



# Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council July/August 2025

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*Great Budworth Church beautifully framed by Alison Hamlin Hughes.*

## **A word from the Editor,**

Summer holiday season is here and some glorious sunshine to make the most of, which makes me think I should buy a laptop and be able to work in the garden, instead of my rather dark hallway. Ah well, future plans!!



Over the last month the Council have held their usual Tuesday coffee mornings, Wednesday chair exercise class (with a two-week break whilst Josh away on his Honeymoon), the new chairs arrived (very smart they look too), hosted 'Operation Sceptre' with PCSO Diana Wiggins, held a book and plant stall at the Marston Music Festival and welcomed our new Councillor Graham. Making us a full Council of Clerk and seven Councillors.



From Left to Right – Phil Carter, David Wallace, Amanda Nixon, Marion Potts, Helen Duncan and Simon Tate. Graham not joined us at the time of the Music Festival.

Introducing our newest Councillor – Graham Gledhill.

As a newly appointed Parish Councillor for Marston, I would like to offer a brief account of myself. I have lived in Marston for nearly four years. I live with my partner Charles and several Pugs. Many residents will recognise me from walking the dogs in many of the different rural walks that sit on the doorstep of Marston. This, amongst many other factors, was a decision maker in moving to this area. The environment we live both in and around is important to me as it has a direct impact upon our mental and physical health.

I have an extensive background of forty years plus working in the NHS as a healthcare professional. I retired from my role as a Senior Nurse several years ago however I still work at a University Hospital in Manchester on a part time basis.

I have a special interest and years of experience in service provision, project management and health reform. I would like to think I have a bright, inquiring mind and a commitment to leadership and support for Marston and all that reside within this community.



## [Northwich North Police](#)

Thanks to Marston Parish Council with our knife surrender on 7<sup>th</sup> June. Some residents attended to surrender their unwanted knives. These will now be sent for destruction.



**Monthly Update for  
MAY/JUNE -  
MARBURY WARD  
Anti-Social Behaviour  
Wincham**

\* 16/5/25 Report of youths believed to be smoking cannabis on field at

Pickmere Lake. - For officer awareness and patrol of area.

\* 17/5/25 Report of 50-60 youths on Earles Lane appear to be intoxicated - Caller concerned for their welfare. Police attended and dealt accordingly.

\* 17/5/25 report of 50 youths 12-16years around the REC believed to have come from Pickmere Lake being rowdy swearing and intimidating, Police have attended but then got diverted. - there were no further incidents reported. Caller was updated with action taken and was happy with response.

## **Road Safety**

Marston

\* 14/5/25 Report of two vehicle RTC - Junction with Dark Lane. Vehicles recovered.

\* 16/5/25 report of van driver colliding with fence post causing damage. Driver did not pass details - enquiries ongoing.

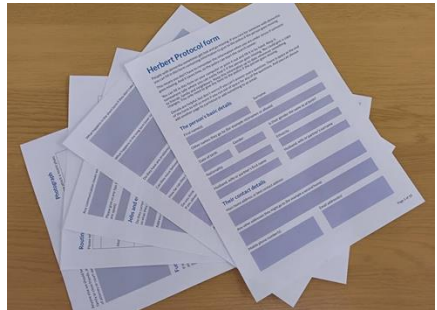
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.If you know a member of our community living with dementia, the police will work alongside their family to complete a Herbert Protocol form. This proactive step can save vital time and provide critical information to emergency services in the event the person goes missing or becomes confused about their whereabouts.



If you know someone who may benefit from completing a Herbert Protocol form, please contact your local PCSO, who will be happy to assist you with the process.

