



Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council

April 2025



The Crocus symbolises cheerfulness, gladness, mirthfulness, glee and youthfulness. The crocus flowers message is one of joy and cheerfulness that celebrates the return of spring.

A word from the editor

It has been an interesting month, with improvements to the hall, a village litter pick, regular Parish Council activities and sadly, a resignation.



We have accepted the resignation of Angela from the Parish Council, as she is moving out of the area. Angela has been a popular and active member of the Parish Council, a top ‘brewer up’ at the weekly coffee mornings, enthusiastic quiz participant and friend to all.

Angela was pivotal in the actions required to enforce CWaC to make Footpath 7 accessible, has campaigned to improve the road safety and flow of traffic around the village, assisted in hall bookings and helped to organise many events with the Parish Council.

We will miss Angela, but she has promised to keep in touch and return to coffee mornings and events when her busy life permits. I am sure you will join us in wishing Angela ‘Good Luck’ in her new home.



The mobile library will visit the locations below on 1st April, 22nd April, 13th May, 3rd June and 24th June, 25th July, 5th August. Please use the service so we don’t lose it.

Great Budworth	Parish Hall, CW9 6HF	11.45am - 12.10pm	leaps.gobbles.taxi
Lostock Gralam	Lodge Lane (opp. Community Centre), CW9 7PU	12.25pm - 12.45pm	slime.improving.cool
Wincham	Green Lane, CW9 6EF Ashwood Park, CW9 6QY	2pm - 2.45pm 2.55pm - 3.40pm	button.pops.album rock.ally.wants



Thank you to the volunteers who turned out on a beautiful spring morning to litter pick the road sides of Marston.

An unbelievable 37 bags of rubbish were collected along with various other items including a VCR player, oil drums, paint trays and a pregnancy test stick!

Sad, we need to complete this litter pick when you think of the lovely area we live in.

There were many dog poo bags discarded or dog poo left on pavements or pathways, please be responsible if you are walking a dog and clean up and dispose of bags in a bin or take home, please do not throw into the undergrowth or leave for others to clean up.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.





Cheshire West and Chester Council

The Council has been contacting residents by email to invite them to sign up for Council Tax e-billing. If you have received an email about Council Tax from donotreply@rabs.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk, please be assured that this is genuine. When you click on the link, you will automatically be emailed a PIN which you need to enter to view the document.

Want to get involved with Wellbeing Walks across West Cheshire? 🌳🌿

Did you know that Cheshire West and Chester Council, in partnership with The Ramblers, run a weekly

Wellbeing Walks across the borough?

Each are led by a trained volunteer walk leader. We are always looking for more volunteers to train up to help grow the programme – in particular in Winsford & Northwich. Full training

& support will be provided including online & face to face learning.

For more information about the role 🙌 <http://cwac.co/g5IBw>

Or contact 🙌 healthranger@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

GARAGE SALE.



Easter Weekend, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th. April
12 - 4pm.
22 Ollershaw lane.

Lottery Fund News

The chairs at the Church Hall are due for replacement after many years of use. We purchased 10 new heavy duty chairs last year for the chair exercise class and we applied to The National Lottery Fund for a grant to cover the cost of purchasing matching chairs and an additional folding table. We have received this email



Project name: Marston Church Hall Furniture

Hello Amanda

Congratulations, we're going to fund your idea

We're really happy to tell you we will be funding your project following your application to the National Lottery Community Fund.

This means The National Lottery Community Fund is giving Marston Parish Council £4730 to help your community thrive.

Well done Amanda for applying and securing the grant.



Damaged Chevron Sign.

Many people have commented on the damaged chevron sign on the sharp bend on Marston Lane on the approach to Great Budworth. We have been advised that it will be

programmed early within the new financial year. Due to budget constraints towards year end and the time it takes for getting signs ordered, this work hasn't been committed but will be as soon as budget is available in the new financial year.

