



Marston Murmurs



The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council December 2019



The makings of a modern Christmas



(With thanks to Lucy Worsley)

Today's Christmas traditions may seem as old as the hills, but they are, in fact, cobbled together from numerous centuries and countries. Some rituals have survived for millennia, but others, such as instructions for peacock served in its plumage, dating from 1430, have fallen from vogue.

Medieval Christmas lasted for 12 days, and New Year's Day and Twelfth Night were just as important as December 25th. However, Christmas Day was the first day of feasting, made doubly enjoyable because Christmas Eve was a fast. In grand households masques and entertainments whiled away the holiday.

A Christmas banquet for Henry V included dates, carp, eels roasted with lamprey, and a leach (boiled milk jelly, a bit like Turkish delight).

The 12-day holiday sometimes saw the normal social hierarchy reversed, not unlike the Roman feast of Saturnalia, where the masters waited on the slaves. The "Lord of Misrule", a lowly servant, might be crowned master of ceremonies and japes. The tradition survives today in our wearing of paper crowns.

An early example of Father Christmas in literature appears in Ben Jonson's play of 1616, "Christmas, His Masque", which was really a diatribe against the killjoys. In comes a bearded old man, old because he personifies the ancient feast of Christmas. "Ha!" Father Christmas says, "Would you have kept me out?" Introducing his sons and daughters, Carol, Misrule, Gambol, Minced-Pie and Baby-Cake, they all celebrate "a right Christmas, as of old it was". Father Christmas comes down the chimney because this, rather than the door, is the traditional entrance to the house for Pagan trespassers such as witches or evil spirits.

But the Puritans had the last laugh. Swept to power in the Civil War, their zealot governments of the 1640s and 1650s forced shops to stay open on

Christmas Facts (continued)



Christmas Day and punished anyone caught celebrating. In Oxford, in 1647, this led to “a world of skull-breaking”; in 1657, John Evelyn was taken prisoner by soldiers for taking the Holy Sacrament at Christmas.

Some people still celebrated in secret and when Oliver Cromwell died and King Charles II was restored to the throne, Christmas returned. But it remained a lower-key, domestic affair throughout the 18th century. Christmas dinner, served at home, was usually beef, venison or goose with plum pudding. The turkey, although introduced into England in Tudor times, did not catch on as a Christmas essential until the late 19th century. Pepys enjoyed mince pies, and his 17th-century “mincemeat” really did contain meat. Mixed with fruit and alcohol, the shredded flesh of beasts slaughtered in the autumn could thus be preserved in stone jars for the Christmas feast. Ann Blencowe’s 1694 recipe recommended a boiled calf’s tongue, chopped up and mixed with beef suet, “raisins of ye sun”, lemon rind and spices. Other food sounds half-familiar, too: Diana Asty, in 1701, celebrated with the recognisably modern “ham & chicken, & sprouts”, and “out landish sweets” (French bonbons).

Christmas 1939 was the last for five years to be celebrated with butter and bacon, as food rationing began. The card game of Blackout was launched, and a popular gift was the Take Coverlet, a sleeping bag and coat combined, to wear on your way to the bomb shelter. The Ministry of Food implausibly claimed that nobody needed tropical fruit at Christmas because “vegetables have such jolly colours. The cheerful glow of carrots, the rich crimson of beetroot... looks as delightful as it tastes.”

Dead robins, decorative beetroot, eels and offal in your mince pies are festive traditions safely buried, but even today you may still encounter the odd Puritan or Scrooge. Don’t let them spoil your Christmas!



