

# MONTHLY MAGAZINE MARSTON MAGNA



## AND RIMPTON





Dear All

The resurrection of Jesus at Easter brought to us joy, hope and peace with the promise of new beginnings. With lockdown restrictions slowly lifting, we can begin to re-emerge from our homes and to look forward to meeting friends and families once again. At last, Winter is over, and Spring has sprung. May blossom is all around us and our hedgerows are coming alive with new growth. New life in our fields; lambs, calves and foals enjoying life in the spring sunshine

From the sad events of April, we move into what used to be known as “the merry month of May”. May is my favourite month of the year but that was not always the case. It brings back memories of my childhood in a small village in Northamptonshire. I recall the sight of the village maypole suddenly appearing in the school playground meaning only one thing – the dreaded rehearsals for the May Day maypole dancing. These practice sessions meant one thing – utter chaos! It did not matter how many times we practiced; the ribbons always seemed to be in a muddle at the end. The amazing fact was that when things went wrong the girls always complained that it was the fault of the boys! Nothing much seems to have changed!!!!

Sadly, it does not seem likely that a new priest will be appointed to our Benefice any time soon. We are fortunate to have a small band of retired priests willing to take services for us when they can. With their help rest assured that, together with our readers and ministry teams, we will endeavour to fill the void and continue our church services as near to normal as we can.

Our Churchwardens are always happy to help and advice where they can or if I can help with any issues you may have, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01963 220943.

The last verse of Psalm 4 sums up the Eastertide message for us: “When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace; you alone, oh Lord, keep me perfectly safe.”

Stay safe and enjoy the Spring!

Tony Green

### **Cartwheels and brussel sprouts**

When Sophie and Izzy of St John’s, Keynsham realised that not all children in Zambia go to school, they decided to fundraise to help build and furnish a new 3-classroom primary school at St Paul’s church, Chipata. After Sophie reached her £500 target for her fundraising raffle, her brother had to do his promised challenges of having a worm crawl on his face and eat three of his least favourite foods, including brussel sprouts. Izzy meanwhile did 100 cartwheels a day for seven days. In total £2,500 has been raised for the school which means it can be built later this year. [bathandwells.org.uk/parish-links/](http://bathandwells.org.uk/parish-links/)

### **Save the date**

We will be launching our first Zambia Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> July. Inspired by Bishop Peter’s last trip to Zambia, it will be an opportunity for us, together with our Zambian brothers and sisters to pray and learn more about each other together. [www.bathandwells.org.uk/Zambia-partnership/](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/Zambia-partnership/)

### **Our new Bath and Wells website**

Check out our new website. Designed by ChurchEdit, it is part of a collaboration with 20 other dioceses to create a standardised website that will serve dioceses across the Church of England.

This new way of working is built on collaboration, shared learning and good practice and will allow some of the costs of website build and development to be shared.

The user-focused website includes a documents section, to enable people to find essential downloads and other material quickly, and a more powerful search function.



**CALENDAR OF SERVICES**

<b>May 2021</b>			
<b>SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> MARSTON MAGNA  RIMPTON	<b>WHITE</b> Holy Communion at 9.30 am  Holy Communion at 10.45 am	<b>EASTER V</b> Reader: Mrs J Privett Sidesman: Mrs N Jackson Reader: TBA	
<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> MARSTON MAGNA  RIMPTON	<b>WHITE</b> Morning Worship at 9.30 am  Morning Worship at 10.45 am	<b>ROGATION SUNDAY</b> Reader: Mrs P Hopkins Sidesman: Mrs P Hopkins Reader: TBA	
<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> MARSTON MAGNA  RIMPTON	<b>WHITE</b> Morning Worship at 9.30 am  Holy Communion at 10.45 am	<b>EASTER VII</b> Reader: Mrs R Pengelly Sidesman: Mr R Venning Reader TBA	
<b>SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> MARSTON MAGNA  RIMPTON	<b>WHITE</b> Holy Communion at 9.30 am  Holy Communion at 10.45 am	<b>WHIT SUNDAY</b> Reader: Mr R Knott Sidesman: Mr R Knott	
<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> MARSTON MAGNA  RIMPTON	<b>GREEN</b> No service  Holy Communion at 10.45 am	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> Reader: N/A Sidesman: N/A Reader TBA	
<b>MARSTON MAGNA</b> <b>MAY 2021</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>Locking Up</b>
	<b>CHURCH WILL BE LOCKED</b>	<b>High Altar</b>	
	OPEN ONLY FOR SERVICES		
	NO ROTAS IN PLACE		
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	<b>CHURCH WILL BE LOCKED</b>	<b>High Altar</b>	
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**FIR VILLA COMMUNION**

