



MARSTON
SICCA

PARISH NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER/JANUARY 26

EDITORS NOTES

Thanks to all our fantastic volunteers who work so hard throughout the year in various capacities throughout the village. We have many different organisations including The Parish Council, all the volunteer's that keep us shoppin' in The Poppin, the village hall committee, church committee, shoebox team, and the volunteers who run all the village clubs.

The next newsletter is the February edition, so please email your articles to editor@uber doodle.com by Monday January 26th.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Simon

PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council is aware of ongoing anti-social behaviour in Meon Vale, which affects residents and incurs repair costs for the parish council due to vandalism. Expanding CCTV to key areas is costly, exceeding £10k for full setup. However, cameras already owned can be placed on the village hall at minimal expense; footage will not be monitored but will be available for review if needed. Marston Sicca has proposed a joint meeting with neighbouring parish councils, police, and other stakeholders to discuss ways to address the issue.

With increasing responsibilities and rising costs, the parish council is in the process of reviewing its budget and the financial requirements for the next fiscal year with funding in mind; To ensure that we are able to meet the needs of our electorate, the parish council will submit a request for funding support from the district council's community grant scheme. Our report will summarise the significant growth in our parish, the needs of a diverse community and the costs to maintain and manage key assets.

Residents will recall a recent traffic and speed awareness forum held in Long Marston Village Hall. The data included is available to see on the parish council website: Long Marston Parish Council – Long Marston Parish Council. Council members asked C.Councillor Cliff Brown about the traffic survey being conducted which will combine Long Marston and Welford and to provide feedback as the work progresses. Cllr. Brown also confirmed the additional build out to Long Marston will be concluded in the current fiscal year.

Planning Matters

25/02627/REM Land off Long Marston Road, Welford CV37 8RA
Reserved matters application for 5 industrial units totalling 837 square metres with 13 car parking spaces following outline approval granted for 22/00051/OUT
Decision: Object for following reasons
Marston Sicca PC supported outline application 22/00051/OUT but we cannot support the reserved matters application as the Design Statement from the applicant which states: 5 industrial units with

Breakfast Service 1st Sunday of the month



Food from: 10:30am
Informal Feel, Food, Refreshments
Little ones friendly &
All Ages Welcome



All Age Communion

3rd Sunday of the month

10:30am

Our all age communion begins with refreshments and pastries, we use accessible language and engaging activities for children.
All are welcome!



@ St James, Long Marston
[rivervalechurches](http://rivervalechurches.com)

13 car parking spaces and a large open storage to the rear of the site differs from that of the Visual Impact Assessment. The Visual Impact Assessment supplied by the applicant quotes 6 units with a total area of 6,840 sqm and 179 car parking spaces, along with 36 cycle parking spaces. This is clearly at odds with the Design Statement. We also have no idea what the large open area is to be used for. The Case Officer has been contacted to discuss our concerns.

Parish Clerk

LONG MARSTON LADIES

Olympic Silver Medal winner for rowing Esme Booth made a return visit to Long Marston Ladies for “ One Year On “
Esme recapped on her journey to the Olympic Games in Paris, dedicating her life to the intensive training reaching her goal to compete.

The last year has been eventful including two hip operations and gaining a position of commercial analyst with the promotion and sponsorship company TwoCircles Sports Agency.
Esme finds time for walking and cycling etc but rowing has taken a back seat telling everyone she misses the team spirit.

THE POPPIN CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES 2025



Tuesday 23rd Dec : 8am - 4pm
Wednesday 24th Dec : 8am - 4pm
CHRISTMAS DAY: CLOSED
BOXING DAY: 9am - 11am
Saturday 27th Dec : 8am - midday
Sunday 28th Dec : 8am - midday
Monday 29th Dec : 8am - 4pm
Tuesday 30th Dec : 8am - 4pm
Wednesday 31st Dec : 8am - 4pm
NEW YEARS DAY : 9am - 11am
Thursday 2nd Jan : 8am - 4pm

FESTIVE CHEERS FROM THE POPPIN SHOP

As Christmas approaches we have lots of lovely festive lines for sale

Delicious hand raised pork pies and game pies in various sizes from Wests bakery will be available to order along with handmade mince pies, Christmas cake and puddings . We also have a lovely selection of festive flapjacks and iced cakes in from our new supplier The Yorkshire Flapjack company .

