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This event is not suitable for pregnant women.

Editor's Notes

Happy New Year to you all.

Unfortunately, the magic show (fund raising for Alzheimer's) had to be cancelled due to high numbers of positive testing, and uncertainty of numbers in January. Watch out for the new date in the upcoming months.

The last week of February is half term, and the village hall are hosting a family film night (Ron's Gone Wrong) at 4pm on Saturday 19th February. An excellent inexpensive start to the week!

On a Wednesday morning at 10.30am, there is a Knit n Natter at The Pavilion Coffee Shop, Meon Vale, where they are knitting bunting to decorate the trees in Meon Vale, (Yarn bombing). Don't worry if you are rusty or if you have never knitted, Janet is there to help. If interested, just turn up, needles and wool supplied. We are looking for any spare red, white or blue wool. If you have any spare, please drop off at The Pavilion, my doorstep, or contact me on my email marstoneditior@yahoo.com.

For the April newsletter we are asking for the children to draw an Easter theme picture for the front cover. (I know, starting a tad early!). Please leave in the box provided in The Poppin, with your name and a contact number on the back. Thank you.

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

All articles for March edition must be submitted to above mail by Sunday 20th February.

Have an amazing February!

Steph



Parish council comments

The Council were pleased to confirm the transfer of the playing field on the open space to the rear of Perry Orchard. The remaining two transfers is currently being organised. To consider all options for the space, the Parish Council have organised a working group. A survey is being organised for residents to contribute ideas which will be used to help create an action plan for this valuable community space. The initial priority is to protect the space by organising an effective entrance barrier. Options are being considered and will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

With regards to the council merger, Councillor Perteghella confirmed on the 13th December Full Council voted to submit a proposal to the Secretary of State for Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council to merge into

a South Warwickshire District. There are several ongoing considerations and proposed actions but final decisions rests with the Secretary of State and more details will be provided in future Parish Council meetings.

The Council would politely point out to residents the need to maintain hedges that overhang public footpaths. In some areas, growth has encroached on footpaths making it difficult for residents to pass. To review the area fully, the council will be walking the village to identify any footpaths that need attention.

The new ground maintenance contract is being organised to go to tender and will include the open space. A review of mowing, hedge cutting, and tree maintenance will be included and will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure work is being actioned in accordance with agreed terms.

Councillor Davis confirmed the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing but as predicted is a slow process with the need for regular reviews. A more detailed appraisal of status will be organised asap. The Council would like to thank Cllr. Davis and his team for their commitment to the work.

PLANNING MATTERS

21/03527/AMD (14/03579/OUT), LMA 400, To amend the trigger point for undertaking the off-site highways works at Bridgeway gyratory and the junction of Tiddington Road/Banbury Road/ Swans Nest Lane/Clopton Bridge from prior occupation of the 100th dwelling to prior occupation of the 150th dwelling. **Decision: Objection with related comments:**

Marston Sicca object to this amendment as we are not clear if this will or will not delay the work scheduled to these various junctions. Because of the on-going delays in reaching a decision on the SWRR we feel that it is imperative that work at these junctions is completed in the near future. An article appeared recently in the Stratford Herald which indicated that work on the at these junctions is to start in February 2022 and we would hope that this is a reality. If not, then the traffic situation will only get worse, especially at peak times, which causes frustration and delays in workers getting into work which undoubtable has a negative effect on the local economy.

21/03893/FUL, 1 Pear Tree Close, single storey rear, double storey side extension and front bay window.
Decision: No Objection

21/03802/VARY, Boundary Treatments, Phase 4A, Meon Vale.

Application is to formalise extensive discussions with SDC with respect to Condition 1 of 17/00772/REM.
Decision: No Objection

21/04078/FUL, LMA 400, Vistry Group, Temporary planning permission (no longer than 3 years) for a single storey sales hub along with associated access, parking (4 cars) and landscaping.
Decision: No Objection

Next Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall, 21st February 2022

Debbie Woodliffe
Parish Clerk

Nosh n Natter Group

From all the volunteers and members we hope that you had a good festive season with family and friends and have kept well.

