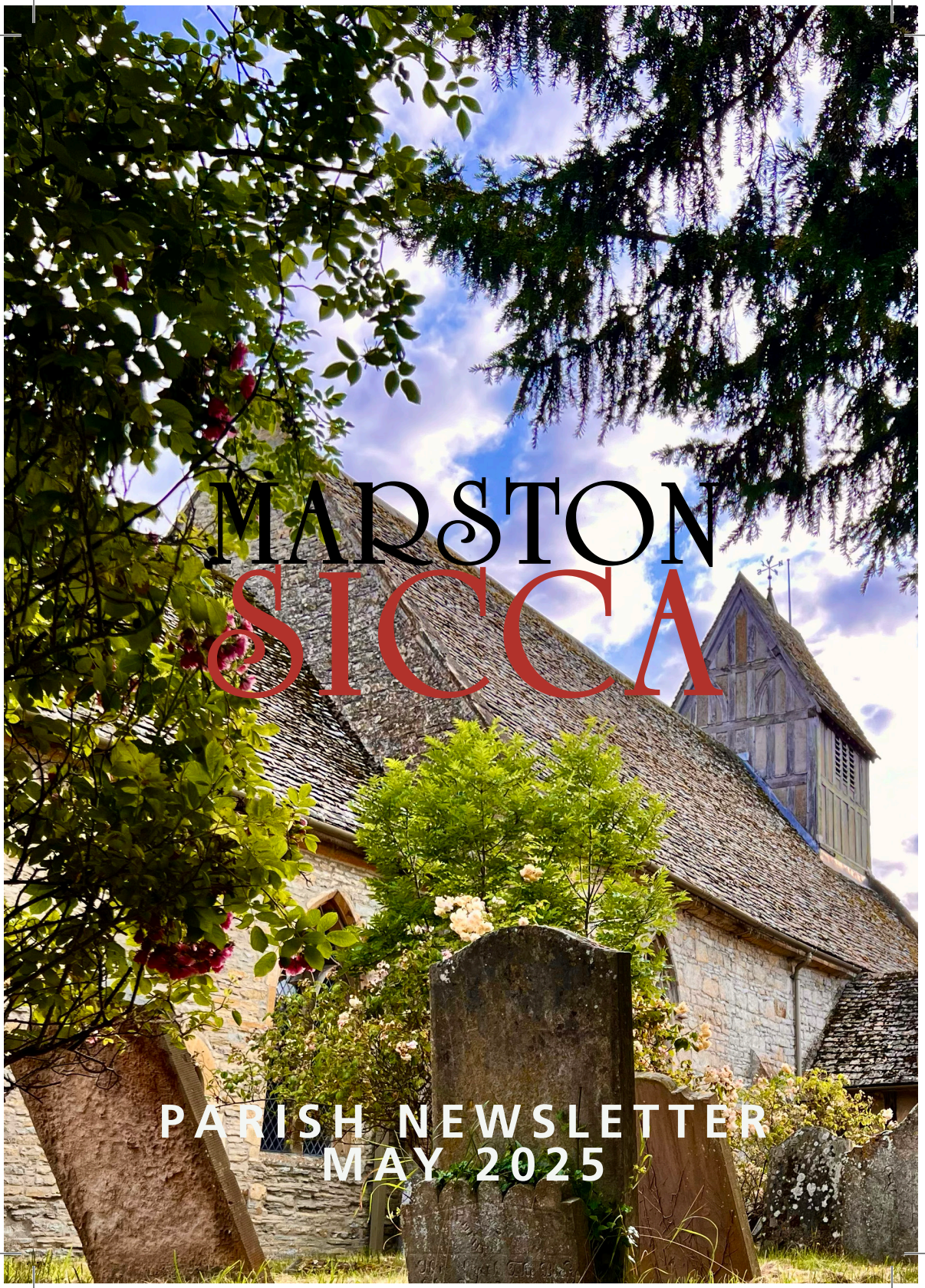


MARSTON SICCA

PARISH NEWSLETTER
MAY 2025

EDITORS NOTES

Happy May!

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

This years fete is not far away and Adam at the Masons Arms is still looking for volunteers. Please get in contact with him if you are able to help out in anyway.

All articles/adverts for the June edition must be submitted to editor@uberdoodle.com by Friday, 23rd May.

