

MARSTON SICCA

PARISH NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2026

EDITORS NOTES

Welcome to the April newsletter.

We have a request for photographs!

Do you have any old photos of Village Events that you could bring along to the Hall and Shop Birthday Party on Monday May 4th? We would love to see them and share your memories while enjoying a drink and nibbles. If you have copies of them we could include them in a display, please leave at The Poppin Shop. We also have a projector if anyone is able to screen them.

Please email your articles to editor@uberdoodle.com by Wednesday April 22nd.

Simon



INFORMATION REGARDING CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT

PARISH COUNCIL

Council members were advised the use of Meon Vale playing field was increasingly difficult due to dog mess to the site. Despite an extra dog bin being installed, dog owners are failing to pick up after their pets. The Parish Council will include an extra bin to the northern end of the field but will also install signs.

District Councillor Stuart Keighley noted since February, the SDC Cabinet has considered a new Local Development Scheme for adoption. This sets out the latest timetable for the preparation of the Council's Local Plan documents. It will be brought into effect on 20th April 2026. Importantly, and as the SWLP (South Warwickshire Local Plan) approaches the Regulation 19 phase (the Local Plan publication), the Site Allocations Plan (SAP) which was never finalised, will be withdrawn.

The Public Consultation for the Publication R19 of the SWLP (2025-2050) will start in June 2026 and submission is scheduled for December 2026. The longer-term Highway Capacity Study relating to the SWLP is now available to view on the SWLP website.

The number of houses required by the Government to be built in Stratford District has doubled and in preparing the SWLP there is a need to find sites for 28,000 homes in the new plan period. There are some existing commitments to housing sites and with some contingency and potential windfall opportunities the Stratford District 'to find' figure is around 20,000 new homes. The Parish Council remain committed to the study of sustainable development and frequently attend planning meetings.

As previously reported, the parish council have faced increasing requests for financial support from organisations across the parish. Council members evaluate all applications carefully to determine how funding will enhance specific projects and what value they bring to the community. We have applied for funds under the Community Grant Scheme from SDC to help support projects in the new fiscal year.

The parish council are preparing a new asset register to include a map of assets owned by the parish council and their location. The acquisition of central assets (buildings to Meon Vale) has increased insurance premiums for the council, but the income of Meon Vale bookings has helped to offset these increased costs.

Planning Matters

26/00163/FUL – Parcel A, Land West of Bailey Avenue, Meon Vale. Full planning application for the erection of 37 dwellings on land overlooking Tudor Grange Academy.

Resolved response – Objection

26/00164/FUL – Parcel B, Land West of Bailey Avenue, Meon Vale. Full planning application for the erection of 20 dwellings (use class C3).

Resolved response – Objection.

Next Parish Council meeting
20th April 2026 Meon Vale Village Hall.

Clerk

Marston Sicca Parish Council

Time to Book for this year's

YARD SALE

Bank Holiday

Sunday 3rd of May
8am onwards

You sell from your garden
or **limited tables** to rent in the village hall

Goes ahead regardless of weather.

£6 to cover advertising

Contact Angela and David
721244

THE POPPIN NEWS

HELLO FROM THE BIRTHDAY POPPIN SHOP!! 25 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY!!

The shop is 25 years old !! Many volunteers, old and new have been dedicating their time to keeping the valuable asset, the Poppin village shop open and we thank them all.

We will be celebrating this milestone along with the Village hall (which is 4 times older at 100 years!!) and invite all volunteers and villagers to come and join us in the village hall on bank holiday Monday 4th May from 3pm. There will be tastings of foods and drinks from our range within the shop along with a treasure hunt for the children. It would be great to see you so do come along and join in the fun!

We would like to thank our volunteer Paul Stephens who kindly and so expertly does the flower planters outside the shop along with watering them! I'm sure you will agree they really look stunning and make such a lovely welcome to the shop. This is just one example of how volunteering really helps, there are many roles without having to work behind the till!

Do please make yourself known if you can assist us and join our lovely team.

**With thanks and best wishes
Helen Leedham and the Poppin shop team.**

The Poppin Village Shop & Village Hall Invite You To A Free Event To Celebrate Their 25th & 100th Year Birthdays!

Monday 4th May 2026

3pm Onwards



Drinks & Nibbles



**Treasure Hunt
Around The Village (Prizes for the Children)**



**A Chance To Meet
Up & Chat With
Other Villagers**



Photo Displays

MARSTON MOVIES



FRIDAY 24th APRIL - 7:30PM

LICENSED BAR | SNACKS | ICES
ONLY £3 ON THE DOOR
BRING A CUSHION!