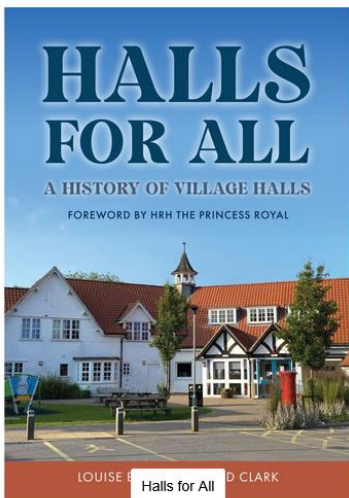
Marston Church Hall

A few years ago, we were asked to provide details about our village hall, which if it was considered interesting enough, would be included in a book about the history of village halls. We gathered what we knew about the hall and its history and sent it off. Not hearing anything back for some years, we forgot that we had done it, so it was a nice surprise to receive an email regarding the publication of the book. We have purchased the book and it will be available at the Church Hall.

Marston Church Hall does appear in the book, we managed a four-line section of a paragraph!

This co-incided with ACRE's national Village Halls Week 2025, which ran from 17th to 23rd March, the theme of which was celebrating, encouraging and supporting the army of volunteers who run our village and community halls.

'Halls for All: A History of Village Halls' will be available from all good bookshops at £16.99 or online from Amberley at £15.29 plus postage – see: <https://www.amberley-books.com/halls-for-all.html>.



Halls for All

A History of Village Halls

Author(s): **David Clark** **Louise Beaton**

Foreword by HRH The Princess Royal

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Great Budworth School News

Spring is in the air and returning from February half term, the children had lots to look forward to;

On Thursday 6th March, we all dressed up as our favourite book character for World Book Day & our FOTS Family Beetle drive took place, which was great fun & raised over £270 for school. It was an early evening event, designed to appeal to our younger children & their families. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs for tea as well.

The day before, we were visited by local children's author Linda Whipp who spent the day with our children, teaching them about how she writes her stories and running some very creative activities.

The following week, Year 1 & 2 children from Great Budworth and Antrobus enjoyed a one night residential at Pettypool, with lots of fun activities focused on confidence building and team work.

As we approach the Easter celebrations, the older children will be creating Egg Pun Dioramas & the little ones making Easter bonnets ready for our Easter Service & looking forward to their Easter holidays which begin on the 4th April.

Dates for your diary;

Thursday 3rd April

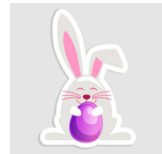
Easter Service – 1.30pm in church. All welcome!

FOTS Easter Bingo - doors open 5.30pm for 6pm start.

Easter egg donations always appreciated. Everyone is welcome for this very popular & lively event.

Open Events for prospective nursery & school places;

Wednesday 23rd April from 1.30pm -3pm and Thursday 19th June from 9.30am -12noon.



We are continuing to grow in number and welcome new families into our Budworth School family. We are delighted that when people visit our school they recognise what a special place Great Budworth is.

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter.

News from Comberbach Fete Committee

Return of...Sundowner

Friday 9th May will see the return of the popular Sundowner event. Held in Marbury Park and organized by Comberbach Village Fete Committee, Sundowner is a family-friendly evening social event incorporating a 5k run for adults and a 1k fun run for children. The aim of the event is to continue the long-standing village fun run tradition, raise money for charity and stage an enjoyable, relaxed, early summer event for the local community. As well as the usual running races, there is a licensed bar, tea & coffee, BBQ, cake stall and background music - so plenty of entertainment for runners and non-runners alike.

Sundowner takes place on Friday 9th May, kicking off at 5:30pm. The youngest kids run first at 6:15pm, followed by over 8s at 6:30pm and the main 5k race at 7pm. The race will follow the usual route on the paths and trails of Marbury Country Park.

