



Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council

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September is here and the summer seems to have flown by. We have had what has felt like four seasons in one day at times along with some glorious sunny days. Hopefully you have enjoyed a summer holiday, some lovely days out or just enjoyed the beautiful countryside that surrounds us.

September is traditionally the beginning of Autumn and we can look forward to the changing colours of leaves and life moving on in a more normal way with less restrictions, although it will take some time before we are free of face masks etc.

Hedgerow

Now the hedgerow casts its shade,
The sparse, the tall, the neatly laid,
With champions and parsley lined,
And honeysuckle intertwined.
Here a butterfly may rest,
And blackbirds build their sturdy nests,
And little creatures, in the green,
Can creep along and not be seen.

Here may livestock sweetly browse,
Here may sickly sheep or cows,
Amid the hedgerow's rich allure,
Seek a comfort and a cure.

Then blackberries, and rosehips red,
Sloes and damsons, freely shed,
Their autumn bounty, spread the news!
To native birds, and voles and shrews:
Come now, make a winter store,
Fatten up, and carry more
To bramble, burrow, crevice, lair,
For when the winter boughs are bare.

Regard again, and celebrate,
The hedgerow, with its beauty great,
Which in pollution, ever rife,
Breathes oxygen, to give us life.

Pam Ayres, 2021



Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th September 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 for information.

Coffee mornings will start again on Tuesday, 7th September. We welcome old friends and new friends to come and join our lively conversations, enjoy tea and toast (other refreshments available too!) and Duncan's quiz is bound to challenge our brains.



We will be holding the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** this year on the 28th September in aid of the wonderful Macmillan Nurses that do so much for people living with Cancer.

So join us for home baked cakes to eat or take away to enjoy later.

Litter Picking

Three volunteers braved the rain on Saturday 7th August to litter pick Ollershaw Lane, three bags of litter was collected and sorted for recycling or disposal.

Thank you to the people who are out on a daily basis collecting litter along our roads, everyone is doing a great job in keeping our countryside tidy.



We have had a visit from CWAC Regulatory Services Officer (Dog Warden) to discuss dog noise and fouling in the area and he

has left dog poo bags with us. These are available from the Hall or from councillors if you would like a pack as a thank you for responsible dog ownership.

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 to get through.

Heritage Fingerpost

The Parish Council have instructed a specialist contractor to make the repairs to the fingerpost and the work will hopefully be completed sometime in September.

We asked if anyone had any old photographs of the fingerpost sign on the triangle and Linda Elliot came up with the following image:



This is how the triangle looked in years gone by with the bus shelter. Few people remember it but apparently it was knocked down by a passing lorry!

If anyone wants to try a “before” and “after” shot on their phones/cameras for posterity, then don’t delay. We’d love to see your results.

Higher Marston Play Area

We have had numerous reports from residents about the state of the play area and have contacted CW&C numerous times and whilst some tidying up has been done, we know it isn’t in an ideal state.

If you have concerns about the play area then join our voice and complain to CW&C and make a report at

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/streets-and-open-spaces/grass-and-grounds-maintenance.aspx>

or give them a call on 0300 1238123.

The more we complain about it the quicker something will get done.

Summary Minutes of Marston Parish Council Meeting of 14th July 2021

Two members of the public were present at the meeting to raise concerns and issues over traffic along Ollershaw Lane, particularly the increased volume of HGV’s. A meeting is to be arranged with Highways to discuss the situation.

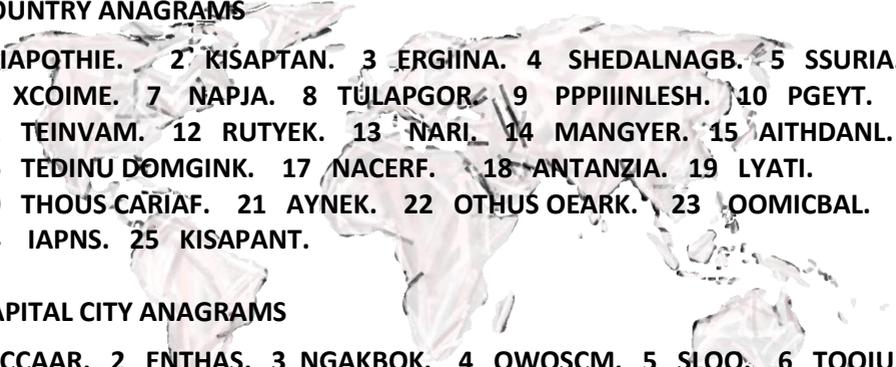
Pickmere Working Group

Councillors attended the latest meeting and advised that the landowners were amenable to trying to sort the issues out and that along with the distribution of cones to residents that the situation will be monitored. A further meeting has been scheduled for 20/9/21. The main focus was on putting up appropriate signage and temporary fencing around the jetty. The chair of Pickmere parish Council was keen to highlight the necessity of educating people in the responsible use of the lake and area.

Quiz

A bit of a change this month from the usual quiz, something to get the grey matter working - *ANAGRAMS!* Good luck. I hope you all know your Geography!

