



Marston Murmurs

The Newsletter of Your Marston Parish Council

July 2018



We are grateful to Bob Senior a returning resident to Marston, for providing us with a copy of the souvenir programme produced by Wincham and Marston Parish Council to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June 1953.

The programme outlines the events of the day, a Tuesday, which was preceded by a special service at Wincham Methodist Chapel on the Sunday. On Coronation Day “children under school age” received “a beaker filled with sweets and a free tea and cake provided for children accompanied by parents in the Marston Church Hall”

The day was funded by the efforts of “an independent body, the Wincham and Marston Coronation committee” set up on 26th November 1952 whose aim was to raise £350 by “voluntary effort and avoid recourse to Rates”.

They exceeded their target by £170 having raised £520 from:

Competitions	£98	Beetle Drive	£4
Whist Drives	£141	Country Fair	£17
Hot Pot Supper	£13	Grand Finale	£50
Dances	£68	County Council	£28
Jumble Sale	£19	Donations	£82

Overleaf, is a summary of the day’s activities.

Wincham & Marston Coronation programme

Morning: Tableau Competition

Transports (kindly lent by Mr E. Spencer) will be stationed and decorated at the following points. A Prize for the best dressed vehicle will be awarded.

Judges: Major G.A Redman, Dr. or Mrs. G.L. Love

Location: Wincham. Chapel Street and Church Street. Marshalls: G. Leigh, G. Milne, J Ridyard, H. Sutton

Location: Marston: Cross Street and Lane Ends. Marshalls: G. Birtles, H. Simcock, T. Taylor, H. Simkin, E. Hayes, E. Spenser

1pm Assembly at start

1.30pm Procession Starts from Marston School. Route: Ollershaw Lane, Lane Ends, Upper Marston, Marston Common, Earles Lane, Rayner's Corner, Church Street, Wincham Lane, Chapel Street, Ollershaw Lane, School Field. Note; Due to the length of the route all children will be carried on decorated transports. Accompanied by a Band of the Air Force Training Cadets

3.30pm Opening Ceremony (Field kindly loaned by Mr. T. Eaton) Councillor: John Fryer

4pm TEA

Children under school age in Marston Church Hall

School children in Marston School

Widows and Pensioners in the marquee

Prices: Tea – 3d. per cup; cakes – 3d. each; Ham and Tongue rolls – 3d. each; Trifle – 6d. each
Ices and Minerals

5.30 SPORTS

Races for Boys & Girls 5 to 15 year (Flat race in age groups – 22 races)

Prizes for each group: 15/-, 10/-, 5/-

Races for Boys

Sack race: 5-11 years. Obstacle race: 11-15 years. Tug-of-war: 11-15 years (8 a-side £1)

Races for Girls

Egg & Spoon 5-11 years. Three legged, 11-15 years. Tug of War (8 a-side £1)

Prizes all groups unless otherwise stated 15s, 10s, 5s

MEN Special Event

WINCHAM v MARSTON Tug of War (8 a-side Prize £2)

And cup kindly presented by Mr. G.O. Gibbon

7.30 Presentation of Prizes

Distribution of Beakers

Open-air Dance

Errata: Due acknowledgement is made to the Rev. J. Lloyd Jones Church and Education Authorities for use of Schools, etc. Transport of pensioners referred to in page 3 is confined to invalids for whom transport has already been promised

I wonder who won the Tug-of-War???

Parish News



The Big Lunch is the UK's biggest annual event for neighbours. People come together in their streets, gardens and neighbourhoods to eat, chat, laugh and get to know each other. So, on June 3rd on the back field of Higher Marston estate, a hot summer day saw people do just that. Members of the Parish Council rose bright and early to make sandwiches, quiches, sausage rolls and other delicacies, and residents contributed cakes, biscuits and crisps. Iain Stead, Terry Taylor and Mark Percival provided music and amusement with their excellent repertoire of songs old and new. It was a free event but residents showed their appreciation by donating £20 into the bucket towards the upkeep of the village hall. A great day to remember!

