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LONG MARSTON LADIES SPRING YARD SALE

Sunday 23rd May from 10am – 3pm

After our first succesful yard sale last year, we promised we would hold a Spring Clearout in 2021. The month's have sped by, and here is the date!

The event is open to all in the village at £5 per household, (to cover advertising).

Closing date for entries is Sunday 16th May, to allow time for maps to be printed.

If interested, please contact Angela on 721244, or Sheila on 720635.



Editor's Notes

I would like to start by wishing everyone a very Happy Easter. Made more special as we can actually celebrate this holiday with our family and friends (in accordance with the rules of course).

Inserted is a questionnaire from The Village Hall Committee to be completed and returned asap. This will hopefully help with some of the decisions that the committee are being faced with to improve your village hall. We have two new volunteers on the committee but would like a few more. Please email simon@hanagarth.co.uk if interested. Thank you.

A huge thank you to Meg Cond for emailing me her photo of ladybirds in her garden which is this month's front cover which inspired the article on how insects survive winter. As always, please send your photos to marstoneditor@yahoo.com.

Take care and have a wonderful Easter break.

Steph



Parish Council News

Speeding continues to be a concern for residents but as the required street lighting is now in place, work to create the buildouts should now be actioned. Although a long time coming, the persistence of the parish councillors in securing the S106 monies will finally see speed calming measures placed within in the village.

With dog mess continuing to be a problem, Cllr. Perteghella confirmed signs will be erected in the village. We would remind residents to please ensure they pick up after their dog, it is an offence not to do so and could result in a substantial fine.

The Parish Council agreed to support the economic study for the Stratford-Long Marston-Honeybourne-Worcester/Oxford railway -SWO (supporting the study only).

The Department for Transport will fund 75% of costs up to £50,000 for successful study and business case proposals. A further £18,000 has been pledged by local authorities and the rail user groups.

Again, after considerable resolve on the part of the Parish Council to get the open space to the rear of Perry Orchard made fit for purpose, we are pleased to see work finally commence. Once the conditions and work to the site have been concluded, the land will be transferred to the parish Council. It is our aim to reinstate the Open Space working group once the transfer is completed.

Preparation to open the Community Coffee Shop with Meon Vale Pavilion continues to gain pace and we very much looking

forward to finally opening the doors. Plans are equally developing with regards to the allotments, lease agreements are currently being finalised to allow residents to use / share the plots.

The food share scheme continues to provide food support to a large number of families. Serving Long Marston, Meon Vale, Quinton and surrounding villages, the operation is managed by the Pavilion Community Centre manager and a dedicated team of volunteers. We would like to thank M&S, Morrison's and in particular Waitrose who have been extremely supportive. We would also like to thank The Restaurant Group who continue to provide hands on assistance and of course a big thank you to all residents who generously donate essential items to the foodbank.

PLANNING

Virtually all existing applications are still pending except for the following which have been approved:

20/00608/REM- LMA 400, first 154 dwellings on Airfield, roundabout link to Campden Road, pedestrian/cycle link to Lower Quinton as well as to the Greenway.

20/02806/FUL – Pear Tree Close, two storey rear extension.

20/03000/FUL- 34 Barley Fields, conversion of garage.

20/01144/LDE, *Quinton Rail Technology Centre, Lawful Development for various buildings- application withdrawn.*

Next Meeting 19th April 2021

Debbie Woodliffe Parish Clerk.

2021 Long Marston Village Hall Survey

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee we need your help!

As residents of Long Marston, the Committee is keen to understand your views of this important village asset and how you think it could be better utilised within the community in the future and also what improvements, if any, should be considered.

This questionnaire will only take a few minutes of your time, and the Committee will greatly value your response to it. You will find a printed version with your copy of this month's newsletter (which you can drop in at the Poppin once completed), or you can visit the Long Marston website and complete an electronic version there - marstonicca-pc.gov.uk

Thank you

Long Marston Village Hall Committee

Interested in starting up a Long Marston Toddler Group?

For many, many years we had a busy and vibrant toddler group meeting once a week in our village hall. In the last few years, we have had a huge resurgence of young families in the village.

It really is just a great place to meet, have a coffee, and let the kids have a play in a safe environment.