Online entries will open on 9th March at

<https://sundownerfunrun.niftyentries.com>. This year there will be no on the day registration - only those who have booked online in advance will be allowed to run. We are offering an early bird price of £7 for adults and £4 for children for entrants who book on before 9 April. After that date the entry fee will go up to £8 for adults and £5 for children. Last year's event was a sell-out, attracting over 200 entries, so be sure to secure your places early. Every finisher receives a medal and there



Charity **SUNDOWNER**

FUN RUN

FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2025 @ MARBURY COUNTRY PARK, NORTHWICH
5K RUN 7PM (£7 until 9th April, £8 after)
1K KIDS' FUN RUN 6:15PM (£4 until 9th April; £5 after)
Enter online at <https://sundownerfunrun.niftyentries.com/Sundowner-2025>

FAMILY FUN | BAR | MEDALS | REFRESHMENTS | BBQ

VILLAGE FETE
Entertainment for all ages

are prizes for the winners of each race as well as the coveted 'family prize'.

All funds raised will be donated to the Rose Queen's nominated charity, Lower Moss Wood Wildlife Hospital.

Higher Marston Playground and Green Space Area

As mentioned in last months Marston Murmurs, the Parish Council are working with Cheshire West and Chester Council to preserve the valuable area and improve where possible, for the families of Marston. We have looked into the rights of vehicular access and the houses that back onto the area have vehicular access only, which according to the guidelines does not include parking rights.

Vehicles should not be parked on the grass and following an incident last year, campervan owners not told they can leave their vehicles there whilst working in the area.

'When a property is sold with "vehicular access" but not "parking," it means that the buyer has the legal right to drive a vehicle onto the property to reach it, but they do not have the right to park their car on the land itself; they must park on a public road or another designated parking area to access the property.

Key points to understand:

- **Right of way:**

This type of sale usually involves an easement, which is a legal right to cross someone else's land for a specific purpose, in this case, driving onto the property to access it, but not to park there.

- **Limited use:**

The buyer can only drive onto the property to unload or load items, then must move their vehicle to a permitted parking area.'



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80TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

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8th May 2025.

We will be commemorating at Marston Church Hall and War Memorial.

Please join us at 2pm for

a short Remembrance Service and lighting of the Beacons of Peace followed by refreshments in the Hall and entertainment from 'The Misfits'. The Beacons will be lit again at 9pm to shine overnight.

Tribute to The Millions

Let us remember those who so selflessly gave their lives at home and abroad, whose sacrifice enables us to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.

Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.

Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of dreadful conflict and turmoil.

Let us remember the families that lost husbands, sons and sweethearts.

Let us remember the servicemen, merchant seamen, miners, brave civilians and others from Commonwealth and Allied countries who fought, suffered and died during four years of war.

Let us remember those in reserved occupation and the brave people who kept us safe on the home front - the doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the women and men who toiled in the fields, those who worked in the factories, who all played such a vital role in the war effort at home



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Levi Roots' Caribbean Stew

Tuck in to Levi Roots' Caribbean Stew – the perfect vegan one-pot to serve a crowd!

Ingredients

- 2 onions, roughly chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 250g cooked black eye beans
- 3 celery sticks, plus leaves, chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and finely chopped
- 250g tinned chopped tomatoes
- 500ml vegetable stock
- 250ml coconut milk
- 2 tbsp Caribbean seasoning



Method

Step 1 In a large saucepan, heat the olive oil and fry the onion, carrot, and celery for 3-4 minutes over a medium heat until they begin to soften.

Step 2 Add the sweet potato, tinned tomatoes, coconut milk, and vegetable stock. Bring to a steady simmer and cook for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Step 3 After 20 minutes, add the black eye beans and season the soup with the Caribbean seasoning. Cook for a further 10 minutes and serve.

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If you need to contact the Police.

101 - non emergencies.

999 - emergencies.

Stay Safe



Easter quiz questions



1. How many Easter eggs are sold in the UK every year?
2. Which country started the tradition of the Easter bunny?
3. How many marzipan balls are traditionally on a simnel cake?
4. The first [Easter eggs](#) were dyed in what colour?
5. What is the tradition behind the hot cross bun?
6. In Switzerland, what animal delivers Easter eggs to children?