Still not yet possible. For further information do please contact the Church Wardens.

**The Sir John St Barbe Foundation**

We support children through grants for lessons in Music, dance, and the Arts for both Marston Magna and Rimpton.

We grant up to half the annual fee for lessons, up to a maximum of £400 a year, and it is not means tested. For applications please email Lucy Caruth at [lucycaruth@aol.com](mailto:lucycaruth@aol.com)

Many thanks  
Lucy

**Letter from Peter Hancock, the Bishop  
of Bath and Wells  
For Parish Newsletters – May 2021  
Called to serve and care**

There are many things I shall miss when I retire. One is writing these brief articles for parish magazines. After some 41 years of writing articles and editorials you might think I would be pleased to stop. However, over the years this is one way I have been able to keep in touch with people and offer encouragement and support to all that is happening in the life of our churches and communities. In the ordination service for bishops the liturgy begins with the words: 'Bishops are called to serve and care for the flock of Christ. Mindful of the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, they are to love and pray for those committed to their charge, knowing their people, and being known by them.' These monthly articles are one way in which I seek to 'be known' across the diocese.

As I prepare to retire, I want to express my huge appreciation for the welcome I have received in all the parishes and places that I have visited. It has been an enormous privilege to join the churches of the diocese to see what you are doing, to preach and to share in your worship. I am conscious that despite getting out and about across the whole diocese there are still some churches which I have not visited, and I am sorry about that.

Reading the ordination service, I see that as disciples we are all called to 'witness to the resurrection and to preach the good news of salvation in all the world.' That is a calling and a privilege which will not stop as I lay down the See of Bath and Wells. It is at the heart of what it is to be part of the Body of Christ. So, as I say my farewells, I send you, my blessing. Please know that my prayers will continue to be with you.

Yours with the love of Christ,  
+ Bishop Peter

**An absolute delight**

Bishop Peter reflects on his time in Bath and Wells as he prepares to retire on medical grounds.

What moments stand out for you?

It has been an absolute delight to visit so many churches to share in worship, preach and to see all that clergy and congregations are doing or planning. Every confirmation service has been a real joy and privilege and the Cathedral confirmations have been inspiring.

What will you miss?

I shall hugely miss the visits I have made to schools, colleges, and universities. To see young people learning, exploring, and thinking about the world we live in has been a joy. I shall also miss the sitting down with Clergy, Readers, and church leaders to talk and pray with them about the challenges and joys they are finding in ministry. I know that when we leave Somerset, Jane and I and our dog Juno will miss the glorious scenery and wonderful countryside.

What gives you hope for the future of the Church in Bath and Wells?

I cannot think of a day when I have not been encouraged and hopeful about the future of the Church here in the diocese. This past year has been particularly difficult for everyone, but I am confident that despite the issues we face that the diocese is in good heart and in good hands.

What will you take away with you from Somerset?

I have wonderful memories of being the Bishop of Bath and Wells 'outside a church setting. Going to the Bath and West Show and taking delight in our rural and farming community or responding to invitations to speak at civic occasions or at the Somerset Chamber of Commerce. Speaking at the Glastonbury Festival will never leave me - walking onto the Pyramid Stage in front of such a huge crowd was both terrifying and uplifting.

