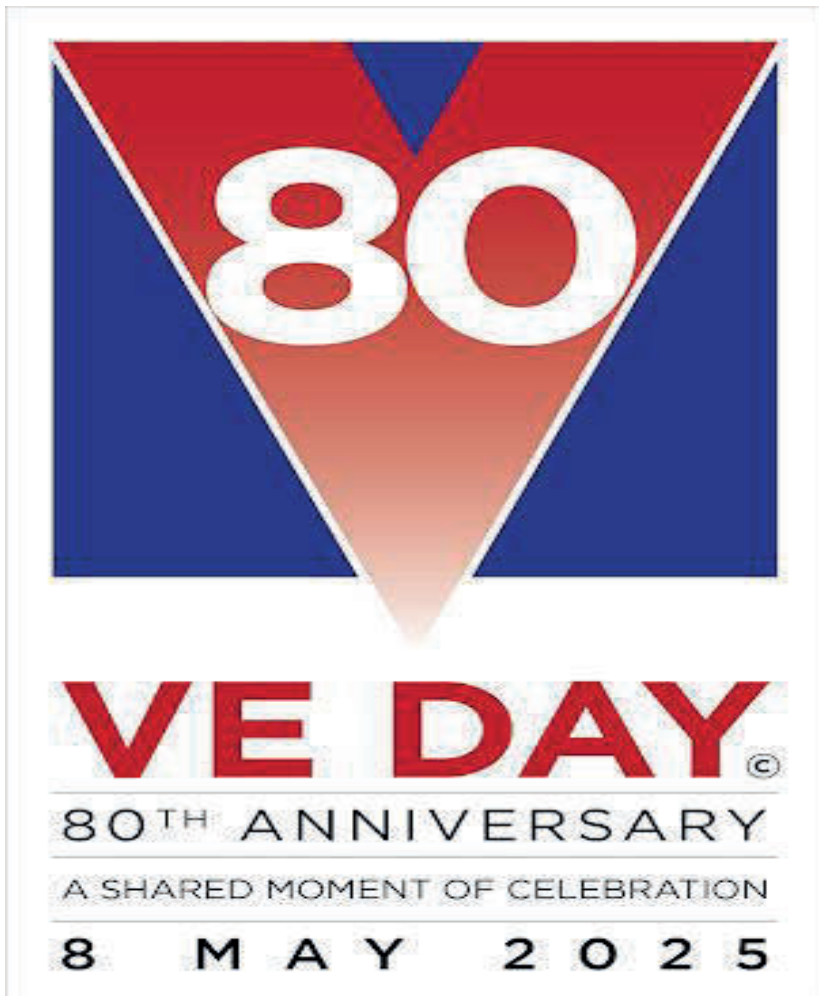




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A word from the Editor.

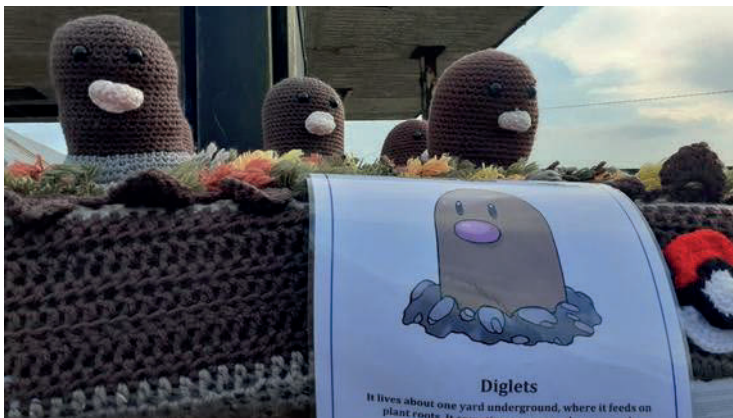
I hope you enjoyed the Easter Break; it was a pity the good weather didn't extend over the bank holidays, but the gardens and fields were in need of the rain.



