



# Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council

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October is here and on the last Sunday of the month we move our clocks back one hour and the nights draw in and we retreat to our firesides that bit earlier.

We've been changing our clocks backwards and forwards in the UK since 1916. It's all to do with saving the hours of daylight, and was the idea of **William Willett**, a London builder, who lived in Petts Wood in Kent.

William Willett first proposed the idea of British Summer Time in 1907 in a pamphlet entitled '**The Waste of Daylight**'. Willett had noticed that summer morning light was wasted while people slept, and that the time would be better utilised in the afternoon by putting the clocks forward.

After campaigning for years, the British Government finally adopted the system a year after Willett's death.

It has been a controversial move from the start and few people appreciate the changes of the clocks twice a year. The simple way to remember if the clocks are going forward or back is, we 'fall' (back) into Autumn and 'spring' (forward) into summer.



**W**hen earth repays with  
golden sheaves  
**T**he labours of the plough,  
**A**nd ripening fruits and forest  
leaves  
**A**ll brighten on the bough,  
**W**hat pensive beauty autumn  
shows,  
**B**efore she hears the sound  
**O**f winter rushing in, to close  
**T**he emblematic round.

Wordsworth.

## Cheshire Railings



Almost unique to Cheshire, these black and white, and now often badly corroded or damaged railings, are a familiar site to anyone that either lives in Cheshire or who has driven through the county.

They are a unique feature of our more rural roads and date back to 1929 when the county councils decided to replace stretches of hedges at road junctions to give drivers better visibility.

The railings were installed at all sharp bends and junctions, possibly to provide a means of stopping vehicles that had lost steering control. It is unknown if the rolled over top is an early attempt at crash barrier safety or for keeping livestock in. It has been suggested the original black and white painting of the fencing was to represent the Friesian cattle or the Black and White buildings often found in Cheshire.

There are still many examples around the 'B' roads and lanes of Cheshire and still more can be seen knitted into hedging after years of neglect. They have never been extensively replaced so most that still exist are originals and at least 80 years old.

Does anyone have any memories or photographs of Cheshire railings in Marston? If you do please send them to [info@marstonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@marstonparishcouncil.co.uk) and we will include in another edition of Marston Murmurs.

## Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7pm in the Church Hall.

A full risk assessment will be conducted beforehand ensuring that current government guidelines are followed, and we ask that any member of the public wishing to attend contact our clerk at [clerk@marstonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@marstonparishcouncil.co.uk) for information.

## Churchyard Tidy Up



We would like to send our thanks to the people who turned out to help tidy up the Churchyard on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September.

It is a mammoth task, the Churchyard is larger than it looks from the road.

We were lucky with the weather being fine both days and the determination and hard work put in by the volunteers.

We have not had a return date for the Community Payback Scheme people, who normally do the work and so will need assistance to try and keep on top of the grass and shrubs. So if you have any spare time please stop by and strim or cut some grass or tidy a shrub.



It is a matter of respect for the people buried there, the people who come to pay their respects, the War Memorial and graves that we keep

the Churchyard tidy. We provide refreshments on working party days so please come and help if you can.

**Parking** in a Village is always an issue. Please can you be considerate to others when parking and remember to always allow space for emergency services to access all areas. People have experienced difficulties along pavements with parked cars, wheelie bins or overgrown hedges. Please ensure the pavement outside your property is clear, safe to walk along and there is room for pushchairs/wheelchairs to get through.

### Heritage Fingerpost



The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that the fingerpost on the triangle has been dismantled and removed. This is only temporary, and it will be reinstalled shortly.

It is now undergoing renovation and hopefully will be something for us to be proud of when it returns.

## Summary Minutes of Marston Parish Council Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Residents attended the meeting and again raised issues and concerns about traffic on Ollershaw Lane, particularly speeding and HGV's. Chair Councillor Marion Potts sympathised with the residents and pointed out that all councillors and the clerk lived within the village and were well aware of the problems regarding traffic, she highlighted the recent meeting with Highways and that we were attempting to rectify these issues.