**THE RAIN REPORT**

March has a fairly low average rainfall of 58 mms (2 ¼ inch), only May is lower at 55 mms (2 ¼ inches). This year rainfall was well below this average at 36.5 mms (1 ½ inches) and 9 wet days. Most of this rain fell in the first half of the month with just 8 mms (¼ inch) and 2 wet days in the second half. This is the reason why you can now walk the footpaths in your best shoes rather than plodding around in the mud which has been the case since last October.

The wettest March I have recorded was 2018 with 127.5 (3¼ inches) mms and the driest was 2012 with 25 mms (1 inch).

Ricky Gibbs

**Queen Camel Bowls Club**

Queen Camel bowls club. If anyone interested in playing later in the year do please contact Norman Holt on 01935 850646.

## **MARSTON MAGNA AND RIMPTON GARDENING CLUB**

All being well the Garden and Produce Show will go ahead on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in Marston Magna Village Hall.

Please get your plug plant for the show from Eileen - 50p each now but will be £1.00 if you wait and she has to pot them up! This year they are Geraniums.

Most Classes in the show will be the same as in the past and a full Programme/Entry Form will be in the Parish Magazine nearer the time. However if you want to get an early start on the Baking, Handicrafts and Junior Classes the new ones are:

Individual Bakewell Slice  
Fruit Scones  
Birthday Cake  
Homemade Hot Water Bottle Cover  
Homemade Toy  
Photo of an Animal  
Painting of a Garden  
and for the Junior Classes  
Lego model on a plate  
Homemade Mask  
Decorated Flowerpot  
3 Muffins  
Poster for a Show

David Cook  
Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Club  
Committee

### **FIRING THE ANVIL**

The March 2021 Magazine sadly noted the death of Jean Baillie at the age of 93. Jean told me that when she was born in 1927, the Rimpton Village blacksmith, Bill Bishop, had fired his anvil. The practice was described by Brigadier Marden in his booklet, Memories of Rimpton 1903- 1917 as follows:

“The smithy was adjacent to Stoodley’s cottage (in Middle Street). The blacksmith was Bill Bishop, and his assistant was his eldest son, Bill junior, often called ‘Weel’ to distinguish him from his father. In those days, the smithy was a hive of activity with horses to be shod and farm carts to have their wheels banded.

On special occasions, such as a Coronation or perhaps the birth of a boy or girl in the village, young Bill used to ‘fire the anvil’. This was performed by ramming gunpowder into the hole in the anvil and then firing it with a red-hot poker. The explosion could be heard at Marston.”

Health and safety might have something to say about it today!

For a more detailed account of the practice, there is a fictional description in the children’s book, *Milly-Molly-Mandy Again*, by Joyce Lankester Brisley, published by Harrap, in the story, *Milly-Molly-Mandy and the Blacksmith’s Wedding*.

Generations of the Bishop family had been the Rimpton village blacksmiths since the early 1800s.

An outline of the smithy can still be seen on the side wall of Stoodley Cottage.

John Spencer

### **Thank you**

I would just like to say THANK YOU to everyone who sent me flowers, cards, messages, and telephone calls on the sad loss of my wonderful friend and neighbour, Jean.

We had been next door neighbours for over 40 years and spent many happy hours together walking, talking, and just sitting in the sun. Now I am at a loss and missing her greatly as you can imagine.

Your kind thoughts truly helped me to cope with those early days, but I will never forget her and all that she was to me and my family.

Val T.

### **From Cath Holloway May 2021 Edition News from your Village Agent Team**

The world is finally opening back up again! We are really looking forward to being able to get back out in the community to see our clients!

Why not look up your local community centre, hobby or Carers group and see when they are active again? If you are not sure what is available in your local area give us a call on 01823 331 222 and we can connect you!

The re-opening of services will bring great relief to the many thousands of unpaid Carers in Somerset who have not had access to respite facilities for a considerable length of time.