**Marston Parish Councillors wish you all a very
happy, healthy and enjoyable Christmas.
Let’s all hope the New Year
brings good news, peace and harmony
not just in Marston but to the whole world.**



I will honour Christmas in my heart and try and keep it all the year

Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol



Tour and Store

As many of you will be aware the controversial planning application for the Tour and Store facility behind Ollershaw Lane has been granted approval by CW&C councillors. However following successful objections from the Parish Council and residents and our appearance at the Planning Committee, the following conditions were applied:

1. Approval is for 12 months only after which another application is required or operations will cease. The use hereby permitted shall be discontinued on or before 15 November 2020. All previous conditions relating to planning permission 15/02226/S73 shall apply following the cessation of the use.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to review the position in the light of circumstances appertaining at that time.

2. No external lighting shall be installed on the site except where the details have been submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority Installation to be wholly in accordance with the approved details. Reason: In the interest of visual amenity

3. Vehicular access should only be between 08:00 and 20:00 hrs. Reason: In the interests of neighbouring residential amenity.

4. The land subject to the planning permission shall only be used for the storage of vehicles up to a gross vehicle weight rating of 3,500 tonnes and for no other purpose. Reason: To ensure that the use of the land is commensurate to the nature of the access to it.

5. All vehicle movements associated with the use hereby approved shall be via Cart Lane and no associated movements shall be via The Avenue. Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

6. Within one month of the date of this decision, a scheme for the management of waste water (any grey water, vehicle wash off and foul sewage) at the site shall be submitted to the local planning authority for approval. Once approved the scheme shall be implemented in full and adhered to so long as the use remains in operation. Reason: To safeguard against the pollution of the surrounding area.

Cllr Lynn Gibbon, Conservative CWAC member for Marbury, also hit out at other firms close-by that had shown a 'disregard for due process' by using retrospective planning applications to run their business off The Avenue. Marston Parish Council also stated that Marston, a unique village with its



historic and wildlife areas, is seeing great changes not in keeping with its small rural community that are degrading its environment and negatively impacting on its residents. Approval of this application along with others in the pipeline will facilitate the creeping commercialisation and industrialisation of the village and its surrounds. Whilst the approval of this application is not welcomed by many within the village we hope that the conditions placed upon the operation will alleviate some of the problems that some residents have already had to endure. We ask that any deviation from these conditions be reported to the parish council or to CW&C planning enforcement directly.

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Dog Fouling

We have again had reports of dog fouling within the village, particularly outside driveways on Ollershaw Lane. Leaving your dog's mess on the pavement, whether it is outside your own home, someone else's home or indeed anywhere is unsightly, smelly and inconsiderate and could incur a fine of up to £500. How many of us have experienced stepping in some and carrying the mess on your shoes into your home. Dog faeces is a danger to health containing faecal coliform bacteria as well as other pathogens and parasites that can cause cramps, diarrhoea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders. Toxocariasis is particularly dangerous to young children. The parish council have a supply of poop bags, if you need some then please let one of your councillors know and we would be happy to oblige.

For all those responsible dog owners; thank you for cleaning up after your dogs.
<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/dog-animal-fouling.aspx>

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Heavy Traffic on Ollershaw Lane

We have previously reported that we have written to various companies and logistics vehicles to ask them to desist from using the New Warrington Road/Ollershaw Lane short cut to and from the A559. The correct and safer route is via Manchester Rd. and left at the lights by the Slow and Easy pub. Our efforts have met with limited success but we will not be deterred. To help us, will residents take note and report to us large lorries that pass through Lower Marston? We're also consulting with the police and CW&C regarding speeding and after taking advice intend to carry out our own speed surveys (when the weather gets warmer)!

Summary Minutes of Marston Parish Council Meeting on 13th November 2019

Planting of Spring Bulbs

Planting of the spring bulbs donated by CW&C. It was agreed to plant the bulbs within the church yard after coffee morning of 26th November.