Hopefully 2022 will be better for us all.

LUNCHEONS FOR THE OVER 50 AND DISABLED

February 9th Valentine Special Lunch

Welford Memorial Village Hall - Cost £12, 11.30 to 2pm. (Please wear something red).

March 9th Early Spring Lunch

Quinton and Admington Hall - Cost £10.00, 11.30 to 2pm.

Bingo with prizes and Coffee / tea mornings at Corbett House

February 7th and March 7th – Cost £2 per person.

TRIPS 4 U

Day Trip to a Garden Centre/Village

Tuesday 5th - Hop Pocket Village Bishop's Froome, Five Bridges, Worcester WR6 5BY.

Hot drink on arrival plus tea cake/scone/or cake included in the price.

Cost £30 included cost of Johnson Coach there and back.
Pick up places Quinton and Meon Vale.

Minimum number 15.

Summer Holiday

June 6th till June 10. Currently awaiting information from 3 Hotels.

Should you be interested please contact me on the telephone/email address below.

Turkey Tinsel has been re-booked for Potters 4 night All Inclusive.

Midweek leisure break from Monday Dec 4th to Friday 9th 2022.

For information on any of these events please contact Barbara on 07771 708151.

We would advise that should you be coming to any of these events that you carry out a lateral flow test on the day.

Look forward to seeing old and new people at any of our planed events.

Barbara

Report from your District Councillor

Dear Residents



Hope you all had a good start to 2022. Welcome to all new residents in Long Marston & Meon Vale.

On Monday 13th December the Council voted to submit a proposal to the Secretary of State for Stratford District and Warwick District Councils to merge into a South Warwickshire District. The debate was quite complex with various pros and cons. My efforts and that of my group have resulted in the considerations asked to being incorporated to a future implementation plan, including no dilution of electoral representation, a system of planning committees which recognises the characteristics of the different areas, maximum engagement with parish councils, a timetable towards council tax harmonisation which is fair for residents, a review of governance models to give proper representation across the enlarged area. In particular, I asked for the exploration of the committee system of governance as an alternative to the current Cabinet system.

In other news, the results of the South Warwickshire Local Plan consultations are now published as well as the long list of sites submitted for consideration, and there are a few sites submitted in the Long Marston and Meon Vale areas. These submitted sites, as well as their proposed use, can be seen on the interactive map and on a list on the webpage of the Plan: www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp

The next stage of the South Warwickshire Local Plan is the Issues and Options consultation document. It's important residents make their views known once the next consultation stage is open.

While Christmas waste collections times did not change, residents will have noticed that the Council did not collect the green bin – for which residents now have to pay a fee. I believe this could have been avoided with forward planning. We have therefore asked the Leader of the Council some questions, including whether there will be a pro-rata reduction to the next bill to take account of the missing collection. Disappointingly, the Cabinet is planning in its budget an increase in the green bin charge – which was introduced just last year!

Talking of recycling and waste, residents are being reminded to dispose of batteries properly after a fire occurred in a recycling collection vehicle at the beginning of January. The Council provides a separate kerbside collection service for household batteries – batteries can be placed next to or on top of any bin on scheduled collection days in a standard sized carrier bag for collection and recycling. There is also a large network of free-to-use collection points for batteries in supermarkets, at recycling centres, and many other shops.

Meon Vale

Although highway issues such as traffic-calming measures and dropped kerbs are a County Council matter, I have raised these issues with officers at the District Council, St Modwen and Persimmon, and the County Councillors. I asked again that the detailed accessibility audit the Meon Vale Residents Association has submitted with all the challenging locations is given priority in their programme of work. I'm monitoring the situation carefully as to what progress

has been made on making Meon Vale a wheelchair and pram friendly village.
I have also raised the issue of loud noise and vibrations caused by vehicles going over the speed humps in Wellington Avenue with the environmental officers at the District Council and also asked them to check with their County Council Highway colleagues whether the speed humps have been installed too close to residential properties. I am waiting for the report back. Residents are suffering from constant loud noise and rightly concerned about the strong vibrations to their homes.

