



Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council

June 22



On 2nd June 2022 we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

It commemorates 70 years of duty and service by a remarkable woman. For many of us, we

have not known a time without her on the throne and there are happily still people who remember Coronation Day.

Many people saved and bought a television set to watch the event, the first time it had been seen by the public and beamed across the world.

In today's technology, it seems strange to be asked to 'Get the picture perfect, TV tuning signal goes on at 9.15am.' It certainly was a packed programme and for many the first time to see a TV in a home.

Many families and neighbours would have joined together to watch a small screen.

Get the picture perfect; TV tuning signal goes on at 9.15 a.m.
10.15 Outside Buckingham Palace.
10.28 The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh leave the Palace.
10.32 Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother arrives at Westminster Abbey.
11.00 The Queen arrives at the Abbey.
11.20 Service begins.
12.30 The Crowning.
1.50 Service ends.
2.20 Outside Westminster Abbey.
2.50 The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh leave the Abbey.
3.40 The Queen passes Grosvenor Gate.
4.30 The Queen returns to Buckingham Palace.
5.00 Outside Buckingham Palace.
5.15 R.A.F. Salute.
5.20-6.20 Children: Tattoo.
6.00 Coronation Service (tele-recording).
6.55 Sir Winston Churchill (sound only).
6.00 The Queen (sound only).
6.10 Outside Buckingham Palace.
6.20 Coronation Newscast.
10.20 Fireworks on the Thames.
11.30 Weather and News.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7pm in the Church Hall.

We ask that any member of the public wishing to attend contact our clerk at clerk@marstonparishcouncil.co.uk for information.

Neighbourhood Plan

We are yet again asking for residents to step forward and help us develop a Neighbourhood Plan.

What is neighbourhood planning?

Neighbourhood planning **gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.**

Without a Neighbourhood Plan we may have no say over future developments within our village.

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 in the future.

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

The Mobile Library is back

The Mobile Library service is on a rotating 3 week service.

The van stops in Green Lane Wincham between 2pm and 2 45pm and then near the entrance to Ashwood Park off Chapel Street, Wincham.

This service is open to all, not just residents of Wincham.

The library will visit the above locations 7 & 28 June and 19 July and 9 August.

Fingerpost restoration part two

Fingerposts in General and Ours in Particular

This is the second of a series of three pieces about our fingerpost sign. David Gosling, in his own words, tells us how the fingerpost got restored.

It was in May 2021 that I received an enquiry from Councillor Ian Stanley about the possibility of restoring the parish fingerpost at the Four Lanes Garage junction on the A559.

The fingerpost in question is of a style that is particularly prevalent in Cheshire and was originally devised by founders WH Smith & Co of Whitchurch. Original 'Smith' posts have the foundry name cast into the base of the post and would have been made from 1900 until the 1930's although the Marston post is a later model incorporating aluminium fingers and finial rather than the original cast iron components.

This would suggest that the Marston post would be from the 1930's at the earliest and there are many examples of these posts, and their cast iron predecessors, still evident in the Cheshire countryside.



Example of a typical Cheshire fingerpost in Wrenbury.

The reason that Cheshire has so many of these fingerposts still in existence is down to the County Council's decision in 1963 to ignore the government's instruction, prompted by the Sir Walter Worboys committee's recommendations to standardise traffic signage throughout the UK, that all traditional fingerposts should be replaced by new signs with the 'transport' typeface and on grey posts.

Cheshire decided to stick with their traditional fingerposts just like the councils in Cumbria, Essex & Somerset to mention just a few. I suspect that just like today the council

saw replacing perfectly good signs as an unnecessary expense and therefore doing nothing was the chosen reaction.

Now, of course these signs are no longer a functional necessity for road users but are an aesthetically pleasing addition to our villages and countryside and this is the reason it was felt that the Marston post should be restored and maintained.

I received the order to proceed in July 2021 and commenced with the dismantling of all components on site in September.

As can be seen in the photograph in the previous Marston Murmurs the post was leaning badly as a result of corrosion in the bolts that secured it to its foundation structure and had lost one of its aluminium fingers in a traffic accident.



The post and all components were removed to my workshop in Cumbria to undergo the restoration process.

This involved welding, casting a complete new finger, grit blasting all components back to bare metal,

painting everything white and then applying the black and white livery scheme. The new finger was to carry the legend LOSTOCK GRALAM and NORTHWICH.

Luckily I had the necessary pattern having previously helped in restoring a post for Wrenbury Parish Council in 2020.



This pattern can be seen in the picture (left) before having its new letters applied, being laid out in its collar sequence to ensure everything would fit together as it should.

Once the new casting was received, fixing holes drilled and

tapped, the components were grit blasted to remove all the old paint and to prepare for the painting process using two-pack paints for durability.

The post, being the only non-aluminium component, was grit blasted with a harsher blast medium to remove paint and rust before being ready to receive the same paint treatment.



The final, newly restored fingers and the completely new one for Lostock and Northwich looked amazing.

David Gosling
Signpost Restoration Limited
www.signpost-restoration.co.uk
(final installation next month)

Parish Events

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

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The extended Bank Holiday will give us many opportunities to celebrate the Jubilee.

The Parish Council are hosting an afternoon tea on Sunday 5th June from 2.30pm. Please come along and join us.

It would be helpful if you could let a councillor know that you will be attending to help with planning the catering and seating.

We are also planning a raffle and a Royal Quiz.

The Lion Salt works are holding a two-day community celebration on the 3rd and 4th June with music, stalls, competitions and picnic area.



Marston Church Hall

Available to hire currently at £8.50 an hour.

