston Village Hall

Our neighbourhood plan is done.

Now you decide if the plan is to be "made" and adopted as part of the future planning process. If the referendum results in a majority YES vote the plan becomes "made" and it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.

Polling cards will be sent to everyone living within the NDP area. You, the residents of the village, will decide if we want the neighbourhood plan to become part of future planning decisions.

You can see a copy of the Long Marston Neighbourhood Plan and the accompanying documentation at:

http://www.stratford.gov.uk/LMNDP

Or a printed copy is available to view at the Poppin Shop.

The date of the referendum has been fixed at a time when some people may be on holiday. If you are going to be away on the 28th March you can vote by PROXY or POST.

Postal or Proxy Vote: If you do not already have a postal or proxy vote, you must apply for an application form by telephoning the elections team on 01789 260208 or by emailing elections @stratford-dc.gov.uk

The completed application form must be sent to the **Electoral Registrations Officer** by **5pm on Wednesday 20th March.**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Elizabeth House
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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council recently organised a site visit with Highways to discuss the main footpaths through the village. There are two main areas of concern - increasing deterioration to some areas of footpath (cracking and erosion), and some hedges that encroach to such an extent, footpaths are becoming impassable. Together Highways and the Parish Council will identify the hedges that require reduction in size, and Highways will provide remedial work to areas of footpath that require topping.

We are pleased to finally confirm the transfer of Marston Meadow to the Parish Council has been concluded. A working group has been organised to help assess options and priorities for the site and will report to the parish council for discussion. Marston Meadow will routinely feature on the parish council agenda to ensure all options are well considered and costed. Residents will be given the opportunity to share & review ideas in the coming weeks.
Cllr. Noel Davis confirmed the Neighbourhood Plan has been completed, the next step will be to hold a referendum which will be held in Marston Sicca Village Hall on 28th March. Having a Neighbourhood Plan gives communities the genuine opportunity to influence the future of the places where they live, so, please come along, and cast your vote.

Council members discussed the closure of Warwick Road with District Councillor Stuart Keighley who was also unaware of the planned closure. With so many road disruptions in the local area, the parish council felt it was important to know about closures in advance. County Councillor Daren Pemberton was also contacted regarding the extremely poor state of the verges along Milcote Lane. The parish council had been advised remedial work would be actioned prior to Christmas, we are pressing to know why this is continually ignored.

The transfer of assets within Meon Vale continues to be delayed, but Meon Village Hall/Community Centre can open for events under license. The parish council organised a license agreement with St Modwen to enable residents to finally use their local Village Hall. Marston Sicca and Quinton Parish Council are working collectively to ensure all final snags are dealt with by St Modwen prior to transfer.

Planning Matters
24/00172/FUL, MARSTON HOUSE, LONG MARSTON
PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AT REAR TO SQUARE UP PREVIOUSLY APPROVED APPLICATION 21/03676/FUL
Decision: No Objection
24/001180/ELEC, FIELDS 7954 & 5563 HITHERTO PART OF LONG MARSTON GROUNDS
INSTALLATION OF A THIRD WIRE TO THE EXISTING OVERHEAD ELECTRICITY LINE TO SUPPLY CAMPDEN ROAD SERVICE STATION.
Decision – No Objection

24/00286/FUL, 10 CHESTNUT AVENUE, MEON VALE
REAR SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO FORM ADDITIONAL LIVING AREA
Decision: No Objection

For information
22/03664/REM, Airfield House (Quinton Ward)
APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS APPLICATION FOR 60 AFFORDABLE DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

Next Meeting:
The Parish Council apologises for the last- minute change in venue for the February meeting. With the Meon Village Hall remaining under license to Marston Sicca, it is the intention to hold the next meeting there on March 18th at 7.30pm.

Debbie Woodliffe | Parish Clerk

SOLO LUNCH

A lunch for people who live alone.
We meet the last Wednesday in every month in The Masons Arms at 12.30pm. We are a friendly group so just come along and join us, the lovely bar staff will point you in our direction!

Dates
March - Wednesday March 27th
April - Wednesday March 24th

MARSTON MOVIES



FRIDAY 15th MARCH - 7:30PM

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



Long Marston Village Hall
Friday March 22nd
Doors open 7.00 pm
Eyes down 7.30 pm
Good prizes!

