

MARSTON SICCA



PARISH NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2026

EDITORS NOTES

Welcome to the final edition of the Marston Sicca newsletter.

Going forward you can sign-up to news updates on the Parish Council website.

www.marstonsicca-pc.gov.uk

Have a great summer.

Simon

PARISH COUNCIL

In May, the Parish Council held its Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish (Parish Assembly).

It was wonderful to see so many residents at the Parish Assembly. The event gives local organisations the chance to share updates on their activities, and this year we heard from representatives of LM Village Hall, Poppin Shop, WI, Shoebox Appeal, Meon Vale Residents Assoc., the newly formed Shackleton Residents Association, the Pavilion, Meon Vale Allotments, Meon Vale Village Hall and the Sporting Clubs. Thank you to everyone who attended. More details of the reports discussed will be placed on the PC website.

The Parish Assembly was followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, where the first agenda item was the election of the Chair. Cllr. Ian Johnsey was reappointed as Chair and Cllr. Noel Davis as Vice Chair, and we wish them every success in their roles. We are also pleased to confirm that the Parish Council now has a full complement of councillors representing Long Marston, Shackleton and Meon Vale.

The Parish Council also appointed members to the Asset Management Committee (AMC). With the approval of the full council, the committee helps ensure parish assets are managed effectively and supports our growing community. AMC meetings will be held quarterly, with agendas published for public viewing.

The Chair thanked parish councillors for their hard work over the past year, recognising both the challenges already overcome and those still to come. This is especially true in planning, where pressure to provide sustainable housing must be balanced with protecting our rural identity.

For residents seeking news updates from the parish council, it is now possible to sign-up to receive information via email.

Marston Sicca Parish Council

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  

MARSTON MOVIES



FRIDAY 5th June - 7:30PM

LICENSED BAR | SNACKS | ICES

ONLY £3 ON THE DOOR

BRING A CUSHION!

LONG MARSTON WI

We had a very enjoyable evening at the Masons playing skittles. The Pub produced a very tasty and reasonably priced meal. For our June Meeting Dalziel Ellis is making herself known to us again, and in July the theme for that meeting is The Butterfly Studio.



On Saturday 16th we visited a private garden in Chipping Campden. Absolutely stunning garden with not a single weed to be seen in 3 acres. It is only open to the public once a year in aid of Chipping Campden Home Nursing. There were fourteen of us and great merriment at Pat Ward who got stuck in the lavatory!

Next month on June 18th there are still tickets available for the BBC Gardeners World Live at the NEC. Should be really interesting with show gardens and well known garden personalities to answer all our questions.

Long Marston Village Hall

presents the...

100 CLUB



To celebrate the centenary
of Long Marston Village
Hall, the 100 Club will be
launching!

COMMENCING ON 1 OCTOBER 2026

Cost is £1 a week, payable yearly, half yearly or quarterly

1st prize: £100

2nd prize: £75

3rd prize: £25

When 100 numbers are filled (or close enough)

If anyone is interested or need more info you can contact

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Forms can be collected and dropped off at The Poppin

100 CLUB

FUN, FUNDRAISING AND OUR FUTURE

We launched our 100 Club to raise much needed funds for our lovely old hall to help keep it going. The Hall made a loss of over £3,000 last year and we are forecasting a similar shortfall this year. Similar losses in the future are just not sustainable!!

The 100 Club would bring in £2,600 per year for the hall and there would be lots of prizes for you to win. Please, please help us if you can and if you already have an agreement pack, please get it to Lynda or drop it in at the Pop In as soon as you can. Whilst the first draw will not take place until October, this will enable us to establish how many numbers we have left to sell and whether or not the scheme will run. Lynda will remind you before the start date to set up your standing orders if that is how you wish to pay.

Contact Lynda at lmd12009@live.com for further information or an agreement pack.

LONG MARSTON LADIES

An evening of chat and snacks went down well with Long Marston Ladies. The charity evening raised £150 for the Dementia Cafe in Alcester. A bring and buy stall featured a generous donation of colourful seasonal plants from Topps Nursery, along with donuts and a range of pretty things.

The joint celebration of the Village hall and The Poppin took place on May 4th with light refreshments supplied by The Poppin. It was wonderful to see so many people, the hall was full to capacity with old and new friends. The W.I. displayed old photos, year books and their history of the village which caused great interest and brought back many happy memories.

FETE 2026 – The first fete event will take place on June 13th in the Manor Field 2-5pm. Car parking in the field opposite. There will be various stalls including tombola, teas, cakes plants and a dog show. Donations for the tombola may be left at The Poppin beforehand with others at the field in the morning. If you can help with setting up the fete please be at the field at 10am and if you are able to volunteer to help with the stalls please contact Carol on 07730419958. Please note, this is a CASH ONLY event.