Alternatively, the form can be completed online via the following link:

<https://orlo.uk/iBKxY>

## Marbury Ward Councillors report.

### Fly tipping

Fly tipping continues to blight lanes and lay-bys in the Ward – please report any incidents you spot via the Report it App - its not just the cost of clearing it and the visual impact; materials that are dumped can impact the local ecology/wildlife, ditches and water ways, so the faster it is reported and cleared the better. Just for context, in the last 6 months, these are the stats for just our Ward (Marbury):

Fly Tipping Incidents [33]

Asbestos[1]

Builders

Waste[5]

Domestic

Waste[12]

General

Waste[2]

Private Land [2]

Sofa/Chair/Suite/Furniture [8]

White Goods / Fridge/Cooker etc [3]



### Highways

You will note by the number of Traffic/Highway notifications this month, that there is a lot of activity now scheduled across Marbury Ward, including a large strip of the A559 from the Stretton boundary to Frandley /Marston Lane, Great Budworth High Street and A49 near Whitley. We have been raising road, flooding and signage issues with officers constantly – this is now having an impact based on both persistence and the fact that it is the optimal times/weather to address repairs.

### Changes & Charges for Bin Collection / Kerbside Collection

#### Background

The Council is introducing a charge for replacement waste and recycling containers. This is based on full cost recovery, to ensure that

procurement, depreciation, storage, administration and delivery costs are fully recovered. It was proposed/agreed by the Labour Administration at Full Council in February 2024 to charge for replacement waste and recycling containers from 2024/25 onwards.

Separately, the Council offers a chargeable collection service for large items such as white goods and furniture. From 19 May 2025, the charge will also increase from £15 to £25 per item and by £5 to £15 per item for those in receipt of full council tax reduction at the point of paying for an item to be collected. A full list of charges is available on the Council's website: Fees and charges schedule 2025-26

### **Changes to bulky item collection charges**

The Council offers a chargeable collection service for large items such as white goods and furniture. From 19 May 2025, the charge will increase from £15 to £25 per item and by £5 to £15 per item for those in receipt of full council tax reduction at the point of paying for an item to be collected. The charge for the service has not been reviewed since 2010 and new charges will be in place from May to reflect the inflation increase over the last 15 years. The increase is necessary to ensure full cost recovery of this service. Charges cover collection costs and all associated administration but exclude disposal costs which we are not permitted to charge for.

Historically, residents in receipt of a pension were eligible to a £5 discount meaning they paid £10 per item collected as opposed to the full price of £15. Analysis has shown that around 50% of customers were claiming the discount. It was not possible to verify the eligibility due to resource constraints. The eligibility criteria for a discount has now been changed to those in receipt of full council tax reduction which is consistent with other services. The discount has been increased from £5 to £10.

Thank you to Lynn Gibbon, Phil Marshall and Norman Wright for their dedicated work across the Marbury Ward.

**Following a query from a resident about the safety of the junction of Fernlea Road, Hall Lane and the A559 Marston Lane,** we contacted highways regarding the additional measures to control the traffic such as additional signage and road markings and have received the following reply.

‘Thank you for your enquiry regarding the Fernlea Road/Hall Drive junction in Marston with regards to give way markings. Given the low level of traffic flow and 20mph speed limit on Fernlea Road, Highways would not add further carriageway markings or signs at the junction at present. I am unaware of any previous concerns being raised here in relation to the junction & are mindful Highways then have to maintain anything implemented going forwards.

We will monitor the situation going forwards when operatives are in the area & via future enquiries.’

Please when entering or exiting the Higher Marston Estate be mindful of traffic coming from Hall Lane when exiting Fernlea Road and when entering the estate not cut the cut the corner or enter at speed.

If you have further concerns please contact Highways via the Cheshire West and Cheshire website so evidence is recorded of the issues.



**The Parish councillors** have received reports of difficulties in getting past parked cars and other items on the pavements. We understand the difficulties of parking in a village built before the number of vehicles on the roads but please try to take into consideration the dangers faced by people forced into walking in the road to get past.

Also, please return your bins back to a safe place off the pavements as soon as possible and sweep back loose chippings from driveways as these too are hazardous to older or disabled residents unsteady on their feet

We have also had a resident from Marston Lane query a continual noise particularly noticeable at night. As a council we are unaware of a noise so would be interest to know if you are also experiencing unexplained noise. If please report it via the website.



Cheshire West and Chester Council

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk> › residents

## Guide to noise nuisance

**What noises we deal with.** We will investigate ongoing or regular noise problems. However, if the noise is a one-off or limited in duration, e.g. a party, it is unlikely we will be able to help you. Unless it's an alarm.

