



Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council

July 2019

When is a lake not a lake?When it's a Mere



Cheshire, rightly famed for its natural lakes and ponds, has more bodies of water than any other UK county. This includes the ponds or pits in fields as well as the larger lakes and meres.

So what is the difference between a lake, a mere or a flash? You can go further and see that some lakes are called water, not lake. Naming conventions between the two appear arbitrary; it may all come down to whoever named them originally.

And when does a pond become a lake? A lake is a static or slow moving basin of water surrounded by land apart from the river or rivers that flow in and out of it. As this equally describes a pond, what changes it from a pond to a lake? The nearest scientific answer describes a pond as a standing body of water small enough to allow photosynthesis to rooted plants at the bottom; whereas a lake being deeper, sunlight cannot penetrate far enough to support rooted plants.

The word mere comes from Old English 'mere' which meant lake or 'sea' in Old Saxon. Technically a mere is a lake that is really shallow in relation to its area. Science will tell you also a mere is a lake without a thermocline; a term that describes the separation of layers in deeper waters; a bottom layer of cold water and an upper layer of warmer water. It can only occur at certain depths and is seasonal as air temperatures changes. The Cheshire meres are home to many specialist plants and animals and especially birds. At the turn of the last century the spectacular great crested grebe common in Cheshire meres had been hunted almost to extinction for its beautiful feathers, used to decorate the hats of fashionable ladies.

Some of the Staffordshire and Cheshire meres are thought to be kettle-hole ponds. Around separated ice blocks from glaziers, deposits formed

Main Story (continued) and Parish News

steep-sided rings and when melted left a mere. Some Cheshire meres were formed by the collapse of underground salt deposits through penetration by ground water and, of course, our local flashes were formed by subsidence due to the collapsed salt mine.

In Cheshire and Shropshire the meres and mosses formed by the retreat of glaciers after the last ice age form a chain of bogs, marshes and fen wetlands of international importance. They are registered as a Ramsar site under the Ramsar Convention, a treaty established in 1971 by UNESCO, to provides for national action and international cooperation regarding their conservation and wise sustainable use of their resources

Scotland, Ireland and Wales have all contributed the many name variations of our UK water bodies; Scotland has Lochs, Ireland has Loughs and the Wales has Llynnoedd (singular-Llyn).

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A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature.

Henry David Thoreau

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Update on Planning Application for the "Tour and Store" caravan storage site - 18/04713/FUL – Temporary change of use from scrap metal yard to caravan and general storage.

A Planning Officer has been appointed and it is to be called in to be determined by the full Planning Committee but as yet a date has not been fixed. Residents have met to organise attendance at the meeting where a Parish Councillor and a resident will be able to briefly speak. The Parish Council and various residents have already submitted their objections that can be viewed on the CWAC website: <https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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Cenotaph, Marston Church Yard, Ollershaw Lane

The Church Yard was recently inspected and it was noted that the Cenotaph was in need of some repair. Some of the posts have become unstable and have therefore been placed down on the ground.

We apologise if this causes upset to anyone.

The necessary repairs will be completed as soon as possible.

Parish News and Issues

Parking within the Village

We are all aware of the considerable difficulties many residents have with parking within the village, particularly in Cross Street. May we ask that everyone parks considerately especially during late evening/night/early morning? Ensure that you leave your vehicles where it doesn't cause an obstruction or problems for other residents and road users.

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No August Edition of Marston Murmurs

Please note that Marston Murmurs will be taking a summer break so there will be no edition for the month of August.

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The Salt Barge Wednesday Walks



Marston Parish residents, friends and visitors to The Salt Barge pub regularly walk from the pub carpark on alternative Wednesdays. We leave at 10.30am for varied gentle walks of between 3.5 and 5 miles around Neumann's and Ashton's

flashes, the Northwich Woodlands, Marbury Park and the Trent and Mersey canal towpath.

Our Wednesday schedule for 2019 is below:

July: 3rd, 17th & 31st

August : 14th and 28th

September: 11th & 25th

October: 9th and 23rd

November: 6th and 20th

December: 4th and 18th

The Salt Barge Wizard Walk #5When: Thursday 4th July

For those fitter walkers, we have longer walks scheduled for the first Thursday of every month, usually a non-strenuous 5-6 miles.

We will meet at The Salt Barge Car Park at 10am and depending on the chosen walk we travel in shared cars or set off from the carpark.

