



# Marston Murmurs

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## **A word from the Editor.**

November is a month for bonfires and cosy evenings in by a roaring fire after walks kicking up the golden leaves of Autumn. Hopefully. Not the rainy days we seem to have experienced most of this year. There seems to be an abundance of fungi around this year, possibly helped by the damp weather, always good to look out for and spot around the area. The front cover picture was taken in Marbury Park, where many of us walk.



## **Let's Farm**

Each year, Marston Parish Council donate the car park rent on behalf of Mr Platt who owns the carpark land to a charity or good cause. This year we have donated to Let's Farm in Winsford. Let's Farm is a working farm that provides education and employment for adults with learning disabilities, providing a wonderful supportive countryside environment for people to develop skills, enjoy new experiences and make friends.



Councillors Marion and Phil visited to meet the organisers and rangers and were made to feel very welcome. After a guided tour to meet the rangers and animals we met on the garden for a photo in the sunshine.

Let's Farm is on Facebook or if you would like to know more, they have a website too. <https://www.letsfarm.org.uk> .

Very pleased to support their fabulous work.

## Defibrillators

All Cheshire West Recycling frontline vehicles are now equipped with defibrillators.

That's 61 vehicles that could be flagged down to help if somebody is in cardiac arrest.

[#RestartAHeart](#)

[#CommunityMatters](#)



Our Young People's Service, every year asks all Year 11's and Year 12's what they are doing since leaving school.

We firstly do this through schools and colleges but if their name is not on a list, we will try to ring parents. If this does not work, we will be visiting homes to ask for this information and offer support from our team. We can help to find education, employment or training options for all young people.

Please email us on: [youngpeoplesservice@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:youngpeoplesservice@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) if you would like any further information.



Ding ding... look what has parked up in store! 🚲🚲 **Very Green Grocery Northwich** Our ReCycles project has just rolled into The Old School House—and it's all about finding your next set of wheels! Come and check out the exciting range of bikes. 🌞🚲 We also offer servicing packages by our bike

technician John who is based at The ReUse Warehouse in Winsford (**Changing Lives Together**)

Marston Church Hall has a collection basket for unwanted tinned or packet goods for donations to the Very Green Grocery.

## **Cheshire West and Chester Council**

Do you have a child or young person with special education needs and or disability (SEND)? If you do, please join the Parent Carer Forum! Find out more <http://cwac.co/1O1ZD>

The Parent Carer Forum is a voluntary group of parents and carers and it is independent, not affiliated with the council. They have different backgrounds, experiences and knowledge, but they have shared purpose and aims.

They are always looking to get parents and carers views and input. Please visit their website for more information 📌 <http://cwac.co/UKaSK> Or follow their facebook page: <http://cwac.co/wz7wo>



## Great Budworth School News



As the first half of our Autumn term comes to an end, we are celebrating the excellent inspection report we've received from SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools) which reflects the

hard work & dedication of our staff, families and Friends of the School (FOTS).

We held a very busy Open morning on the 16 th October and are grateful to Helen Gill from Northwich Hedgehog Rescue for bringing three baby Hedgehogs for our children & visiting families to meet. A big thank you as well to everyone who donated cat food to help Helen keep them all fed.

The next Open morning is on Monday 9 th December from 9am until 12noon & has a Christmas theme with some circus skills fun included. If you know anyone looking for a nursery or school place, either full time or as part of our new Flexi school option for home educators & children who struggle in larger schools, then please let them know. At Great Budworth, we believe every day is an Open Day, just contact the office to arrange an individual visit as well.

Our MacMillan afternoon tea raised £135 and was lots of fun. The children entertained our guests with their favourite poems and some they had written themselves to celebrate National Poetry Week.

We welcomed the community to our Harvest Service & thanked everyone for their contributions to the local food bank. The children enjoyed our Autumn Lights Trail, a new event organised by FOTS, which turned our school field & garden into a magical wonderland with a treasure trail, crafts, hot dogs & marshmallow toasting. I think the grown ups enjoyed it as well.

The second half of Autumn term sees us planning for our many Christmas activities and some exciting fundraising events organised by FOTS, our Friends of the School. The children will be having a non-uniform day for

Children in Need on Friday 15th November, with a cake sale organised by the school council & Pudsey pancakes as a treat at brektime.