Covid recovery grants for our local businesses:

New Omicron Hospitality and Leisure grant
The scheme provides support to hospitality, leisure and accommodation businesses. This support will take the form of a one-off grant funding scheme. If you think your business qualifies, please contact the council or check the website (email and link follows below).

Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)
This is another additional grant for local businesses.

The closing date for application forms to be made for these grants is the **28th February 2022.**

Councils have been advised that the payments must be paid to Businesses by 31st March 2022.

Please check the criteria on www.stratford.gov.uk/coronavirus/additional-business-support-grants.cfm or email the Council at revenues@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Finally, Severn Trent Water have a **Priority Services Register**. In an incident, they hand deliver bottled water to people on this register. Residents can register here:

www.stwater.co.uk/get-in-touch/join-our-priority-services-register

Warmest best wishes

Cllr Manuela Perteghella
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Long Marston Gardening Club

We are now thinking of a new year visiting lovely gardens. I am in the process of making this year's programme, and would appreciate any gardens you think we would enjoy.

There is not much to do in the garden at this time of year except for pruning your apple trees. Also have you ordered your seeds from catalogues ready to sow at your earliest opportunity.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have had our annual lunch at the Masons Arms on Friday 28th January.

Wiggy Taylor
wiggytaylor@gmail.com

Village Hall February News & Events

Happy New Year! We're looking forward to welcoming you all back to the hall as our schedule of regular activities continue.

We've got **Art Class** every Monday morning if you fancy something creative, Tuesdays bring **Zumba** for the active or **Line Dancing** on a Thursday is always happy to welcome new members - no need to book, just turn up and have fun. Give Jackie a ring on the number below if you'd like any more information. If you fancy venturing just a little further afield then what about **Bridge** at Binton Social Club every Wednesday? June on 720294 can fill you in.

Our February Film Night will be one for all the family, Ron's Gone Wrong. Join us at 4pm on Saturday 19th Feb at 4pm. Tickets will be available on the door and the bar will be open and refreshments available.

We'll finish the month with the Village Hall Management Committee AGM at 7:30pm on Monday 28th Feb. Come along to hear about our progress and future plans and ask any questions you might have.

Cat Price, Village Hall Committee



Dates for your diary

1st Feb - Zumba 9:20am

2nd Feb - Long Marston Ladies 7:30pm

3rd Feb - Line Dancing 6pm

7th Feb - Art Class 10:30am

8th Feb - Zumba 9:20am
Library/Coffee 10:20am
Craft 2pm

9th Feb - WI 7:30pm

10th Feb - Line Dancing 6pm

14th Feb - Art Class 10:30am

15th Feb - Zumba 9:20am

17th Feb - Line Dancing 6pm

19th Feb - Family Film Screening 4pm

21st Feb - Art Class 10:30am

22nd Feb - Zumba 9:20am
Craft 2pm

24th Feb - Line Dancing 6pm

28th Feb - Art Class 10:30am
Village Hall Management Committee AGM 7:30pm

For bookings please call Jackie on 01789 720328

THE PAVILION AT MEON VALE
Coffee Shop and Community Space

The Pavilion coffee shop, situated on the edge of the recreational fields at Meon Vale is a not-for-profit coffee house, selling mainly local produce; the coffee is roasted locally by origin Eden situated halfway up Meon Hill, and the cakes and pastries are made by local bakers. We are currently looking to supply hot and savoury food. By supporting us you truly are supporting small local businesses.

The Pavilion is much more than a coffee shop, it is your local community space.

Some of you may not be aware that it is also our local base for our Community FoodShare*, a scheme where we collect fresh produce from local large retailers working alongside Neighbourly and FareShare in their charitable food redistribution scheme which would otherwise go to waste, and distribute it to those that need it in the surrounding villages.

We are also working hard to utilise the spaces inside the pavilion for community-use like space for health visitors, Citizens Advice, Parkinson's UK sessions,Job Clubs, Sewing clubs, film afternoons, a meeting place for friends as well as local businesses, clubs, and the like.