One of the options to help alleviate problems with speeding is to install interactive speeding signs and all councillors unanimously agreed to apply for a sign just before the bend after Chapel Street. Ward Councillors Normal Wright, Lynn Gibbon and Phil Marshall have all agreed to help fund the purchase of the sign with £3000, the remaining £4000 will be provided by the parish council. A possibility that was under review by Highways to help reduce the number of HGV's using Ollershaw Lane is to add signage at the junction of Ollershaw Lane and Marston Lane advising HGV's to use the designated route into Northwich via Manchester Road, however, this has to fall in line with regulatory guidelines and is still under review by Highways.

### **Pickmere Lake**

'No Parking' cones have now been purchased and issued to residents along Earles Lane to help alleviate problems with visitor parking. Another meeting will be scheduled towards the end of the year to discuss the situation. We will update you when we know more.

### **Planning Applications**

Planning Application 21/02373/FUL – Mere View Ollershaw Lane, Single & 2 storey rear extensions with balcony – there were no objections

Planning Application 21/02582/FUL – 6a Ollershaw Lane, 3 storey side and single storey rear extension with car port – comments regarding the removal of the hedgerow and size of the property had been sent to planning. A number of residents had objected.

# Quiz

## AROUND THE WORLD

1. Which continent is the largest?
2. Which of the Seven Wonders is located in Egypt?
3. What is the thin, long country that spans more than half of the western coast of South America?
4. Which American state is the largest by area?
5. What is the capital of New Zealand?
6. Which desert is the largest in the world?
7. What is the world's longest river?
8. There are three countries in the world that begin with the letter R. Name them all?
9. What can be found at Agra in India?
10. How many lines are there on the London Underground?

## TOYS AND GAMES

11. Which game involves taking wooden blocks from a tower and placing them on top without making the tower fall?
12. Name the toys that were Robots in Disguise?
13. In the game Buckaroo, which is the only playing piece to have a hole drilled in it?
14. How many columns are there in a 'Connect Four' grid?
15. Which London toy shop is the oldest and largest in the world?
16. What was the name of Nintendo's first handheld game console?
17. Who is Buzz Lightyear's evil arch nemesis?
18. In the game of Monopoly, how much does each player pay you if it's your birthday?
19. How many rooms are there in 'Cluedo'?
20. What colour is Sonic The Hedgehog?

## TV ADVERTS

21. What items of confectionery, now called "Starburst", were "made to make your mouth water"?
22. Which beer's advert included the word: 'Wassssuuuup!'

- 23 Which company's famous TV adverts feature Russian meerkat Aleksandr Orlov?
- 24 Which animal played the drums to Phil Collins' In The Air Tonight on an advert for Cadbury's chocolate?
- 25 Which fizzy drink advert features the slogan, 'What's the worst that could happen?'
- 26 Which cartoon animal had the catchphrase, "They're grrreeeat!"
- 27 French father and daughter 'Papa' and 'Nicole' appeared in the advert for which make and model of car?
- 28 Which product's advert features a cute Labrador Retriever puppy?
- 29 Which popular brand's long-running series of TV adverts featured Lynda Bellingham and a family?
- 30 Which product's famous 1973 advert featured a young boy pushing a bike loaded with bread up a cobbled hill?

## Bits 'n' Bobs

### Gardening Jobs

- Collect up fallen leaves and put them into their own compost bin or perforated bin bags, then water and forget about them. In a year or two you will have crumbly leaf mould
- Frosts are coming. Put away any tender plants that you want to survive the winter. Pelargoniums, succulents and aeoniums all need a cool, bright and frost free place; a porch, a cool spare room, or a slightly heated greenhouse
- Plant spring bulbs. Get daffodils in as soon as possible, and then crocuses, scillas, fritillaries and muscari not long after
- Your lawn may look awful after a summer of children and dogs trampling it and then the weather that we have had. In October the soil is still warm and is hopefully moist from autumn rains. Grass seed will germinate easily, and while colder weather soon comes and stops the top growth, the roots keep on growing and spreading all autumn and winter, creating a strong foundation. To prepare your lawn for re-seeding: scratch out dead grass and moss, then mow and remove all the clippings. Aerate the grass with an aerator or your garden fork then brush with sand and compost and re-seed. Water well and keep the birds off until the seed germinates.