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 23 rd November from 11am-3pm so come along & see all the lovely stalls by local crafters & get a head start on your Christmas shopping. There'll be tombola, bottle stall & refreshments.

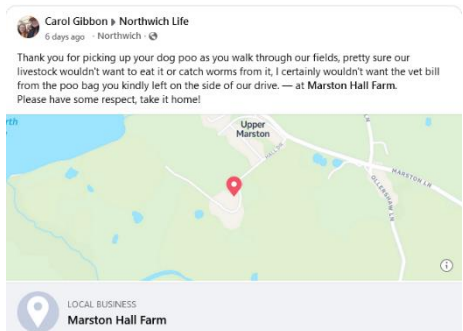
We are also having wreath making workshops on Saturday 30 th November – 10am until 1pm & 2pm-5pm. Tickets cost £30 & includes all wreath making equipment, festive snacks & mulled wine. This is our second year of running the workshops & they were a huge success. To book a place please contact Emma on 07739468472.

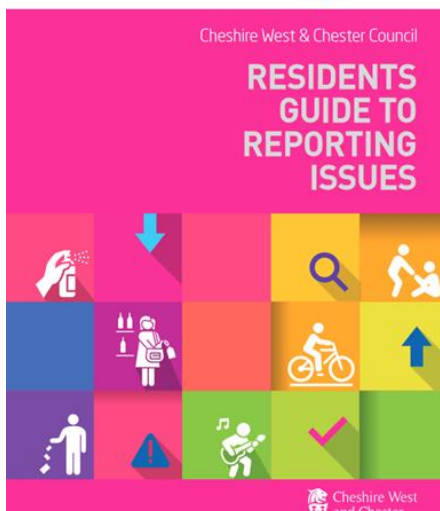
This will really get us in the festive spirit & we look forward to letting you know about our December activities next month.

### Neighbourhood Concerns.

Recently the Parish Council and residents have noticed an increase in incidents of dog fouling and fly tipping in the area. Residents are reminded it is an offence to not clean up after your dog, to fly tip garden waste or domestic/industrial items.

Facebook has recently had a plea from a local farmer regarding poo bags left within reach of farm animals, who are naturally inquisitive by nature and may ingest objects, causing possible death. We are aware that it is not just Marston residents who walk around the area and across the field footpaths, but please help set an example by bagging and binning poo bags.





We are often asked how to report issues to the local authorities.

The simplest way is via The Cheshire West and Chester App which can be found by searching Cheshire West and Chester in your phone's App Store. For some of the most common issues this is some of the advice from the guide

<p><b>Dog Fouling</b> Dog fouling can be an unpleasant issue in a lot of areas often causing faeces to be trodden which can cause significant risk to vulnerable groups. Dog owners must carry the means to remove their dog's waste while in a public area as required by the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) for Cheshire West and Chester.</p>	<p>Report dog fouling through the Cheshire West and Chester Website: <a href="http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/dog-animal-fouling.aspx">www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/dog-animal-fouling.aspx</a> Or using the Cheshire West and Chester App</p>	<p>Reporting to Cheshire West and Chester will ensure that the area is cleansed. In some cases, officers may be able to investigate where there is evidence or a concentration of incidents.</p>	<p>Up to 24hrs for removal</p>
<p><b>Littering</b> Litter within our communities can have a significant impact on our public spaces and the environment. Where litter builds up it can make our public places feel uncared for, which can have a major impact on business, tourism and community confidence.  Littering is a criminal offence which can result in fines being issued of up to £2,500 per offence. Cheshire West and Chester Councils officers and CCTV operators closely monitor our public places for those who engage in this behaviour and take the necessary action.  Members of the public can support by reporting issues of litter for cleansing purposes.</p>	<p>To report littering for retrospective clearing, please report via the Cheshire West and Chester app, under the 'streets cleaning' heading.  Or online via: <a href="http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/streets-and-open-spaces/litter-and-bins">www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/streets-and-open-spaces/litter-and-bins</a></p>	<p>Anyone observed littering, is committing a criminal offence and as a result could be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN), or even prosecuted in court.  Protecting our public places from litter is vital to our communities and the Council.</p>	<p>Up to five working days</p>

## Waste Issues

There are several waste problems that can be encountered by residents, including issues with domestic and business waste. Cheshire West and Chester Council can support with having excess waste removed, fly-tipping investigated and provide information regarding the correct disposal of waste.