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Report from the Annual Parish Meeting held at Marston Church Hall on 23 May 2018

Although no members of the public were present at the meeting Councillors brought the following concerns to the meeting on their behalf:

- The bus shelter on the road between Higher Marston estate and Four Lanes garage is in a poor state of repair and badly overgrown. There is no shelter on the opposite side of the road. It was agreed that the Clerk should report the problem to Highways department requesting repair or replacement.
- Parking in Cross Street was still a concern for several residents. It was felt that visitors to the Park homes were parking their vehicles in Cross Street. It was agreed that Clerk should write to Ting Dene outlining the concerns of the residents.
- Removal of a boundary wall at 4/5 Cross Street. Residents had expressed concerns that the removal of a boundary wall would lead to the loss of 2 or 3 parking spaces. It was also noted that changes to the boundary might need Planning permission. It was agreed that Clerk should write to CWAC Planning to ascertain whether Planning permission is needed.

Parish News

- Traffic calming measures on Ollershaw Lane. A survey was done in May so Clerk was to ask for feedback on the data supplied.

The Chair, Cllr Marion Potts, gave a review of the year noting the refurbishment of the Hall, the extension of the car parking area and the increase in fund raising activities which are well supported by residents in the village.

The accounts for 2017/18 were agreed.

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Vintage and Steam day at the Lion Salt Works with an array of steam engines, live music, games and refreshments in beautiful surroundings took place on 9th an 10th June.

This annual event is developing into great weekend. Thanks to Paul Parish, Pastry Shoes, Terry Taylor and Mark Percival for the entertainment and Claire for the bar!



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Incoming and Outcoming for Marson Parish Council

At our June meeting, Marston Parish Council welcomed their new councillor, Jed McGahern, a Marstoner, born and bred. Jed is passionate about the village and will be a great asset to our future plans and activities.

Sadly the Parish Council also accepted the retirement of our Parish Clerk, Liz Massey who has decided to retire after some 30 years working for the council. I'm sure that you all, together with the grateful councillors, will thank her for her loyal and long term services and will extend to her all best wishes in her retirement

Consequently, we will be advertising for a new Parish Council Clerk. Anyone interested please contact any of our councillors.

Parish Events

Marston Parish Walking Group

The group is going strong and last month held its first evening walk.

Walks for July and August:

Wednesday morning meet at The Salt Barge car park at 10.30am

4th July, 18th July, 1st August, 15th August and 29th August.

Evening walks meet at The Salt Barge car park at 7pm

26th July and 23rd August

Following the evening walks a quiz competition will be held in The Salt Barge.

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Coffee mornings every Tuesday morning from 10.30am to mid day at the Church Hall. We will be taking our summer break soon so please note **the last coffee morning before the break will be 17th July; they will start again on 11th September.**



This event is still popular with residents; on Tuesday 18th June almost 20 parishoners met as friends to swap stories, share some cake and toast with lashings of coffees and teas.

Occasional informal quizzes are carried out with quizmaster Duncan Blain.

Afterwards, Parish councillors are available to discuss any issues you may have, in confidence or otherwise.

Why not come along?

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Councillors' Surgeries

Parish Councillors will be available in the new snug area at The Salt Barge pub on the **first Thursday of every month.**

However, this month's on Thursday 5th July unfortunately will have to be cancelled due to holidays! The next snug surgery will be On 2nd August from 7pm until 8pm when you can come along to raise and discuss any issues in confidence. You will also have the same opportunity to raise issues at the Church Hall on Tuesdays – after the coffee morning; so from 12.00 mid-day until 1pm.

Bits 'n' Bobs

It is a shocking fact that since 2010, 38 riders and 222 horses have been killed in accidents on Britain's roads.



So why do horse riders ride out on the roads? The simple answer is because there is not always the opportunities available to do otherwise. In Marston and Wincham there are no designated

bridleways or public paths suitable for horse riders, in Pickmere there is one bridleway. It is a common shout from unhappy drivers to 'go ride in a field', but how would you like to exercise around your dining table? Most horses have just enough grassland to survive on and it doesn't make sense to damage it by riding on it. As a local horse rider I am grateful for the majority of drivers who are courteous, patient and give us room on the roads but each ride is dangerous because some drivers are impatient or intolerant of horses on the roads. Please remember the following advice when passing horses.