Enjoy the good weather.
Simon

PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council will be re-evaluating our asset register following the acquisition of assets including land and community buildings. It is good to see the village hall and pavilion being used with increasing regularity and events are planned to engage more fully with the community.

We are pleased to confirm despite the challenges of supporting a significantly larger community, the parish council managed its finances carefully to end the year within budget. As our parish is expanding (incorporating Meon Vale and Shackelton Village), the council reviewed and concluded its 2025/26 budget to ensure sufficient liquidity is there to maintain key services and to support specific projects that require funding. Agreed action plans for maintenance have been budgeted in phases including works to Marston Meadow and the playing fields within Meon Vale. The remedial work to Barley Fields play area will be concluded in May.

With maintenance in mind, can we please ask residents who have hedges and trees that sit adjacent to footpaths along the main road to cut back overgrown or overhanging foliage that is encroaching on the footpath running from the Masons to the Church.

As part of the councils support for climate change awareness and the environment, the Sustainable, Healthy Living event was held in Meon Vale on April 12th. This is the second year of hosting the event alongside the Meon Vale Residents Association and were delighted with the day's activities. Attendees enjoyed a variety of activities including a seed and plant swap, learning about the local Eco Group, and clothing repaired by Stratford Repair Café. The event featured exhibiting stalls from Net Zero Stratford (promoting Carbon Literacy Training), WCC's Food Strategy, and information on sustainable household cleaning (effective alternatives to chemicals-based products). Culinary enthusiasts were treated to vegetarian curries made by Mike Lok during his Masala Spice Masterclass. Educational talks were also held on garden biodiversity by Lucy Hartley and crop research Prof. Rosemary Collier from the University of Warwick's Crop Centre.
The Sustainable Healthy Living Event was a resounding success, bringing together community members to learn, share and celebrate sustainable living practices.

Rail Live 2025 will take place 18-19 June. Please be aware of more traffic than usual in the run up to the event and the two days during.

The parish council have organised for two new bins to be sited by the new bus shelter in Meon Vale and to the far end of the playing field. The council will also place a cork notice board within the LM shelter as pinned notices are impacting on the wooden structure.

Planning Matters
25/00444/LDP, 4 Larch Road, Meon Vale, single storey rear extension. The proposed ground floor rear extension is considered to comply with Part 1 Class A of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order 2015). Granted under delegated power.

Next Meetings:
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council May 19th Long Marston Village Hall 7.30pm
Asset Management Committee – May 22nd 7pm Meon Vale Village Hall

Debbie Woodiffe
Parish Clerk

THE POPPIN - PLEASE HELP

As you are aware the Poppin is a community shop run by volunteers .

It is a valuable asset to the village and stocks a wide range of provisions , staple basics such as freshly baked bread,milk , tea and sugar , a good range of Willersly cooked and fresh meats , award winning Fladbury pies , a fantastic range of greetings cards , wide selection of beers , wines and spirits including Cotswold range of gins and whiskey and much more .
In order to keep the shop open we are desperately needing more of you to help . Just an hour or two per month would be such a valuable asset . There are many areas in which we would welcome new volunteers , if you are an early person we need openers or equally if you prefer a later slot in the day we have closers shifts. General till working , shelf stocking or even administrative jobs there are many areas in which your help would be greatly welcomed.
I started working in the Poppin over 15 years ago and can honestly say it is a great way of meeting people , getting village news first hand and you even a get a free read of the papers !! Not only is it fun but it's a rewarding knowing you are helping the village community. In return there are many complimentary social events that you & your partner are invited to thank you for your time .

Please do consider helping and keeping the shop open ..

Give it a try! Contact Helen on helen.leedham@btinternet.com for more information or leave your details in the shop .
We hope to welcome you soon !

Helen Leedham





FRIDAY 16th MAY - 7:30PM

Licensed Bar | Snacks | Ices
Only £3 on the door

THE PAVILION

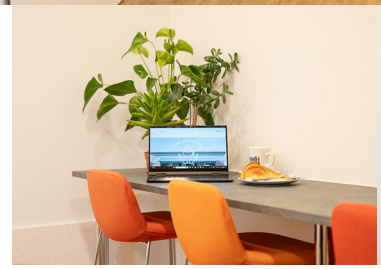
CAFE &
COMMUNITY SPACE

Did you know we have a side room available for hire?

If you are looking for somewhere to host a meeting, hold an event, or just somewhere to work from (with easy access to amazing coffee & cake!) then get in contact with Steph for further information.

steph@meonpavilion.co.uk









Bank Holiday Bonanza!