Please email marstoneditor@yahoo.com to register interest. Update next month.

The Poppin

We are delighted to announce that from Tuesday 6th April, we are extending our opening times.

The Poppin shop will be open:

Monday to Friday from 8am – 4pm.

Saturday and Sunday from 9am – 12pm.

(As from April we will be charging 10p for a carrier bag).

The Post Office will be open:

Monday and Tuesday from 9am – 3pm.

Wednesday and Thursday from 9am – 2pm

Friday from 9am to 12pm.

The Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter



Otto Beasmore – April 2nd

George Derry – April 17th

Dalton Peter Hall – April 2nd

Ollie Phipps – April 23rd

Griffin Hall – April 12th

William Gray – April 24th

Tom Neville – April 13th

Brea Pote – April 26th

Congratulations to Sophie Neville who celebrates her eighteenth birthday on April 7th.

If you would like your child's birthday to appear in the newsletter, please email me: marstoneditor@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE/CARE

These are uncertain times. We are mindful of the impact that this can impose upon some of our community, possibly resulting in dramatic changes to personal circumstances - be it health and/or financial difficulties. As a community, we shall continue to pull together, offering support and assistance.

We have the following support systems in place:

Community Care – collection and delivery of prescriptions/shopping to vulnerable or isolating households. Please contact **Simon Hanagarth (0795588529)** or **Matt Neville (07753904304)**.

Community Food Share – Operated by a small team of volunteers who distribute food to those who require extra help

during this pandemic. Please contact **Stephenie Hillier (07720975023)** or **Debbie Woodliffe (07845437702)**. All inquiries and conversations are strictly confidential.

If you would like to donate food towards **The Community Food Share** there will be a collection box outside **The Poppin, Long Marston** and inside **Londis, Meon Vale**. Thank you.



Report from your District Councillor



Dear Residents

Hope you are all keeping well. Spring is coming, bringing flowers and bloom, and the warmer weather.

As I write, the government has announced gradual changes to lockdown

restrictions from Monday 8th March, setting out a 4-step roadmap out of the current lockdown for England, including children going back to school. The roadmap will be reviewed depending on the impact of the previous step on the situation with Covid 19.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all NHS workers, GP practices and volunteer vaccinators who are working very hard day in day out to get us all vaccinated.

Census 2021

All households in our district were asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801 (with the exception of 1941). The Census is important as the information gathered, including population numbers, will help decide how services are planned and funded in our area (including future care planning, local housing needs, future skill provision, road improvements, transport changes, emergency services, libraries, waste collection and disposal).

The Electoral Boundary Review Commission is seeking consultation on reviewing ward boundaries for Stratford on Avon District Council. The consultation ends on 3 May 2021. The Commission has announced that it is minded to recommend that the council should have 41 councillors in the future (at present it's 36). They will be drawing up a new pattern of wards to accommodate 41 councillors. The

Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Stratford on Avon District Council to make sure councillors represent about the same number of electors. You can take part in the consultation here: consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/24993

UPDATE: District Council Merger

As I reported in the previous issue, Stratford and Warwick District Councils are proposing to merge into one district council. There is already some joint working going on, particularly in planning policy and the two Councils already share two management roles - Head of Community & Operational Services and Head of ICT. A Programme Director for Climate Change is also working across the two councils.

On the 22nd February the council debated and voted on the principle of the merger, mainly creating one council at district level. However, this new proposed larger district council could be a precursor to a South Warwickshire unitary, an alternative to the County Council's proposal for a single county unitary. At this stage Councillors are being asked to agree to a vision statement and an 'in principle' road map. I understand that the submission to Government will be the subject of a further report for approval by all councillors. Subject to this being passed a programme of implementation will be agreed by July 2021.

I understand that the local government devolution White Paper is now due to come out in May, and the County Council has already submitted a proposal for a single Warwickshire unitary. While I and my group believe that, if local government reform is coming, a South Warwickshire local authority would be more beneficial for our wards than a single, large Warwickshire unitary, we also made it clear to the Cabinet that we want to be fully informed and able to do our job of scrutinising the merger properly. We stressed how communication and a meaningful consultation with residents are vital. The main

issues for me are council tax harmonisation (WDC has a higher council tax threshold), the number of councillors (there must be proper representation and not a democratic deficit) and planning decisions must remain local.

