



Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council June 2024



A word from the editor; -

May was certainly an interesting month with views of the Northern Lights and wildly differing weather patterns. We hope you enjoyed the two bank holidays.



We held our Parish Council Annual meeting on the 8th May and I have included the Chairs review of the year for you to read. There were no changes to the council with Marion re-elected as Chair and Amanda as Vice Chair.

Chairs Review of the Year 23/24

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for coming to the annual meeting and for the continuing support and work done over the past year. Which has, at times, had its challenges along with the successes and improvements the Council have made together. I would especially like to thank Amanda for being Vice Chair and for the support she has given over the past year.

We have accepted the resignations of Caroline Constable, Ian Stanley and Margaret Peake and acknowledge their contributions to the council and wish them well in the future.

We are pleased to welcome Gary as our Clerk, who is tackling the trials and tribulations of keeping the Council information and finances under control with quiet efficiency and good humour. Thank you, Gary, for taking us on!

Our community involvement and engagement has continued with the weekly coffee mornings, which has seen an improvement in numbers attending and enjoying the tea, coffee and toasted snacks, ably done by Angela and Yvonne in the kitchen and the quiz done by resident quizmaster extraordinaire, Duncan, who never fails to challenge our

minds. We have also welcomed back trainer Josh to run the chair exercise class. This is a challenging and fun hour on Thursday mornings which is proving anyone can exercise. Remembrance Sunday was well attended and we would like to thank Rev. Buchannan for his support with the service. Also, our thanks to everyone else who turned out to erect the Evergreen Arch, provide support during the service and attended to remember those who served in the two world wars and other conflicts. We joined the 'Big Litter Pick' campaign and with the aid of volunteers collected a small mountain of litter from our village streets and verges. The front garden competition as always was difficult to judge with so many worthy gardens to choose from.

With a grant from Freedom Fibre, we purchased wildflower seeds and bird boxes and have distributed the wildflower seeds to every household in the village and the bird boxes to those who requested them. We hope this will add to the biodiversity and nature in the area. We also received a grant from the Manchester Airport Fund for 10 new chairs for the hall. These are heavier duty chairs which are more suitable for the chair exercise class. The hall has been updated with WiFi, the cost of which has been covered by support from rdi-online for the next two years.

We hosted MP Esther McVey for an interesting and informative question and answer surgery, not sure everyone heard what they wanted to hear but it was a good opportunity to meet and talk with our MP directly.

Local issues have been raised, followed up and actions taken where possible. Most issues are still ongoing but progress has been made in restoring Footpath 7, assisting in enquiries into the ingress of sewage into the flashes, Pickmere visitor issues and the ongoing sagas of potholes and grass maintenance. Angela has been at the forefront of some of these campaigns.

Marston Murmurs has continued to be distributed to all residences in the village and out to the wider community thanks to the dedicated deliverers and contributors. It is well received and a way of ensuring the village

news gets to everyone. The Marston Parish Council Facebook page continues to gain followers and we currently have 404 people following. We were successful in gaining an Asset of Community Value status for the Salt Barge Pub and pleased to see the new landlords are doing a great job in bringing the Pub back to former glories.

Councillors attended a meeting with CEO's from CWaC at Wincham and put forward questions which were of particular relevance to the village. These were answered but left many questions and we wait to see what improvements will be made.

Amanda and I were invited to speak at the Local Councils conference in Chester about the things the Council do to improve the wellbeing and lives for the residents. Amanda was very brave and demonstrated the chair exercises and showed the items we took along to illustrate the speech. It was a nice opportunity to remind ourselves what we do well. We have purchased a Defib for the Higher Marston Estate area, which was match funded and installed at 1 Fernlea Road thanks to Ian and Vicki who kindly offered to have it there. Defib training was also offered and well received by those who attended, thanks to Simon Tate and company for facilitating this.

Apologies if I have missed anyone or anything out but I think we have had a rather good year. Here's to continuing the good work and progress in the coming year.