Tour & Store

Ward Councillor Norman Wright congratulated everyone on the outcome of Tour&Store application – temporary use granted for only 12 months, all conditions that were requested were added to approval – hours of use, none use of The Avenue, lighting and noise. They also have to provide a surface drainage and foul sewerage report before they can continue operation. Clerk questioned when the 12 months will end and how it would be monitored. Ward Cllr PM advised Enforcement will monitor and that approval will only start once the foul sewerage survey has been provided. Clerk questioned this as the time frame could then exceed 12 months from now. Advised that that was just how the system worked

Central Heating for Hall

The parish council have been awarded £1000 towards the cost of central heating for the hall (by the Ward Councillor's budget scheme). Cllr's expressed gratitude. Work will commence once farmer approves use of land for gas storage tank

Cenotaph Repair

Clerk unable to get any contractor to facilitate repair. Visitors to hall on Remembrance Sunday who have a relative buried here expressed an interest in helping out. They expressed opinion that due to the fact that 2 soldiers who perished in WWI are buried in the Church Yard the cenotaph has specific special importance. They asked for confirmation to apply to War Graves Commission for a sign, to apply for memorial protection (so that the site remains safe and intact) and to contact the Imperial War Museum to facilitate repairs Cllr's welcomed their involvement and accepted their kind offers of help. Councillor Marion Potts to contact them.

Bus Stop at Higher Marston

More residents have complained about the state of the bus stop. Councillor Marion Potts visited and noted that the majority of users were elderly. Water collects along the gutters and splashed onto the pavement and waiting people when vehicles went past. Panels on the shelter are damaged by the



overgrown hedgerow. Residents report that the bus (from Warrington) is often late by as much as 45 minutes. Whilst Ward Councillor Phil Marshall is looking into this with Ward Councillor Lynn Gibbon, clerk is to make another complaint and ask for a new bus stop with seating facilities and enquire about the frequent lateness.

2020/2021 Budget was discussed:

Current projects for repair/maintenance discussed.

1. Store cupboard – in need of a new roof, tying in of walls, pointing and insulating, cost estimated at £5000
2. Car Park – last quote for tarmacking the front of the hall and placing a disabled parking space at around £2700
3. Roof – unsure of cost of repair but could easily be in excess of £10000.

It was therefore agreed to keep the precept at £12000 so that some if not all of these repairs could be done before the end of 2020

Clerk will adjust the budget and present for signing off at Jan 2020 meeting

Planning Applications

1. Planning Consultation 19/03272/FUL – Pond adjacent to Harris Gas Ollershaw Lane – Erection of deer/otter fence – objection already submitted as closing date for comments 5/11/19
2. Planning application decision – 19/02819/FUL – Erection of cattle shed – Refused
3. Planning Consultation – 19/03636/FUL - Northwich Metals Ollershaw Lane – Erection of 4 units in 2 pairs with use class B2 – objection already submitted as closing date for comments 8/11/19
4. Planning Consultation – 19/03798/FUL - Northwich Metals Ollershaw Lane – New Office and workshop building – as workshop to include a bathroom when there is no foul sewerage on site Cllrs CA & WD to look into and prepare objection/comments as necessary
5. Planning Consultation – 19/03871/FUL – Tour & Store Ollershaw Lane – New Office and workshop building - as workshop to include a bathroom when there is no foul sewerage on site. Cllrs CA & WD to look into and prepare objection/comments as necessary.

MPC Summary Minutes

13th November (continued)



6. Planning Consultation 19/02174/FUL – Murmansk – erection of one dwelling (replacement) – decision – Approved
 7. Planning Consultation 19/03965/FUL – Crystal Cottage Ollershaw Lane – Erection of detached garage and playroom – Cllr’s questioned fact that applicant claims building will not be seen from public place when in fact it will be seen from the bridge on Ollershaw Lane and the tow path. Cllr’s also questioned its height as with a playroom above it will be a 2 storey building. Cllr’s CA & WD to look at application and write objection/comment as necessary
8. Planning Consultation Decision – 19/03535/FUL – 76 Ollershaw Lane – Single Storey Extension – Approved

Dog Fouling

Email from resident regarding dog fouling outside homes on Ollershaw Lane – Cllr’s discussed and agreed that dog fouling is still a big issue within the village. Cllr MP hands out poop bags whenever she sees someone clearing up after their dogs. An article is to be placed in MM asking residents to be more thoughtful and clear up after their animals.