Sadly, this month we are accepting the resignation of Gary Hedges who has been our Clerk for just over a year. Gary has been a wonderful support to the council and has brought many changes to our way of working as a council, implementing a fresh look to our communications and finances, enabling clerk and councillors to work more efficiently and genuinely been a great guy to have on the team. We will, I'm sure, keep in touch with Gary as he is not leaving the area and we wish him well in the future.

Hopefully next month we will be introducing a new Clerk and Councillor to you.

The Parish Council will of course continue working for the community and we are looking forward to the VE Day 80th Celebration of Peace on the 8th May at 2pm along with the usual coffee morning and chair exercise class organised by the council.



Did you spot the Pokemon back on the post box at Four Lanes Garage?

Marston Parish Council

Would like to invite you to join the
VE Day 80th Anniversary Remembrance

And Celebration of Peace

Short service of Remembrance

2pm at the War Memorial

Refreshments and entertainment from

‘The Misfits’ in the Church Hall.

Hear Churchill’s Historic Speech as delivered to the Nation

At 3pm 8th May 1945

Lanterns of Peace to be lit again at 9pm

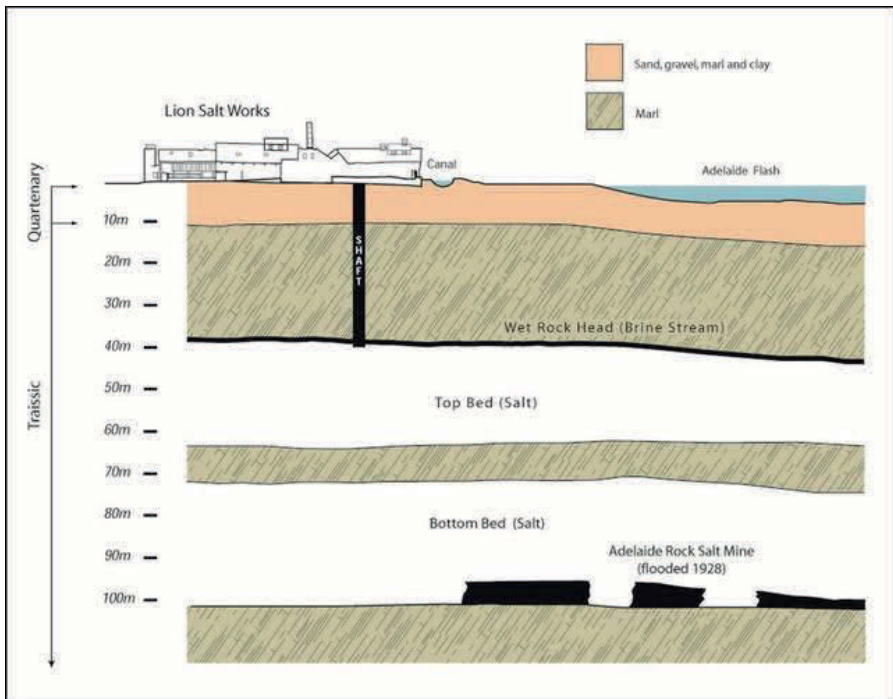


Have you ever wondered 'what lies beneath your feet?'

[Weaver Hall Museum and Lion Salt Works](#) ·

Under Cheshire's gently rolling rural landscape dotted with meres, flashes and market towns, lie vast resources of halite... rock salt. Our What is Salt - online exhibition from Lion Salt Works explains the geology beneath our feet which defines Cheshire today, with its industry and agriculture, modern and heritage transport routes and thriving communities and visitor destinations. [#CheshireWeek2025](#).

<http://cwac.co/iTrXI>



Salt has been crucial in the development of Cheshire's dairy and cheese making tradition going back to the Roman invasion. This on-line exhibition from Lion Salt Works explores the history, trade, traditions and influence of Cheshire cheese, and will surprise and amuse with quirky tales

CHANGE OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE OPENING TIMES & WASTE UPHOLSTERED DOMESTIC SEATING

The HWRCs

opening hours will be changing from 1 April 2025 to the summer opening times (1 April to 30 September)

Opening times for Northwich & Frodsham (Secondary sites)

CLOSED EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY:

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9am to 5pm

Please make sure you arrive at least ten minutes before sites close to give you enough time to unload your recycling and waste.