Business Support Grants

Following the Prime Ministers announcement on Monday 22nd February, a further round of Business Rate Grant payments will be made for the period 16th February 2021 to 31st March 2021. The levels of the grants will be the same as the previous lockdown period. The grants cover exactly the same businesses and the eligibility is exactly the same as the lockdown period 4th Jan 2021 to 15th Feb 2021. If you have a business and have already received a grant from the Council, the team will use the details previously supplied. However, if you have not applied before, you can fill the form on the SDC website.

UPDATE Motion for tackling food insecurity and promoting food justice

At the February Council meeting, I proposed a motion to tackle household food insecurity in our district, which has, sadly, increased during the pandemic. I'm in contact with campaigners, our brilliant local food banks, and have attended the virtual event on local welfare by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Ending the Need for Foodbanks. The motion was presented to Cabinet in March. Sadly the Cabinet recommended the motion for rejection. I'm disappointed that the Cabinet has rejected the motion on the basis that some work has already been done by the County Council. While I'm pleased to see that the County council is moving in the right direction, the motion clearly asked for a coordinated approach between the two local authorities and other stakeholders. Most importantly, the motion asked for the District council to put food poverty action at the heart of its policies in the areas for which this council has sole responsibility. While the motion was recommended to Council for rejection by the Cabinet, I will continue to campaign on this issue, and support initiatives and partnerships

so that everyone has the right to afford and access healthy food.

UPDATE Budget amendments

Our alternative budget and amendments have been voted down by the Council. Among our amendments we proposed a dedicated senior Business Support and Development Officer to encourage economic wellbeing and development in the district. We are seeing that increasingly government funding is accessed through highly competitive bids. This post would have ensured expertise and focus on coordinating and submitting bids. We also proposed a Community Climate Change Fund to enable community groups to promote change to achieve the Council's net zero target by the provision of grants. This was also voted down, but we are working to see whether we can propose this initiative as part of the wider climate emergency agenda in partnership with Warwick District Council.

Footpath vandalism

I have been informed by residents of further acts of vandalism to footpaths in Long Marston. I understand the police has also been informed. I have contacted the council's Anti-Social Behaviour officer to get some advice.

Dogs mess

Residents have been concerned about dogs' mess around Long Marston and Meon Vale. This means that footpaths are less pleasant for the community to walk and explore. Please can I ask we all look after our dogs when we are out and about. I want to thank all those visitors and residents who are being considerate.

Finally... Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need help, or with any query, issue or concern you might have.

Stay safe and warmest best wishes

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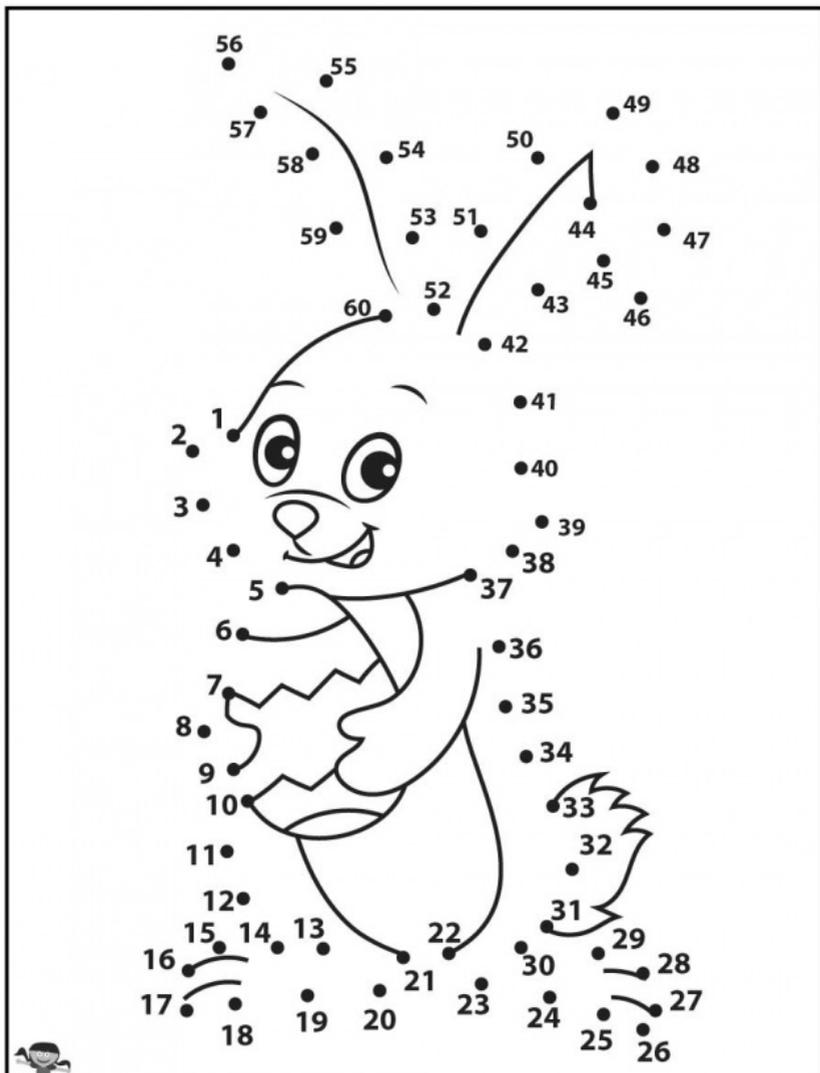
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Exciting news for the children of Long Marston!