- Slow down and be ready to stop if necessary
- Look out for riders' signals to slow down or stop
- Watch out for sudden movements, horses can be easily frightened and unpredictable
- Don't sound your horn or rev your engine
- Pass wide and slow when overtaking; giving the horse plenty of room and don't accelerate rapidly once you have passed them.
- On roundabouts, horse riders will keep to the left within the roundabout until reaching their exit, when they will signal left. They will normally signal right only when approaching exits they don't intend to use

NB It is a criminal offence to wilfully ride on a footpath or causeway by the side of the road made or set apart for the use or accommodation of foot passengers, we cannot move over legally or safely onto pavements.



Our Chair, Marion Potts on horseback. Give her a wave as you pass.....passing widely!

The Earl of Stamford Morris

Morris dancing goes back to late mediaeval times; as early as 1458. We do not fully understand how or where it started. Theories of foreign origin have been put forward but not proven. The earliest known records relate to the early 16th century English royal court and possibly with connections with the courtly Morisco dances seen in continental Europe at that time. It is, however, not easy to reconstruct the dance styles of that age.

The church had been a great supporter of the Morris until the Reformation, but in the latter part of the 16th century it was not very popular with the authorities. The Morris and traditional recreations experienced a renaissance in 'Merrie Englande' after the restoration of Charles II in 1660. Current dances are believed to have developed primarily in the hundred years or so after this date.

Due to changes in social patterns, social mobility and types of recreation in the Victorian era, by the end of the 19th century the Morris had become rather unfashionable and came close to dying out completely. By chance, the folk song and dance collector Cecil Sharp saw the Morris at Headington, Oxford on Boxing Day 1899, and started a revival, which is now in its second century with numerous sides and styles of dance all over the country and, indeed, the world.

The Earl of Stamford Morris has been in existence since 1982 and is based in Warrington, principally dancing the Cotswold tradition with stick and hankie dances and dress in white kit with black and yellow ribbons and bells. They have dancing members and musicians from all over Cheshire and beyond and are always looking for new members. Morris dancing is good exercise and fun and it has recently been proven that choreographed dance staves off dementia and is good for the health!

We are grateful to Ron Dunn, a Marston resident and proud Morris Dancer for contributing this article. ...and if you fancy a go come and see him with **The Earl of Stamford Morris Dancers who will be performing at The Salt Barge on Tuesday 17th July from approximately 8pm! Free!**

Other Events

At Northwich Memorial Court

July 14th An evening of Motown and Soul with Diane Shaw

After 20 years performing on stage alongside Soul Legends such as Tito Jackson, The Stylistics, Martha Reeves, Sister Sledge and many more, Diane Shaw finally takes her turn in the spotlight and brings her own debut album set, encompassing everything she has learned from the masters before her.

July 24th When You're Smiling

Join Neil Sands and his wonderful West End cast for a nostalgic trip back down memory lane filled with plenty of your favourite songs from the 1940s right through to the 1970s. From The Andrews Sisters to Abba, Doris Day to The Carpenters, and from Bill Haley to The Beatles, this eclectic music was bound together with stunning costumes, amazing voices and enough good old fashioned fun to keep you smiling for days on end!

For other future events: www.facebook.com/pg/NorthwichMC/events/

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10th – 11th August at Marbury Park

Our local music-man resident Iain Stead and his Mack's Music is organising an **Acoustic Music and Ale Weekend**. Entry is free and camping only £10 per pitch per night. Great selection of cask ales and 2 music tents.

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www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk/pages/1423/1/Register.html



Green Fingers

Jobs in the Garden this month ... July

Move your house plants out of doors for the summer. Give the leaves a dust and a shower, then give the roots a feed and a good soaking.

- Give hanging basket plants a trim to encourage them to bush out. Feed once a week and water once a day
- Strawberry plants will have thrown out runners by now. Pin them onto the surface of pots of compost and keep them well watered, they will root and can then be severed from the main plant and can then be used to plant up a new bed for next year

Task for this month... July

Re-sow your seeds ... typically we make a frenzy of sowings late spring, early summer and then sit back and watch everything grow. This leads to a wonderful heap of produce and flowers in July and August, but little beyond. Sowing again now will extend the season until Autumn, Winter and into next Spring, and is easy when the ground is warm and seeds can be sown direct. There are lots of plants and vegetables that can be sown now for future colour, fragrance and produce:

