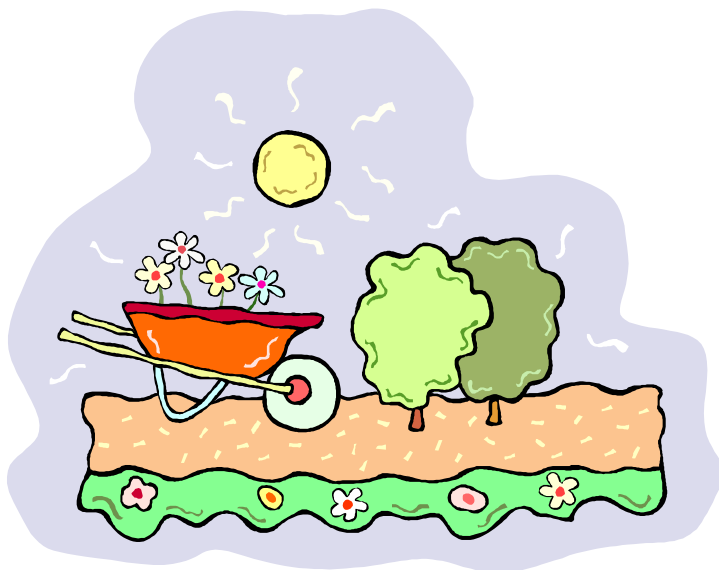


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Dear Friends,

I look at Spring unfolding and I ask

- What kind of Being must he be who creates cloudless, blue skies in the day and a starry canopy to cover the earth at night?
- Who is the choreographer that designs nature's pre-sunrise pageantry and sunset's afterglow? What landscape gardener creates the shapes of shifting sand dunes and the furrows that form in the rich sea of sand?
- What architect planned such a startling array of rocky gorges and densely forested mountain slopes, undulating hills hiding fascinating fissures and unforgettable rock formations?
- What artist produces such a kaleidoscope of changing colours and harmonising hues and when the sun shines on the upturned faces of humpy hillocks and lofty mountain peaks?
- What craftsman created contour and texture, the sleek coats of sheep and goats, the sometimes-elegant, sometimes comical, sometimes frightening form of animals?
- What composer orchestrates the souging of the wind that blows through the desert, the bleating of the sheep, the braying of the donkey, the graceful movement of the camel, the pleasing posture of the ibex?
- What kind of wizard conjures up the magic of springtime when the barren earth drinks such huge draughts of rain that it gives birth to a glut of offspring: tangles of wild flowers that cover the earth with a riot of colour?

Some people would have us believe its all a 'big bang' accident. These people would have you believe that the question 'Why?' is irrelevant. Without God there is no accountability, no justice, no hope and no purpose. Is that why so many people are on anti-depressants, why so many young people take their lives and why there is so much violence in our society? What do you think?

God Bless,

Vicky Fleming

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# Church News

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## Journeys - Exploring faith in the 21st Century

Is there a spiritual side to me? If God and heaven exist, what are they like? Does this faith thing work in real life? Does God have the power to change things?

Are you asking questions like this? Would you like to come and explore these questions? I am starting a 5 week course looking at these very questions at 7.30pm Monday 17th May. We shall start each evening with supper, watch a video and consider the questions. It's free and it's in my home. Are you interested? Please make contact with me if you want to come or to ask more about it. Vicky Fleming Tel: 827021



### The 7.30 Club

for 10 to 16 year olds from Stratton, Stanton & South Marston

Held on alternate Sunday Evenings

7.30pm to 8.45pm at St Margaret's Centre

Please call the St. Margaret's Church Office for more information



The next **High Five** service for children up to 5 years will be on Friday 7th May at 10am

'**Craft Company**' we are meeting again at Mary Cooper's house (Dryden House) on Thursday **6th May at 7.30pm** and Wednesday **12th May at 2pm**. More details from Mary or Vicky Fleming.



## The Annual Meeting.

Donald Page and Richard Sansum were elected as Church Wardens once more. William Hiscocks is Treasurer and Tina Hiscocks is PCC Secretary. We are very grateful for their commitment to continue in office. It was good to welcome Diane Gambles who joins Shirley Wildern as a PCC member.