Confirmed date of next meeting: 8th January 2020

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Marston Parish Walking Group

The group is still active with the next walks scheduled for 4th and 18th December. Nothing is planned for New Years’ day so the first walk of 2020 will be 15th January. As usual meeting at 10.30 am in the car park of the Salt Barge.

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Bonfire Night at The Salt Barge

Thanks to Nick and Sarah-Jayne for putting on yet again another spectacular Bonfire night. Those who missed try to catch it next year!

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How did Mary and Joseph know Jesus' weight when he was born?

They had a weigh in a manger

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Harry: “Will you look at this, I’ve got presents!”

Ron: “What did you expect – turnips!”

Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone. J.K. Rowling ...



Vaccination of badgers against bovine TB Free service to farmers and landowners

Cheshire Badger Vaccination Programme (CBVP) offers a free service to farmers and landowners in Cheshire. The programme is supported by CWaC and Defra.



This year CBVP has vaccinated on land belonging to CWaC, Cheshire East and the National Trust. We recently vaccinated badgers in Marbury Park and Northwich Woodlands and a number of farms in West Cheshire, including this area. Vaccination of badgers reduces the potential for transmission of Bovine TB from badgers to cattle

(and vice versa). It has immediate effect and is repeated for four consecutive years in order to achieve herd immunity.

In a clinical field study, BCG vaccination of wild badgers resulted in a 74% reduction in the proportion of badgers giving positive results to TB tests. We aim to create a population of badgers immune to TB around the edge of the Cheshire cull zone, to prevent the spread into low-risk areas.

CBVP has a large team of trained volunteers who work in the field, surveying and pre-baiting, as well as fundraising and raising awareness. We welcome enquiries from new volunteers.

Farmers and landowners who may be interested in joining the programme are invited to contact us for further information.

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<https://fb.me/CheshireBadgerVaccination>

“I’ve learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way (s)he handles three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.”

Maya Angelou

Remembrance Day 2019



Marston War Memorial will be 100 years old in 2020.

On the 13th November 1920 the War Memorial that stands in Marston Church yard was unveiled. It was built and paid for by the Marston Community to be seen as a permanent and poignant reminder of the lives lost and families devastated by the Great War. Sadly, there followed another war, WW2, which was equally as tragic and many lives were again lost.

We have two war graves in the Church yard, Walter Poole 1916 and Herbert Sharpes 1918. We are sure there are interesting stories of these two men who were buried here and of the men whose name appears on the memorial. War records are available on line and we hope to find details of their war service record. It would be interesting to know if anyone in Marston is a descendant of one of our War heroes. We have been offered help from a family in Wincham, who are keen to help find out the stories and history behind our War Memorial, but we also need interested people to join us in fund raising to restore the War Memorial which is suffering from subsidence and weather damage to the base. The War Memorial is now owned by the Imperial War Museum and all restoration work will be overseen by them, but as in all cases now there is little in the way of funds for restoration, so as the Memorial will be 100 years old in 2020, we need to raise the restoration costs.

Those interested please get in touch with any of our Parish Councillors

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Remembrance Day 2019



On Sunday 10th November, residents and Parish Councillors met at 10.30am at the Village Hall and then gathered at the Cenotaph in Marston Church graveyard at 11am to hold a Commemorative service for those fallen in past wars. Parish Council

Chairperson led the valediction and wreaths were laid. Afterwards we gathered in the hall for tea and cakes while poems were read by councillors and residents. Over 30 attended attributed possibly to the more traditional starting time of 11am instead of last year's 9.30am

Parish News an Events

Neighbourhood Planning meeting 27 November 2019

Businesses update for the Questionnaire. Company House only list large and limited companies while many in our area are small and often run from home. Social media and Wincham and Marston newsletters will be used in an attempt to contact the businesses in our two parishes.