The mobile library service stops at the Ashwood Park entrance every three weeks on a Tuesday between 2.55pm and 3.10pm. The next dates are 11th June, 2nd July and 13th August.

Please use the service.



A message from Knutsford Police about Pickmere and Pickmere Lake but most of it also applies to Wincham, Marston and Ashton-by-Budworth sections of Pickmere Lake!

Anti social behaviour, inconsiderate parking, littering and loutish behave will not be tolerated.

Pickmere Lake is a nice place for families to attend and enjoy especially when the weather is nice. Be mindful that there are parking restrictions, no BBQ's or fires and the gates close at 6pm.

Police also monitors the location frequently and those found breaking any rules will be prosecuted.

Enjoy the weather and adhere to the rules.

Thank you 😊

Who remembers Pickmere when it was like this?



Remembering D-Day and the Battle of Normandy

The D-Day landings of 6 June 1944 was the largest seaborne invasion in history. Along with the associated airborne operations, it marked the beginning of the



liberation of France and western Europe. Our D-Day commemoration provides an opportunity to honour all the veterans who have served their country. Holding a commemoration demonstrates our commitment to remembering and acknowledging the sacrifices made by those who fought for freedom during World War II. It sends a powerful message about the importance of remembrance and marking the past

We will be commemorating this 80th anniversary with a short service of



Remembrance and by the lighting of red lanterns, the light from the flame will represent the ‘light of peace’ that emerged from the darkness of war in tribute to the many millions that sacrificed their lives during WWII. Followed by Afternoon refreshments in

the hall and entertainment by ‘The Misfits’.

We hope you will join us on the **6th June** at 13.45 for the service at 14.00 and afterwards in the Hall. Make a note in your diary

Women's Tour of Britain Cycle Race event is to take place on Saturday 8th June 2024. This will require the closure of the roads between 11:00 and 12:00. This will be managed by the Police as a rolling road closure, travelling in an anticlockwise direction



Higher Whitley, Frandley, Great Budworth, Upper Marston, Wincham, Plumley, Lower Peover, and will be approximately 30 minutes at each location

The race will begin in Welshpool, situated in the heart of mid-Wales. Welshpool hosted the thrilling finish of stage four of the 2022 Women's Tour, where Australia's Grace Brown (FDJ Nouvelle Aquitaine Futuroscope) sprinted to victory. The 1st stage will see riders head north to the picturesque seaside town of Llandudno, in what will be a challenging start to the race. Stage two will see riders stay in Wales for a start and finish in Wrexham, which also featured in the 2022 Women's Tour. The rolling route will take in a series of challenging climbs in the dramatic Clwydian Range and Dee Valley, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Wales.

The caravan then will cross the Welsh border to the north-west of England, where Warrington will host both the start and finish of stage three on Saturday, with a flatter route that will favour the sprinters. Warrington welcomed the men's Tour of Britain in 2021, where Ethan Hayter (Ineos Grenadiers) claimed a memorable stage win.

The race will then conclude in Greater Manchester, as part of the city region's European Capital of Cycling celebrations. Riders will depart from the National Cycling Centre, the home of British Cycling, before taking in some of the region's challenging climbs before they reach the finish line in Leigh, where the race winner will be crowned.





Marston residents have been fortunate to have a pair of mute swans on the fishing pits along Ollershaw Lane for many years. Not necessarily the same pair obviously, but different pairings over those years.

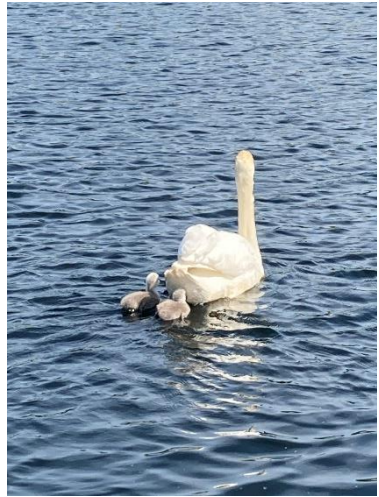
Currently, we have 7 year old Sebastian (the cob) and 4 year old Poppy (the pen) both from Spike Island in Widnes. They have both had previous partners who perished, and they became a pair last year.