We are very proud to have achieved charitable status so it can continue and indeed expand its charitable functions serving your local community.

We also organise and contribute to and take part in local events, celebrations, tabletop weekend sales, summer fares including FunFest, Mad Hare cycling event, pumpkin carving at Halloween, Christmas and other festive and bank holiday celebrations, and of course **we are always here for coffee, tea and snacks** ☺



The Pavilion and community space is staffed by volunteers working for the community, that means all of us benefit, please show your support for this important local amenity so it can continue to grow these good causes.

***Community FoodShare**
Like many other charities, we support the good cause of reducing food waste, through our FoodShare initiative, which means good food for good causes. We collect 'surplus' food from local retailers twice a week, nutritious food which cannot be sold and we deliver to charitable causes throughout the local area for those that need it most and the vulnerable in our society.

For all our latest news please follow us on **fb @thepavilioncoffeeshop**

Instagram - thepavilionatmeon

If you seek any further information, please call Stephenie Hillier on 07720 975023, or email marstoneditor@yahoo.com or Jane Bachelor on 07522 559865.

The Poppin

2022 Where does the time go? Here's to a New Year which, hopefully, will be better for us all.

We still need to wear masks but that is a small price to pay for us all to stay safe.

The Poppin will be celebrating Valentine's Day, so do pop in for your handmade cards, which make the sending of a card even more special and of course chocolates, Prosecco or whatever your chosen tipple might be (or your valentines).

We have deliveries of bread and pastries from Le petit Croissant (Lower Clopton), but so as not to be disappointed, you can order in advance.

There is also a small selection of Wests Cakes, (Wellesbourne). If you can place an order before Tuesday at 12pm and your order will be in the shop on Thursday morning.

We now have a small selection of Gluten Free products and frozen Linda McCartney sausages and burgers, but if there is anything we can stock for you, please ask. We will always try to stock requested items, but it is not always possible due the size of our shop. However, it never hurts to ask.

Thank you for your continued custom, which enables us to continue serving our residents. A Community Shop and Post Office is a valuable asset to a village.

Simon Kiener/Margaret Clarke

Valentine's Jokes

What did one light bulb say to the other on Valentine's Day?
"I love you a whole watt".

Knock , knock.
Who's there?
Howard.
Howard who?
Howard you want to be my valentine?

What do you call two birds in love?
Tweethearts!

What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?
I'm stuck on you.

What can be touched but can't be seen?
Someone's heart





Church Christmas Bazaar

We would like to thank everybody who supported this event, an amazing amount of £1,395 was raised. The money will help maintain the fabric of our lovely Church in long Marston.



Sebastien Reeves – 28th Jan

Please email any children's birthday dates to marstoneditor@yahoo.com.

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CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

1st Sunday of the month
6th February and 6th March
Long Marston 9am Holy Communion
Welford 10.30am Family Communion
Quinton 10.30am 'Altogether' Family Service

2nd Sunday of the month
13th February and 13th March
Weston 9am Holy Communion (BCP said)
Quinton 10.30am Holy Communion
Welford 10.30am 'Open Doors'
a contemporary service of worship and teaching

3rd Sunday of the month
20th February and 20th March
Welford 9am Holy Communion
Long Marston 10.30am Breakfast Service

4th Sunday of February - 27th
Weston 9am Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns
Quinton 10.30am Family Communion
Welford 4pm '4th@4' Messy Church style service with tea

4th Sunday of March - 27th (Mothering Sunday)
Weston 9am Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns
Quinton 10.30am Family Communion for Mothering Sunday
Welford 4pm '4th@4' Messy Church for Mothering Sunday
Long Marston 10.30am All Age Praise for Mothering Sunday

IN ADDITION - FOR ALL THE CHURCHES

4th Wednesday of every month at 10.30am in Welford Church
(23rd February and 23rd March)
a short service of Holy Communion normally followed by Refreshments

Ash Wednesday 2nd March 10.30am in Quinton Church
Benefice Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes.