### **What noises we don't deal with**

children playing, for example in a garden, public space or park, babies crying, voices unless it is unreasonably loud or at unreasonable times, everyday domestic noise, for example washing machines, vacuuming, mowing lawns, boilers, rowdy behaviour outside – this is a police matter, traffic noise including essential roadworks and maintenance, railway noise including essential maintenance, aircraft noise

Sometimes, people are not aware they are causing a disturbance. Once they know, they will reduce or stop the noise as soon as possible. This is why we ask that you approach your neighbour first before contacting us.

**Collecting evidence** This is an important part of the process, we have a number of tools and advice on what you need to do,

**How to report a noise nuisance.** You can report a noise complaint online or you can print a form to complete. As part of your complaint, you will also need to include the evidence you have collected.

**What happens next.** We will review your complaint and evidence, and investigate the noise disturbance. If there is enough evidence to confirm that the noise is a nuisance, we will issue a notice asking for the noise to be reduced within a specified timescale.

## Summer Quiz

1. The “dog days of summer” are named after the Dog Star; what is the better known name of this star?
2. What term is often given to a period of dry hot weather that occurs in the autumn?
3. 'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day' is the first line of which William Shakespeare sonnet?
4. What was the first name of Clegg in the sitcom Last of the Summer Wine?
5. The summer solstice occurs in the Southern Hemisphere during which month?
6. 'In the Summertime' was a debut single and big hit for which British rock band?
7. Name the fictional seaside town in the Australian sitcom Home and Away?
8. By what two names is the character Puck also known in the play A Midsummer Night's Dream?
9. Who sang the song 'Summer', which received nominations for British Single of the Year at the 2015 Brit Awards?
10. One Summer, a 1983 British TV drama by Willy Russell, gave which English actor his first break as sixteen-year-old Billy Rizley?
11. Castel Gandolfo is famous for being whose summer residence?
12. Name the cities which hosted the following Summer Olympics: (a)1952, (b)1960, (c)1972, and (d)1988?
13. What is the Italian word for Summer?
14. Which novel is told partly by its heroine Esther Summerson?





## Great Budworth School News

We welcomed the children back to school after the half term break on 9th June and now the countdown to the end of the school year has begun. We have had a busy June with Sports week, which included sports

day & an orienteering event. Our year 5 & 6 pupils attended the Crucial Crew event at Brio Northwich & learnt about keeping safe and healthy as they grow and become more independent.

Our last Open morning of the year was well-attended and all the children enjoyed another visit from Northwich Hedgehog Rescue & a Huladaze Circus skills workshop. We also held our first Taster session for our new pupils who are starting Reception this September & they are looking forward to returning for a Teddy Bears Picnic in July.

Science week at the end of June saw all the Great Budworth children spend two days at Antrobus St Marks CofE primary school for a series of fun science workshops and a performance by the B Tales theatre company.

July will start with an Art theme week & lots of fun & creative activities, including preparing props and scenery for our end of year production of Aladdin. There will be lots of rehearsals and singing going on as well.


Gardening club will be busy preparing for the Church flower festival and Class 2 have a clarinet performance for their parents, to celebrate the completion of their ten weeks of music lessons.

The Federation of Antrobus St Marks & Great Budworth will join together again for a grand day out to Gullivers World for all our children. What an exciting day that will be. The Year 6 children from both schools will be joining together for a day in Chester, to attend the Diocese Leavers Service at

Chester Cathedral. We will then end the year with our own Leavers Service at church in Great Budworth on Thursday 24 July 2025 at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend. School closes for the Summer holidays on Friday 25th July and re-opens on Tuesday 2nd September.

Have a lovely Summer!

We would like to thank Ceri from Great Budworth School for keeping us updated with news from the school and wish her all the best in her retirement.