## **Carrot Cake from councillor Julie Ledger**

### Ingredients:

- 175g Dark Brown Sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 150mls sunflower or vegetable oil
- 200g wholemeal self-raising flour
- 3 level teaspoons mixed spice
- 1 level teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 200g grated carrots
- 110g sultanas or raisins
- 50g desiccated coconut
- 50g chopped pecans or mixed nuts
- Grated zest from an orange

### Syrup glaze:

- 75g dark brown sugar
- Juice from the orange
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

### Method:

- Pre heat oven to 160c/Gas mark 3
- Line a 7" loose bottom cake tin with greaseproof paper or shop bought cake tin liner
- Place sugar, oil and eggs in a bowl and whisk with electric whisk or hand-held blender until the sugar has dissolved
- Sieve the flour, spice and bicarbonate of soda into and add the rest of the ingredients and fold into the oil mixture (including the bran left in the sieve from the flour) and fold in until all combined
- Add the mixture to the cake tin and even out with the back of a spoon
- Place in the centre of the oven and bake for 30 minutes – after 30 minutes put a doubled piece of greased proofed paper on top of the cake tin to prevent the cake from burning
- Bake for another 30 minutes and using a skewer in the centre of the cake check that its cooked (the skewer should come out clean). If cake is not cooked leave in the oven for another 10 minutes and recheck with the skewer
- While the cake is cooking make the syrup glaze add the sugar, orange and lemon juice into a small bowl and stir until sugar has dissolved



- Once cooked remove the cake from the oven and quickly stab the top of the cake with the skewer and spoon the syrup glaze all over the cake – the cake will absorb all of the syrup

Leave to cool in the cake tin. Cut, eat and enjoy!!

#### ANSWERS to Quiz

1.Asia, 2.The Pyramids of Giza, 3.Chile, 4. Alaska, 5.Wellington, 6.The Sahara Desert. 7.The Nile, 8.Romania, Russia and Rwanda, 9.The Taj Mahal, 10.Eleven, 11.Jenga, 12.Transformers, 13.Cowboy Hat, 14.Seven, 15.Hamleys, 16.Gameboy, 17.Zurg, 18.£10, 19.Nine, 20.Blue, 21.Opal Fruits, 22.Budweiser, 23.Compare the Market, 24.A Gorilla, 25.Dr Pepper, 26.Tony the Tiger, 27.Renault Clio, 28.Andrex, 29.Oxo, 30.Hovis

## Parish Events

### **Remembrance Sunday**

We will be erecting the 'Evergreen Arch' for Remembrance Sunday and would appreciate cuttings of evergreens for the decoration. If you are cutting back suitable trees/shrubs please can we ask you to remember us and donate fresh cuttings. More details will follow in next month's Murmurs.

# Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic

**COVID-19 Outbreak Board** meetings are still being held regularly to monitor the current situation. The general public can listen in and ask questions (once registered). Go to:  
<http://cmttpublic.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=1107> to register or look at meeting minutes/agendas and statistics.

## ➤ **If you are in need of help**

You should ask:

- Family. Do you have family close at hand?
- A friendly neighbour?
- Marston Parish Community Support team
  - Our contacts are below
- **Contact the CW&C Helpline on 0300 1237031** or [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/covid](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/covid)

Some residents have problems with the supply of prescriptions or provisions when their regular supporters may be unavailable. In this case don't hesitate to use the support of your Marston Parish Community Support team.

## **For those struggling financially**

The lockdown has faced many with financial difficulties. Those who may be struggling to pay bills please use the CW&C Helpline as above.

## ➤ **If You're Struggling to Afford Food**

You may be able to get **food bank vouchers** but you will need a referral which you can obtain from:

- CW&C Help Scheme 0300 123 7065 9am – 5pm
- Citizens Advice Bureau: CAB Helpline – 0344 576 6111 or call Sean on 07894 238 963, from 9.30am to 4.30pm - weekdays.
- WCCAB – Gaynor – 07736 621235 or Sam – 07596 338067, Monday – Thursday 9am – 5pm, weekdays only.

## ➤ **Other problems?**

Our volunteer team is here to help please don't hesitate to give us a ring and we'll be pleased to assist.

# Useful Contacts

## CWAC Councillors

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Dial 101 in a non-emergency and 999 in an emergency

**Ester McVey – your local MP** Telephone: 01625 529922

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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 clerk or any one of the councillors

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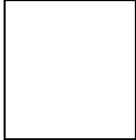
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