Organisations such as Heads Up Somerset who provide day care for those with brain injuries, learning difficulties and dementia in the Wells area have reopened from April 1st - you can call them on

01749 670667 or visit <http://www.headsupsomerset.org.uk/>

There is also The Filo Project for Somerset residents. The Filo Project offers high quality day care for small groups of older people that have memory loss or moderate dementia. You can call them on 0333 939 8225 or visit <https://www.thefiloproject.co.uk/>

We Hear You provides free therapeutic support to children, families and individuals in Somerset affected by cancer and other life-threatening conditions. Their face-to-face services are reopening, and you can contact them on 01373 455 255 or visit <https://www.wehearyou.org.uk/>

If you are an unpaid Carer, please do get in touch – you may not feel you need any help and support right now, but we can just check in with you, so you know what is available if and when you feel you would benefit from further advice. Right now, we can help you with anything from finding a sitting service if you have a hospital appointment, a package of care if you or a family member are returning from hospital or provide you with a little rest from cooking with our 'Carer Packs' - delicious pre-made meals for you and the person you care for. We can help make your everyday life a little easier, check you are receiving the correct benefits and look at the whole family support need, especially as we work closely with your doctor's surgery and adult social care. We have a freephone Carers Advice line you can call 0800 31 68 600 or text 'CARER' to 78070 and the Carers Advice line will call you back.

Whether or not you care for someone you may need a little extra help at home. From personal care, Carers respite to household jobs a micro-provider could be just what you are looking for!

Micro-providers are providers of very small, community-based care and support services. A micro-provider has eight or fewer paid or unpaid workers and totally independent of a larger organisation.

Examples of micro-services could include:

- Support to keep a person well, social and remain independent
- Support to people living in their own homes
- Short breaks and holidays
- Support to access employment, education, and leisure
- Day support and help around the home.

As Village Agents, we can help connect you with the right micro-provider for your needs - and it may be that you have more than one undertaking different tasks for you, as many have different areas of expertise.

It is also a great career opportunity to become a micro-provider. It's very rewarding and worth considering if you want to start a new career or fresh challenge! You would be well supported starting up with the Somerset Micro-enterprise Project - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/somerset-micro-enterprise-project/> - you can become an accredited provider, decide your hours and what areas of work you want to do – call Rhys on 07788350806 for more information.

Hopefully, next month we will have news of our Talking Cafes returning to venues across Somerset – but for now don't forget you can catch us live on weekdays at [www.facebook.com/talkingcafesomerset](http://www.facebook.com/talkingcafesomerset) and we look forward to meeting you or seeing you again soon out in the community!

### **Stay safe, stay well, and stay active!**

CCS Village Agents can now supply you with your very own water bottle for free to help keep you hydrated! There is even a handy guide on the side to help remind you to drink throughout the day! Caroline Harding, CCS Agent Manager, explains how here: <https://youtu.be/DELeIGPEBvk> Call 01823 331 222 or contact your local Agent to get one!



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I support unpaid carers in South East Somerset to connect them with community resources, support groups and personal support around benefits and allowances. We also have a new team of Community Agents and Village Agents in South Somerset to contact. For more information please visit [www.somersetccc.org.uk](http://www.somersetccc.org.uk) and [www.somersetcarers.org](http://www.somersetcarers.org) or call me to see who is your local village agent.

### **RIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The full Minutes of all meetings, including all Appendices, can still be viewed and/or downloaded

from the Village Website by going to the Rimpton website (<http://rimpton.net/parish-council/parish-council-meetings/draft-parish-council-minutes/>) and (in part) on the village noticeboard, and you can also see them by getting in touch with the Parish Clerk.

If you do not have an internet device, you should find the minutes on the noticeboard by the bus shelter, or you could ask the Clerk for a copy.

Patrick Pender-Cudlip, Clerk & RFO - Rimpton Parish Council. The Cobblers, High Street, Queen Camel, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 7NE; Tel. 01935 850692; [Rimpton.Parish.Council@outlook.com](mailto:Rimpton.Parish.Council@outlook.com)

Rimpton Ladies Walking Group  
The next walk will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. We will meet in the Village Hall car park, at 9.30 am.  
For full details contact Sue Walton Telephone 851818



**QUEEN CAMEL  
TENNIS CLUB**

A small friendly Club with 2 floodlit hard courts for all players on either a 'Pay & Play' basis or as a club member. A wide variety of coaching is available including Saturday a.m. coaching for Juniors plus Camps in the holidays.