A lovely selection of hand turned wooden carved Christmas trees , reindeer , snowman and key rings turned by Simon with a donation of the proceeds going to charity .

A great range of gift ideas including Cotswold gins and whiskies , chocolates, fudge, Mrs Darlington's jams and festive marmalades , hand poured soya wax candles and melts plus we have Christmas cards , gift wrap , gift bags etc to complete your buying experience.

Our wide range of wines , spirits beers and ciders are really competitively priced and we are proud to say many are actually cheaper than buying in the supermarkets !

Don't forget we stock a good selection of winter fuel to keep those fires roaring !

Do pop in and see what's available , we even stock paracetamol and hangover drops in presentation tins for those festive fuzzy heads !!

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas

Helen and the Poppin team

LONG MARSTON GARDEN CLUB

We had no outing in November so I am beginning to plan next year's schedule. In the meantime please make a note of our annual lunch at

The Masons Arms on Wednesday 21st January commencing 12.30. The beginning of January I will contact our members with final details of Menu, cost etc. Have a happy Christmas and New Year and any suggestions of gardens to visit, please let me know.
wiggytaylor@gmail.com

LONG MARSTON W.I.

At our November Meeting we welcomed 2 new members and held our AGM. The business side was soon completed and Jordan the Bearded Botanist then covered a table with dried foliage, fir cones etc. He then showed us how to make wreath by using small bunches of foliage etc. He invited members to make some of the bunches. The finished result was amazing and we were all hoping to win it in our raffle! Lisa was the lucky one who took it home!

We then enjoyed some social time and made plans for our Christmas party which will be our December 10th Meeting. Members are encouraged to bring husbands and guests.

Our January Meeting will be on Wednesday January 14th when we will be discussing and voting to decide which resolution to put before the National Conference. Each year the National WI choose a campaign to promote. Their most famous one was "Keep Britain Tidy"!! This year we are encouraging more people to save lives by learning CPR.

We will then welcome Darren Gough (Fireman) who will be giving us a talk entitled "Mud, Grime and Sweat". Visitors are most welcome £5 to include sandwich and cake supper.

CHARITY COFFEE/TEA & CAKE EVENT SUPPORTING DEMENTIA CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Enjoy a natter over a hot drink and piece of cake,
whilst supporting local dementia care provision!

SUNDAY, 25TH JANUARY 2026

LONG MARSTON VILLAGE HALL

2.30 – 4.30 PM

CONTACT JANINE 07792 946356 | Registered charity no 1170074

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The Pavilion - where good coffee meets good company

TOASTIES | PANINIS | SANDWICHES | SOUP

LOCALLY ROASTED COFFEE

TEAS | HOT CHOCOLATE | PASTRIES | CAKES

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Marston Movies – There will not be a film in December but we hope to return in January.

Please look out for posters.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY for December & January

Beavers	1 st	5-7 pm
Yoga	2 nd 9 th 16 th	7-8 pm
Private Booking-Phonetics	5 th 12 th 19 th	10-12 am
Long Marston Ladies	3 rd 17 th	7.30 pm
Christmas Bazaar	6 th	afternoon
Village Hall Committee	8 th	7.30 pm
W.I.	10 th	7.30 pm
Library/Coffee Morning	23 rd	unconfirmed
Private Booking	31 st	

January 2026

Dates as yet unconfirmed for re-start of Beavers, Private Booking – Phonetics

Yoga	6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th	7-8 pm
Long Marston Ladies	7 th	7.30 pm
Private Booking – Band practice	8 th	
W.I.	14 th	7.30 pm
Library/Coffee Morning	20 th	unconfirmed
Dementia Charity Coffee	25 th	afternoon