“100” CLUB - There are still tickets available for the “!00” club with the first draw in October. Interested? Please contact Lynda Dandy 01789 722632.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE- There are only 5 members on the committee at the moment and we need your help. If you can volunteer to join us to keep the hall running for the future please contact Diana Rippin 01789 720536

VILLAGE HALL DIARY for June:

Beavers	1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd 29 th	5-7 pm
Village Hall Committee	1 st	7.30 pm
Yoga	2 nd 9 th 16 th 23 rd 30 th	7-8 pm
Long Marston Ladies	3 rd	7.30 pm
Marston Movies	5 th	7.30 pm
W.I.	10 th	7.30 pm
Village Fete	13 th	2pm
Library/Coffee Morning	16 th	10.30 -12 am
Shop Committee Meeting	18 th	

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

June 28 th	Strawberry Teas at the Church
July 25 th	Mini fete, Raffle Draw at Sicca Fest – Masons Arms
September 26 th	Shoobox Coffee Morning - Village Hall
October 9 th	Harvest Supper – Village Hall
October 17 th	Village Hall celebration and first “100” club draw
November 7 th	Shoobox Packing – Village Hall
December 5 th	Christmas Bazaar – Village Hall



CHURCH SERVICES
JUNE 2026



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

St. James the Great - Long Marston

Sunday 7th Breakfast Service - 10.30am

Saturday 13th Village Fete - 2.00pm

Sunday 21st All Age Communion - 10.30am

Sunday 28th Strawberry Tea - 3.00pm

St.Swithin’s - Quinton with Admington

Sunday 14th Family Communion - 10.30am

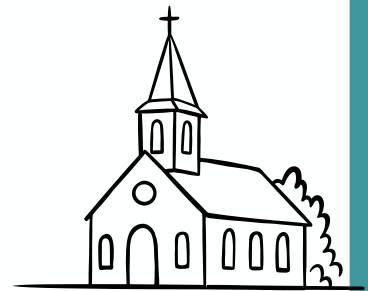
Friday 19th Quinton House Service - 11.00am

Sunday 21st All In Family Service - 10.30am

Sunday 28th Little Blessings - 9.15am
Childrens Church -Quinton w Admington Village Hall
Holy Communion - 10.30am

Meon Vale - Village Hall

Sunday 14th Meon Church - 3pm



ST JAMES THE GREAT

So the saying goes...

Observations of nature recently have brought to mind some of the sayings and folklore my mum used to quote - familiar since my childhood so firmly lodged in my memory.

For example... 'Ne'er cast a clout 'til May is out'. Or in plainer English - 'never discard your winter clothing until May is over'. As I sit here today (still a week of May left) in 30 plus degrees of heat, then that particular saying seems possibly a little less applicable than it has in previous years!

'Red sky at night shepherd's delight, red sky in the morning shepherd's warning' has perhaps been a bit more reliable in terms of weather forecasting.

And another one... according to some, the abundance of Hawthorne blossom this year indicates that we are in for a cold winter. Time will tell on that one!

Some of these traditional sayings have an element of truth in their origins, some do not. But however reliable or unreliable they seem today, they show that generally, as humans we quite like to have an idea about what is coming next - what we need to prepare for.

In an unpredictable world, with unpredictable news each day it's no wonder then that we can experience feelings of disquiet and insecurity. The world is constantly changing. Some of the shared understanding we used to rely on no longer applies. So where can we look for wisdom to help us be prepared for the unexpected, to help us understand the emotional responses we are experiencing, to find hope when life in the world is not what we were expecting or hoping for?

One answer to this question is offered by the Leprosy Mission in their latest Prayer Diary. It is a verse from the Bible's book of Psalms...

"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust' Psalm 91 verse 2."

The book of Psalms is packed full of songs, poems and prayers encompassing the full range of human emotions - from anger and despair to hope and joy. Some of these writings are understood to date from as long ago as the 10th century before Jesus lived on earth. If nothing else, the Psalms show that our emotional responses to what is happening around us are, and always have been, a natural part of human life.

But what the Psalms also offer is a direction in which to share these emotions. The Psalms show that it is alright to be honest and share how we are really feeling with God.

We can do this because God is a faithful and constant presence, in the times we feel him close and the times we can't, in this unpredictable world. And when Jesus came to live in this world, he showed us just how far God is prepared to go, how much he is prepared to give, to keep the way into his loving presence open to us - no matter what is going on in the world around us.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believed in. Him shall not perish but have everlasting life' John Chapter 3, verse 16.

In his life, death and resurrection Jesus offers hope that God's love and power are more powerful than any worldly human decisions that fall short of God's way of self-giving love.

Hope that we can find if we put our trust in him and turn to him in honest prayer, praise and worship as those who wrote the Psalms have done before us.

Yvette

Revd Yvette Grundy (Deacon - RiverVale Churches)



OPEN
TUESDAY - SATURDAY
10am - 4pm

The Pavilion - where good coffee meets good company

TOASTIES | PANINIS | SANDWICHES | SOUP

LOCALLY ROASTED COFFEE

TEAS | HOT CHOCOLATE | PASTRIES | CAKES

FRESHLY MADE BAPS

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SHOEBOX APPEAL

The Shoebox Team continue to work hard collecting items for the November Packing.

We still need items of all kinds for boys and girls aged 3 to 14years. We like to put a tablet of soap in each box but with liquid soap becoming more popular it is hard to find. If you have any you don't use, we would love to have them. Old towels we need to cut into flannels.

We are receiving some beautifully knitted items, the children will love them Thanks to all our knitters of hats, small scarves and gloves.....keep going, we need 400 of each! Please think of us when you sort through your children's toy boxes....any small toys are most welcome.

Our annual FUNDRAISER will be on Sat September 26th when we will welcome you for COFFEE, CAKE and a CHAT from 10.30am to 12noon. Donations for RAFFLE prizes would be welcome. PACKING will take place on Friday Nov 6th from 5 to 6pm and again on Sat 7th from 8.30am until we finish about 11am.

Please put these dates in your diary as this is the last printed newsletter.

Thank-you Everyone for your continued support.
The Shoebox Team.

CONTACTS

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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
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POLICE

999 - Emergency only
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