In recent weeks two cygnets have hatched from the eggs on their nest at the rear of the smaller fishing pit. Poppy incubated the eggs for 6

weeks, turning them occasionally with her bill. She did get off the nest from time to time to feed and preen, at which point Sebastian protected it, very occasionally sitting on the eggs. She does bulk up before incubating on the nest, so there is no need for us to worry that she is overly hungry.

New cygnets stick close to their parents and are encouraged to eat vegetation for a couple of weeks. Their parents show them how to find and eat it, as this is necessary for their future survival. These first two weeks of the young swan's life are particularly precarious; they're more vulnerable during this period than at any other time in their life. They are very small, have much to learn and are almost defenceless.

The most important questions in determining whether cygnets will make it through this fortnight are:



- Can it feed itself efficiently?
- Is it growing strongly?
- Can it swim well?
- Does it avoid predators?
- Is it disease and relatively parasite free?
- Can it keep warm?



Our swans are well looked after by a number of local volunteers and the 20/20 Angling Club. If you want to give them an occasional (small) treat, they love defrosted or tinned sweetcorn or peas, a handful of bird or poultry seed, or rolled oats (full of protein). A small amount of bread, especially brown and seeded, is always welcome (particularly in the winter). NEVER give them green or mouldy bread, as it is poisonous and will make them ill. Please do not throw seed in the water, or whole loaves of bread as it affects the fish. We currently have a very good relationship with the 20/20 Angling

Club and want to maintain it by feeding responsibly.

Photos are courtesy of Chalene Gibson and Julia Griffiths.

An increase in dog fouling has been noticed around the village. In particular it has been found on Higher Marston Playground and verges where children play. Please be responsible. If the dog is in your care you must clean up any mess it makes. Being unaware the dog has fouled or not having anything to clean up the mess is not an excuse. Anyone seen to allow dog fouling can be reported to the Dog Warden. Tel.

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June Gardening Jobs.

Summer arrives June 21 is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on an exuberant burst of growth. But this extra light and warmth also means weeds will sprout up from seemingly nowhere. Keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions.

Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds

Be water-wise, especially in drought-affected areas

Pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes

Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes

Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside

Mow lawns at least once a week

Plant out summer bedding

Stake tall or floppy plants

Prune many spring-flowering shrubs

Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch



[The Friends of Anderton and Marbury.](#)

We are sorry to say that blue-green algae is present in Budworth Mere again.

Please do NOT enter the Mere or permit your pets to enter or drink the water. The Algae is TOXIC and will cause skin conditions, stomach upsets or more serious health problems..

Signs will be posted at various locations ASAP.

The most important thing is to make sure people and pets stay out of the Mere.

When we are informed the Mere is safe again, we will let people know

Great Budworth School news

We are off on our summer half term break the last week of May and first week of June. School reopens on Monday 10th June and we have a busy seven weeks until the end of our school year. Our focus for this half term is on physical and mental good health. We will have a variety of visitors and events happening in school. Our first week back sees the B Tales touring theatre running a Jurassic Adventure Drama workshop, which is very popular with all the children. The workshop champions trail-blazing, female scientists and encourages the children to ask the Big Questions; such as How did the Earth start? What happened to all of the dinosaurs?



Our Maypole afternoon will be on Thursday 13th June, weather permitting, to which everyone is invited. The following week we will have a healthy cooking event, an Olympic themed day of activities, a Yoga Warriors Day and we will round off the week with our Sports Day.

