



Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council

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On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to **"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"**.

This will be a time for the village to join together and celebrate this historic event. We would like to invite you to say how you would like to celebrate. Where you think a tree could be planted and the type of tree? Street party's or together at one big event?

Please let a councillor know of your thoughts and if you would like to help bring this together.



Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9th February 2022 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.

Heritage Fingerpost

We are expecting that the fingerpost will be back in place sometime next month. We are just awaiting a date from the contractor.

Neighbourhood Plan

Help us develop our/your Neighbourhood Plan.

We don't need anyone with any formal training just a willingness to get involved and help formulate a vision for what and how you see our village developing over the next few years.

If you are interested then please get in touch via info@marstonparishcouncil.co.uk



In December we printed this picture and asked for memories of the youth club and the names of people on the photo.

We have been kindly sent the names of many people, but sadly no 'juicy' stories.

Joan Perrin, Chaz Perrin, Liz Perrin, Terry Sheen, Tracy Randles, Eric Isserwood, Maureen Bailey, Val Walker, Gill Owen, Peter Jackobis, Andrew

Jackobis, Shopie Jackobis, Mrs Frawn, Kim Frawn, Angela & Diane Kendrick, Anthony Denton, Phillis Gallimore and Julie MacDonner.

We would love to include more pictures from Marstons History – recent and further back. Please contact any of the Councillors or bring along to coffee mornings if you have any photos or memories to share.



One of the joys of Spring is the sight of lambs in the fields and we are lucky around Marston to have footpaths that allow us to cross the fields and enjoy the livestock and countryside around us. Please keep your dogs on leads whilst crossing fields with livestock and always clean up after your dog. Dog attacks on sheep are common and it's easy to think that your dog running free will do no

harm. It may not physically attack but can lead to extreme stress to sheep who will just see a predator.

Summary Minutes of Marston Parish Council Meeting of 12th January 2022

Zurich Insurance have accepted the claim for the water leak at the Church Hall. The carpet will be replaced as soon as possible. There will be a £250 excess.

The Budget for 2022/2023 was agreed.

It was agreed to prioritise fitting fire doors to the kitchen and look at fixing the false ceiling in the hall. Then if funds allow we will look at putting in at least 1 defibrillator at the Church Hall. The boiler also needs to be boxed in and we are currently looking for quotes for the carpentry work.

In order for these projects to go ahead the precept will need to be raised, we will be raising the precept from £12000 to £13000, this will mean an increase on the parish council portion of the council tax of 4.6%.

Interactive Traffic Speed Sign - Highways informed us of an increase in the price from £6800 to £8508.69. Ward Cllrs have generously agreed to cover 50% of the new cost. Our original budget for this was £4700 a number of years ago and so this new cost can still be covered.

Planning Applications:

21/04717/FUL – Tour & Store, Ollershaw Lane – retention on a permanent basis of caravan storage based upon temporary application 18/04713/FUL. It was agreed that an objection be sent based upon original objection to 18/04713/FUL as traffic generated by the facility is still causing problems for residents.

21/04765/LBC/21/04764/FUL – Lane Ends Farm, Marston – demolition of non-listed and derelict structures and conversion of barn into 5 dwellings and conversion of farmhouse into 2 dwellings. The redevelopment of the farm was discussed at length. Issues over the number of vehicles exiting the development was a cause for concern especially as the junction of Marston Lane, Dark Lane and Ollershaw Lane is already dangerous with regular incidents taking place there. It was agreed that clerk would send comments on the issue of the safety of the junction also requesting that the boundary on the corner of Dark Lane and Marston Lane be improved as visibility is poor at that junction.

The upkeep of the churchyard was also discussed. The community Service group have still not returned and councillors are concerned that elderly volunteers who regularly help keep the yard tidy may not be able to keep helping. The upkeep is down to the church and so Rev. Alec will be contacted asking whether the community service group are likely to start up again any time soon. If not, funds may have to be found to pay for a regular gardener.

We have subscribed to the new Garden Bin Collection Service, which like every other property will cost £40 per year.