- Late Summer vegetables: Sow short rows of Spinach, Lettuce, Rocket, Beetroot, Radish and Spring Onions every few weeks, Make a final sowing of Courgettes, French Beans and Peas
- Biennial Flowers: These are plants that need to grow through one season to flower the next. Includes Foxgloves, Sweet William, Sweet Rocket and night scented Stock
- Autumn vegetables: Sow rows of oriental greens such as Pak Choi and your last batch of Beetroot and Fennel
- Winter and Spring vegetables: It is too late to start Brussel Sprouts, Winter Cabbages and Winter Cauliflowers but you can buy plug plants and plant them now. Sow Autumn Cabbages, Winter Carrots and Turnips now

Reflections #5 – Flaming June



It flaming well was!

Sat here in the garden at 10.30pm – a gentle almost non-existent breeze ruffled the lavender sending waves of its scent across the garden. Is this the same Cheshire as the grey skies and persistent drizzle of February or March?

Now what I really want to see is the rain! What am I saying? Yes, I really would like it to rain. A constant but steady downpour to soak the now greedy soil; to fill the fruits on the raspberry canes, tiny and temptingly small; to plump up the broad peas and peas; to fill my long empty water butts.

Mid-June brought voluptuously black and heavy skies. They skirted us by – dumping their watery contents everywhere it seemed, but here. Rain in Stockport, rain in Manchester (or so A, my allotment friend, told me). Flash floods in the South! Cheshire remained dry.

And when it does rain? Oh my days such moaning and consternation about the British weather. But when it does rain . . .

Go outside and listen to its steady drone. Smell the earth laden with its moisture. Feel the weight of the filled water butts.

NB Remember Swallows and Amazons? First brood hatched!

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DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better

To paint a picture or write a letter,
Bake a cake or plant a seed,
Ponder the difference between
want and need.

Dust if you must, but there's not
much time,
With rivers to swim and mountains
to climb,
Music to hear and books to read,

Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out
there,
With the sun in your eyes, the wind
in your hair,
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.
This day will not come round again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go - and go you must
You, yourself, will make more dust.

Rose Milligan

The Rev'd Alec Brown's page

Garden Party

Thanks to everyone who helped with, supported in any way and of course attended this year's Garden Party, hosted by Cransley School at Belmont Hall. There was a very good attendance and just over £1,500 was raised; so thank you one and all.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 1st July 10.30am All Age Service with baptism – all very welcome

Thursday 5th July 7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer in the Quiet Garden

Sunday 15th July 6.30pm Deanery Evensong at Arley Chapel, with picnic beforehand from 5pm

Sunday 1st Aug 10.30am All Age Service for Lammastide – all very welcome

Thursday 2nd August 7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer in the Quiet Garden

Advance notice – Friday 21st September at 7.30pm Performance in church by the Osiligi Masai Warriors – do not miss it!

Church enhancement/improvement proposals

Following further discussions at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and within the PCC, the Churchwardens, Chairman of the Restoration Committee and I met with the Architect to discuss the ideas ahead of a joint PCC and Restoration Committee Meeting on 12th July. Additional ideas which had been raised and will be incorporated – the widening and extending of the lower chancel step, the provision of handrails for the chancel steps, the removal of two rows of pews on the south side of the choir to create a bespoke storage unit. Please therefore continue to voice your thoughts and ideas on these proposals – the drawings can be seen in church and commented on in a notebook. The original paper about the proposals is reproduced in the July edition of the Parish Magazine and can also be seen in church. The work will be a lasting, fitting and positive addition to the church – environmentally, aesthetically and practically. Although unanimous agreement on the proposals may not be possible consultation with all of you is important – so please have your say – it's your Church! Also the overall process may be slow and not easy, though replacement of the boilers will be easier. The work on the clock is likely to be done later in the summer or in the autumn.

The Revd Alec Brown.

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- **Letters Home: Communications on the Front**

20 July - 16 November

This poignant exhibition displays the collections gathered during the last four years during the Cheshire Great War Roadshows and reveals communications with the Front.

- **Superhero Summer**

31 July - 1 August ; 10.30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm.

Suggested donation £2.

With so many Superhero blockbusters in the cinema this summer, it's only right we do a craft to celebrate our favourite Superheroes.

How to contact us:

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