Since the start of 2025, you must dispose of Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating (WUDS) like sofas and armchairs in separate skips due to chemicals called Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) that are harmful to the environment. POPs are chemical substances often used as fire retardants that now need special handling in the waste stream to reduce the risk of environmental pollution.

Examples of items containing POPs include sofas, sofa beds, armchairs, upholstered dining chairs, recliner chairs, garden furniture, home office chairs, bean bags, and futons. All local authorities must change their processes for managing WUDS to prevent environmental contamination. These items will only be accepted at the larger sites of Chester, Ellesmere Port, and Winsford Recycling Centres.

We regret that the smaller sites Northwich, Frodsham, Neston, and Tattenhall sites cannot accept them due to space limits. For more info, visit [Persistent Organic Pollutants \(POPs\) | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Garden Open For Charity

All Fours Farm

Colliers Lane, Aston by Budworth, Northwich, CW9 6NF

A traditional and well-established country garden with a wide range of roses, hardy shrubs, bulbs, perennials and annuals. You will also find a small vegetable garden, pond and greenhouse as well as vintage machinery and original features from its days as a working farm.



Saturday 3 May, Sunday 4 May, Monday 5 May

Saturday 21 June, Sunday 22 June

10am - 4pm Adults £5 Children free Children must be accompanied by an adult Registered charity No. 1112544

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS PLANTS FOR SALE TEAS

More information at ngs.org.uk



Who thinks this is a good idea?



Waterless Brook Bridge update

The road through Pickmere has been closed for some time.

Regular inspections show that the bridge is worsening, with an increased risk of complete failure. Therefore, a controlled demolition of the bridge has taken place on 31 March 2025, to prevent it falling into the water. CEC will install a temporary diversion of the water main to maintain local water supply in the area.



The design for a replacement bridge will continue, and CEC will provide further updates as they become available.

As a result, the bridge is completely closed to all traffic, including vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Please do not move barriers to try and gain access across.

Great Budworth Church - Forest Church

Our May Forest Church will be held at Guidepost Farm, thanks to the Earl family.

At this meeting, The Bishop of Chester, Bishop Mark, will be joining us, so lots of support for this one please! We are hoping there will be lambs to see. Everybody welcome to join us at Forest Church, from 0 – 100 years. Friendly dogs welcome, must be on a lead.

We meet every 4th Sunday of the month apart from December and possibly August. We meet in various venues e.g.: Marbury Park, Church Quiet Garden, Antrobus church, The Lion Salt Works, The Earls Farm, Anderton Nature Reserve, Marston Church Hall.

It is a relaxed, fun experience with some time for reflection, prayer, walking, crafts and eating! Coming together surrounded by Gods creation.
Info: Christina 07870 687304

Great Budworth Church Pastoral visits – Sometimes we don't know if someone is ill if we haven't been informed, and this causes us sadness, as we would arrange a visit for home Communion or just a chat or prayers.

Please let the Ministry Team know if you would like a visit. In the first instance phone Pauline 01565 733494

Hot Cross Bun and Butter Pudding

Don't waste left over Hot Cross buns (or Tea Cakes), make them into a tasty hot pudding.

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1 cup heavy (double) cream
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8 hot cross buns
- 3 tablespoons butter
- Chocolate mini Easter eggs (optional)



Make the custard mix. Grease a large ovenproof dish with butter and heat your oven to 340F/170C fan. Add the 3 eggs to a large mixing bowl and whisk them together. Add 1 1/2 cups of milk, 1 cup of cream, 1/3 cup caster sugar, 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Whisk to combine well with the eggs and set aside.

Arrange the hot cross buns. Slice the hot cross buns in half, then butter both cut sides of the buns. Layer the bottom halves of the buns on the base of your greased ovenproof dish, overlapping them or tearing them into smaller pieces, if need be, to fit your dish.