ALL ARE WELCOME

More info please contact Warren on 07879 458195 via text or call.

Email: warrenjdavies59@gmail.com

Wizard Walks in the coming months: First Thursday in the month

1st August, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December

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Summary Minutes of
Marston Parish Council Meeting
12th June 2019

**Summary Minutes of Marston Parish Council meeting 12th
June 2019**

**Developments over planning applications on land behind Ollershaw Lane &
Cross Street**

These applications are still being processed. No officers have yet been assigned due to staff shortages and the council have no further news.

(Since this meeting: a planning Officer has now been appointed to handle this case. It is to be called in to be determined by the full Planning Committee but as yet a date has not been fixed).

Replies from Haulage firms using Ollershaw Lane

We have received another reply from one of the haulage firms contacted earlier in the year. Brit European have advised that they have advised their drivers to use A559 rather than Ollershaw Lane. Please report any sightings.

Planning Application

Planning Application – 19/00787/FUL – Murmansk 19 Marston Lane – Erection of one dwelling was refused

Date of the next meeting:

The next parish council meeting will take place at the Church Hall on Wednesday 7th August 2019 at 7pm. This is due to having to put back the date of the July meeting due to holidays. As normal custom there is no August meeting though the one on the 7th is the postponed July meeting!

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Thanks for the Bowls

Once again a resident has come to our rescue. Sincere thanks to the Marston resident who provided us with much needed bowls and more cutlery. We still need more bowls for soups and puddings. So if you need to clear that cupboard space and have bowls to get rid of please contact Councillor Dave Collier (07901 810558) who will be pleased to come to your house and pick them up.

Parish News and Bits 'n' Bobs.

Mystery Picture



The Mystery picture in MM's June's edition (left) is well known for those who walk on the track between Neumann's and Ashton's Flashes. It is a view from the newer of the two bird hides, Pod's Hide, looking northwards across Neumann's flash.



July's Mystery photo is on the left. What and where is it?

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Another reminder for bookworms regarding the Mobile Library service.



At the main gates of the Tingdene Park /Ashwood Homes, in Chapel Street, Wincham. Every 3 weeks on Tuesdays.

Next one.....2nd and 23rd July Times: 14.50 until 15.10pm

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"I could walk a mile in your shoes, but I already know they're just as uncomfortable as mine. Let's walk next to each other instead..."

—Lynda Meyers

Parish Quiz No.9

Here is Quiz no. 9. All the following questions are based on events or facts about July. Answers to June's quiz are at the bottom of the page.

No.	Question	Answer
1	In the Roman calendar July was originally called Quintilis. What does this Latin word mean?	
2	For whom was July named?	
3	Complete this quote by Sue Coleridge: "Hot July brings cooling showers, ----- and gilly flowers."	
4	Where would you see the Column of July?	
5	How long will it rain if it rains on St. Swithin's Day, July 15th?	
6	In July 1730 one of our best known pottery designers was born in Burslem. What was his full name?	
7	July 1st is a national holiday in this Commonwealth country as it commemorates the confederation of a number of provinces in 1867. What is the country?	
8	What is the birthstone for July?	
9	National Ice Cream Month is celebrated in the USA throughout July! Which President's first job was at an ice-cream parlour? Was it Barak Obama, Donald Trump or Bill Clinton	
10	Which zodiac signs land in July?	

Answers to June's Quiz, no. 8:

1. Horse Guards Parade	8. She is often thought of as the Roman version of the Greek goddess of love and marriage, Hera.
2. Gemini & Cancer	9. St. Peter
3. Les Miserables	10. Children's Day
4. Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China (1989)	
5. Terry Scott	
6. Carousel	
7. Normandy beach landings	

Local Events

THE BIG LUNCH **Sunday 14TH July 2019**

From noon until 5pm

The Playing Field at Higher Marston

Come and join us for The Big Lunch on the play area field at Higher Marston.

Sandwiches, cakes, bar and music provided for all residents of Marston.

Bring along sandwiches, pastries, cakes or desserts to share.

Chairs, tables and gazebos. Live acoustic music.

Join your neighbours for a grand time.

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At the Lions Salt Works.....see advert on page 11
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At The Salt Barge

- **Beer, Music & Pie Festival.....26th – 28th July (see back page)**
- **Acoustic Music every Friday from 9pm.**
Those of you who haven't tried this please try and get along.
- **The Salt Barge Quiz Night**
Every two weeks, Next dates are: July: 11th and 25th.
Entry is £1/ head. All entrance fees given out as prizes.

