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EDITORS NOTES

Please remember that next month is the joint December/ January edition, so please email your articles to editor@uberdoodle.com by Friday November 22nd if you wish them to be included in the newsletter.

Have a safe and enjoyable bonfire night!

Hugs. **Simon**



PARISH COUNCIL

As you would have seen, the Parish Council have issued two questionnaires to Long Marston Residents. The first relates to the Newsletter and how this reaches residents, and the other relates to Marston Meadow, with both seeking views and preferences of the electorate to enable the parish council to make well informed decisions.

The Parish Council has been very focused on providing valuable services to the community hence the commitment to open and manage the Pavilion Café. It has been quite a journey resulting in a successful, vibrant café managed by Steph and a group of fabulous volunteers. The café supports the Parkinsons group, employs young individuals from ECO Workshop, and manages a food share scheme with increasing support from surrounding villages. Now, with well organised trustees in place to manage this important asset, the Parish Council, whilst in the process of owning the building, has transferred the entire operation over to the Charity. Bravo to everyone who has made the Pavilion Café what it is.



The council had already resolved to erect a bus shelter in Meon Vale (opposite Londis). WCC have been involved with the siting and we are close to getting the matter concluded. The manufacturer is looking to build the shelter in November.

Marston Meadow is a key project for the council with various options and cost reviews taking place. The Pavilion has already been erected, and the next priority will be the footpath from the entrance gate to the pavilion. The council will study feedback from the questionnaire to determine an action plan for the coming year(s).

The Chairman discussed footpaths and how some private hedges have encroached on public footpath (the area from The Green up to the Church is particularly bad) where it is hard to negotiate along the pathway. The council had a site visit with Highways who were able to see the problem. Again, we would ask residents to look at their hedges and how they have grown beyond the original boundary line. It is not a question of keeping hedges tidy (though that helps), but to cut back to the original line and expose the area the footpath.

Planning matters.
24/02102/FUL, Shackleton Village, LMGV
Erection of a new sports pavilion with associated car parking, landscaping, and infrastructure in accordance with the requirements of condition 10 of planning permission 17/03258/REM pursuant to planning permission 14/03579/OUT
Decision: Support

For the diary… Green Day '25 The parish council are pleased to support the second Green Day event. The subject matter this year will be Sustainable Living and will be held in Meon Vale Village Hall on April 12th, 2025.

Clerk
Marston Sicca Parish Council



HELLO FROM THE POPPIN VILLAGE SHOP!

As the nights draw in and the chill arrives we have all the fuel you will need to keep warm, kindling , logs, coal and firefighters along with some great whiskeys too !

The award winning Fladbury pie range is proving a great success . They really are extremely tasty and well worth a try if you haven't already. With Christmas approaching we will have the large 2lb pies available to order which are perfect for buffets and get togethers. The range is Chicken and Ham , Game pie, Pork pie, Pig Roast and finally Turkey and Cranberry.







They will easily serve 10 and are priced at only £12.75 each . We will also be having the delicious mince pies, Christmas puds and cakes from Wests bakery available to order , more information will be available in the shop in November.

Also keep an eye out on our Facebook page **The Poppin Village Shop** for more news and promotions.

We look forward to seeing you and seeing you soon !
Best wishes **Helen Leedham and the Poppin team**

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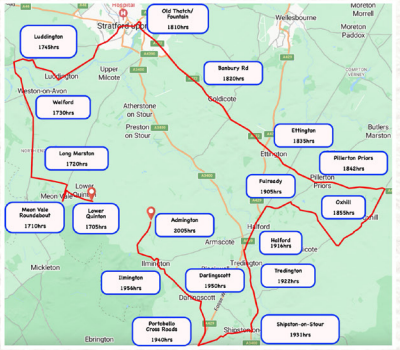
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COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS AT THE POPPIN SHOP!!

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

FETE 2024- Very many thanks to everyone who volunteered to help , gave and supported the village fete earlier in the year. The final profit raised was £5,171.74 which has been distributed as follows : £2,000 each to St James' Church and the village hall, with the balance retained in the village hall reserves as start up expenses for the fete 2025. It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged early in the new year to discuss this. Finally, a huge thank you to Adam and Derek at the Mason's Arms who, together with their staff, made the fete such a success with all their hard work and organisation.



MARSTON MOVIES
November is a busy month with various events taking place, so it has been decided that there will not be a film show this month.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Dec 6th Christmas Bingo 7 pm & Dec 14th Christmas Bazaar

VILLAGE HALL DIARY for November

Beavers | 4th 11th 18th 25th Time 5 – 7 pm

Village Hall Meeting | 4th Time 7.30 pm

Craft Club | 5th

Yoga | 5th 12th 19th 26th Time 7-8 pm

Long Marston Ladies | 6th Time 7.30 pm

Shoebox packing | 8th Time 6-7 pm, 9th Time 8,30 am onwards

W.I | 13th 15th 20th Time 7.30 pm

Library/ Coffee Morning | 19th Time 10.30 to 12 noon

Quiz Night | 23rd

To book the hall please telephone Anne Harrison 01789 720368



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LONG MARSTON WI

We painted poppies on stones at our October Meeting under the direction of Jackie, who has her own business called 'Bonnie Keepsakes'. Some looked a little dumpy others looked a pictorial poppy garden!
We hosted our Annual Group Meeting with Bidford, Broom and Temple Grafton WIs in the middle of the month. Around 50 of us sat around round tables which made for a friendly setting. We had musical entertainment from Verity and Edwards- Flaherty which made interesting entertainment with some popular songs. A Buffet Supper was much enjoyed. Sandwiches and wraps (exceptionally good from Cosco's) and of course great variety of homemade cakes were on the menu.