CLOSED AT THE MOMENT UFN  
We welcome new members for the season that will start in late June?

Visit [www.qctc.co.uk](http://www.qctc.co.uk) or call the Club Secretary on 01935 850300 for more information.

### **MILK BOTTLETOPS**

Can you all please remember to remove the foil pull caps from the tops, because the metal detector on Perry's conveyor belt stops the machines. Also remember it is only plastic tops with a 2 or 4 in the recycling symbol that I can accept, all the rest go in my wheelie bin.

There is a company called Massmould, who produce tops made from the same Massmould, who produce tops made from the same plastic as milk bottle tops e.g. Robinson's squash, and Evian

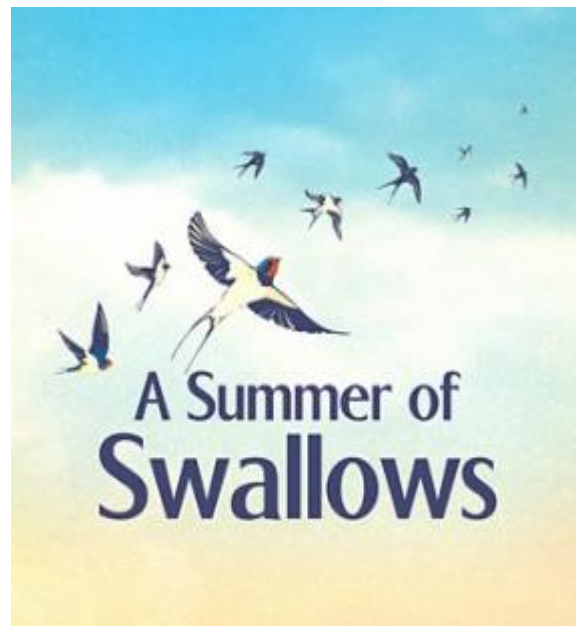
water, so from now on, I can accept any tops made by Massmoulds.

Please do continue to save the bottle tops and as soon as the Café re-opens, which hopefully will be in May or June, we can start to gather them together.

Thank you everyone. And keep safe  
Marion Dean,  
13 West End, 01935 850032

### **Parish birding news**

I guess some of us will have seen swallows in the villages by now. They are such an amazing bird that I thought I would focus on them this month. Recognise them by their swooping fast flight, their long-forked tail streamers, dark blue backs, red throats, and their cheery chattering. They are similar to house martins which are also just arriving, but which have stubbier forked tails and a distinctive white rump.



Swallows are amazing because of their migration journey they make to reach us each spring. They overwinter in South Africa, 6,000 miles away, one of the longest migrations for any small bird. They weigh all of 20 grams and make that journey twice each year over two continents including the Sahara Desert. People across the country are greeting the swallows as they arrive, seeing their arrival as a sign not only of summer, but of hope.

Swallows are also amazing because they return to exactly the same nesting sites as last year and begin nesting with the same partner each year – if both partners survive the journey - apparently only



about half of the birds manage to survive the arduous journey. And when they eventually get to the UK, we do not make life a picnic for them. There has been a 28% decline in numbers over the last 5 years within the UK because of habitat loss, the use of pesticides, and the reduction in numbers of small insects which are their food.

You may have heard BBC Radio 4's 'Today' programme requesting listeners to keep our eyes open for swallows and to let them know of any sightings, via [today@bbc.co.uk/](mailto:today@bbc.co.uk) They've also created a podcast called 'A Summer of Swallows' which will run all summer and will tell the story of this extraordinary bird. Fascinating. You can find it on BBC Sounds.

**Local birding walks:** It has been great to know that a number of people from the parishes are enjoying finding out more about the birds around us here. So much so that some have suggested we could arrange the occasional short birding walk round the villages, to see what we can see, and hear. None of us is an expert - we will just share what we know; some of us are able to recognise birdsong, others are better at spotting birds, and others may be complete beginners. All welcome.