Our vision for this year includes giving people an opportunity to explore faith, continuing to serve the community through our links with the school, Meeting Point and sharing the joys and difficulties of life when called upon. We want to repair and renew the guttering and downpipes which will be expensive but necessary for the maintenance of our lovely building.

**Saturday Scene** meets on 29th May in the Village Hall 4-5.15pm. An exciting church event for young families. Stories, songs, crafts, games and food. Contact Donald Page on 825693



# The Meeting Point

Coffee morning with table top sales

(Please book your table by 3rd May: £5 for people who live in the village, £10 for those outside and free to village organisations )



Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30 –12 noon  
in the Village Hall

Refreshments provided by South Marston Church  
Something for every age group!

We look forward to seeing you

## Church Services

(at South Marston Church unless otherwise stated)

2nd May	11.00am	Family Service
9th May	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion TEAM SERVICE at Stanton Church
16th May	9.30am	Morning Worship
23rd May	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
30th May	9.30am	Morning Worship

## Church Office

South Marston Church is part of Stratton Team Ministry. The office is located at St. Margaret's Centre, Kenwin Close, Stratton St. Margaret and it is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 12 noon. Email: [stmargaretsoffice@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stmargaretsoffice@tiscali.co.uk) or tel: 826505.

If you would like to talk to a priest or book a Christening or Wedding please contact Rev Vicky Fleming on 827021 between 6 and 7pm any evening except Thursdays or Sundays.

Members of the team:

Team Rector to be appointed		
Team Vicar	Rev. Vicky Fleming	827021
Hon Curate	Rev. Phil Ashby	759008
Asst. Priest	Rev. George Fleming	827021
Asst. Priest	Rev. Richard Burston	822403
Lay Minister	Mrs Christine Burston	822403
Lay Minister	Mr Dan Read	763016



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# South Marston Parish Council News

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## Parish Elections

The Parish Election for Parish Councillors was uncontested as no more than nine people submitted nominations for the nine vacancies.

Your Parish Councillors are:-

Ms Sylvia Brown, 1 Southview Cottages Manor Farm

Neil Burchell, 3 Ash Gardens

Colin McEwen, Church Farm House

Brian McGlone, 3 Byron Court

Ken Millard, The Wickets Highworth Road

Malcolm Phillips, 3 St Julians Close

Mrs Robbie Taylor, Highview Thornhill Road

Barry Thunder, 5 Rawlings Close

Stuart Young, 1 Manor Meadows

## Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall starting at 7.0pm. The Parish Council will give a report on the key events and issues of the preceding year, a financial report and an update on the Village Development activities

## Village Development

A meeting of the Village Development Working Party took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> April and a timetable for workshops was agreed.

A series of mini workshops, seeking the views of members of the various organisations, are planned for April & May. A structured workshop, involving any residents who wish to put their views and comments into the discussions will take place over two evenings. Provisional dates are Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please check the website and notice boards for any changes to these dates.

Outputs from these workshops will assist with the formation of the South Marston Supplementary Planning Document that will set out aims and requirements for an expanded village. Details are contained in the document delivered to every household in April.

## How many South Marston businesses do you use?

### Would you like a directory of small business in South Marston?

Since thinking of setting up my business over two years ago, I have sought out local businesses and used their services with the words "support local" ringing in my ears. I have used and would highly recommend every one of the following:

Beauty Treatments – Rae-Marie Bowdidge, [Raediance](#)

Book Keeping and Credit Control – Mandy Larcombe

Gifts and Bath Products – Amanda Burchell, [Aquilaia](#)

Home maintenance - Brian Bell

Independent Financial Advice – Sarah Watch, [EFA](#)

Marketing Mentoring – Carolyn and Donald Page, [Colporteur](#)

Preschool – South Marston Preschool and White Cottage

Taxi – Martin

Plus [South Marston Primary School](#), [South Marston Hotel](#), [Village Apartments](#) and [The Old Post Office B&B](#)

Of course this list wouldn't be complete without our babysitters Sam, Dan, Ellie and Martha.

WOW, by my calculation I am using the services of a talented individual in almost every road in our village. What a talented bunch we are.

Hannah Jones [hannah.starquality@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.starquality@gmail.com) - please e-mail me or add a comment on the [village website](#).