On the 29th of March contractors are going to be very busy improving Barley Fields playground! Yeah! There will be a climbing frame with a slide and a basket swing, to name two new pieces of equipment, but there is more. The playground will be open for you all to use and have fun, on Saturday the 10th of April.

A huge thank you to the Parish Council, who have made all this possible...THANK YOU

Margaret Clarke
Parish Councillor



Public Worship to recommence on Easter Sunday (but 'zoom' continues)

Following recent Government guidelines, we are planning to reopen our churches from Easter Sunday onwards. As restrictions lift, additional worship opportunities will be added.

Going forward we will be working closely together as a 'community of churches' and we would encourage you to go along to a service that suits your needs, even if it's not in your local church. A very warm welcome awaits you.

Social distancing still needs to be maintained and face coverings worn until further notice (even if you have had both vaccines). Singing is not yet allowed.

It is essential that you book in advance. Bookings open the preceding Monday. Please email revdrosgreenhalgh@gmail.com or telephone 01789 751546 (leave a message).

Our Sunday 'zoom' service will continue at 10am until such time that we can all worship together safely. The zoom link is here: tinyurl.com/3e8685ma

Or telephone: 0203 481 5237
Meeting ID: 280 425 9644
Password: 390290

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4TH

St Peter's Welford

Family Communion 10.30am

All Saints Weston

Holy Communion 9am

St Swithin's Lower Quinton

Family Communion 10.30am

St James Long Marston

Holy Communion 9am

SUNDAY APRIL 11TH

All Saints Weston

Holy Communion 9am

St Swithin's Lower Quinton

Holy Communion 10.30am

SUNDAY APRIL 18TH

St Peter's Welford

Holy Communion 9am

St James Long Marston

Breakfast Service 10.30am (bring your own refreshments)

SUNDAY APRIL 25TH

All Saints Weston

Holy Communion 9am

St Swithin's Lower Quinton

Family Communion 10.30am

SUNDAY MAY 2ND

St Peter's Welford

Family Communion 10.30am

St James Long Marston

Holy Communion 9am

SUNDAY MAY 9TH

All Saints Weston

Holy Communion 9am

St Swithin's Lower Quinton

Holy Communion 10.30am

SUNDAY MAY 16TH

St Peter's Welford

Holy Communion 9am

St James Long Marston

Breakfast Service 10.30am (bring your own refreshments)

SUNDAY MAY 23RD PENTECOST

All Saints Weston

Holy Communion 9am

St Swithin's Lower Quinton

Family Communion 10.30am

SUNDAY MAY 30TH TRINITY SUNDAY

United Service at Long Marston 10.30am

(bring a chair or picnic rug and some refreshments if the weather is sunny!)

A helpful guide to how lockdown will be lifted

Following on from last month's article to lifting of lockdown, I thought that we should keep the following article for reference. Nearly there people!! (N.B. Rules may have changed since going to print).

