



# Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council July/August  
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## **A word from the editor**

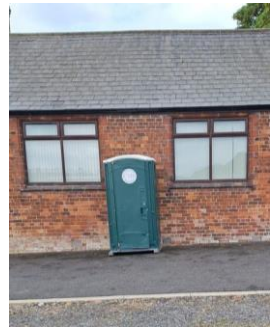
Welcome to our July/ August edition, Murmurs is taking a break in August. We are looking forward to hopefully, enjoy some summer weather at last.



The Council will continue to work on your behalf but we do not hold a meeting in August. July will bring us a General Election and as usual the Church Hall will be open all day for you to cast your votes.

## **Marston Church Hall.**

You may have noticed works going on around the hall and the addition of a port-a-loo in the car park. This is due to blocked drains and the need to update the system to modern standards. At the time of writing the Council are investigating the most appropriate and cost-effective way of achieving this. We ask you to be understanding of the situation and be reassured we are working to complete this asap.



## **Parking on Higher Marston Playground.**

It has been brought to the Councils attention that vehicles are being parked on the green space area of the children's playground. We would like to ask for vehicles not to be parked on there as it is for ball games and space for children to play. We are aware of the limited space for parking on the estate as it was built at a time when cars were normally one per household if that. Green spaces are valuable assets for children's health and development and should be protected as such. Cheshire West and Chester Council have been informed of the situation and are currently looking into the right of access for motor vehicles into this area.

Thank you to Jackie Rathbone for the lovely cover photo.

If you have any photos of the area suitable for use in the magazine, please send them via the Facebook page or email.



Please note our email addresses have changed. This is to bring us in line with National Council guidelines and increase security and confidentiality. The change over will be gradual as there are many contacts to inform of the changes.

## **DDay 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance at Marston.**

Thank you to all who came and attended the service, to the service participants and catering folks. Also, thanks to 'The Misfits' who entertained us so well and donated £160 to Marston Parish Council. They collected this money from performing in Northwich town centre and nursing homes on the day as well as entertaining us so well after our service.



The service concluded with the lighting of lanterns to represent the 'Light of Peace' that emerged from the darkness of war and poppies to represent the flowers that bloomed in Flanders Fields where nothing else grew and we now wear in remembrance.

The lanterns were lit again at 9.15pm by Jayne, Landlady of the Salt Barge and ex RAF Serviceman Dave Featherstone and left to shine out overnight.

Lest we Forget.....



## Front Gardens Competition

July brings our front gardens competition. Councillors will be admiring the wide variety of front gardens around the village and deciding on their favourites.

Please contact one of the Councillors if you think you have seen a garden of merit and add your vote. It is always a hard task to decide which garden is the best with so many worthy gardens.

Judging will take place in July



"I'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL - I'M TRYING TO HACK MY WAY THROUGH THE FRONT GARDEN"



**St. Pauls Church Graves** are now listed on <https://www.findagrave.com>. Thanks to Tony Hayes and Phil Carter. Anyone looking for family graves as part of their family history can now go on line and see a photo of the headstone and find the grave location

A screenshot of the St. Paul's Churchyard search interface. The title is "St. Paul's Churchyard" with the location "Marston, Cheshire West and Chester Unitary Authority, Cheshire, England". The search form includes fields for "First Name", "Middle Name", and "Last Name(s)", and "Year Born" and "Year Died" with "Exact" dropdown menus. A prominent orange button says "Search this cemetery". Below the search form are buttons for "SHARE", "ADD FAVORITE", and "VOLUNTEER".

## Gardening jobs for the month of July

Summer is progressing

This is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well-watered, using grey water (washing up water) where possible, and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine. Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise



Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt

Care for houseplant while on holiday

Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering

Pick courgettes before they become marrows

Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed. Give dahlias a liquid feed, keep them well watered and tie the shoots of tall varieties to sturdy stakes as they grow

Plant autumn bulbs, including nerines, colchicums and sternbergia, in pots and borders

Sow small batches of fast-maturing salad leaves, rocket and radishes every few weeks for continuous pickings

Be vigilant for aphids, vine weevils and other pests, and treat immediately so infestations don't get out of hand

Feed tomatoes, chillies and cucumbers with high-potash tomato fertiliser every week to encourage fruiting

Trim conifers and other garden hedges

Cut back early summer perennials, such as hardy geraniums and delphiniums, after flowering for a second flush