Licensed Bar, snacks,
And RAFFLE!

Families welcome.
Come along and join us.

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - 24th March

Family Communion - St James, Long Marston at 10.30am
Palm Funday - Quinton Primary & St Swithin's, at 1pm
Messy Church - Welford & Weston Memorial Hall at 4pm

Maundy Thursday - 28th March

St Swithin's, Foot Washing and Communion at 7pm

Good Friday - 29th March

Vigil at St Peters, Welford at 1-3pm
Readings, Reflections and Music

Easter Sunday - 31st March

Holy Communion All Saints, Weston at 9am
Family Communion - St Peter's, Welford at 10.30am
Family Communion - St Swithin's, Quinton at 10.30am
Holy Communion - St James, Long Marston at 10.30am

Explore the Easter Story - 1st April

Meon Vale Woods, 2-4pm

Don't be a pain in the drain



Only put **pee**, **poo** and toilet **paper** down the loo.

Use a **bin** for anything else.

Help avoid blocked sewers and costly repairs.
Never flush wipes, condoms, cotton buds, tampons or sanitary pads down the toilet; always put them in a bin.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

We were very pleased to welcome Sue Postlethwaite to our Meeting this month. Sue is the Warwickshire Federation Chairman.. Jennifer Rigby came and entertained us to an evening with some hilarious monologues from, the best of times. Jennifer also pointed out the tough time actors had during Covid. She started reading stories to local children in her 'garden shed'. This developed into little plays and finally she and friends now take round well known plays to villages. Jennnifer finished with Albert and the Lion and made it hectic with changing her hat with each different spokes person.

Our next Meeting is on Wednesday 13 March 7.30pm at the Village Hall when Neil Curtiss is coming to talk about 'From Alcatraz to ice'.

Visitors always welcome.

Liz Marcuse

CHURCH NEWS

'There's always room for a story that can transport people to another place.' – JK Rowling.

As a parent I read a lot of 'Children's stories' and I love them. I love the simplicity and I love watching the children's imaginations come alive as they are drawn into the authors world. Human beings have been sharing stories with each other since the caves, or at least since the time of the Chauvet cave in France which told the story of a volcanic eruption (36,000 years ago). Stories have always helped people to make sense of the world around them, to capture experiences and pass them on to the next generation.

Whilst modern story telling has generally moved away from this very important origin of passing on history in story form (oh help, oh no, there is no Gruffalo) many cultures around the world continue to protect the practice of telling the stories of their history.

Christians shape their year around the story of Jesus life as it has been passed on to us for over 2000 years beginning with the eyewitnesses. From Christmas to Easter (yes, there are loads more but I'm working to a word limit here…) we have let the life of Jesus and his early apprentices capture our imagination and help us re-orientate our lives around this incredible story of Love. What stories do you live by?
I wonder if I can encourage you, to make space in your diary to stop and let your imagination be captured by the Easter story because it is a goodie! At Christmas we celebrate that God became flesh and brought about the beginning of God's redemption plan for humanity (quite a lot in a little baby!). But it is at Easter that the prophecies and plan are revealed and fulfilled. It is at Easter that we journey with Jesus out of the Lenten desert towards Palm Sunday (donkey in tow at St James, Long Marston). We reflect on the earthly expectations placed on Jesus as he comes riding on a donkey through the East Gate. At church we play with palm leaves and sing songs of hope and excitement! But as we move towards Easter Sunday, we come to realise just how costly salvation is. Traditionally on Maundy Thursday (St Swithin's, Quinton) we strip the altar of colour, we wash feet like Jesus did, and share the cup of the Lord's Supper. We remember that for Jesus the cup he held was a heavy one to bear and as we recall the story of Jesus in the garden of tears, we are led out of church and into silence. Then comes 'Good' Friday. This year we will hold a vigil (St Peter's, Welford) interweaving the passages of Jesus lasts moments with readings, reflections, and music. All our churches will be open for quite contemplative prayer. Together as a community we will journey to the cross and wait there.

Why? Because it is at Easter that the temptation is hardest to jump straight to the resurrection, to the happy ending, to the chocolate and to the joy. Yet, Good Friday gives us space to stop and meet those feelings of hurt, disappointment and pain head

on and to know that those feelings are not ours alone, our saviour knows them all too well.

