



Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council October 2024



A word from the Editor.

Hard to believe October is here already (is this a sign of age?), the year seems to be flying by. Summer holidays are behind us and we have the events of the autumn and winter to look forward to.



We will be holding our Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November in the Churchyard.

Macmillan Coffee Morning on Tuesday 17th September raised an incredible £497.91.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported Macmillan coffee morning and were so generous with donations and raffle prizes.

Also, thanks to Millie, Pauline and Hazel who have been selling their beautiful handmade cards, bags and goodies throughout the year and give all proceeds to Macmillan, adding to our total.



Thanks too, to the Councillors and helpers who make Coffee mornings run smoothly every week.

Please join us Tuesdays from 10am, to enjoy tea, coffee, toasted snacks and a lively quiz, to exercise our brains.



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The view from the top of the tower.

Great Budworth Church held their annual Heritage Open Day on 14th September. The climb to the top of the tower is well worth the 105 steps and short ladder for the views of the surrounding countryside. Marston looks very beautiful and rural in the sunshine.

Higher Marston Steps have had a timely clean up by CWAC and some minor repairs completed. They really need further work to maintain them as within several days the weeds were beginning to reappear and debris falling on to the steps from the sides. Please report to CWAC if you have any concerns about the condition of the steps as the more comments/complaints they receive, the more likely action will be taken.





Grassed areas.

It is very noticeable when you compare the image on the left taken from Google Earth and the recent photo on the right how the maintenance of the grassed areas has changed in recent years. Complaints to CWAC brought this response from the ground maintenance team.

‘Thank you for getting in touch with us regarding the long grass in your area. We have been reducing cutting in certain areas throughout the whole of Cheshire West to increase biodiversity and offset carbon dioxide emissions. We will be carrying out two cuts a year on these sections of ground. Our mowing team will be along to carry out the second cut very soon.’:

Visit: cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk To report a new service request, please use one of the following methods:

[Via the website.](#)

[Via Cheshire West and Chester reporting app](#)

Marston PC are requesting a weight restriction of 7.5 tons (except for access) on Ollershaw Lane.

This was initially refused as the highways officers in Chester clearly did not understand, that the vast majority of the massive lorries which constantly drive along Ollershaw Lane, have no reason to be using it other than as a short cut to Northwich.



As we all know, Ollershaw Lane is totally unsuitable for these lorries. They are a danger to our residents walking along the narrow pavements and stepping out of their gardens on to the road. They cause obstruction and air pollution at the bridge and passing parked vehicles near the Salt Barge and cause sound pollution for the residents who live along the side of the road.

At the junction of the A559 they are causing danger as they have to cross



the centre of the road to get out of the narrow turning. Ward councillor Lynn Gibbon has kindly taken all this on board as she has witnessed these problems. We are in consultation with the council and will keep you all updated.

We would be grateful if you could inform us if you have had any incidents involving HGVs on Ollershaw Lane. You can email Cllr. Angela Johnson or ring (contact numbers on back page) or report directly to CWaC.

Meeting with the New Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) Dan Price regarding issues around Pickmere Lake

A Marston PC representative attended a meeting with other local parish councillors, reps from CWaC, Cheshire East, the fire service and ward councillors led by the new PCC, Dan Price to discuss issues around Pickmere Lake.



A PSPO (public space protection order) has been applied for, which can restrict certain activities around the lake for example it could include an alcohol ban, a ban on BBQs etc and is intended to ensure the law-abiding majority can enjoy public spaces safe from antisocial behaviour.

CWaC councillors requested that all antisocial behaviour should be reported to them so that they can compile evidence to support the request for a PSPO.

Cheshire East is funding a consultation re parking in Pickmere. They are suggesting providing parking bays with a time restriction, parking only on one side of the road restricted with the use of double yellow lines. If it goes ahead, they expect it to be put in place in March 2025.

Pickmere Parish Council Chairman Ewan Campbell said, "This meeting is a critical step in ensuring the long-term management of Pickmere Lake and protecting this central village asset for residents, future generations, and the wildlife we share this picturesque space with. I am sure all residents around the lake welcome the support and input of such a comprehensive multi-agency task force".

New rules on registering poultry are coming into force this year and backyard birdkeepers will need to officially register their flock regardless of the number. Previously, only people with more than 50 birds were required to register, but the new measures announced by Defra has reduced this to anyone with just one bird. Defra consulted on the changes in March last year and has this week announced that the government,



along with the devolved administrations, has agreed to make the following changes in England, Wales and Scotland:

The threshold for mandatory registration will be reduced from 50 birds to 1, which means all poultry and captive bird keepers will be legally required to register their birds.

Poultry keepers will be required to review their poultry register entry annually to ensure their details are up to date.