STEP 1, PART 2 – 29 MARCH

- Outdoor gatherings allowed of up to six people, or two households if this is larger, not just in parks but also gardens.
- Outdoor sport for children and adults will be allowed including outdoor swimming pools.
- The official stay at home order will end, but people will be encouraged to stay local – the definition of local will largely be left to people's discretion.
- People will still be asked to work from home where possible, with no overseas travel allowed beyond the current small number of exceptions.

STEP 2 – NO EARLIER THAN 12 APRIL

- Reopening of non-essential retail, hair and nail salons, and public buildings such as libraries.
- Most outdoor venues open, including pubs and restaurants but only for outdoor tables and beer gardens. Customers will have to be seated but there will be no need to have a meal with alcohol.
- Also reopening will be settings such as zoos and theme parks. However, social contact rules will apply here, so no indoor mixing between households and limits on outdoor mixing.
- Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms and pools can also open but again people can only go alone or with their own household.
- Reopening of holiday lets with no shared facilities, but only for one household.
- Funerals can have up to 30 attendees, while weddings, receptions and wakes can have 15.
- While it is not part of step 2, this is the earliest point after which the bulk of university students could know about the

resumption of face-to-face classes. A review of this will take place at the end of the Easter holidays.

STEP 3 – NO EARLIER THAN 17 MAY

- Most mixing rules lifted outdoors, with a limit of 30 people meeting in parks or gardens.
- Indoor mixing will be allowed, up to six people or, if it is more people, two households.
- Indoor venues such as the inside of pubs and restaurants, hotels and B&Bs, play centres, cinemas, museums, and group exercise classes will reopen. The new indoor and outdoor mixing limits will remain for pubs and other hospitality venues.
- This will be the earliest date at which international holidays could resume, subject to a review – see the list of reviews below.
- For sport, indoor venues can have up to 1,000 spectators or half capacity, whichever is lower; outdoors the limit will be 4,000 people or half capacity, whichever is lower. Very large outdoor seated venues, such as big football stadiums, where crowds can be spread out, will have a limit of 10,000 people, or a quarter full, whichever is fewer.
- Weddings will be allowed a limit of 30 people, with other events such as christenings and bar mitzvahs also permitted.

STEP 4 – NO EARLIER THAN 21 JUNE

- All legal limits removed on mixing will be removed and the last sectors to remain closed, such as nightclubs, will reopen. Large events can take place.
- There are likely to be changes to wider social distancing measures, but this will be decided in a separate review.



Dog Thefts

We understand there are concerns being voiced by our communities, particularly on social media, around dogs being stolen.

"We never underestimate the devastating impact the theft of a cherished pet can be to both the owner and the animal, and while it is still a rare crime, it's sadly something we are seeing an increase in nationally.

"We are doing all we can to prevent offences and investigate those which have taken place. Please see our advice and if you do see any suspicious activity, report it to us."

Advice:

- Ensure your dog is microchipped, your contact details are up to date and they have an ID tag.
- Have clear photos of your dog/s showing any identifiable marks, in case you need them for identification purposes.
- Do not leave your dog tied up outside a shop or unattended in a car.
- If you do let your dog off a lead, keep them close to you, always within sight and ensure they have good recall.
- Ensure your property is secure and do not leave your dog unattended in the garden.
- Vary where you walk, including the times and locations.
- Be careful what you post on social media, especially if you have puppies, and ensure your privacy settings are up-to-date.
- Consider a GPS tracker collar.
- If you are thinking of buying a dog, ensure it is from a reputable breeder or centre. If you are buying a dog online or through social media, please consider where the pet has come from and ensure that it is being purchased legally.

The Blue Cross website has a wide range of advice on how to prevent theft of dogs and steps to take if this happens.

Easter Kids Jokes

- Q:** What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
A: Bugs Bunny.
- Q:** How does the easter bunny stay in shape?
A: He eggs-ercises.
- Q:** What is the easter bunny's favourite dance move?
A: The bunny hop.
- Q:** Is it true that carrots are good for your eyesight?
A: Well, you never see rabbits wearing glasses.



COVID-19 VACCINE FACT CHECK



The COVID-19 vaccine will always be available free of charge.