Mat Phillips from Marston Magna is happy to co-ordinate this, so if you are interested, please email him - [mat@neovoca.com](mailto:mat@neovoca.com) - saying which village you live in, and what time of day would suit you best. If there's enough interest we'll suggest an inaugural walk in one of the villages and will send details. Mat is also interested in visiting the Levels with a group, so if that is of interest, please say that too. (Until May 17<sup>th</sup> it is only possible for up to 6 people to meet together outside, but that's ideal for birding.)

P.S. It is International Dawn Chorus Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>, so listen out on that day – but we won't be offering to lead a walk that early ... the dawn chorus usually gets going around 5 a.m. by May.

Sam Woodhouse - 07812 395912

**Marston Magna Bowls is cancelled until further notice.**

If you would like more information, contact Tony Green on 01963 220943.

Marlene Green

**Breast Cancer Unit Appeal**

In March 2019, Yeovil Hospital Charity launched an appeal to raise the funds needed to build a £2

million dedicated Breast Cancer Unit right here in Yeovil. We have secured over £1,700,000 so far; however, building work will only start when we have enough money.

During this current time, like many charities, our fundraising events have had to be postponed or cancelled, making fundraising quite challenging. With that in mind, to help the appeal raise the much-needed funds, we are asking people if they might like to look in their jewellery boxes for any unwanted jewellery, broken pieces of jewellery and watches, which they may like to donate.

If you would like to support the appeal through donating any unwanted or broken jewellery, please contact Maggie Hague, Breast Cancer Appeal Volunteer, on 01963 250108.

If you would like to find out more about the appeal, please go to

<https://yeovilhospital.co.uk/get-involved/support-us-yeovil-hospital-charity/>

or call Sarah Cherry, Community and Events Fundraiser, on 01935 383020.

**Invitation to a coffee morning**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 10 am – 12 noon**

**In the garden of 'Woodside', Middle St, Rimpton**

To celebrate the fact that the 'roadmap' out of lockdown seems to be holding, and that we soon should be able to meet outdoors in groups of more than 6, we wanted to invite people for coffee!

It will be a low-key event, to give us the chance to gather again socially after a long time. All proceeds will go to two charities, Christian Aid (global aid and development charity) and Mind Somerset (local mental health charity).

The Government roadmap hopes that up to 30 people can meet outside after 17<sup>th</sup> May.

We will keep an eye on numbers, and of course will be responsive to any changes in the lockdown-easing timetable. The event will be properly distanced and will be held totally outdoors; if the weather does not play ball, we will cancel by 20<sup>th</sup> May.

There will be refreshments, also a cake stall, raffle, and plant stall.

We would be hugely grateful for any donations of cakes, plants, or raffle prizes, and for offers of help. But most of all we look forward to seeing you!

Sam Woodhouse 078 123 95912  
samwoodhouse09@gmail.com

### **Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Report for March 2021**

All our plans for future WI meetings, lunches, outings, scrabble, and book clubs, have been cancelled until further notice, due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We will keep you posted.

Submitted by Jill Eagland.

### **CLOSURE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT**

The play equipment at our Village Halls is still out of bounds, as the Government Statement says, but the route through is still open for people walking to and from the West End and the Village.

Signs are up on all the equipment

LH

### **BEAVERS**

We are looking to reopen Beavers (covid permitting) on 12th April however we are short of an adult leader, if you can help us please give me a ring 07538502812 or drop me an email [annetuck23@gmail.com](mailto:annetuck23@gmail.com). We meet on a Tuesday from 6pm – 7pm in Sparkford Parish Hall. We would be grateful for as much or as little time as you can give us, you will need to have a DBS and maybe some training depending on how much time you have to spare!

The group is open to boys and girls,  
Beavers 6-8 years old  
Cubs 8 – 10.5 years  
Scouts 10.5 – 14 years  
Explorer Scouts 14-18 years.

If you want to add your child to our waiting list, please contact me, I will pass information for another section onto the relevant leader and if you would like to volunteer with another section, I would be pleased to hear from you as well.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Anne

### **Wessex Internet Marston Magna set to get connected to ultrafast broadband**

Have you suffered constant interference whilst on the phone, have trouble joining online meetings and are fed up with buffering whilst watching your favourite film or sport? This is down to poor internet connectivity – something which those of us in rural areas have all experienced.