The requirement for all poultry keepers to register will come into force in autumn 2024, with the requirement for an annual review to be introduced 12 months later. Budgies, parrots, canaries and similar species that are kept indoors or in a dedicated ‘bird house’ without any outside access will be exempt from the above changes.

In England and Wales, keepers are encouraged to register their birds ahead of the legal deadline on 1 October 2024.

Bird keepers will need to provide information, including their contact details, the location where birds are kept and details of the birds (species, number and what they are kept for).

The government said the changes would help manage potential disease outbreaks, such as avian influenza, and limit any spread.

The information on the register will also be used to identify all bird keepers in disease control zones, allowing for more effective surveillance, so that zones can be lifted at the earliest possible opportunity.

For more information on registering your birds, visit: [GOV.UK | Poultry and other captive birds: registration rules and forms](#)

What to do during October in your garden and greenhouse.

Garden maintenance

Rake up fallen leaves from lawns, borders, driveways and paths, and store in a leaf mould bin to rot down into leaf mould

Build a log pile at the back of a border for wildlife to shelter in.

Check that your shed is secure and waterproof, so you can safely store tools and patio furniture in it over winter.

Apply an autumn lawn feed to revive the grass after the rigours of summer.

Give your pond some autumn maintenance, including removing barley straw, placed in the pond in spring to discourage algae, once it has turned black.

Empty ceramic and glazed pots that aren't frost proof and store in a shed over winter.

Spike compacted lawns and brush grit into the holes to improve drainage.

Cut autumn-fruiting raspberries down to the ground after harvesting.

Collect up hoses and drip-feed systems and store indoors over winter, so they don't freeze and split.

Clean out and disinfect bird boxes.

Gather up canes and plant supports that are no longer in use, and store indoors over winter.

Go on regular snail hunts, especially on damp evenings, to reduce overwintering populations



Marston Parish Council have been sent a request for help from a gentleman who is researching his family history.

My name is Philip Worsley and I am researching my family history where there are links to Marston.

Through census records I have found information about my Gt. Grandparents, and Grandparents.

The records indicate where my relatives lived in Marston, but it would be nice to see pictures of the places, if they exist?

Therefore, if I say who my ancestors were, and where they lived, perhaps someone has information/old pictures of the places to add to my records?

1851 - Gt. Grandmother Lydia Massey (age 17) Nuemans Bank house servant at Forge House Marston (Rigby's Iron Works ?)

1871 - at Witton Brow Marston

1881 - at Forge Hill Marston

Grandmother - Hilda Millington (aged 11 before she married Walter Worsley in 1889 at St Pauls Church Marston.

1881 - at 'Red Lion Yard' Marston. (It would be nice to see a picture of the original Red Lion Hotel as well, (demolished to make way for the Lion Salt Works).

1882 - 1885 William Millington at Canal Side - House and Shop

Grandfather Walter Worsley (1863 - 1951) was a penny farthing racing cyclist in the Marston Amateur Cycling Club in the 1880's / 1890's.

Any records / pictures relating to this old club is also sought?



Hope you can help

Thank you

Best Wishes

Philip R Worsley

If you can help contact a councillor or the clerk for Philip's contact details.

Great Budworth School News



The start of the new year is always a busy and exciting time. We have had a very happy return to school this September, welcoming new pupils into Nursery & Reception & re-organising our classes to better meet the needs of our children.

Our year 6 leavers are settling into their new High Schools, having enjoyed a very busy last week of Summer Term. Special thanks must go to Nid Peters, who every year, invites the leavers to a lovely pool party in her garden.

Our FOTS (Friends of the School) have been working hard over the holidays to create a beautiful new reflection area in a corner of the school field, alongside our Forest school area. It provides a new place for children to sit and read or chat, together with activities to help them learn about looking after their spiritual, mental & physical well-being. FOTS have also installed a canvas canopy over our Forest school seating circle, enabling us to be outside for our learning yet remain dry even on rainy days. We are so grateful for all the wonderful things FOTS do to help our school.

Our Values for this term are Thankfulness and Kindness: being grateful and thankful for our school, our families and all of the wonderful opportunities we have as well as showing kindness by helping new children to settle in & helping others in our community. We are planning activities to support the NSPCC Kindness challenge at the end of September & will be collecting for the Food Bank as part of our Harvest celebrations.

We have three dates for your diary this month;

Our first Open morning of the year will be on Wednesday 16th October from 10am until 12noon. If you know anyone looking for a Nursery or Reception place or considering changing schools, please let them know. There will also be an Open morning on the Monday 9th December.

However, we believe that every day is an Open day at Great Budworth so please contact the office on 01606 663690 to arrange an appointment to visit our lovely village school.