BUT and it's a big but, we cannot live in Good Friday forever and the good news of the Easter event is that we are not supposed to! Easter Sunday we will gather, and the church will be full of life and celebration will be the theme of the day because the tomb was empty. All that Jesus came to do was done on that cross and through that empty tomb. We celebrate because Easter reminds us that God changed the ending! In Jesus, we're reborn, a people of hope, life, and called to share that hope and life with the world.

May you find time to pause, join us on this Easter journey, and know how deeply God loves you as you're re-storied by the powerful message of the season. May you find a fuller life and the freedom it offers.

Blessings, Revd Jay

Stratford-upon-Avon foodbank

We are delighted that we are now able to provide a new Pop Up Distribution Point on Meon Vale for the collection of Emergency Food Parcels by those in need who have been referred into our Stratford Foodbank.

Our Foodbank Van will be parked along the side of Londis every Tuesday morning from, 10.00am - 11.00am.

For further information please contact Marilyn Price - by email ***Pathfinder@stratford.foodbank.org.uk*** or call ***07938 754 051***

HELLO FROM THE POPPIN

Sunday 10th of March is Mothers Day. We have cards, chocolates, homemade cakes and a selection of plants available from Tops Nurseries all ready to treat your mums with.

Easter is early this year also falling in the month of March. We have a good selection of Easter eggs available and will be offering Easter biscuits along with hot cross buns.

We have a Facebook page : THE POPPIN VILLAGE SHOP, please take a look and follow us for news on promotions and new products.

Our Easter Opening hours are
Good Friday 29th March : 7.30am - 4pm
Saturday 30th March : 8am - 12pm
Easter Sunday 31st March : 8am - 11am
Easter Monday 1st April : 8am - 11am

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and hope to see you in your local shop soon!

Best wishes
Helen Leedham & the Poppin team.

LONG MARSTON LADIES

The very essence of Long Marston Ladies was evident at the first meeting held in February. A Beetle Drive created a fun loving atmosphere.

After welcoming back Existing members a warm welcome was extended to new members and guests, the dice were thrown, the beetles drawn all competing to win a Cury Wurly !

Avoid that sinking feeling

Scrape plates



Collect used oil



Wipe before washing



Use a **strainer**



Help avoid blocked sewers and costly repairs.
Never put cooking oil, fat, sauces, gravies or food scraps down the sink, toilet or outside drain; always put them in a bin.

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COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS AT THE POPPIN SHOP!!

We're looking for local people to come and help us keep our community shop open, which I'm sure you'll agree is a valuable asset to the village and surrounding areas. Join our small friendly team who provide an essential service to the community.

We're looking for people to serve in the shop and re-stock the shelves. Full training and ongoing support will be given.

Becoming part of our team gives you an opportunity to

- ***Meet people and make friends.***
- ***Join other volunteers and their families in regular social activities.***

We're very flexible so whether you can offer a regular shift or an occasional hour we've got a slot for you!!

Please pop in and chat to one of our Volunteers or call Pauline on 01789 720393 to find out more about what's involved.

Looking forward to welcoming you to the team.

VILLAGE HALL

The committee remains well below strength with only 5 members, all working hard, dealing with the day to day running of the hall, including organising the continuing and costly items of repair and general maintenance. We would welcome extra committee members and also anyone prepared to help with fund raising.

Please contact Diana Rippin 01789 720536.



MARSTON MOVIES
The “Great Escaper” is the film to be shown at 7.30pm on March 15th. This is based on a true story and is the last film made by both Glenda Jackson and Michael Caine who announced his retirement in October 2023.
Tickets £3 with bar and snacks available as usual.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY for March

Childrens Party		2nd & 3rd
V.H Committee	2pm	4th
Beavers	5-7 pm	4th 11th 18th 25th
Line Dancing	7:45-8:45 pm	4th 11th 25th
Zumba	9:30-10:30 am	5th 12th 19th 26th
Yoga	7-8 pm	5th 12th 19th 26th
LM Ladies	7:30 pm	6th
Library & Coffee	10:30am-12pm	12th
W.I.	7:30 pm	13th
Film Show	7.30 pm	15th
Parish Council	7:30 pm	18th
Craft Club	2-4 pm	19th
Easter Bingo		22nd
Polling Station	All Day	28th

To book the hall please telephone Anne Harrison 01789 720 368

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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
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