## **Blueberry muffins Air fryer recipe from Jackie and Ralph Warburton**

### Ingredients

60ml vegetable oil

75gm natural yogurt

1 egg

2 tbsp milk

100g golden caster sugar

150g self-raising flour

½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

75g blueberries. Chocolate chips or dried fruit



### Method

1. Heat the Air fryer on 160 °C for 2 minutes. Mix oil, egg and milk in bowl then fold sugar, flour and bicarbonate of soda and combine well. Fold in blueberries, chocolate chips or dried fruit. Spoon mixture into silicone cases or air fryer muffin tin filled with paper cases  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. Should make 6 – 8 muffins but you may have to bake them in batches.
2. Place the cases or tin into air fryer basket and cook for 12 – 15 minutes until golden brown and a skewer inserted into middle comes out clean

## MARBURY PCSO REPORT May/June 2024

### BURGLARY/DWELLING/OTHER:

#### MARSTON:

Report of burglary at Lion Salt Works where a donation box has been stolen. CCTV captured of the offender and ongoing enquiries are being carried out.

#### GREAT BUDWORTH :

Unknown offender has broken the lock on an integral door and stolen several purses from unattended bags , this happened during a church service at All Saints Church, Great Budworth.

### CONCERN FOR SAFTY:

#### MARSTON:

Concerns about a male seen wandering in and out of the road. Patrols deployed to the location

Reports of an unknown person seen markings walls with chalk near to Marston Lodge Farm. For intel purposes.

### CRIMINAL

#### DAMAGE;

#### MARSTON:

Report of a deliberate fire to personal belongings from a boat which is moored by The Salt Barge.

### ALL AREAS

Residents voice carried out at Anderton marina / boat lift.

Residents voice out on Salt Drive,

Wincham.

Police Surgeries held at Barnton Library, Wincham Community Centre and Comberbach Memorial

Hall

Speed monitoring carried out on Knutsford Road, Antrobus.

Local intelligence submitted.

Partnership working with Weaver vale Housing Trust / onward Homes

School presentations taken place at local Schools - online safety /

personal safety

Visits made to local vulnerable residents in the community.

Police surgeries held within the community.

Local community events attended.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO PC TERRY BOYLE REGARDING ANY ISSUES / CONCERNS PLEASE SEND AN

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## Anagrams of Towns & Cities in Great Britain

1. Behind Rug
2. Mount Potash
3. Means Retch
4. Dry Londoner
5. Nuns Ladder
6. Retaught Mayor
7. Hold Yeah
8. Actors End
9. Flout Ham
10. Beer Comma
11. Bare Need
12. Cry On Vet



13.Ruby Nectar

14.Mined Ahead

15.Giant Month

## Marston Swan's Diary

What a difference 12 months brings with the pen (Poppy) knowing exactly what to do with her cygnets in the early weeks of their lives. She was a little lost last year, as it was her first year as a mum, so the cob (Sebastian) had to guide her. He was rather redundant this year, so has been spending time guarding his territory, clearing away the ducks and generally swanning around.

The cygnets are now several weeks old, and have been named Sooty and Sweep. They are bigger, growing in confidence and becoming a little more independent. It will be a number of months before they can fly, so they are still confined to the fishing pits.

Every year during the summer adult swans begin looking a little scruffy because they start to moult.

Moulting is when they lose most or all of their "old" feathers and grow fresh new ones. The Cornell Lab of

Ornithology explains: "A feather is a 'dead' structure, similar to hair or nails in humans and made of the same basic ingredient, the protein keratin. This means that when they get damaged, feathers can't heal



themselves – they have to be completely replaced.” This replacement is called moult.

Mute Swans’ entire moulting process takes about six weeks. Their flight feathers are among those they lose so they are grounded while moulting. Because they can’t fly and because it takes a lot of energy to grow a new set of feathers, the timing of their moult is important. As for Sebastian and Poppy, they will moult consecutively rather than at the same time, so one can always fly. Poppy will probably begin first.



During their moult Mute Swans appear to have shortened and more wispy wings and often sport loose and dangling feathers. They often look tatty, and the RSPCA can see an increase in calls from the public at this time. After a number of weeks the “shoots” start to emerge. At the end of the process they’ll have a clean and healthy set of new feathers to get them through another year. As for Poppy and Sebastian, they will both need

new feathers to help Sooty and Sweep learn to fly late Autumn. Diary and photo courtesy of Julia Griffiths.



We recently had a swarm of bees on Ollershaw Lane. They were swiftly removed by a local bee keeper (thankfully!)

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Council stall at The Salt Barge Music Festival, we raised £84 for Parish Council funds.