Soak the buns. Pour half of the custard all over the buns, (if you're using chocolate eggs, scatter half of them over the buns at this point) then place the top halves of the buns on top. If you're using chocolate eggs, scatter the rest of the eggs on top. Pour the rest of the custard mix all over the tops of the buns, and let them soak for at least 15 minutes. **PRO TIP:** As the buns soak, you can press them further into the custard mix so they have a really good bath.

Bake the pudding. Transfer the dish to the oven, and bake for 40 – 45 minutes, or until the tops of the buns look golden brown and the custard is set (you should be able to see this at the bottom of the dish). If the custard is still runny, cover the dish with aluminium foil and pop it back into the oven for another 10 minutes. Serve while warm and gooey.

Marbury Councillors Update

Northwich Regeneration Update

Northwich Market, colleagues are planning to hold the 2 public consultation events in the proposed BQ Market unit to be held from 12 – 7pm on

1st and 2nd May, and that we will be promoting these nearer the time. There will also be an online consultation people can complete too. Updates will be posted regularly on the CWaC website:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/regeneration-of-westcheshire/northwich-regeneration/northwich-market>

New automated technology for reporting missed bin collection

Currently the ways to report a missed bin collection are via the Council's website, the 'Report it' app, the Council Alexa skill or by telephoning the Contact Centre. To reduce the large volume of calls that are received by the Contact Centre, CWaC are launching call technology that will enable residents to report a missed bin collection at any time of the day.



Automated call technology to enable customers to report a missed bin collection is now live. This new reporting option will have its own telephone number, independent of the Contact Centre. 01244 255801

Launch of engagement on the Starting Well 0-19 years Service (25 with SEND)

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) is the current provider of the 0-19 Starting Well service. This service is for children and young people aged up to 19 (or 25 for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and their families.

It includes Children's Centres as well as statutory Public Health services within the Healthy Child Programme (including health visiting and school nursing). The Family Nurse Partnership, an intensive, targeted home-visiting programme for first-time young mothers and families, is also included within the contract.

A Member's Decision Notice in November 2024 gave approval under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Direct Award C to award a two-year contract to CWP until 31 June 2027. This two-year period will provide the opportunity to seek views on the future service delivery of the Starting Well service, including the proposed future use of the Children's Centre estate, which forms part of the service.

What is happening?

The Council will gather initial ideas and views through a range of face-to-face meetings, engagement workshops and online meetings with parents/carers, children and young people, organisations, Children's Social Care as well as colleagues from teams across the Council.

Engagement opportunities will be available on the Council's consultation platform Participate

Now, through an online feedback form and ideas board. For more information visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/startingwell

Offline, paper-based opportunities will also be available. These methods will help capture the priorities for residents and professionals that will inform the options for the consultation and subsequent service development.

The engagement phase is open from Monday, 3 March, to Friday, 9 May 2025.

May Quiz

1 In the annual cheese-rolling festival held in the UK in May, competitors chase a giant wheel of what type of cheese down a steep hill?

2 Name one of the two signs of the horoscope associated with May.

3 Which date in May is named “Star Wars Day”, and why?

4 May Day celebrations are held in many places to mark the return of spring, and often include what medieval dance tradition?

5 An anagram of May is “yam”; name an anagram of another month of the year.

6 What world-famous horse race is usually held on the first Saturday in May?

7 April’s birthstone is diamond and June’s is ruby. What is May’s

8 May is an autumn month (rather than a spring month) in all of the following countries but one; which one? New Zealand, Algeria, Peru, Indonesia

9 How many of the months that come earlier in the year than May have fewer than 31 days?

10 Towel Day, celebrated on 25 May each year, is a tribute to which popular British science fiction and comedy author who died in 2001?