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Long Marston Ladies

A quiz with a twist via Zoom and hosted by Sandra Ashford made for a pleasant brain searching evening. Questions on advertising slogans and theme tunes were just two of the subjects covered. The remaining time of the evening spent just chatting.



Long Marston Ladies are to hold the second yard sale on Sunday May 23rd (Covid permitting). Many requests prompted this to be an annual event.

Stay safe.

Angela and Sheila

Mental Health Awareness

So many of us have struggled to adapt to the restrictions of the pandemic and the impact that it has had on our lifestyle. For our young adults, this is a total overturn of what they are used to.

If this resonates with you or with someone you know, please find below some **FREE APPS TO DOWNLOAD**, designed specifically for this age group.
(Always phone your GP for professional advice).



STUDENT HEALTH APP

Reduce your worries, feel more confident and get the health information you need as a student



CHILL PANDA

Being tested in the NHS
Use breathing techniques to help you relax more, worry less and feel better



MEE TWO

A safe and secure forum for teenagers wanting to discuss any issue affecting their lives



BLUE ICE

This app helps young people manage their emotions and reduce urges to self-harm

Nosh and Natter Group

Luncheons, Trips4U, Meon Tea and Chatter, + New Nosh on Wheels

Hello everyone and hope that you are adjusting to the new circumstances and keeping safe.

Following the recent announcements from The Government about the new variant of Covid 19 it may still be a while before our Lunches can take place. However, we are hoping that if everything goes to plan our lunches may restart in July 2021, and the Meon Tea and Chatter in August.

Trips4U

We are now able to confirm the following Day Trips: -

Weston Super Mare with an afternoon Tea on the way home September 6th, 2021

Hereford for festive shopping and lunch November 15th 2021.

Turkey Tinsel Holiday

This will be going ahead on Monday November 29th for 4 nights and the resort is now offering an inclusive package including tea/coffee/drinks with some exceptions.

Nosh on Wheels

This venture is still going ahead till July 2021 following the governments opening up plans after lockdown. The team of volunteers and Isobel Slatter thank the members for all the messages of gratitude and praise.

Meon Vale

The Elf's from the Santa weekend are looking to plan something for Easter so please look out for the posters and Facebook page for their plans.

In the meantime: - Please Keep Safe and follow the Governments regulations for Covid so that we can all start to get back to normal by June 21st as planned.

Barbara Craig

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Long Marston W.I.

We are looking forward to being able to hold proper meetings; but in the meantime are arranging activities in sixes, such as walking and coffee together outside .

Next Meeting on zoom
Wednesday 14 April 2pm

Liz Marcuse

Long Marston Gardening Club

Jobs to do in April:

- Protect fruit blossoms from late frost – Drape two or three layers of row cover fabric over your plants, or use plastic, sheets, or any other light material you have to hand. Make sure it extends to ground level to trap warmer air next to the tree. Strawberries, being compact and ground-hugging, are the easiest of all to protect.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
- Sow hardy annuals.
- Feed hungry shrubs and roses.
- Sow new lawns, repair bare patches and attack moss problems.

Hopefully, when restrictions are lifted the club will once again be paying visits to gardens throughout our beautiful countryside.

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Building a New Community

The Executive Committee of Meon Vale Resident's Association (MVRA) has been thinking about what our priorities should be and how we can best serve our community. We are planning to survey residents a little later in the year, but in the meantime, we are actioning issues relating to the construction sites in the village to relevant organisations, to help address some of the challenges we face when living in-the-midst of several construction sites (including noise, litter, street lighting, unadopted roads and heavy construction traffic).

All residents of Meon Vale, Cotswold Vale and Meon Way Gardens are welcome to join the new Resident's Association. The more residents who join, the more we can represent everyone's views and make

sure that the issues or problems faced by residents are heard by the appropriate organisations. And the bigger our membership, the louder our voice. To join, just email meonvaleresidents@gmail.com or type <http://eepurl.com/hrl34T> into your internet browser and complete the online form.

There are several COVID safe events planned over the Easter weekend for families, including an Easter egg hunt around the woods on the afternoon of Sunday 4th April. There is also the Easter Saturday Hippy Hop window decoration competition on Saturday 3rd April. The best way to keep up to date with village news and events is to follow our new Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MeonValeRA.