COUNTRY ANAGRAMS

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- 1 IAPOTHIE.
 - 2 KISAPTAN.
 - 3 ERGIINA.
 - 4 SHEDALNAGB.
 - 5 SSURIA.
 - 6 XCOIME.
 - 7 NAPJA.
 - 8 TULAPGOR.
 - 9 PPIIINLESH.
 - 10 PGEYT.
 - 11 TEINVAM.
 - 12 RUTYEK.
 - 13 NARI.
 - 14 MANGYER.
 - 15 AITHDANL.
 - 16 TEDINU DØMGINK.
 - 17 NACERF.
 - 18 ANTANZIA.
 - 19 LYATI.
 - 20 THOUS CARIAF.
 - 21 AYNEK.
 - 22 OTHUS OEARK.
 - 23 OOMICBAL.
 - 24 IAPNS.
 - 25 KISAPANT.

CAPITAL CITY ANAGRAMS

- 1 CCAAR.
- 2 ENTHAS.
- 3 NGAKBOK.
- 4 OWOSCM.
- 5 SLOO.
- 6 TOQIU.
- 7 GUPREA.
- 8 NONODL.
- 9 KIINSELH.
- 10 BULAK.
- 11 ISLONB.
- 12 MORE
- 13 ISRAP.
- 14 OCRIA.
- 15 UOESL.
- 16 YOKOT.
- 17 NNEAIV.
- 18 NOTNGIELWL.
- 19 SSSLERUB.
- 20 NLIERB.

Bits 'n' Bobs

Gardening Jobs

Keep Camelias and Rhododendrons well watered as they are now forming next year's flower buds and will drop them or make fewer if their roots are dry.

Tip mint out of pots and loosen a few of the white roots spiraling around the outside. Snip these off and lay them on the surface of a pot of compost and cover lightly. Keep watered, and you will soon have new plants to grow on your windowsill in winter when your outdoor plants have died down.

Time for ripening tomatoes is running out. Count four trusses on each plant and cut off any above this (or six trusses if you are growing in a greenhouse or polytunnel), then cut off any leaves that are shading the remaining fruits.

Forcing bulbs for Christmas – you can plant out bulbs every couple of weeks throughout winter but if you want Christmas flowers here's the timetable:

15th -29th September – prepared Hyacinths, most need around 10 weeks in a cool dark place and then 3 weeks in the light. Bring then out of the dark when the shoots are a few cm's tall and you can see the embryonic flower within.

15 October – 13th September – Hippeastrum, do not need a period of chilling or dark. Pot them into small pots, half the bulb above the soil level. Place on a cool sunny windowsill and turn as they grow.

17th November – 11th December – Paperwhites, the easiest and quickest bulbs with beautifully scented, pale cream coloured flowers. Pot up, water and grow on a sunny windowsill.

A Quick Self Crusting Quiche from Peggy Nixon

Makes an 18cm quiche, serves 2-4

Ingredients:

4 Spring Onions sliced

1 tsp of oil

2 medium eggs

¼ tsp mustard powder

Black / White / Cayenne pepper to taste

1 table spoon milk (this is in addition to ther 150ml – ½ pint below)

40g (1 ½ oz) plain flour

½ tsp baking powder

75g (3oz) Mature cheddar cheese grated

150ml (1/2 pint) Milk

Pre Heat oven to 190 C (170 fan) gas mark 5

Grease a 22cm - 9 inch flan / pie dish

Method:

Cook onions slowly in oil in a lidded pan till soft, drain on kitchen paper

Whisk eggs and seasoning together in a large jug with the tablespoon of milk

Sieve flour and baking powder and gradually add this to the egg mix, whisking constantly add the 150ml milk.

Arrange the onions and 50g (2oz) over the bottom of the dish and pour egg mixture carefully over the top and scatter the rest of the cheese over top.

Bake for 15 – 20 minutes or until puffed and golden

Serve immediately for best results. It is also tasty cold.

ANSWERS to COUNTRY ANAGRAMS

1 ETHIOPIA 2 PAKISTAN 3 NIGERIA 4 BANGLADESH 5 RUSSIA
6 MEXICO 7 JAPAN 8 PORTUGAL 9 PHILIPPINES 10 EGYPT
11 VIETNAM 12 TURKEY 13 IRAN 14 GERMANY 15 THAILAND
16 UNITED KINGDOM 17 FRANCE 18 TANZANIA. 19 ITALY
20 SOUTH AFRICA 21 KENYA 22 SOUTH KOREA 23 COLOMBIA
24 SPAIN 25 PAKISTAN

ANSWERS to CAPITAL CITY ANAGRAMS

1 ACCRA. 2 ATHENS 3 BANGKOK 4 MOSCOW 5 OSLO 6 QUITO
7 PRAGUE 8 LONDON 9 HELSINKI 10 KABUL 11 LISBON 12 ROME
13 PARIS 14 CAIRO 15 SEOUL 16 TOKYO 17 VIENNA
18 WELLINGTON 19 BRUSSELS 20 BERLIN

Parish Events

Marston Village Front Gardens Competition has been judged and won by Mr & Mrs P Evans from Juniper Close.

The garden has a nice variety of plants chosen to give colour all year round, including azalea, aubrietia, shasta daisy, hosta's, delphiniums's, crocosmia and bedding plants including cosmos, antirrhinum, marigolds, dahlia's and lavender and roses for scent.



This year we decided to also award Silver, Bronze and Highly Commended prize certificates as every year there are so many gardens worthy of recognition.

Sliver Award went to Ms K Thornton of Marston lane for her beautiful cottage garden. Bronze Award to Ms G Clarke & Mr B Smaley of Fernlea Road for their well designed small garden and Highly Commended to Mrs S Blackburn of Cherry Mews for her imaginative and well presented garden of succulents and ornimetal stone.



Well done to all our prize winners and as always it was a hard job to chose from so many worthy gardens around Marston.

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

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

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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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