Good news for everyone in Marston Magna – all of this will be a thing of the past, thanks to a government backed programme to bring FREE ultrafast connectivity to homes and businesses in areas. This is vitally important now more than ever as we are working, schooling, running businesses and spending more leisure time at home.

Wessex Internet, a specialist rural provider has been awarded the contract to deliver full fibre broadband to your premises – bringing you world class ultrafast speeds and efficient connectivity on par with towns and cities.

**What is Wessex Internet?** - If you have not heard of them, they are a privately owned internet provider specialising in rural areas. Based in the North Dorset countryside, the business was born from a need by its founder to obtain a decent internet connection to his farming estate. Upon realising how much providers were charging for connections to remote areas he took matters into his own hands and formed his own business. During the past 10 years the company has grown and has connected over 2000 km of fibre across Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire and now Somerset.

**How long will this take?** - Marston Magna is one of the first areas that Wessex Internet is coming to as part of this 3-year programme. Work will start in the summer, and installations will be in place by the end of the year/early 2022.

From May, you will be able to see if your property is eligible for a FREE connection under this programme using a postcode checker that Wessex Internet will provide. (The criteria are properties with current speeds of less than 30 MBPs).

We appreciate that some people are already connected to full fibre; this will not have an impact on what is planned – the fibre that will be laid is standalone and owned by Wessex Internet. You can still use the same landline numbers and email addresses – the only difference is that you will have a faster, more efficient connection.

**What happens next?** - There is nothing that you need to do right now. Wessex Internet has a

dedicated Community Engagement Manager who will ensure that we are all kept updated on progress at every stage of the programme. Members of the Wessex Internet team will be coming along to our Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May where you can hear about what is involved and ask any questions. Please try to attend as this is a fantastic opportunity that everyone should be aware of. If you are unable to attend, you may want to look at their website below.

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about full fibre broadband, how it is laid, and some background on Wessex Internet please visit <https://www.wessexinternet.com/connecting-devon-and-somerset>.

### **MARSTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL**

Full Minutes including all Appendices can be viewed and/or downloaded from the Village Website, by going to: -

<https://marstonmagnaparish.co.uk/agendas-minutes/> . Anybody unable to use the website who needs to see a hard copy of the full Minutes please contact any of the Councillors.

**THE NEXT MEETING will be the AGM at 18.30 on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It is going to be in the main hall of the MM Village Hall**, do watch the Parish Council website. A reminder that the public may speak at the start of a Parish Council meeting in the Public Session, even if the meeting is held online with Zoom. Please contact me for details.

Lucy Gibbons – Clerk to Marston Magna Parish Council. Rose Cottage, Pendomer, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 9PH. T: 01935 863106 - Email: [l.gibbons@btinternet.com](mailto:l.gibbons@btinternet.com)

### **MARSTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6.30pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

You will have seen details in this magazine of a presentation planned by Wessex Internet about their proposals to bring Fibre Broadband to our villages. It is planned to be within the public session of our regular Parish Council meeting which incidentally is our AGM and will start promptly at 6.30pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in the Village Hall. A short presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session and will last until 7.15pm after which the Parish Council meeting will get under way.

Covid restrictions will apply so to achieve social distancing, numbers will have to be limited so if

you intend to come, please give me a ring on 01935 850949.

If you cannot attend and are interested in Wessex Internets plans, you can access their website by visiting

<https://www.wessexinternet.com/connecting-devon-and-somerset>.

Lawrence Hopkins - Chairman

### **Marston Magna Village Hall Management Committee**

Hello One and All,

I would like to start by thanking everyone who has expressed an interest in helping our Village Hall. If things go to plan, we look forward to being back in full swing during the month of July or at the very least making good headway in that direction.