<p><b>Abandoned Belongings</b> Abandoned belongings are items such as bags, clothing, soiled materials, bedding or other items that would not typically be considered litter or waste, which have been discarded or left unattended in a public place.</p>	<p>Left belongings can also be reported through the Street Care contact telephone number: <b>0300 123 7026</b> App: <a href="https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it-app">https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it-app</a> Website: <a href="https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/streets-and-open-spaces/street-cleaning">https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/streets-and-open-spaces/street-cleaning</a></p>	<p>This enables the removal of any abandoned items where it is appropriate to do so.</p>	<p>48 hours</p>
<p><b>Burning Waste</b> <b>Domestic:</b> If someone is burning waste on a regular basis, this could amount to a statutory nuisance. <b>Commercial:</b> Almost all commercial waste is classed as controlled waste, which means it can only be disposed of by documented means of disposal and therefore cannot normally be burnt. <b>Dark Smoke:</b> If a fire is emitting dark smoke it is likely to contain materials which are hazardous to health. If hazardous materials are placed in a way where they are likely to be burnt, such as plastics/tyres, the Council may be able to take action to prevent this from taking place.</p>	<p>Keep a diary of the frequency of burns/impact/materials seen If you have any concerns about commercial waste being burned. Please provide as much information as possible about the origins and where it is being burnt Cheshire West and Chester Regulatory Services via: Email: <a href="mailto:RegulatoryServices@CheshireWestandChester.gov.uk">RegulatoryServices@CheshireWestandChester.gov.uk</a> Phone: 01244 973708</p>	<p>Reporting burning waste allows Cheshire West and Chester to investigate where there is potential statutory nuisance or in some cases, a public health hazard.</p>	<p>Assessment within five working days.</p>
<p><b>Domestic Waste</b> Domestic waste collections happen weekly, if your waste has not been collected or you have an issue with your waste receptacles, please use the following information.</p>	<p>For issues with domestic waste, please use the Cheshire West and Chester Website: <a href="https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling">https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling</a> Phone: 0300 123 8123</p>	<p>Reporting to Cheshire West and Chester will ensure that collections are made correctly, and residents get the best service possible.</p>	<p>Assessment within five working days.</p>
<p><b>Fly-Tipping</b> Issues around business waste can include obstruction from waste bins, waste being left out outside of collection times and late/early collections causing noise disturbance.</p>	<p>Keep a diary of the frequency of burns/impact/materials seen If you have any concerns about commercial waste being burned. Please provide as much information as possible about the origins and where it is being burnt Cheshire West and Chester Regulatory Services via: Email: <a href="mailto:RegulatoryServices@CheshireWestandChester.gov.uk">RegulatoryServices@CheshireWestandChester.gov.uk</a> Phone: 01244 973708.</p>	<p>Reporting burning waste allows Cheshire West and Chester to investigate where there is potential statutory nuisance or in some cases, a public health hazard.</p>	<p>Assessment within five working days.</p>

<p><b>Parking</b> On street parking issues, where vehicles are illegally parked and blocking access should be reported to Cheshire West and Chester Council. Where individuals have received a parking fine, the following contact details can also be used.</p>	<p>For all issues around parking, whether reporting an issue or responding to a parking fine please use the below contact details. Online: <a href="https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/parking-and-permits/civil-parking-enforcement">https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/parking-and-permits/civil-parking-enforcement</a> Phone: 0300 123 8123</p>	<p>Reporting nuisance parking can assist Cheshire West and Chester officers in targeting areas where individuals are parking illegally.</p>	<p>Assessment within five working days.</p>
<p><b>Dog ASB</b> Irresponsible dog ownership can be dangerous to both residents and the animals themselves.</p>	<p>Contact Cheshire West and Chester via: Email: <a href="mailto:Dogs@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk">Dogs@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk</a> Phone: 0300 123 8123 In cases where a dog has attacked a person, contact Cheshire Police using the Website or call 101 to report the incident. <a href="http://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/">www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/</a></p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester can work with dog owners and offer advice and support where needed. In some cases, where necessary, enforcement action can be taken.</p>	<p>Up to five working days</p>



Find out what else you can recycle at:  
[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-bin](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-bin)



## November Gardening Tips

Winter is on its way

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.