LONG MARSTON WI

On March 8th we were let down by a speaker but managed to find a great replacement. Julia Mitchell gave us a talk about IT to Tai Chi. With her amazing energy and through various health issues she successfully took up various careers/activities to suit her life style. She became a very successful florist and even did a wedding at Blenheim Palace. Then took up Nordic walking and kept to a healthy diet which helped her mobility. Tai Chi is her latest activity and we joined her in a short session, some standing and some sitting. She is an agent for a moisturising range which was supported by Dragons Den and Alan Sugar on the apprentice. Next month we are having a teddy bear get together.

LONG MARSTON GARDEN CLUB



Our 2026 programme is out! The first visit is on Thursday 16th to Winterbourne House and Garden which has 7 acres of botanic gardens in the middle of Birmingham! Need final numbers before 13th April.

Wiggy looks forward to your plans and if you are visiting any of the gardens she needs to know, as she has to pay in advance for some venues.

Happy gardening. **Wiggy**

MASTER SICCA PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE TIDY UP LITTER PICKING DAY



The Parish Council welcome residents to join us on Sunday, April 12th 2026 from 10am to 11.3am. We will meet outside Long Marston Village Hall where litter pickers along with lute sacks will be provided (please bring your own gloves).

This annual litter pick keeps our village tidy and helps the environment. Hope you can make it.

LONG MARSTON LADIES

Mel Bruce, a member of Long Marston Ladies, surprised the group with her hidden talent of twirling. No one guessed she was once world champion of baton twirling. This was a popular sport in Mel's home country of Scotland, not so much here south of the border. Mel and her mum hand stitched beads to her leotards making a beautiful competition costume. Mel traveled to America to hone the skills and won many trophies. She gave us a demonstration making it all look very easy, despite not being so!

Next month

Angela's Amazing American Adventures.

SHOEBOX APPEAL



As you begin your Spring Cleaning, please let us have anything we can put in our boxes.

Hats, scarfs, gloves in good condition.

Unused paper, colouring sheets, notebooks.

Old towels that are good enough to cut into flannels.

Odd scraps of knitting wool and fabrics.

Small toys and games.

Tablets of soap.

Please leave at **The Poppin Shop** or in the box outside "**Gaverne**" opposite. Rumer Close.

Many thanks from the Shoebox Team.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

JOINT CELEBRATION - On May 4th there will be a joint event between The Poppin and the Village Hall to celebrate the anniversaries of the founding of both, commencing at 3 pm. This will be a free event, with light refreshments including the first glass of wine, showcasing products available at The Poppin. The afternoon will include, amongst others, a treasure hunt around the village, games for the children, and a lucky draw for a Poppin voucher.

VILLAGE HALL A.G.M- The AGM of the village hall took place on February 23rd and it was extremely disappointing that not one resident attended. The village hall is a registered charity that relies entirely on the support of the community to survive. There are vacancies for committee members-please contact Diana Rippin if you are interested- 01789 720536. Your support is vital.

MARSTON MOVIES - On April 24th the film at 7.30 pm will be "Save Your Cinema" £3 with bar and snacks available as usual.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY for April

Long Marston Ladies	1 st	7.30 pm
Yoga	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	7-8 pm
W.I.	8 th	7.30 pm
Quiz Night	11 th	
Beavers	13 th 20 th 27 th	5-7 pm
John Cooper Trust	15 th	
Jumble Sale	18 th	
Library/Coffee Morning	21 st	10.30-12 am
Marston Movies	24 th	7.30 pm

MAY

Yard Sale	May 3 rd	
Joint Celebration Village Hall & Poppin	May 4 th	3pm onwards

To book the hall please telephone Anne Harrison 01789 720368

Family Quiz Night

LONG MARSTON VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL

Starts 7:00PM

Fun for all ages! Bring your team and test your brainpower!

**TICKETS ONLY FROM:
THE POPPING SHOP, LONG MARSTON**

Adults £7.50 Children £2.50

Drinks & Snacks at the Bar

Prizes & Family Fun!

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE



Grand Bric a Brac and Jumble Sale

**Saturday 18th April 2026
Long Marston Village Hall
2pm to 5pm**

**Teas and Cakes
available.**



Donations can be dropped of at Village Hall between 11am onward.

Enquiries Tel 07786 483114



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

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