To book the hall please telephone Anne Harrison 01789 720368

DECEMBER 2025 Special Services



Friday 12th

6.00pm - Carols - Weston

Sunday 14th

10.30am - Christingle - Welford
3.00pm - Bray-Tivity - Meon Village Hall

Thursday 18th

3.00pm - Carols at the Cafe - Meon Vale

Sunday 21st

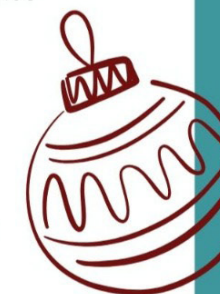
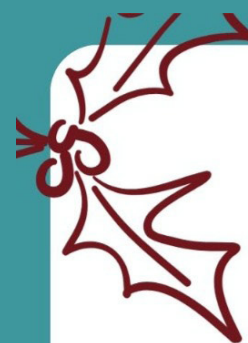
4.00pm - Christingle - Quinton
6.00pm - Carols - Long Marston

Wednesday 24th - Christmas Eve

3.00pm - Crib Service - Quinton
5.00pm - Crib Service - Long Marston
6.00pm - Community Carols - Welford Memorial Hall
11.30pm - Midnight Communion - Quinton
11.30pm - Midnight Communion - Welford

Thursday 25th - Christmas Day

9.00am - Holy Communion - Weston
10.30am - Family Communion - Long Marston
10.30am - Family Communion - Quinton
10.30am - Family Service - Welford



SHOEBOX APPEAL

447 boxes full of goodies are on their way to very poor areas of Eastern Europe, thanks to the generosity of local people. It was great to see so many people helping to pack and especially so many children. 447 Boxes mean 447 Happy Children, receiving a present, probably, for the very first time.

The Shoebox Team are all ready making plans for 2026! We will need used small toys, games and puzzles. Also oddments of paper and unused pages of colouring books for our paper packs. Unsent Christmas cards, fronts of sent cards and oddments of wrapping paper. In fact anything that we can use to fill the boxes. Please leave at The Poppin or the box outside "Gaverne".

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL from the Shoebox Team.



CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2025



RiverVale Churches
Welford | Weston | Quinton | Admington
Long Marston | Meon Vale

📍 St. James the Great - Long Marston

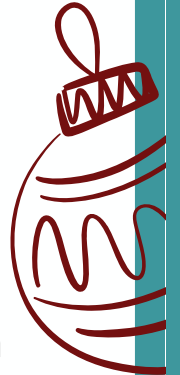
Sunday 7th - Breakfast Service 10.30am

Sunday 21st - All Age Communion 10.30am

- Carols 6.00pm

Wednesday 24th - Crib Service 5.00pm

Christmas Day - Family Communion 10.30am



📍 St. Swithin's - Quinton & Admington

Sunday 14th - Family Communion - 10.30am

Friday 19th - Quinton House Service - 11.00am

Sunday 21st - Christingle - 4.00pm

Wednesday 24th - Crib service 3.00pm

Christmas Day - Family Communion 10.30am

Sunday 28th - Benefice Communion - 10.30am



📍 Meon Vale

Sunday 14th - Bray-Tivity - 3pm

Thursday 18th - Carols at the Cafe - 3pm





Christmas Bazaar and Bric a Brac Sale

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Long Marston Village Hall at 2pm.
Raffle, Tombola, teas etc.



**Proceeds going to St James the Great Church,
Long Marston**



St James the Great
Long Marston



FULL PAGE £25

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HALF PAGE £12.50

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DEFIBRILLATOR

This is located outside the Poppin shop.
A 999 call giving the location will provide a code and method of use.

ST JAMES THE GREAT

Church Warden – Carol Watts 07730 419958
Church Warden – Mike Edwards 01386 644231 – 07786 484114

POLICE

999 - Emergency only
101 - Non urgent contact

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/ship

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