Clear up fallen leaves -

especially from lawns, ponds and beds

Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging

Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year

Prune roses to prevent wind-rock

Plant out winter bedding

Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well

Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks

Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden



## Bonfire Toffee

Bonfire toffee is the absolute treat on Bonfire Night, the 5th of November. No Bonfire Night would be complete without it! The toffee is also known as Plot Toffee, understandably because of Guy Fawkes and his plot to blow up the houses of parliament.

This Treacle Toffee recipe for Bonfire Toffee is simple, quick, and easy to make but must be approached with caution; toffee gets **very, very hot** as it is boiled reaching temperatures as high as 160°C

It is important that the toffee reaches the correct temperature or it will not be brittle and hard when it sets. It is worth investing in a sugar thermometer. That said, the toffee still tastes good even when a little soft and sticky, but it won't be real Bonfire Toffee. Treacle toffee keeps very well stored in an airtight tin so make enough for Bonfire Night and extra for Christmas

### Ingredients

450g      Unrefined Dark Muscovado Sugar  
125ml     Water  
75g        Unsalted Butter  
100ml     Golden Syrup  
120ml     Black Treacle  
1tbsp      White Wine Vinegar

### Method

1. Butter 15cm square tin and line with greaseproof paper.
2. Put all the ingredients into a heavy based saucepan and heat slowly, stirring until the butter melts and the sugar dissolves then increase the heat to bring the mixture to the boil.
3. If using a sugar thermometer boil to 160°C. Or test by dropping a small amount into a glass of cold water. It is ready when a blob of toffee is slightly stretchy but breaks with pressure
4. Pour into the tin leave to set. To help break into even sized pieces mark the toffee when it is partially set. Break the toffee into pieces when completely cool.

## November Quiz

1. What name was given to the revolution that took place through an armed insurrection in Petrograd on 7 November, 1917?
2. What are the two zodiac signs for the month of November?
3. Which mineral is an eight on Mohs scale of hardness, with the orange variety being both the state gemstone of Utah and the birthstone for November?
4. Which group had a hit with 'November Rain'?
5. Which flower's name derives from the Greek words meaning golden flower? It's also the birth flower for November.
6. In literature, who was born in Wattenscheid, Germany, on November the 11th?
7. Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5th of November, but in which year was the Gunpowder Plot?
8. Is Thanksgiving Day in America celebrated on the first, second, third or fourth Thursday in November?
9. The November class of submarine was a nuclear-powered attack submarine in service from 1958 to 1990 for which country?
10. The national Remembrance Sunday ceremony is held in the UK at 11 a.m. on the second Sunday in November at the Cenotaph on Whitehall. Who designed the Cenotaph?
11. On the 28th of November 1919, Nancy Astor becomes Britain's first woman MP. She was elected Member of Parliament for which city?
12. "The house was very quiet, and the fog—we are in November now—pressed against the windows like an excluded ghost." is a line from which book that was first published in 1910?



# CESHIRE'S SALT TOWNS

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This exhibition explores how and why the Romans exploited salt in Cheshire and the legacy of salt-producing towns they left behind.



The Chair Exercise Class has a new time of 10am on Wednesdays, Please join us for fun exercise which can be done by all ages and abilities. £5 per class.

**Answers:**

1. The October Revolution
2. Scorpio (October 24 – November 22) and Sagittarius (November 23 – December 21)
3. Topaz
4. Guns N' Roses
5. Chrysanthemum
6. James Bond
7. 1605
8. Fourth Thursday
9. Russia or the Soviet Union
10. Edwin Lutyens
11. Plymouth
12. Howard's End (by E.M. Forster)

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**Your Contributions and ideas are welcomed!** Please send to the editor or any one of the councillors or even give us a ring.

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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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Angela Johnson	07729910045



Please join us on  
Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November 2024 for our Service  
of Remembrance which will start  
at 10.55 am,  
and afterwards in the Church Hall  
for refreshments