How sad

Once again, the subject of lazy owners not picking up their dog's mess is again an issue that needs to be highlighted.

The Greenway is always a hot spot, but there have been several complaints re the frontage of Barley Fields, and the open space in Old Brewery Field.

The following is important information re Old Brewery Field.

The Old Brewery Field LAP (local area of play) is a small area of open space specifically designated and primarily laid out for very young children to play close to where they live. LAPs are designed to allow for ease of informal observation and supervision, and primarily function to encourage informal play and social interaction for children under 6 years of age.

By allowing your dog to poop in these areas, you are endangering the safety of these children. We are so lucky to have a wide variety of open spaces and walks PERFECT for you to walk your dog. So, please do.



Easter Wordsearch

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SO WE CAN FULLY OPEN FROM THE 12TH OF MAY! AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR TEN MONTHS SINCE MARCH 2020 WE WANT TO MAKE THIS A SUMMER TO REMEMBER!

TO GIVE US A HELPING HAND WITH THE GARDENS THIS YEAR WE ARE TURNING TO OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY TO GROW, BUY OR DONATE A FLOWER, PLANT OR BUSH, READY FOR PLANTING AT THE START OF MAY GET THE KIDS INVOLVED AND THEY CAN COME ALONG AND PLANT THEIR DONATION WITH A NAME TAG NEXT TO IT

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

ADAM, DEREK & THE TEAM

Mini Egg Easter Bark* (so easy, so yummy)

Ingredients

- 200g white chocolate • 200g dark chocolate
- 2 large handfuls of Cadbury's mini eggs
- sugar strands and sprinkles

Method

1. Line a square baking tin with non-stick baking paper. If you are using a silicone tray there is no need to do this as the cold chocolate will come out easily enough. You can use any size of tray but remember that the smaller it is, the thicker the bark will be. I used a 9 inch square one.
2. Place the mini eggs in a sandwich bag and bash them with a rolling-pin to break them up a bit. Set aside.
3. Place a bowl over a pan of barely simmering water, ensuring that the bottom of the bowl does not touch the water. Place the white chocolate in the bowl and stirring occasionally, allow it to melt, taking it off the heat while there are still a few small lumps remaining. Stir until these have disappeared.

4. Pour into the prepared tin in blobs, leaving gaps in-between and scraping out as much of the chocolate as possible.

5. Return the bowl to the pan and place the dark chocolate in it and repeat step 2.

6. Pour the melted dark chocolate into the tin, filling in the gaps between the white chocolate. It does not matter if some of it drizzles over the white chocolate.

7. Take a skewer and swirl it through the chocolate in order to create a marbled effect.

8. Scatter over the broken pieces of mini eggs followed by the sugar strand and sprinkles.

9. Leave to set in a cool place (not the fridge).

10. Once it has set, remove from the tin and cut into pieces. Store in an air-tight container.

**not responsible for the sugar rush
of your bairns and waines*

Fun Activities over Easter for the kids

*So, who doesn't love decorating easter eggs? There are so many fun ways of getting creative. One way is egg dyeing. Here are instructions for a **VOLCANO EGG**.*

Materials needed

- Hard boiled eggs • Food colouring • Vinegar
- Baking Soda • Paint brushes • Some cups
- Big-lipped plate or bowl to stop mess going everywhere! • A cup of water

Method

1. Create baking soda paint by using a tablespoon (or so) of baking soda, couple teaspoons of water, and some food colouring. Mix it up and experiment until you have the consistency you want.
2. Grab a paint brush and start painting your eggs.
3. Drop some food colouring splashes onto

your egg using a dropper, or old medicine syringe.

4. Pour vinegar on top of the egg and watch the "volcanic eruption" all around your egg. (Picture the bubbling of a baking soda volcano, but more colourful). Every time is different based on your colour combinations.

5. Repeat steps 2,3 and 4 again and again until you get bored and are ready to move onto the next egg.

6. Pat the excess vinegar off lightly, or just let them dry.

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In winter a lot of our wildlife starts to disappear - where do they go?