### Job Vacancy in South Marston

- ✓ Are you looking for work that fits around your life and family responsibilities?
- ✓ Do you love meeting new people?
- ✓ Are you comfortable travelling to new locations?
- ✓ Do you arrive on time – every time?
- ✓ Can you follow a process, to the letter, with different people?
- ✓ Do you have your own car?



If this is you and then please contact Hannah Jones on 07545 141774 or [hannah@BlueKiteCoach.com](mailto:hannah@BlueKiteCoach.com)



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# Friendly Club

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## Recent Events

Our April meeting featured a talk on the history of the **ukulele** by **Richard Bending**, following the early years of its development in Hawaii about 150 years ago to its further development mainly in the USA. Richard brought along some of his collection of ukuleles for us to see. Some of the most novel and unusual models were one made from a cereal box another from a coconut shell and a \$4.50 plastic one to accompany a TV programme teaching people to learn to play the ukulele. The talk was linked in with a **sing-along** by **Richard, Barry and Chris** using some of the old instruments.



## Future Events

**Tuesday 11th May – in the Village Hall at 7.00pm** - An evening of yarns and poems by **Ray Bewes**.

**Tuesday 8th June– in the Village Hall at 7.00pm** - The AGM, followed by a cake decoration demonstration by **Emma Tanner**.



## Outings



**Saturday 8th May – 9.00am – 6.00pm** - pick up & return outside village school. Trip to the **Malvern Spring Gardening Show** held at the 3 Counties Showground. Members £24.00, non members £28.00. Tickets are still available.

**Tuesday 15th June – 9.00pm – 6.30pm** - pick up & return outside village school. Our trip to **Stratford-Upon-Avon** will also include a stop at **Moreton-in-Marsh**. Member cost £10.00, non members £15.00.

## Annual Holiday

This year the annual holiday is at the Manor Hotel Exmouth from Monday 4th October to 8th October inclusive. The cost for members and non members is £229.00 per person for a twin room with 2 adults sharing. This includes bed, breakfast and evening meal.

**If you are over 50 years old and would like to join us on any of our trips or come on the holiday with us you will be most welcome.**

To book a place or for more information contact Brian 826243 or Josie 828080.

## HIGHWORTH UNITED CHARITIES

### RELIEF OF NEED FUND Registered Charity No. 200777

Highworth United Charities have been helping local people for several hundred years. Perhaps they could help you, or someone you know.

The Relief of Need Fund currently has a limited amount of money available for residents of Highworth and South Marston who are in genuine need. Assistance is available on a one-off basis only, and therefore cannot be repeated at a later date.

Application forms are available from Highworth Council Offices or the Lions Shop at Newburgh Place.

**Tower & Tap Submissions** - Please email items for Tower & Tap to [kaylong@btinternet.com](mailto:kaylong@btinternet.com) or drop any article in to The Maples, South Marston (next to the Vicarage). The deadline for June 2010 issue is 15 May 2010.

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## South Marston Youth Club



For more details please contact Julie or Steve Hatherall  
e-mail: [hatherall24@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hatherall24@yahoo.co.uk) tel: 07923 441 296

May dates are shown below:

DAY	DATE	AGES	VENUE
Monday	03 May	10-13 years	Village Hall
Friday	14 May	6 – 9 years	Stanton Park Visit
Saturday	15 May	-	Spring Fayre, Village Hall
Monday	17 May	10-13 years	Stanton Park Visit
Friday	21 May	6 – 9 years	Village Hall
Monday	31 May	10-13 years	Village Hall

# SMYC Spring Fayre



In South Marston  
Village Hall

On Saturday  
15 May 2010

Between 2-5pm

Please support  
South Marston Youth Club

Contact  
Julie : 07923 441 296  
hatherall24@yahoo.co.uk

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..... ***HAVE YOU HEARD?***



..... **most of Ash Gardens, Fuller Gardens, Thornhill Road and some of Highworth Road are members of a special Scheme? Unfortunately this means that less than 14% of the properties in South Marston are members of a very worthwhile organisation.**



***IF YOU LIVE IN ONE OF THE ROADS LISTED BELOW WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US?***



**Ash Gardens Bell Gardens Byron Court Chapel Lane**



**Church Farm Lane Church Ground Fuller Gardens**



**Greenfields Highworth Road Manor Farm Lane**



**Manor Meadows Manor Park Nightingale Lane**



**Old Vicarage Lane Yew Tree Gardens Rawlings Close**



**Rowborough Lane Shrivenham Road St. Julians Close**



**Thornhill Road Quarrybrook Individual properties**



***WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MEMBER TOO?***





The majority of properties in South Marston do not belong to a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the local police are keen to extend the Scheme throughout our village.