Grants. We are applying for grants to cover costs of printing and also consultant advice (to help set Aims and Objectives) .

Local Plan. The existing CWAC Local Plan will underpin the outcomes of our Neighbourhood Plan and so it will be bedtime reading for those keen (or mad) enough.

Next Meeting. The next meeting: The Salt Barge pub on Monday, 6th January 2020 at 7.00pm in

If you are vaguely interested (or curious)in supporting your local community’s efforts and wish to get involved in some way please come along.

Calling all Businesses!

Whether you work from home or from premises within the boundary areas of Marston or Wincham, whether your business is large with many employees or just a one person organisation, the Neighbourhood Planning Group need your email or postal address to send you our **Business Questionnaire**.

Your neighbourhood plan must be community-led and that means researching what the community thinks. We need to know how you see yourself, now, and in the future.

The questionnaire itself is short (we reckon it will probably take about 2/3 minutes to fill in) and consists mainly of tick box responses.

Please send your email address to

chris.anthwal@talk21.com or drop your postal address into the post box at Marston Church Hall.

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“My first copies of “Treasure Island “ and “Huckleberry Finn” still have some blue spruce needles scattered in the pages. They smell of Christmas still.”

Charlton Heston



Carol Singing at Marston Church Hall

When: Sunday 15th December from 2.30pm Carol singing will start around 3pm.

Refreshments will include tea, sandwiches, cakes and mince pies, soft drinks, and some mulled wine and sherry!

Residents and friends welcomed.

Please come along and join in the Christmas celebrations.

The Lion Salt Works - See advert on page 17

The Salt Barge

For Nick and Sarah-Jayne's Christmas arrangements see the back page

There is a December to remember with this impressive line-up of artists!

Friday 6 th December at 9pm	The Dukes
Thursday 12 th at 8pm	Pub Quiz
Friday 13 th December at 9pm	Vavoom
Saturday 14 th at 8pm	Karaoke
Friday 20 th December at 9pm	With Tony Tubbs
Tues 24 th December at 7pm	The Thingyos
Friday 27 th December at 9pm	Nathan Anthony
Tuesday 31 st December at 8pm	Swing, Soul & Rock & Roll
	Mickey Two Tone
	The Ultimate one-man Madness Tribute
	Gary Gobstopper
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	The Avenue
	A welcome return

Santa is coming to Northwich Fri 29th Nov 2019 - Mon 23rd Dec

Santa is to visit Northwich Town Centre and tour our surrounding villages.

Visiting Comberbach, Great Budworth and Marston on 13th December

Then on Saturdays through to 21st December 2019, Santa will be at Barons Quay from 10am to 4pm.

See: www.gonorthwich.co.uk/whats-on/santa-is-coming-to-northwich-4290/

NO JANUARY MARSTON MURMURS

In order for the editorial team to fully participate and enjoy the seasonal festivities we will not be publishing a January edition of our newsletter.

Parish Christmas Quiz (No. 12)



Once again to help you digest that turkey our Christmas quiz. Answers to Quiz no 11 in November's edition are below.

No.	Question	Answer
1	Where did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel after leaving Bethlehem?	
2	How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?	
3	What Angel visited Mary?	
4	How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?	
5	The name of Scrooge's dead business partner?	
6	Which Carol contains the words "They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night"?	
7	Who, from his cave, can hear the noisy Christmas festivities that take place in Whoville?	
8	Which two of Father Christmas's reindeers are named after meteorological terms?	
9	When did Queen Elizabeth II make her first TV Christmas broadcast and which monarch did the first wireless broadcast.	
10	Driving Home for Christmas' was used in Christmas commercials for which supermarket chain in 1997, 1998, and 2011?	