When Spring arrives, we aren't the only ones to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather and fresh air! You have probably noticed that there are a lot more bugs outside at this time of year than during the colder months. So where do they go? And how do they survive winter? Many mammals hibernate, some birds migrate, and the butterflies and dragonflies we saw all summer are gone. But where?

Most insects synchronise their activity with the warmer weather – their ability to move, feed and reproduce is governed by the ambient temperature. So come winter, they need to find a way to survive the freeze. The insects we have seen all summer are still around, they are just less conspicuous – both in appearance and behaviour.

Do insects hibernate?

Yes, some. Insect hibernation is known as diapause. A few adult insects are able to survive winter in a dormant state. They enter a state of suspended animation, finding shelter in homes, holes in trees, in leaf litter, under logs and under rocks.

Like mammals, these insects enter a state of torpor. Their metabolism slows and their temperature drops while their heart rate slows. Some insects produce anti-freeze chemicals that enable them to become "super-cooled". These chemicals work to prevent build-up of ice, which can rupture



Some bees hibernate beneath the ground. This ash mining bee is emerging from a burrow

and destroy the insect's delicate cells and tissues. In very low temperatures however, these chemicals can fail, and the insect is killed by ice.

Who hibernates where:

Bees – many species are different. Honey bees last out winter in the hive, huddling together and remaining semi-active, while bumblebees hibernate. For many species of wasp and bee, only the queen hibernates. In the summer the queen mates and new queens are born. These new queens leave the hive and spend the winter buried in soil, while the rest of the colony perishes. Solitary bees, meanwhile, often seal themselves in hollow stems, or in bug hotels, to survive the winter.

Wasps – similarly to bees, all species are different. Some queens will hibernate while the others die off, and some solitary species will hide themselves away in plant stems and underground.

Ladybirds – You can find groups of ladybird beetles huddled together for warmth under tree bark or on plants.

Aquatic insects – many of the inhabitants of the common garden pond simply sink to the bottom, waiting out the winter insulated by the water above. The nymphs of a few species of dragonfly, however, will be active beneath surface.

Butterflies – You may find butterflies hibernating, hanging upside down inside your garden sheds.

For other species, their life cycle allows them to avoid the worst of winter. Many adult insects will die after breeding in the summer. The next generation then lives on and lasts out the winter as eggs or larvae. They are concealed in the leaf litter, soil or under bark, just waiting for the warmth of spring.

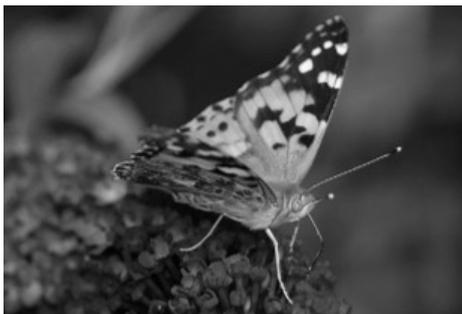


Do insects remain active in winter?

Yes, a great many do remain active. Rummage around in the leaf litter, delve into some grassy tussocks or dip a few ponds and you will find plenty of small animals. In some of these microhabitats the insulation provided by the overlying vegetation or water takes the teeth from winter's bite, and the temperatures may remain high enough for activity to continue.

A few species of spider remain active throughout the winter, and there are even a few unusual insects that are busy with courtship and mating during the winter, such as winter moths (*Operophtera brumata*) and winter gnats (*Trichocera annulata*).

Male winter moths are commonly seen in the glare of car headlights when driving near woods and hedgerows from late autumn



through to February. The peculiar female with tiny, useless wings is more difficult to find, but look on various broad-leaved trees and shrubs such as oak, birch, hawthorn, and heather. The eggs they lay on these plants hatch in early spring. Winter gnats can often be seen lekking in the depths of winter and are able to take to the air in temperatures just above freezing thanks, again, to anti-freeze chemicals.

Do insects migrate?

Yes, a few do. Monarch butterflies are most famous migrant, travelling from the US to Mexico every year, and a few do turn up in the UK. Painted lady butterflies arrive in the UK every year from Africa, while clouded yellows can come across the channel in great clouds.



To make a home for solitary bees go to friendsoftheearth.uk, build a bee motel. Send in your photos and we can put on our village website www.longmarstonvillage.co.uk.

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