Bits ‘n’ Bobs

A little history lesson ...

Marston

'Marsh farm/settlement'.

Elements and their meanings

mersc (Old English) A marsh.

tūn (Old English) An enclosure; a farmstead; a village; an estate.

Marston Township. The layout of Marston’s core results from the development of salt working, both mining and brine extraction, in the area.

The village has an essentially linear pattern formed by ribbon development along Ollershaw Lane. It currently extends from the canal bridge on Ollershaw Lane, south-west until the turn along the realigned road.

At the turn of the century it was much larger including the industrial complexes of several salt works as well as extending to the north along Ollershaw Lane. In the 18th century Marston was a small, insignificant hamlet. The arrival of the North Staffordshire (later Trent and Mersey) Canal, which opened in 1777, was to radically alter the settlement. Brothers John and Thomas Gilbert were, amongst many other interests, engineers and land agents to the Duke of Bridgewater and the entrepreneurs behind the construction of the canal; they realized how salt could be exploited using the canal as transport. Soon after the opening of the canal, rock salt mining began in Marston, in 1781. John Gilbert the elder, purchased the Symme Fields for £2,000 and subsequently developed the Marston Mine, to the west of the later Lion Salt Works site Between the 1840s and 1870s.



Marston developed rapidly as a community with the expansion of salt working in the outlying region of Northwich. The majority of the terraced cottages along Ollershaw Lane date to this period of expansion. Further cottages were established on Cross Street on the western side.

Marston expanded along Cross Street in the final decades of the 19th century with more small workers cottages built along the eastern branch of the street. In 1877, as part of this expansion, a terrace of four cottages was built on the eastern side of Ollershaw Lane; in 1899 these were converted into the Red Lion Inn. These cottages are representative of the older houses in the village, which are typically 19th-century two storey brick terraces. The majority of these buildings have been fenestrated, but, in places, the original character survives. They have two-up, two-down plans, with semi-circular arched doorways and side passages leading to the rear.

Many more buildings existed in the village in the late-19th century, including a series of ill-built cottages located within the complex adjacent to the Red Lion Hotel. These were known as the Red Lion Yard and were the location of an outbreak of typhoid in the 1890s.

The mine collapses and subsequent salt subsidence of the late-19th and early 20th century had a dramatic effect on the settlement of Marston. The principal late 19th-century subsidence occurred at the south end of the village, where the collapse of Neumann's Mine resulted in the large flash visible today. So dramatic was the subsidence that it caused the realignment of the road system,

which originally ran directly south from the corner of Ollershaw Lane at the end of the village.

Within the settlement were three public houses; on Ollershaw Lane: the Red Lion, the Rockminer's Arms (located in the vacant plot next to the Coronation Salt Store), and the New Inn, which still exists today as the Salt Barge.

To the north of the canal the collapse of the Adelaide mine in 1929, created the flashes either side of Ollershaw Lane.

Originally, a small cluster of cottages developed at the entrance of the Adelaide and Ollershaw Lane Salt Works.

The wider community were served by the church of St Paul that lay to the north-west of the village centre beyond the Adelaide Works. St Paul's was a red brick church with a large pointed arched window in the gable, Early English style, from designs by Mr. Douglas, architect, of Chester, and consists of chancel with vestry and organ chamber on the south side, nave, north aisle with porch and a low spire and turret containing one bell. Today, nothing survives of the church itself, but the attached village hall and the graveyard still exist.

On the opposite side of the road was Marston Church of England Infants' School, (now Harris Gas) erected, with teacher's residence, in 1855, by public subscription, on a site given by the late Lord de Tabley. The original school was demolished and a new school was erected in 1891, at a cost of £1,590, for 224 boys and girls and 150 infants; average attendance, 224 boys and girls and 150 infants. It was reused to house German prisoners of war in the Second World War, who helped rebuild the road where it began subsiding into the flashes. By the late-1940s, the Marston community was much smaller. Pat Furness, who worked as a paper girl in c. 1949, recalled the village.