At the time of writing the plan is to hold **our AGM on Wednesday 30th June at 7pm** when it is hoped that as many of you who would like to join the committee will come along. We would also be delighted to hear your new ideas, it is the perfect time for a fresh start, I have watched many removal vans coming and going in recent times and we would love to welcome all the new villagers. Please put your ideas down on paper (an old-fashioned idea I know) there will be a place to put them on the evening then nothing will get overlooked.

It is not compulsory to join the committee, if you come along to the AGM as always it is an open meeting the only restrictions will be those imposed by government due to Covid19.

The Committee will have a presence at the Midsummer Fair, so look out for us and come and have a chat

Kind regards

Karen Price (Chairperson)  
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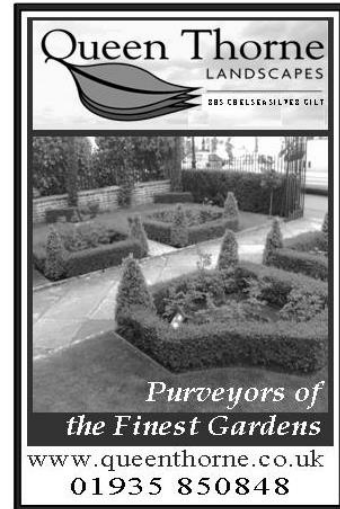
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## RIMPTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY – What’s on? – Regular items and contacts

### Tuesdays

9.30 – 10.30 am Yoga Classes Kate Whittell 07881 628780 – On Zoom

### Wednesdays

7.30p.m. – 10.00 p.m. Badminton Mrs Anne Ing 850315 – SUSPENDED

### For the Diary

For hall bookings – please contact Dale McLoughlin – 851100

19<sup>th</sup> May - Ladies Walk, meet at VH Car Park at 09.30 am

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Coffee Morning at “Woodside” garden 10 am to 12 noon

## MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL DIARY - What's on? - Regular items and contacts.

### Mondays

09.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Aerobics Classes. Steph Edwards 07444 979297 - SUSPENDED

Winter 12.30 – summer 19.30 p.m. - 2nd Monday monthly W.I – Jill Eagling - SUSPENDED

### Thursdays

2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Short Mat Bowls Tony Green 01963 220943 - SUSPENDED

### Fridays

10 a.m. – 12 noon Marston Village Café -SUSPENDED

5.00 p.m.- 7.15 p.m. Pilates Contact Mo 07815 748518 - SUSPENDED

Various classes – do look at notice board in Village Hall for when lock down lifts

### For the Diary.

26<sup>th</sup> May - AGM MM Parish Council at 18.30 in the main hall.

26<sup>th</sup> June - MM Midsummer Fair – see back page please

30<sup>th</sup> June - AGM MM Village Hall Committee in the main hall at 7 pm

11<sup>th</sup> September - Marston Magna & Rimpton Garden & Produce Show

For Village Hall bookings – please contact Karen Price Tel. 851336

**The Mobile Library WILL BE IN Rimpton on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 11.50 am and 12.40 pm. The Mobile Library really must be used, or we will lose it.**

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Lucy Jones: [Lucyjones0@icloud.com](mailto:Lucyjones0@icloud.com), phone: 07734 997261 or 01935 850548 or

Ann McKee: [ann-mckee@outlook.com](mailto:ann-mckee@outlook.com), phone: 07710 355969 or 10935 850471.

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First prize winner will get £20.00, second prize £10.00 and third prize £5.00.

**1.30 The Fair opens on the Moat Field** and the **BBQ, Pimms & Prosecco, Bar** etc will all be ready to greet you along with **produce and other stalls** and **activities and games for children**.

**1.45** The Norton-Sub-Hamdon Brass Band will play

**2.30 The Fun, Family Dog Show** opens - make sure you have your dogs in training - rosettes and prizes of dog food for the winners! Entries £1.50 per class or £5.00 for 4 classes.

And don't forget **Temptation Alley** - £1.00 a go to test your dog's obedience!

**3.00** A display of Morris dancing.

And the afternoon will continue with other events and some surprises.

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**Please come and meet your neighbours, enjoy an afternoon in the sunshine (with luck) and support your village.**

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