There were 2 competitions. One a shoebox with homemade items – we came joint 3rd. A Cherry Cake and we came 2nd. We are in the process of changing the format of the Meeting as it has not changed for 10 years.

Our next Meeting is our Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday 13 November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm After the Official Annual Meeting regime, Fiona is coming to talk about skin care using natural ingredients.

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

LONG MARSTON LADIES

John Scott talked about his career in reverse at October meeting of Long Marston Ladies. He now makes appearances on the Sewing Quarter and Sewing Street TV. Prior to that he had an impressive career in costume design making dresses and gowns for the Royal Ballet and Kiri Te Kanawa amongst many others. He was the Fashion Guru on This Morning TV with Richard and Judy. Worked on many films including Four Weddings and a Funeral, Notting Hill and Tomorrow Never Dies to name but a few. Training at The Wimbledon School of Art opened many doors for John. The ladies enjoyed his evening of full on entertainment as John's life unfolded. Everyone agreeing what a fascinating and lovely man John Scott is.

LONG MARSTON GARDEN CLUB



On 30th October we visited Batsford Arboretum which should be the best time for Autumn colours. There will be a report in next months newsletter. No doubt all of us are busy putting the garden to bed for the winter and planting up our spring bulbs.
Keep an eye out for notification of our annual lunch. Probably the end of January. Before planning the programme I would appreciate any suggestions.

Happy gardening
Wiggy



SHOEBOXES

We have been collecting all year and have been amazed at your generosity. We still have room for items of all sorts and hope to pack around 400 boxes again.

Now we need your help to pack them!!!!
Children are especially welcome so do come along as a family.
Everything will be laid out in the hall so just bring yourselves.

PACKING DATES

Friday Nov 8th 6 to 7 pm
Saturday Nov 9th 8.30am until we finish about 11am.

The boxes will then go to the Teams4U depot in Evesham for distribution to very poor families in Eastern Europe.

WANTED

We are in desperate need of wool oddments to knit items for the children. Please leave at The Poppin.

MEON VALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Meon Vale Art Group

Being creative is a great way to relax, make new friends and to try something new.

Art for Wellbeing
The daytime art group starts on Wednesday 16th October
1-3pm at Meon Vale Village Hall.

Haydee Smith is our tutor. She is an experienced art teacher from Solihull College. The first week is a taster session, followed by 7 weeks covering various types of art, collage and air dried clay. This is ideal for those who have not done any art since school and those who want to brush up on their skills and meet new people. The cost of the taster session is £5 and includes materials and refreshments. The cost of later sessions will be no more than £8 depending on the numbers enrolled.

Art for All
The evening art group is up and running on Tuesday evenings
7.30 – 9.30pm at Meon Vale Village Hall.

Sharron Harrington is our tutor, she is an experienced artist. She is helping us to be confident and have a go at being creative. It is ideal for both beginners and those with some experience. It's proving fun, relaxing and creative for everyone. There are only a few places available. The cost is £8 a session which includes materials and refreshments.

To book a place on either group please email: meonvaleartgroup@gmail.com

Meon Vale Youth Club
starts Monday 28th October
6pm at Meon Vale Village Hall

Meon Eco Group
Meet outside the Pavilion 2nd and 16th November for Tree Planting
All welcome. Under 16s to be accompanied by a responsible adult.
Please wear suitable footwear and bring your own spades and gloves.



Winter Craft Market
Sunday 24th November
2pm – 5pm at Meon Vale Village Hall
Small Table £10 Large Table £15
To book a table email:
meonvalevents@yahoo.com

tMeon Vale Residents Association General Meeting
Thursday 28th November
7pm – 9pm
To book the Meon Vale Village Hall please email:
meonvalecommunity@gmail.com

The Pavilion Café
Open Tuesdays - Saturdays
10am to 4pm
Teas, coffees, cakes and lunches

Update from meeting with Preim/St. Modwens, 9th October 2024

Accounts

- 2022/23 Accounts in progress, expected to be published before30th. November;
- Budget proposals for 2024/5 being prepared for discussion with RA;
- Preim's revised Portal expected to be implemented by end of year;

Maintenance

- Woodland maintenance/tree surgery, contractor instructed, work due to commence January 2025;
- Greenway path surface, Preim investigating more long term solutions, continuing in the interim with ad hoc repairs;
- Picnic bench repairs postponed till spring 2025;
- Replacement of failed or missing trees and shrubs to estate due to commence November;
- Further to recent strimming of banks, next year rubbish arising to be taken off site;
- Dredging of ponds and streams due to commence November this year, in accordance with EMP;
- Damaged gate end of Greenway path , Preim to implement repair/ and also Woodland sign post;
- Quotes awaited for repairs to Play areas following recent (September) survey,

St. Modwen matters

- Hedgehog highway awaiting response from St Modwen Homes (SMH);
- Bare grass areas, pavings/paths to repair around Londis & Pavilion, RA to more clearly identify;
- Path from Heron Drive Flood to wetlands SMH to submit for planning permission;
- As a result of inaccuracies identified on phased site plans, SMH/Preim have acknowledged the need to prepare a full set of site layout plans to correctly show the areas of Manco responsibility.

Phase 4 Redrow

- Has NOT been taken over by Manco, despite previous advice. This will be inspected in November.
- Once it has been handed over Preim will become responsible for the landscape area fronting onto Station Road, for the extent of the Redrow phase;
- Similarly the landscape area fronting onto the Persimmon (Cotswold Vale) phase will be the responsibility of their management company;
- The adoptable roads/footpaths remain Redrow's responsibility until adopted by the Local Authority/Highways;



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