Further information from revdrosgreenhalgh@gmail.com

Epiphany
a message from the Rector

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this letter on the 6th January, the Feast of the Epiphany, the day when many of us in the West consider Christmas to be well and truly over – the tree is taken down, the decorations safely stored away, the house cleaned, and hopefully all the chocolates eaten in anticipation of the diet we're going to start!

And we might well look back on Christmas – and think 'what was all that about'?

But for the orthodox Christian, the Feast of the Epiphany doesn't mark the end of Christmas, but is the beginning of celebrations to mark the manifestation of God on earth and runs all through January, culminating at the beginning of February with Candlemas. The key theme throughout is light - the light of the star points to the light of Christ. Jesus Christ is the source of light. As we hear read at Christmas 'He is the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'.

When things around us are a mess, when perhaps even inside we feel a mess, when events in the world seem out of control, where can we look for hope, purpose and direction?

Whether you practise customs of the east, the west or neither, the answer is the same. We can look to Jesus, the light of the world, the creator of light, the source of light, who can lead us to discover in himself the hope, the purpose, the goal and the love we long for.

None of us know what 2022 will bring, but there is a lovely Christmas Blessing that goes like this:

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, Lord grant us the grace to begin the real work of Christmas:

> *As Jesus brought peace, turn us into peacemakers.*
>
> *As Jesus brought hope, make us messengers of hope.*
>
> *As Jesus brought love, rekindle love in us*
>
> *so that the birth of the baby in Bethlehem may bring a new beginning to our own lives and to those we meet. Amen*

My prayer for you is that God in Jesus will bring a new beginning to you all and that you will know God's peace, hope and love in 2022.

With my best wishes

Ros

Herb crusted cod fillets

Ingredients

- 4 cod fillets
- 100g (3½oz) breadcrumbs
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- Finely grated zest 1 small lemon
- 1tbsp chopped fresh chives
- 1tbsp chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1tbsp chopped fresh basil
- 60g (2¼oz) butter, melted
- 1 lemon, quartered, to serve



Method

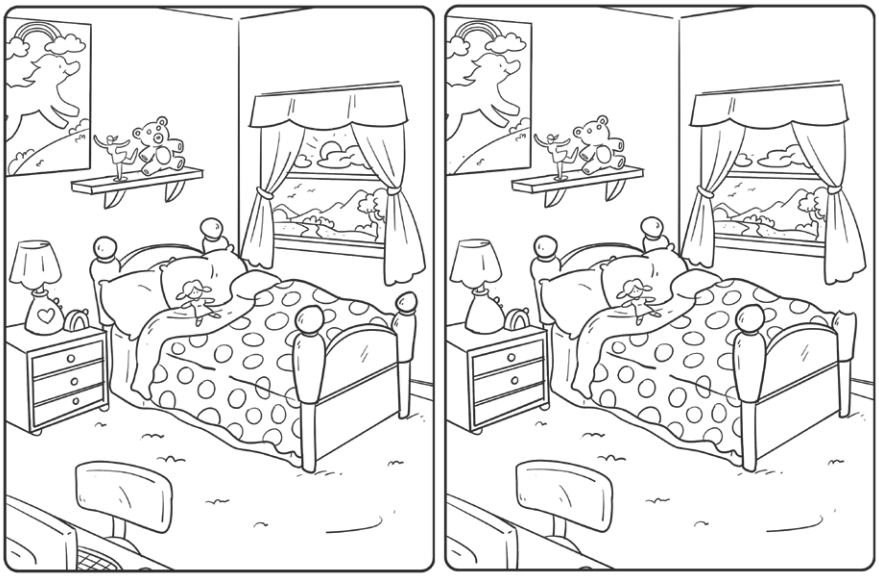
1. Heat oven to 220°C (gas mark 7). Place the cod on a large greased baking tray and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

2. Combine the breadcrumbs, garlic, lemon zest and herbs, and season well. Pour in the butter and mix with a large fork or your fingers, until combined. Cover the fillets with the crumbs, pressing down on each.