Nearby

- **Acoustic Music & Ale Weekend in Marbury Park ...23rd -26th August**

Organised by Iain & Claire Stead's Mack's Music, this is the 2nd Year for this not to be missed August Bank Holiday weekend. There are food stalls and a bar including cask ales. Camping available but pitches are going fast.

Spend your August Bank Holiday weekend relaxing in beautiful countryside enjoying music, food and beer.

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.....And don't forget **our Tuesday Coffee Mornings at the Church Hall.**

Toast, toasted tea cakes, crumpets, cakes, tea and coffee to all our friends and residents. Join us for a chat and a very informal quiz!

Reflections #16

THE RUSTY ANVIL

It's quiet now, there's not a sound.

The blacksmith's no longer around

The old doors are closed and he has gone

There is no one else there to carry on

The anvil is still there nailed to the block

Only now there's not the slightest knock.

By the rusting anvil is the forge and tools

The quenching tanks like dried up pools

Dusty sledge hammers miss the hot metal

No blacksmith or black metal to smite.

There are no horses now or hooves to fettle

I watched him often causing sparks to fly

Dust black face licking lips that were dry

Then not built like Garth but wiry and lean

Dealing with horses firm but not mean

In a flat cap leather apron and shielded boot

Using a leg vice with buried shaft as if grown from root

Nearby warm forge fires flamed in an orange glow

As a boy I loved to watch him, he lived then though

Joe Wood, Longton

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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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We print 350 copies every month which go out to all of our residents including Chapel Street. Copies are also made available in The Lion Salt Works and The Salt Barge. So your message will reach a wide audience.

Remember the Church Hall is available for private hire

for your parties or group meetings

Church Hall Bookings: only £8.50 per hour

Please ring Angie on 0771 6565038

Welcome you to The Salt Barge



Join Nick , Sarah and the team in a celebration of all things local. Whether you've just moored your boat, been on one of the wonderful walks through the Cheshire countryside or just fancy popping to the pub for tea, then we've got

you covered. Not to mention an array of local talent who feature here on a weekly basis; every Friday night we have a fantastic band from 9pm, entry is free. Bi-monthly on Thursday evenings from 8pm we have our excellent pub quiz with the Chris O Grady Roadshow featuring cash prizes, play your cards right AND free chip butties at half time.

Our menu features home-made pies plus traditional dishes like sausages 'n' mash and fish and chips; all freshly prepared in our kitchen. Food served until 8pm
Excellent local cask ales served.

Opening hours

Monday – Thursday: 12noon - 11pm
Friday & Saturday: 12 noon - 12 midnight
Sunday: 12 noon - 10.30pm

Why not join us at one of our special nights?



8pm Sat 6th July

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Festival
26th-28th July
See back page
advert



Bi Monthly
Next - 11th July

Enquiries & Reservations: 01606 212525
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What's on at The Lion Salt Works



Museum Opening Times:

Museum opens Tuesday – Sunday 10.30am-5pm.

Play area & butterfly garden open daily 9am-5.20pm.

Open all Bank Holiday Mondays.

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- **Salt of the Earth 3 June - 14 July**

Industries of the past have had a big impact on the people, economy and landscape of mid-Cheshire. Salt of the Earth showcases seven new artworks by fine and applied art students from Warrington & Vale Royal College, which highlight and respond to different elements of the local area's industrial heritage.

- **Little Lions Explorer Club 5, 12, 19 July @ 9.30am - 11.00am**

Calling all Little Lions to discover, play and create. Come and 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!

- **Carving Rock Salt 6 July @ 10.00am - 4.00pm**

Free, but limited places, book at www.pamgordonartist.co.uk/book-online/carving-rock-salt-lion-saltworks.

Led by local artist Pam Gordon, this workshop explores techniques of carving an unusual stone, halite.

- **Butterfly Bonanza 21 July @ 10.30am - 4.30pm – free**

The Butterfly Garden is a key part of Lion Salt Works. Join the museum and Butterfly Conservation as we celebrate all of the beautiful butterflies Cheshire has to offer. We have a series of hands-on and fun filled activities throughout the day.

- **Northwich: Then and Now 23 July - 29 September**

Take a trip back in time with photographs depicting the changes that have taken place in Northwich town centre over the last 100 years. Compare past and present with photographer Derek Randall, who has recreated some of these iconic images for the modern day.

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