On Thursday 3rd October, we will be hosting an Afternoon Tea in aid of MacMillan's Cancer charity from 2pm until 4pm. As it is also National Poetry Day, the children will be sharing poems with our guests. Please do come along & join us for a special afternoon involving poetry, tea and cake you will be made very welcome. Then on Friday 18th October, we will be holding our Harvest Service in Church, starting at 1.15pm. Again, everyone is very welcome to attend as we give thanks for the harvest. This is especially important to us as we are a rural village school surrounded by the farming community.

BUDWORTH EXPLORERS

Are you looking for a way to get out of the house, meet other parents and try new things with your little one?
Come along to our free, friendly group...

**Monday (term time)
9:30am - 10:30am
0 - 4 years
At Great Budworth C of E Primary School
CW9 6HQ**

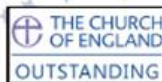
**Booking is essential
Please text Hayley
to book your space:
07725116628**



Great Budworth C of E Primary School

School Lane | Great Budworth | Northwich | CW9 6HQ

Rural church school nestled in a picturesque village
Nursery provision from 3 years
Small, nurturing class sizes
Fabulous Forest School facilities
Highly experienced and dedicated staff
Daily wrap around care available



Every day is an open day but our official Open Days are:
Wednesday 16th October 9am - 12pm
Monday 9th December 9am - 12pm
Wednesday 23rd April 1:30pm - 3pm
Please come and see us!

NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2024!
Flexi-school options available

 Facebook: Great Budworth CofE Primary
 E: admin@greatbudworth.cheshire.sch.uk
 T: 01606 663690  X: @GreatBudworthps
 www.antrobusandbudworthceprimaryschools.co.uk

Quiz about Cheshire

1. How many counties border Cheshire?
2. What was opened in 1931 by George Mottershead and his family at Upton by Chester?
3. Which town derives its name from the King of England who ruled from 1016 to 1035?
4. What's the name of Harry Styles favourite Cheshire restaurant?
5. Which town was the home to Rolls Royce from 1946 until 2002?
6. Which was the least used train station in Cheshire between 2020 and 2021?
7. Where was James Bond star Daniel Craig born?
8. What venue is known as the Roodee and is recognised as the oldest still in operation?
9. In March 2021, ITV was spotted filming a remake of The Ipress File in which Cheshire village?
10. Which Cheshire train station suffered a roof collapse in May this year?
11. Which Real Housewives of Cheshire star has the highest estimated net worth?
12. Which Cheshire village was said to have healing powers?
13. Name the famous singer-songwriter and member of Take That who was born in Frodsham
14. Which Cheshire-based Olympic couple have 15 medals between them?
15. Which Cheshire climber disappeared on Mount Everest in 1924 and was found in 1999?
16. What Cheshire village has been nicknamed the 'Knightsbridge of the north' by the supercar spotters?
17. Which Cheshire judge passed the death sentence on Charles I?





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.

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Answers.

1. Seven (Shropshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Flintshire, Wrexham) 2.Chester Zoo 3.Knutsford (after King Canute - 'Canute's ford') 4.Fortune City, Holmes Chapel 5.Crewe 6.Stanlow & Thornton Train Station 7.Chester 8.Chester Racecourse 9,Burton 10.Northwich Train Station 11.Dawn Ward: £42 million, according to research carried out by Pilot Fish Media 12.Spurstow 13.Gary Barlow 14.Jason and Laura Kenny 15.George Mallory 16.Alderley Edge 17.John Bradshaw

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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.

Greek-style chicken traybake

- 2 aubergines, cut into rounds
- 1 red pepper, thickly sliced
- 1 red onion, cut into wedges
- 8 new potatoes, scrubbed and halved
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp red wine vinegar
- 3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 2 rosemary sprigs
- 6 chicken thighs on the bone
- 2 tomatoes, quartered, or 8 cherry tomatoes
- 150g/5½oz feta, cut into chunks
- small bunch mint leaves, roughly shredded, to serve.
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



- Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
- Put the aubergines, pepper, onion and potatoes in a large roasting dish and drizzle over 2 tablespoons of olive oil and the vinegar. Sprinkle over the garlic, oregano and rosemary sprigs and season with salt and pepper. Cover the dish with kitchen foil and roast for 40 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender.
- Heat the remaining tablespoon of olive oil in a frying pan. Add the chicken thighs, skin-side down, and cook until golden or crispy. Turn the thighs over and cook for a few more minutes.
- Turn the oven up to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7.
- Scatter the tomatoes and feta evenly over the roasting dish on top of the vegetables. Place the chicken thighs on top, skin-side up. Roast uncovered for 15–20 minutes. Remove from the oven and check the chicken has cooked through by checking the juices run clear with no trace of pink when the thickest part of the leg, between the drumstick and the thigh, is pierced with a skewer.
- Garnish the bake with the mint and serve with a simple salad.

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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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