Answers to November's Quiz, no. 11:

1. 1919, the day the WWI was ended
2. ANZAC Day
3. Jumped off the scaffold and broke his neck to avoid the pain of being hung drawn and quartered.
4. James 1, Robert Catesby It was an attempt to blow up the king and Parliament in an effort to end the persecution of Roman Catholics by the English government
5. Typhoid Mary. She was the first person in the United States identified as an asymptomatic carrier of the pathogen associated with typhoid fever.
6. Thomas Hood
7. Sgt Ernest (Ernie) Bilko
8. Laika, a dog
9. Berlin Wall
10. Topaz and Citrine

Reflections #17

Christmas lights



*Light up the street
Down where the sea and city meet
May all your troubles soon be gone
Oh Christmas lights keep shining on.*

The winter solstice, 21 December is the darkest time of the year. Dark when you get up in the morning, dark late afternoon long before you get home after work or school. The short days, the long nights, the low, low level of light even at midday all contribute to the feeling that Nature appears to have gone to sleep. The leaves have long fallen from the trees and our gardens and the surrounding countryside seems dead.

In the midst of this darkness, like a Belisha beacon, is Christmas, and not surprisingly, much of its associated symbolism is the use of light to brighten and cheer the dark, dismal days of midwinter.

We string fairy lights on our Christmas trees, light candles to bring a sense of warmth and well-being around our homes. We decorate the outsides of our houses with novelty shaped lights of reindeer, snowmen and Santa Claus.



This mild obsession with lights predates the celebration of the birth of Christ. Winter solstice traditions used light in the shape of fire in their mid-winter festival and hence the Yule log, bonfires and candles all used to represent the rebirth of the sun following the solstice. It is easy to see how and why similar uses of light were intertwined with religious celebration and Christmas festivals!

So whilst it may not be environmentally recommended – too much wasted energy – too much waste in general (what does happen to all the miles of hopelessly tangled Xmas tree lights)? Maybe just for a day or two – when it's dark and when it's damp – we can light up our homes and maybe our spirits.

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Your Contributions and ideas are welcomed!

We are always grateful for ideas and articles from any of our readers . Just send them through to the editor or any one of the councillors or even give us a ring.

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For Facebook users see: **Facebook/Marstonparishcouncil. Also Facebook/All about Marston and surrounding areas**

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Ollershaw Lane Marston CW9 6ES

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- **Little Lions Explorer Club 6, 13, 20 Dec @ 9.45am - 11.15am**
Calling all Little Lions to discover, play and create. Join our Early Years Explorer Club, aimed at ages 2-4 (younger siblings welcome). Loads of exciting activities, stories and popular songs. Bring your old clothes – things might get messy!
- **A Victorian Christmas at the Works -Sat & Sun 14th– 15th December**
Come along to the Lion Salt Works and celebrate the start of the Christmas season with us. Festive fun for all the family, including music and traditional crafts and games, steam engines, the Rivendell choir and bell-ringers. Santa has already sent a message that he will be here with his Reindeer on Saturday from 1-5pm.
- **Visual Arts Cheshire presents Twelve Images of Northwich Until 15th December**
Lion Salt Works is proud to present the twelve artworks that will feature in Visual Arts Cheshire's 2020 Northwich calendar. Produced by local artists and photographers, these captivating images offer viewers twelve scenes of Northwich and surrounds, presenting the region's beautiful landscapes and remarkable industrial heritage.
- **And Don't Foregt our Regular Tour Tuesday - Sunday 10:30 - 17:00**
Join a tour one of the last open-pan sites in the world, see how salt was extracted from the underground brine lakes. Immerse yourself in the high-tech wizardry of Salt Pan 3, which recreates the steamy conditions where bare-chested men toiled over great vats of the boiling brine. Stand at the bar in the old Red Lion pub, where the workers were once served refreshing pints Spot the worker's boots encrusted with salt crystals and the sardine tins that, curiously, wages were paid in.

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