The Scheme gives access to useful information such as local crime reports, scams, security advice and so on. Through their co-ordinator, members will be able to contact The NHW Liaison Officer at Gablecross Police Station with any problem and he, in turn, will pass any relevant information to the Local Beat Officer.



We are looking for co-ordinators to cover areas of 10 – 15 properties each but rest assured you will not have to spend a lot of time fulfilling the role. I did it and there is very little involved and it is not time consuming



If you are interested in finding out more about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and/or becoming a co-ordinator for your street please contact Jill Quadri:



**[jillquadri@btinternet.com](mailto:jillquadri@btinternet.com)**  
**or telephone Jill on 829796.**



**TOGETHER, LET'S TRY TO MAKE SOUTH MARSTON AN EVEN SAFER PLACE TO LIVE.**



*Robbie Taylor*



## POLICE SURGERIES

The next Police Surgery is being held on  
**Monday 7th June** at 7 pm

Meadow Room, South Marston Hotel

If there is anything you would like to discuss with them please drop in.

If you have any problems in your area or there is a forthcoming priority you would like to talk about please come along.

The **Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer** from Gable Cross Police Station together with a local Neighbourhood Watch representative will also be at the Police Surgery to answer any questions you may have regarding the Scheme and speak to anyone who is interested in becoming a co-ordinator for their road.



## FUND RAISING AUCTION EVENING

*Fri day 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
at the South Marston Hotel*

*Doors open at 6.30pm Tickets £1.00 each*

*Just some of the promises donated so far:  
Gardening Services, Golf Lesson, Ironing Services,  
Pamper Hamper & Party, Reflexology and lots more ...*

*For details on making a donation or buying a ticket please  
contact Rachel Case on 832719 or email [rcase@sky.com](mailto:rcase@sky.com)*

**Raising funds for South Marston Tots 'n' Toddler group, South Marston School  
and South Marston Village Hall**

## 100 Club Winners

### March 2010

£30 winner: 94 - Neil Robinson

£10 each to:

44 – Charlie Goodheart

15 – Rosie New

108 – Claire Williams

84 – Jodie Turner

### April 2010

£10 each to:

103 – Stacy Woolhouse

117 – Ben Case

34 – Martyn Hobbs

13 – Janet Relf

## NOTICE

### FROM SOUTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL & SMRA

DUE TO THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF VANDALISM ON THE VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD WE FEEL THAT IN FUTURE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO LOOK TO RECOVER THE COSTS INCURRED OF REPAIRING THE DAMAGE FROM THE PEOPLE FOUND RESPONSIBLE.



### CALLING ALL POTENTIAL MORRIS MEN AND WOMEN!

BY POPULAR DEMAND, SOUTH MARSTON FETE COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT OUR MORRIS DANCER'S AGAIN AT THIS YEARS SUMMER FETE, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR WILLING DANCERS TO COME AND JOIN IN. IF YOU THINK THIS IS FOR YOU, THEN PLEASE COME ALONG TO A REGISTRATION SESSION ON MONDAY THE 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL



## Do you need to Declutter?

Are you expecting a baby and want to bag some bargains?

Then come along to our Nearly New Sale is a great opportunity to sell and buy a whole host of baby/children's items.

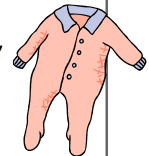
From children's clothes (0-4years), toys, nursery equipment, maternity wear, and much more.

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010

2pm – 4pm in the Village Hall

Admission Free

For further info please contact Rachel on 832719





Don't Forget Fathers Day!  
Sunday 20th June 2010

Treat your father to an excellent  
3 course carvery  
With a gift for the Dads!

£14.95 per Adult,  
£7.95 per Child under 14  
UNDER 5's eat FREE!