3. Transfer to the oven and roast for about 20 minutes, or until the crust is golden.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?



Coconut dhal with roasted veg

Ingredients

- 500g butternut squash, peeled, deseeded, and cut into long thin strips
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- ½ large cauliflower, cut into small florets, stalk diced, and large leaves shredded
- 1 tsp nigella seeds
- 1 tsp yellow mustard seeds
- a large pinch of dried curry leaves
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 20g grated ginger
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 red chilli, finely chopped
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- a pinch of sugar
- 250g red lentils, rinsed and drained
- 1 x 400g tin coconut milk
- 200g chopped tomatoes
- 200g frozen spinach



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C, fan 180°C, gas 6. In a large roasting tin, toss the butternut squash with 1 tablespoon of the vegetable oil and seasoning to coat, then roast for 20 minutes. Stir in the cauliflower and roast for another 25-30 minutes until tender and slightly charred.

2. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, heat the remaining tablespoon of oil on a medium heat. Add the nigella seeds, mustard seeds and curry leaves. When the mustard seeds start to pop, turn down the heat and add the onion. Fry gently for 10 minutes until softened and lightly golden.

3. Add the ginger, garlic and chilli to the pan. Add the rest of the spices and the sugar. Give it a good stir and cook, uncovered, over a low heat for 5 minutes.

4. Tip in the lentils, along with the coconut milk, 300ml water and the chopped tomatoes. Cover the pan, bring to the boil then simmer, partially covered, for 20-25 minutes. Give it a good stir from time to time and add more water if it gets too thick.

5. When it has 5 minutes cooking time left, stir through the spinach and cook gently until it has combined with the dhal.

6. Season to taste, ladle into bowls and top with the roasted vegetables to serve.

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Despite disruptions to meetings caused by covid and other winter illnesses, our youngsters had a busy November and December.

We were kindly invited to a session at St Peter's Church at the start of November. Yvette was amazing with the youngsters. She spoke about remembrance to the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, tailoring the conversations and activities to the different age groups. A quiz/treasure hunt around the church identified items which are used to help us remember people and concluded with the War Memorial plaque with the names of the fallen and the wooden screen which was also erected as a War Memorial. The Cubs and Beavers made poppies to add to the collection by the Maypole.

Our youngsters looked very smart as they marched to and from the Church for the Remembrance Sunday Service and were a very positive representation of the Scout Group with their excellent behaviour during the service.

There was a welcome break in the rainy weather when we held our group campfire. The Scouts set a great example to our younger members with their enthusiastic singing – I'm sure the residents of nearby houses in Binton could hear them! The session included twist making, roasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate. Thank you to Stuart and Rob, two of our Scout Leaders, for organising such a great evening. It was a lovely to have parents join us at the end of the campfire when we invested our new Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

A few weeks later it was the residents of houses near the memorial hall in Welford who may have wondered what all the noise was. It was astounding to discover just quite how loud Cubs and Beavers can be beating out rhythms on saucepans with wooden spoons! This was a rehearsal for their music and magic tricks show. For the actual performance, the youngsters demonstrated their rhythms using shakers made from recycled materials and rice/pasta/split peas – much gentler on everyone's ears.

I'd like to make another plea for someone to step forward to become our Cub Leader. As things stand, we will be closing our Beaver Colony later this year once all our existing Beavers are old enough to move on to Cubs. So please, if you might be able to help, do contact me. A first step could be for us to have a cup of tea and a chat so you could find out what being a Cub Leader would involve.

Maria Smith
welfordscoutgroup@yahoo.com

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The Meon Vale Residents' Association (MVRA) has had a busy few months, working hard on community projects, planning various events and activities but also we are looking forward and planning longer-term benefits for residents, through a community plan which will be released in 2022.