When it comes to official Bank Holidays, England is way down the list of countries in terms of how many we enjoy each year. No wonder then that we get quite excited about May - a month which contains two!

Bank holidays get their name from their official recognition in an Act of Parliament in 1871 when banks were legally allowed to close on these days, but the roots of these holidays often go back further.

At the beginning of the May our extra day off, commonly known as May Day, has its origins in the rural and agricultural year with the familiar associated traditions of Maypole Dancing and crowning of the May Queen.
The second bank holiday towards the end of May has its origins in the church calendar, with links to Whit Sunday, or Pentecost, when Christians celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit to followers of Jesus.

Both, in their different ways, allow an opportunity to pause and reflect and give thanks…

- thanks for the physical nourishment of the crops grown to feed us (and for those who work - even on bank holidays - to provide this)
- and thanks for the spiritual nourishment we can find through the strength and guidance that God offers us through his Holy Spirit (available every hour of every day)

Whatever your Bank Holiday plans include this year, whether quiet time for rest, social time for gathering, busy time for working or catching up, can I recommend finding time to take a moment to be thankful for what we have and asking for God's help with what we need?

Philippians Chapter 4, verse 6:
'Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.
Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.'

Yvette

Revd Yvette Grundy
Deacon - RiverVale Churches

GARDEN CLUB



On Wednesday 2nd April we paid a visit to Batsford Arboretum to view their Magnolias. We were not disappointed as they were superb. Most treated themselves to Tea and Cakes and then temptation got the better of us and a few trees and plants were purchased.

Our next visit is to The Gate at Winchcombe to view an excellent display of tulips. I will give a report in the next issue of our newsletter. It is a busy time in the garden at this time of year so don't over do it and watch out for late frosts.

Wiggy Taylor

Happy New Year. **Wiggy Taylor**
wiggytaylor@gmail.com

LONG MARSTON LADIES

Hooray for Hoorays Gelato Kitchen in Stratford.

Sasha, half owner, came along to Long Marston Ladies April meeting and spoke about how her and her Mum, Sara, founded the business. All ice creams and waffles etc made from the finest ingredients produce the best and luxurious products at affordable prices, the perfect place for a treat.

The ladies were then given a treat, with generous samples of ice cream from Rum and Raisin, to Farmhouse. All devoured with many compliments as the best ice cream ever tasted.
A perfect evening.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

MARSTON MOVIES - The film on 16th May will be "Paddington in Peru" at 7.30pm. £3 admission. With the bar and usual snacks available (sadly no marmalade sandwiches though).

JULY 19th – FETE DAY – Please contact Adam at the Masons Arms if you can help in any way.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY for May

Polling Day	1st	
Parish Council	2nd	7 pm
Private Booking	2nd 9th 23rd 30th	10 – 12 am
Yoga	6th 13th 20th	7-8 pm
Long Marston Ladies	7th	7.30 pm
Private Booking	8th 22nd 29th	
Beavers	12th 19th 26th	5-7 pm
Library/coffee morning	13th	10.30 -12 am
Marston Movies	16th	7.30 pm
Coopers Trust Meeting	28th	

MAY 2025
Services around the benefice

RiverVale Churches
Welford | Weston | Quinton | Admington
Long Marston | Meon Vale

Sunday 4th

9.00am Holy Communion - Weston (BCP)
10.30am Breakfast Service - Long Marston
10.30am Family Communion - Welford
7.00pm 'Re-fuel' Informal Worship - Welford

Sunday 11th

10.30am Informal Service - Welford
10.30am Family Communion - Quinton
3.00pm Meon Church - Meon Village Hall

Sunday 18th

9.00am Holy Communion - Weston (BCP)
10.30am 'All In' Family Service - Quinton
10.30am Informal Worship - Welford
10.30am Breakfast Service - Long Marston
12.00pm Informal Communion - Long Marston

Sunday 25th Rogation

10.30am Communion - Quinton - Rogation walk after the service
4.00pm Messy Church - Welford

Thursday 29th Ascension Day

7.00pm Benefice Communion - Weston

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FULL PAGE £25

ADVERTISING

If you would like to advertise your business in the Marston Sicca Newsletter, please email editor@uberdoodle.com.

HALF PAGE £12.50

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This is located outside the Poppin shop.
A 999 call giving the location will provide a code and method of use.

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