For more information or to make a reservation  
please contact the Hotel on (01793) 833700

or

events@southmarstonhotel.com







# MoneyActive

## **New and Exciting volunteering opportunity with Citizens Advice**

As part of a developing service offered by Citizens Advice, the Wiltshire Bureaux are seeking volunteers to be part of a team to provide basic money management skills to students and community groups.

Called Money Active, the project, funded by Nationwide, aims to empower people to make better budgeting, borrowing, saving and banking decisions. We will be working in local schools and with other agencies in the community.

If you are looking for the opportunity to learn new skills and develop existing ones, this project offers roles as a

### **Trainer or a Course Assistant**

Volunteers will receive free training with all expenses paid, as well as the opportunity to join a friendly team and work closely with your local community.

All sorts of people volunteer for the CAB, and find it challenging, rewarding, varied and you never stop learning. We are looking for a minimum commitment of just half a day per fortnight.

Wherever you are in Wiltshire from Swindon to Salisbury, Trowbridge to Tidworth if you would like to be a part of this team then please contact:

Anne Blackwell  
Financial Capability Volunteer Coordinator  
Kennet Citizens Advice Bureau  
New Park Street  
Devizes  
SN10 1DY

Tel. 01380 734306  
E mail [fincap01@kennetcab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:fincap01@kennetcab.cabnet.org.uk)

# Free Off-Road Cycle Training

MBSwindon is running a number of free "introduction to mountain biking" training courses this summer - run by a fully qualified trainer and very similar to what the commercial companies offer but without the £60+ cost!



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July (Ladies Only)


Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August




Open to all aged 16 or over, the course will start/end at Barbury Castle and last around 4 hours (10am – 2pm). All you need is a well-maintained mountain bike, a helmet and a few basics. No previous skills (other than being able to ride a bike!) are needed and no-one will get left behind. Everything else, including specialist equipment, is provided by the instructor.

For more information and to reserve your place please see  
[www.mbswindon.co.uk/training](http://www.mbswindon.co.uk/training) or email [training@mbswindon.co.uk](mailto:training@mbswindon.co.uk)

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**Stop press:** Gavin Hoffen from South Marston has written a novel ***Dandelion*** which promises to be very successful and is already on sale in the US. ***Dandelion*** is an exciting thriller, set both in WW2 and modern times, and features South Marston. More about Gavin and his novel in the next issue of Tower & Tap, in the meantime follow this link for further info:  
[www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/dandelion.html](http://www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/dandelion.html)



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<http://southmarston.org.uk>

Parish Council Chair	Colin McEwen	T 825312
Parish Council Vice Chair	TBA	T
Clerk to the Parish Council	Roger Powell	T 827515
Parish Council Project Co-ord'r	TBA	
SMRA Chair	Mary Case	T 826038
SMRA Secretary	Julie Hatherall	T 826028
Village Hall Bookings	Julie Hatherall	T 07857 310624
Football Field Bookings	Chris Maull	T 824505
Tots and Toddlers	Rachel Case	T 832719
Youth Club	Julie & Steve	T 07923 441296
Gardening Club	Mike New	T 827807
Friendly Club	Brian McGlone	T 826243
History Society	Darren Cook	T 832999
Afternoon Home Group	Shirley Wildern	T 826160
Marston Minstrels	Maureen Withers	T 825660
SM Football Club	Nigel Franklin	T 766590
Spitfires Football Club	Bev Maull	T 824505
South Marston School	Alison Lowe	T 823379
Pre-School	Pre-School Staff	T 07847 590601
Swindon Borough Councillor	Doreen Dart	T 762033
Member of Parliament	Anne Snelgrove	T 615444
Team Rector	<i>to be appointed</i>	
Team Vicar	Vicky Fleming	T 827021
Church Wardens	Richard Sansum	T 831473
	Donald Page	T 825693

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## Useful Contacts Stanton Fitzwarren

Some useful contact numbers for Stanton Fitzwarren are shown below,  
which our readers may find useful:

Clerk to the Parish Council	Zena May	T 702869
WI President	Margaret Parker	T 762065
Village Hall Bookings	Alison Charnock	T 762093
St Leonards Church Wardens	Liz Hillman	T 762935
	Sue Mackenzie	T 765538