Meon Vale Community Plan 2022
The MVRA is preparing the Meon Vale Community Plan. This will take forward the results of the survey of residents that was carried out last year and will set out the priorities for the Residents' Association based around improving the environment of Meon Vale, bringing the community together and addressing residents' concerns on a wide range of issues. It will include important matters such as improving our village hall and our woods and open spaces. It will also look at what we can do to contribute to the climate emergency by reducing our impact on the environment.

The Meon Vale Community Plan will provide the focus for working with other organisations in the Meon Vale Partnership and in applying for grant funding. The draft Meon Vale Community Plan will be published shortly for your comments.

RECENT EVENTS
Wellington Avenue Speed Bumps - On 28th December residents met with Gill Sutherland of the Stratford Herald to explain their concerns over the impact of the speed bumps on Wellington Avenue. HGV's in particular, are causing vibration and excessive noise nuisance for adjacent properties, which can start as early as 5am. MVRA shared residents' concerns about the bumps with St Modwen and had received a response from the developer before Christmas, saying it took the complaints seriously and had arranged a meeting with Warwickshire County Council's highways team in January and will invite local councillors to attend this session and respond with potential solutions.

Accessibility Audit - In November Rosemary Kidd, chair of the MVRA, undertook an accessibility audit across Meon Vale. This audit identified problems with dropped kerbs and poor surfaces to footpaths, making parts of our community difficult to access by people using mobility scooters and buggies. The accessibility audit can be viewed on the Meon Vale RA website here www.meonvalera.org/post/accessibility-audit-update.

St Modwen responded to the accessibility audit on 22nd December, and the response can be viewed on the MVRA's website: https://www.meonvalera.org/post/accessibility-audit-update

The Meon Vale Families and Children's Partnership will be set up In January, to bring in services and support to help families living in Meon Vale facing challenging times. Barnardo's, Meon Vale Church, the Residents Association and the FoodShare 'food bank' at the Pavilion are taking the lead on this new much needed new initiative.

St Modwen (SM) issued their community newsletter in early December covering the feedback from the Meon Vale Community Focus Day in late Autumn. Proposals would be put forward for a new woodland children's play area and ideas for converting the community village hall into a usable space. More on this is expected in early

2022. The SM newsletter can be found on our web site www.meonvalera.org/post/meon-vale-newsletter-winter-2021

Allotments we are still waiting for St Modwen to complete the final ground preparation and rotovating so the area is suitable for hand-over, we understand that this will be very shortly early in 2022.

Actions for next meeting:

- Speed bumps resolution
- Environmental plan for woodland and wetlands from St Modwen
- Pub site, what is happening?
- Street lighting to start on Meon Vale late January
- Village hall ideas to finalise

Dates for your Diary 2022

- Residents Association General Meeting 21st February. Make sure you are following our Facebook page for latest updates including neighbourhood police report
- Partnership Security Event at Meon Vale in conjunction with Meon Vale Support Partnership & local police team – 5th or 12th March (date tbc)
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations (2 – 5 June)
- Summer Meon FUNFEST with live music and stalls

For further information and to contact us:
The Meon Vale Residents Association' website is now live at www.meonvalera.org . We're also on Facebook so make sure you follow us and stay up to date with everything that's going on in the community www.facebook.com/MeonValeRA

If you would like to get involved and volunteer on community projects and events as part of a thriving team of people of all ages, email us here on meonvaleresidents@gmail.com.

Ruchard Whittaker

Open Space for Sicca

Exciting news
We are pleased to confirm the transfer of the open space (behind the houses on Perry Orchard) to the Parish Council is currently taking place.

We have two more formalities to conclude, but the initial transfer of the main playing area has already been finalised. To ensure we get the maximum benefit of the space, The Parish Council have a working group to consider all options. The group consists of a cross section of residents who have prepared a survey for residents to complete.

We need the open space to be useable for all residents and for Long Marston to be a village we feel proud to be a part of. Each newsletter has a survey inserted.

The cut-off date for surveys to be returned is Saturday 19th February. There is a ballot box outside The Poppin for posting your surveys. If you need any information contact me at the below email.

Thank you.

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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). All inquiries and conversations are strictly confidential.**

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



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