## **Great Budworth School News July/Summer Edition**

After a very lively return from Spring break, with our Healthy living & Olympic theme weeks, July will bring the school year to a close with a range of activities and events.

We start July with our Art Days when the focus will be on a creative project for the whole school to be involved with. Whilst we have painting aprons, the children love to borrow an old shirt from dad or mum & wear it backwards as an apron instead. It's a very funny sight.

Our Year 6 leavers travel to Chester Cathedral on 10 th July for the Diocese Leavers Service, which is a very special event for all the Church of England primary schools. They will then have a picnic lunch & a cruise on the River Dee to round off this memorable day.

There are two dates for your diary that week, namely, our Maypole afternoon on Thursday 11 th July at 1.30pm when the children will be demonstrating their skills, helped by Shirley, our Maypole Queen of many years. The Friends of the School (FOTS) will be providing refreshments & everyone is welcome, just bring your own picnic chair.

Then in the afternoon of Saturday 13 th July it's the School Summer fair, organised by FOTS. There will be lots of stalls and activities so please bring the family and support one of our main fund-raising events.

The following week, our Otters Class, years 1, 2 & 3, will be off to Tattenhall Residential Centre for an exciting three days of outdoor adventures. Then on the Thursday, it's our Summer play where the Year 6's will lead the cast. This year it's 'Cinderella Rockerfella' which promises to be very lively, loud & lots of fun.

Our last week of term includes a special lunch menu chosen by our Year 6 pupils & their Leavers Service in church on Friday 26 th July at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Have an enjoyable Summer, school re-opens on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.



Great Budworth C of E Primary School  
School Lane - Great Budworth - Northwich - CW9 6HQ

# SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 13th July

11am - 3pm

Craft stalls • Raffles • FOTS Stall • School  
Choir • Great Budworth Ice Cream Farm •  
Food • NPA Performing Arts • plus more!



**\*\* Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times \*\***



Stalls are £15 plus a raffle prize  
Contact Emma on 07739468472

# PICKMERE PARTY BY THE LAKE

SATURDAY 6TH JULY

Live Music From The Midnight Cats



**Setup from 6pm. Live Music From 7.15pm.  
Bring Your Own Picnic. Red Lion Bar and Andy's Hog Roast.**

Advance wristbands £10 before Wednesday 3 July. £12.50 on the night. Under 12's Free

Advanced Gazebo plots available (4mx4m) £10 and wristbands available from  
Katy Dulson 07533 432573, Simon Read 07981 185358, Jen Hughes 07867 798809

Proceeds To Our Playground Renovation  
Strictly no barbecues.





**The Chair Exercise Class** has a new time of 3pm on Mondays, starting from Bank Holiday Monday 27th May. Please join us for fun exercise which can be done by all ages and abilities. £5 per class.

Answers to our anagrams quiz.

EDINBURGH 2. SOUTHAMPTON 3. MANCHESTER 4.  
LONDONDERRY 5. SUNDERLAND 6. GREAT YARMOUTH 7.  
HOLYHEAD 8. DONCASTER 9. FALMOUTH 10. MORECAMBE 11.  
ABERDEEN 12. COVENTRY 13. CANTERBURY 14. MAIDENHEAD  
15. NOTTINGHAM

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## Northwich Citizens Advice Cheshire West

**Welcome** We give people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way forward – whoever they are, and whatever their problem. We are part of the national Citizens Advice network and offer confidential, independent advice [via email](#), over the phone, and in person, for free.

We can help with making a benefit claim or appeal, including Universal Credit, and our [Advice column](#) provides information on some of the most common issues that we're asked about. The [Live Well](#) website provides information about other local services and support for residents in Cheshire West. Northwich Adviceline [0808 2787 806](tel:08082787806)

**Live Well**  
Cheshire West

Venue	Opening Times	Client Services
<a href="#">Methodist Outreach Centre</a>	Thu: 13:00 - 16:00	In Person Support
<a href="#">Old School House</a>	Wed: 10:00 - 13:00 (last Wednesday of every month)	Pre Booked Appointments



**ASTLE PARK**  
**TRACTION ENGINE RALLY**

**10th & 11th AUGUST**

Astle Park, Chelford, Cheshire, SK11 9AD

OPEN: Saturday 10th (10am - 11pm) - Sunday 11th August (10am - 5pm)

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The Church Hall on Ollershaw Lane is a great place for parties, band practice or events and activities. To hire contact Angie or Angela. Hall costs just £10 per hour to hire.

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