Fingers crossed for dry weather! We then switch our focus to mental health, with a series of wellbeing workshops run by the Life Education organisation and Kindness workshops led by The School of Kindness charity. The start of July will see our Year 6's experiencing transition days at their chosen High Schools and with SATS tests done, they can relax and plan the Summer play and Leavers Service at the end of term. They will also be attending the Diocese Year 6 service at Chester Cathedral and enjoying a cruise on the River Dee as well.



GREAT BUDWORTH
CE Primary School

The Month of June Quiz

1. Trooping the Colour is held in London annually on a Saturday in June, on which parade ground?
2. June has two zodiac signs, name both?
3. What in the UK is celebrated on the third Sunday of June?
4. Which animated cartoon character has three triplet neices named April, May, and June?
5. What is June's birthstone?
6. 'Seven Days In Sunny June', by Jamiroquai, is the soundtrack when Andrea and Christian meet at James Holt's party in which 2006 American film?
7. In which year did June Brown first play the role of Dot Cotton, in *EastEnders*?
8. Which historical novel begins in 1815 and culminates with the 1832 June Rebellion in Paris?
9. The longest day of the year can occur on one of three dates in June, name any of the three?
10. In its own country it is commonly known as the June Fourth Incident; where did this incident happen?
11. In 1968, June Whitfield began her long television partnership with which actor and comedian?
12. Which 1956 film adaptation of a Rodgers and Hammerstein stage musical of the same name features the song 'June Is Bustin' Out All Over'? (Hint: the film revolves around Billy Bigelow)



13. The name June for baby girls in the UK dropped out of the top thousand in 1986, but in which 20th century decade did it peak at 39th?
14. What takes place near Pilton in the last week of June, each year?
15. What historical event happened on Tuesday, 6 June 1944?

Answers on page 15

Easy Banana Bread

Ingredients

- 3 very ripe medium bananas (around 225g/8oz peeled weight)
- 3 large free-range eggs
- 100g/3½oz soft light brown sugar
- 150ml/5fl oz sunflower or vegetable oil
- 275g/9¾oz white self-raising flour
- 1 tsp ground mixed spice
- 1 tsp baking powder



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4 and grease and line a 900g/2lb loaf tin with baking parchment or use a loaf tin liner.
2. Peel the bananas and mash with a fork. Tip into a large mixing bowl and add the eggs, sugar and oil. Use a fork or whisk to combine.
3. Add the flour, spice and baking powder and whisk together until thoroughly combined. Pour into the prepared tin. Bake for 40 minutes, or until the cake is well risen and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.
4. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack. Serve warm or cold in slices. Spread with butter if you like.



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.

The Royal Cheshire County Show, a great day out in the Cheshire countryside.

A wonderful celebration of the Cheshire countryside, agriculture, food and family fun, the Royal Cheshire County Show proudly celebrated its 185th year in 2023. For our 2024 Show



confirmed attractions include over 3,000 beautiful animals to see and interact with, the wonderful & ever popular Horse Show, the incredible Sheep Show and the Food Hall & Food Live Theatre featuring world famous chef Jean Christophe Novelli, Mauritian recipes from Shelina Permalloo & many more celebrity chefs to enjoy!

Further attractions include the Knights of Nottingham, the Red Dragon Monster Truck Ride, our Main Ring, the Pony Club Mounted Games, the Agri Centre, the Food Village and Makers Market.



We are also delighted to announce our Showground will remain open until 10pm on the first day of the show for 'Late At The show', including live music from boyband legends Boyzlife, artisan food stalls, bars, children's fairground, face painting, polo and of course our wonderful animals.

Quiz answers

1. Horse Guards Parade 2. Gemini (until June 20) and Cancer (from June 21 onwards) 3. Father's Day 4. Daisy Duck 5. Pearl or alexandrite or moonstone (it seems to have three!) 6. The Devil Wears Prada 7. 1985 8. Les Miserables 9. 20th, or 21st, or 22nd 10. Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China (1989) 11. Terry Scott 12. Carousel 13. 1920s (1925) 14. Glastonbury Festival 15. Normandy beach landings

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