11 The Empire State building first opened on 1 May in which year, 1891, 1911 or 1931?

12 Cinco de Mayo on the 5th of May commemorates a Mexican military victory over who, France, the UK or the US?

13 What is known as the international distress call?

14 What’s the name of the colourful international song competition (whose entrants are mostly from Europe) held annually in May and broadcast around the world?

15 Who wrote the line, “Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May”?

16 May is the shortest month to spell, with just three letters; what’s the longest?

17 What do “April showers” bring in May, according to a popular expression?



Top Gardening Tips for May



Continue to keep weeds under control by regular hoeing and mulching troublesome areas within the garden.

Feed hungry trees, shrubs and roses with a balanced slow-release fertilizer, scattering it on the soil and forking in lightly. This will aid their flower growth for strong and healthy blooms over the next few months.

Continue to monitor trees, shrubs and perennials planted during the autumn and this spring, watering thoroughly when required to continue plant establishment.

Prune spring flowering shrubs and perennials when flowers fade.

Examples being forsythia, chaenomeles, pyracantha, ribes and kerria.

Prune forsythia once it finishes flowering, cutting back to vigorous young shoots. Trim lavender and winter-flowering heathers to stop them getting leggy, taking care not to cut into old wood when pruning lavender. Now is also the time to take cuttings of these to build up stocks.

Mow lawns with a higher blade setting and continue to repair bare patches. Don't forget to feed established lawns!

Tie in climbing and rambling roses, bending stems to lie as horizontally as possible to encourage them to flower all along their length. Tie in new honeysuckle and clematis shoots as well.

Put supports for tall perennials in now, while the plants are small and it's still easy to work around them. This also lets you train the plants through the supports as they grow.

Lift and divide perennials and ornamental grasses, rejuvenating them and giving you more plants. April's also an excellent time to plant new perennials and shrubs. Trim ornamental hedges, however look out for nesting birds – don't touch those ones!

Harden off cutting of dahlias and chrysanthemums for planting out at the end of the month, along with tender bedding plants and perennials.

Feed fruit trees and soft fruit with a high potash fertilizer. Prune plums and cherries now the sap has risen. Put up pheromone traps in apple trees to deter codling moth, and another type specific for plum maggot by the middle of the month.

"Who's ready for this year's Marston Festival... We will be starting off the festival on Thursday 22nd May with The Tree Dawgs, followed by 4 days of live music outside. Food stall Saturday - Monday by 'So Greek Full' and an outside bar. "





SYKESMARTIN, a collaboration from two of the UK's finest folk singers, celebrating harmony singing and traditional music. Miranda Sykes, the acclaimed singer and bass player with SHOW OF HANDS and Hannah Martin, best known for work in EDGELARKS and more recently as part of the GIGSPANNER BIG BAND, bring together old songs with new ideas. Two mesmerising storytellers joining voices to create a spine-tingling testimonial to our shared musical heritage.

Tickets £17.00 from <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/647307>



The **Chair Exercise Class** is 10am on Wednesdays, please join us for fun exercise which can be done by all ages and abilities. £5 per class. Also don't forget the **Tuesday Coffee Morning** 10am – 12 noon, All Welcome. It's a great way to get to know people in the village.

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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.

1 Double Gloucester 2 Taurus and Gemini 3 May the 4th; it's a play on the famous quote from the movie, "May the Force (Fourth) be with you" 4 Dancing around the maypole 5 There aren't many! March has "charm", and April has "ripal" (meaning "located on a riverbank") 6 The Kentucky Derby 7 Emerald 8 Algeria 9 Two: February and April 10 Douglas Adams 11 1931 12 France; Cinco de Mayo is sometimes incorrectly described as Mexico's Independence Day, but that day is celebrated not on 5 May but on 16 September 13 "Mayday"; this has nothing to do with the celebration known as May Day, but is adapted from the French phrase "*venez m'aider*" or "come and help me" 14 The Eurovision Song Contest, or just "Eurovision" 15 William Shakespeare (in "Sonnet 18") 16 September, 9 letters 17 April showers bring May flowers

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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. 07977920445
Hall costs just £10 per hour to hire.

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