Behind the Lion Salt Works, there was a 'detached house', presumably the cottage on the Alliance Salt Works. The 'Old Red Lion Public House' was two cottages occupied by Burstow and Cox. The Salt Barge was the only public house and was then known as the 'New Inn'. To the rear of the New Inn a cinder track led to 'two canal-side cottages', presumably Crystal Cottage, and was also the location of Burgess' Coal Yard. At the opposite end of the street the terraces extended to the corner as it turned to Northwich, with the Post Office at No. 13 Kelly's Directory 1895 14 CRO LSW (not accessioned) Mr Iredale, oral history transcript, c. 1989. 15 Kelly's Directory 1895. Ollershaw Lane on the very corner.

South of the Avenue and Cross Street ran the railway lines that originally continued to the Marston Hall Mine.

The size of the township, remains largely unchanged since the 1940s. The Lion Salt Works remains an enigmatic remnant of the salt industry within a semi-rural district. The once continuous uniform nature of the 19th-century housing has been punctuated by newer buildings or 'gap' sites where subsidence or the risk of subsidence has prevented development.

Exerts taken from Saltscape Project.

Tomato and chilli Chutney

4 garlic cloves, peeled

4 red chillies, deseeded (for more heat add the seeds)

5cm fresh ginger, peeled

500g ripe sugar drop/or any other sweet tomatoes

250g soft brown sugar

150ml cider vinegar

1 tsp mustard seeds

1 tsp coriander seeds

Using a food processor or a hand blender finely blend the garlic, chilli's and ginger.

Add the tomatoes and blend again until finely chopped.

Pour the mixture into a large heavy bottomed saucepan and add the sugar, cider vinegar and the spices. Bring to a boil, then turn down to a simmer. Cook for 35 mins, or until thick and syrupy. Pour into sterilised jars with fitted lids.

Store in a cool dark place unopened for 12 months

Once opened the Chutney can be kept in the fridge for 1 month.

*Sugar drop tomatoes are available at Sainsburys, Tesco and Morrisons

**To sterilise jam jars and lids – wash in hot soapy water, rinse and whilst wet turn upside down on a baking tray in a pre heated oven 140c/Gas mark 1 for 15 minutes

Countries of the World

Word Search Puzzle



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Walking in Cheshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cheshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said ‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Cheshire (part of the Walking in England website – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

Parish Events

Coffee Mornings have resumed on Tuesdays from 10am until 12 noon at the Church Hall. All welcome.

We have been kindly offered a talk from Mr Mark Reif on 15th February. Mark has the war medals of James Poole who is buried in our Churchyard and has researched James and his brother histories. Mark also works for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and will talk about their work to maintain war graves around the country. There will also be a short film of images from Remembrance 2021 compiled by Tony Hayes. This can also be seen on You Tube – Armistice 2021, Marston Remembers. Please come along to join us for this.

Cheshire West and Chester council's **Green Homes Grant Scheme**

Cheshire West and Chester Council is currently accepting applications to its Green Homes Grant scheme. Grants are **fully funded** with no contribution required from homeowners.

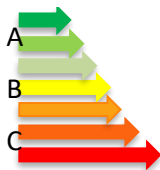
Residents who meet both **eligibility criteria** below are encouraged to apply:

1. **Household income of £30,000 (gross) or less per year, includes households in receipt of qualifying welfare benefits**
2. **Your property must be classed as inefficient and have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of E, F or G.**
(There is some limited funding for D rated properties. We can check your property's EPC rating for you if you do not know it.)

How do I apply?

- ✓ You can apply on-line by visiting:
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/greenhomesgrant
- ✓ You can request an application form be sent to you in the post. To do this, call the Council's Contact Centre on **0300 123 8123**.
- ✓ You can apply at the council offices in Ellesmere Port and Winsford:
Ellesmere Port, Civic Offices – every Tuesday between 9am – 2pm
Winsford, Wyvern House – every Wednesday between 9am – 2pm

Funding is available for a wide range of measures including for example: insulation, solar PV, clean heat technologies such as air source heat pumps and replacement doors and windows. Once we've carried out a survey of your property we will be able to advise what measures will be suitable.



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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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