To hire the hall contact Angie on 07716 565038 or email our clerk Caroline at clerk@marstonparishcouncil.co.uk

Quiz

1. The love apple is the original name for what?
2. How can you tell the age of a tree?
3. Which plant takes its name from the Italian phrase for beautiful women?
4. Which grain is used to make semolina?
5. Which television presenter and gardener owns a garden in Herefordshire called Longmeadow?
6. Which garden in the Cotswolds is notable for its miles of sculptured hedges?
7. Which plant, widespread in Britain, if touched causes a serious chemical reaction which makes skin hypersensitive to ultraviolet light?
8. Which kings lived at Kew Palace at Kew Gardens?
9. Which garden plant in the 17th century was exchanged as a form of currency?
10. What is the art of cutting shrubs into ornamental shapes called?
11. Often called England's greatest gardener, what is Capability Brown's given first name?
12. Soil can be acidic, alkaline or what?
13. The spice, saffron, comes from which flower?
14. Where is the biggest tree in the world, giant sequoia, found?
15. What fruit hit, or more likely fell, near Isaac Newton and helped him develop the law of gravity?
16. I am a woody stemmed plant, usually branched near the base and lacking a single trunk....what am I?
17. On which continent did broccoli originate?
18. What herb beginning with 'A' has soothing properties?
19. Roughly, how many varieties of avocado are there? 5, 50, 500 or 5,000?
20. What vitamin is most prevalent in a lime?
21. True or false? Chelsea is Britain's largest flower show.
22. What type of goldfish are often found in decorative garden ponds?
23. How many fountain-type statuary are there in the Versailles gardens? 4, 40, or 11?
24. For how long can seeds remain dormant? Months, a few days, years or one season?
25. How long does it take to produce asparagus the first time you plant it?
26. What is the definition of a deciduous tree?
27. In what season should you plant daffodil bulbs?
28. Which of these is NOT a winter crop? Cabbage, leek, parsnip or tomato?

Gardening Jobs

The longest day of the year falls on June 21st, bringing warmer temperatures and extra sunlight.

Flowers are blossoming, there's lots to harvest in the vegetable garden, and keeping on top of bolting plants is a priority — particularly weeds!

Check plants daily and water them if the soil is dry — especially newly planted fruit trees and shrubs that are still getting established.

Harden off any remaining half-hardy bedding plants ready for planting out. Use blinds or apply shade paint to prevent your greenhouse from overheating. Remember to open vents and doors on warm days.

Keep on top of weeding. Your plants shouldn't have to compete for precious water, light, and nutrients.

CW&C Report IT app

Report any issues with pot holes, street lamps, bus stops, over grown hedgerow, grass verges etc... directly with CW&C using either their online form via the website at: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/home.aspx> or download the app from:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it-app.aspx> where there is a link to google play or the app store (or just go directly to google play or the app store and enter 'Cheshire West and Chester'). The app allows you to exactly pin-point the problem with a 'pin drop', so make sure you take your mobile out with you when out and about and report any issues that you find.

Alcoholic Cocktail Recipes for the Jubilee (by popular demand)

Platinum Jubilee Punch

200 gm sugar
300mls water
500mls Gin
75mls elderflower cordial
1 litre soda water (or sparkling water)
4 Earl Grey tea bags
Juice of 3 lemons
4 Nectarines cored and sliced
1 lemon cut into wedges

Heat the sugar and water in a pan, stirring until sugar dissolves, then bring to the boil and remove from heat immediately, add the Earl Grey tea bags, steep for 30 minutes, squeeze out the tea bags and discard.

Once syrup is cold, add the gin, elderflower cordial, lemon juice & soda water.

Add lots of ice to a large jug add the lemon wedges and the nectarine slices.....enjoy!!!

Long Island Iced Tea (extremely alcoholic!!)

1 measure of Tequila
1 measure of Rum
1 measure of Vodka
1 Measure Gin
1 measure Triple Sec or Cointreau
Juice of 1 lemon
125 mls simple syrup (sugar syrup with juice from 2 lemons and 2 limes)
Cola/pepsi
Lemon wedges for decoration
Lots of ice cubes

In a large jug add ice, and all the other ingredients apart from the Cola and stir well.

Pour into very cold tall glasses with ice until about $\frac{3}{4}$ full then top with cola.....enjoy!!

Summary Minutes of Marston Parish Council Meeting of 11th May 2022

The interactive traffic sign has now been erected on Ollershaw Lane just as you enter the village off New Warrington Road, hopefully it will remind drivers to keep to the 30mph limit and slow down for the bend.

Overgrown hedgerows on Marston Lane have again been reported but it is now likely that they will not be cut until September due to nesting birds. The parish council have made a complaint to CW&C as they have been asked to cut them on numerous occasions.

A new application for our re-designated Neighbourhood Plan is to be sent to CW&C and plans for developing the plan will then start once the go-ahead is given.

Useful Contacts

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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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Answers to the quiz:

1. Tomato
2. Number of rings
3. Belladonna
4. Wheat
5. Monty Don
6. Hidcote
7. Giant hogweed
8. George II and George III
9. Tulips in the Netherlands
10. Topiary
11. Lancelot
12. Neutral
13. Crocus
14. California, USA
15. Apple
16. Shrub
17. Europe
18. Aloe vera
19. 500
20. Vitamin C
21. False
22. RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival is bigger
23. 11
24. Years
25. Two to three years
26. These are trees like oaks that shed their leaves every autumn
27. In the fall. More specifically, September to November.
28. Tomato

Space for Williams advert

Platinum



Jubilee

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service.

To celebrate this Marston Parish Council are organising an

Afternoon Tea



At the Village Hall, Sunday 5th June at 2:30 PM

All residents of Marston village are invited and most welcome.

There is no entry fee.

There will be sandwiches, sausage rolls, crisps, scones, cake plus tea/coffee

Do come along and join in this very special occasion.