7. What is the Sunday before Easter Sunday called?
8. What is the official flower of Easter?
9. Besides bunnies, what animal is considered an Easter symbol?
10. What popular game is traditionally played at Easter?
11. Where is Easter Island located?
12. When was the first recorded use of

decorated Easter eggs?

13.

What meat is traditionally consumed on Easter Sunday?

14. Where did the [Easter bonnet](#) originate from?
15. In the Bible, who betrayed Jesus just before his crucifixion?
16. When do [Easter egg hunts](#) traditionally take place?
17. What happens on Maundy Thursday?
18. Why is it called Palm Sunday?
19. What dance traditionally takes place at Easter?
20. What do the marzipan balls on Simnel cake represent?

Answers on page 15



Jobs for the Garden

Here's your April checklist to help you get started:

There are plenty of jobs to be getting on with in the garden to get ready for the Spring and Summer seasons.

Weed your borders and clear them of any stones, old roots etc.

Clean the greenhouse to get rid of pests and diseases and allow more light in.

Deadhead early spring-flowering bulbs by removing the flowerheads. Allow the foliage to die naturally.

Stake flowering perennials that need support, like Peonies.

Pruning: Rose bushes, Lavender and Cornus.

Dig soil and level it to get it ready for planting.

Sow under cover: salads, lettuce, tomatoes and cauliflowers.

Sow outside: peas, carrots, beetroot, cabbages, parsnips and broad beans.

Plant out: potatoes, onions and garlic.

Plant summer bulbs for July/August colour.

Sow lawn seed, repair bare patches and remove any moss.

Mow your lawn regularly as required

NATURAL ENGLAND

The Countryside Code
RESPECT • PROTECT • ENJOY

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways are clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures

Enjoy, be safe

STOP PRESS

Due to the resignation of Angela and the forthcoming resignation of Gary, Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer we will have two positions coming available within the Council.

PARISH COUNCILLOR

Are you interested in working for your community and helping to protect and improve Marston Village?

The Parish Council meetings are held monthly (excluding August and December) and cover a wide range of items, including planning issues, highways concerns and village events.

The Parish Councillors facilitate a weekly coffee morning, chair exercise class and other events throughout the year.

Councillors come from different backgrounds and have widely differing skill sets and interests, there are no barriers to becoming a Parish Councillor, although some computer skills are required and a willingness to become involved in your local area.

PART-TIME CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER (RFO)

Marston Parish Council, is looking for part-time Clerk/RFO to work an average of 4 hours per week, including evening meetings as required. The successful candidate will work from home and be the public's primary point of contact with the council, carry out tasks as allocated by the council and maintain the council's accounts. Previous experience in a local government or similar role would be welcome, but full training can be given.

Full details at time of press are not available, but the post will be advertised with full details on Chalc website, Marston Parish Council Facebook Page and Parish Noticeboards asap.

For informal chats and details please contact one of your Parish Councillors or to apply please email clerk@marstonparishcouncil.gov.uk or marion.potts@marstonparishcouncil.gov.uk



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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1. 80 million 2. Germany 3. 11 4. Red 5. The bun represents the cross on which Jesus Christ died 6. The Easter Cuckoo (bird) 7. Palm Sunday 8. White Lilies 9. A lamb 10. An Easter egg hunt 11. The Southeast Pacific 12. In the 13th century 13. Lamb 14. Europe 15. Judas 16. On Easter Sunday morning 17. Maundy Thursday marks the night of the Last Supper as told in the Bible. Christians often partake in a simple meal of bread and wine — commonly known as the Lord's Supper or Communion 18. Palm Sunday was when Jesus entered Jerusalem greeted by the people waving palm branches 19. Morris dancing 20. Jesus's 11 disciples (excluding Judas)

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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.
Hall costs just £10 per hour to hire.

Angie Kemmett	07977920445
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