MUSIC @ ST MARY'S GREAT BUDWORTH

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF VARIOUS MUSIC  
FROM LOCAL MUSICIANS TO RAISE MONEY FOR  
ST LUKE'S HOSPICE AND WF FOR  
UKRAINE

SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY @ 7pm

WITH DRINKS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

As part of our flower festival, we are having a concert on Saturday 12th July @ 7pm to raise money for St Luke's and WF for Ukraine. We would love local singers, groups and musicians to be involved. please message if you are interested or phone Christina on 07870687304

# **ST MARY & ALL SAINTS GREAT BUDWORTH FLOWER FESTIVAL**

**The Joys of a Rural Parish 11th - 13th July 2025**



**FRIDAY**

**JOIN US IN CHURCH 10AM-4PM**

**SATURDAY**

**JOIN US IN CHURCH 10AM-4PM  
MUSIC @ ST. MARYS IN CHURCH 7PM**

**SUNDAY**

**SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE 10:30AM  
JOIN US IN CHURCH FROM 1PM-4PM**


*Each of the floral exhibits will be inspired by a different hymn and are to be created by different local groups, reflecting the vibrancy and diversity of this beautiful parish.*

*Tea and cakes will be served throughout the day at the parish hall and the George and Dragon pub will be serving a special menu for the occasion.*

*There's also a local art exhibition, trips up the Tower for the amazing views and a Music @ St. Mary's concert in the church on the evening of 12th July, as well as our songs of praise service on Sunday morning.*

*Admission is free to the Flower Festival but voluntary donations to the church are welcome. Tower trips £5 (must be over 8 years old)  
Advance tickets for the concert are available from church on a Sunday or from the flower festival.*

 [Great Budworth Church](#)

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We are pleased to have Footpath no. 7 cut back again by CWAC's groundworks team. Please walk the path regularly as it helps to keep the growth down.

It is a nice walk accessed from the side of the smaller flash on Ollershaw Lane and exits on Wincham Lane, makes a circular route if you return by the canal towpath.

Please make sure you are responsible for your dogs when out and about, we are very lucky to live in a countryside area with animals in the fields which can be harmed by dog poo left or bagged and discarded or dogs allowed to run free and chase farm animals.



**Swans on the Flashes.**

**We have had raised concerns regarding the feeding of swans and wildfowl on the 20 Club.** We are aware the fishing club have put up notices and deterred people from feeding the birds. It has been a long-standing tradition that people have fed the birds and wish to continue to do so. The fishing club are wishing to protect their fish stocks and banks. As a Parish Council we do not have any powers to alter the situation but are monitoring and taking advice on the best course of action.



gardens.

Judging will take place in July

**. 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



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

## July Gardening Jobs

During summer is a great time to get out in your garden and get those essential July gardening jobs done. July is one of the hottest months of the year, so keeping plants well-watered is key. It's also a great time for harvesting fruit and veg, which can be eaten freshly picked from the garden.

### Essential July Gardening Jobs

- Prune shrubs that have flowered
- Take cuttings from shrubs and alpine
- Dead-head annuals
- Water
- Trim hedges
- Sow veg seeds outdoors

Harvest vegetables

Prune trained fruit trees

Pick fruits

### Last chance to

Feed roses

Plant out leeks

### Prune shrubs that have flowered

Carry on pruning shrubs that have flowered in spring and early summer. It is worth watering and mulching them well even at this stage in the year. It is also important to feed them after pruning.

After all the gardening, relax at Marbury Park with Mack's Music Acoustic Music and Ale weekend.



Acoustic Music and Ale  
**Weekend 2025**  
22-25 August  
**4 days of live music**  
**Bar, food & stalls**  
Camping available  
FREE EVENT  
MACKS MUSIC



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.

Coffee mornings are Tuesdays 10am – 12 noon. All welcome.

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### Quiz Answers

1. Sirius
2. Indian Summer
3. Sonnet 18
4. Norman
5. December
6. Mungo Jerry
7. Summer Bay
8. Robin Goodfellow
9. Calvin Harris
10. David Morrissey
11. The Popes
12. (a)Helsinki, (b)Rome, (c)Munich, and (d)Seoul
13. Estate
14. Bleak House

## Useful Contacts.

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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.

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