

# Marton Newsletter

March 2025



Intense concentration during February's  
Village Hall Quiz Night



Getting set for a pétanque summer



# Marion Diary

## March

2	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	11.15
2	<i>Church: In The Spirit</i>	18.30
5	<i>Church: Ash Wednesday Long Itch.</i>	19.00
7	Mobile Library	11.30
9	<i>Church: Morning Worship</i>	11.15
13	Afternoon Teas	14.00
14	Marion Cinema: The Trouble with Jessica	20.00
16	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	11.15
22	Church/Churchyard Clean	10-12
23	<i>Church: Morning Worship</i>	11.15
23	Marion Walkers	11.00
23	MLHG Long Itch Church Visit	14.30
27	<i>Church Coffee Morning</i>	10.30
30	<i>Church: Mothering Sunday</i>	11.15

## April

4	Mobile Library	11.30
6	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	11.15
6	<i>Church: In The Spirit</i>	18.30
10	Afternoon Teas	14.00
13	<i>Church: Morning Worship</i>	11.15
19/20	Napton Art Group Exhibition	10.00
20	<i>Church: Morning Worship</i>	11.15
24	<i>Church Coffee Morning</i>	10.30
27	<i>Church: Morning Worship</i>	11.15
27	Marion Walkers	11.00
28	Marion Local History Group	19.30

## Events

### **The Next Marion Parish Council Meeting**

**7.30pm  
Tuesday  
11 March 2025  
at the Village  
Hall**

***NB Please note the  
deadline for the April  
Newsletter is Sunday 23  
March 2025.***

# Marton News

## M.P.E.G.

### MPEG Update

Thanks to all the people who helped with the ecology group activities in 2024 which helped to encourage and aid the wildlife in the village.

A meeting was held on Wednesday 29 January to discuss activities for the group in 2025 and beyond. The list of annual activities (shown opposite) was agreed, and we will try and follow this plan as we progress through the year.

We will advertise events on email and WhatsApp when they are occurring.

**If you want to be added to the list of MPEG members please let me know, but everyone is welcome to help with any of the activities, you just need to turn up on the day advertised.**

*Sarah Heath*  
*sarah.heath6@icloud.com*

### **Marton Community Network – We can still help!**

*As many of you are aware, before lockdown started a small group representing the Parish Council, Church and Village Hall met to discuss how to support the Marton community. We all believe it's beneficial to work together and support each other.*

So if you need some help with:

- **Picking up shopping or prescriptions**
- **Posting mail**
- **A friendly phone call**
- **Urgent supplies**
- **Transport to a medical appointment...or just a lift to the shops**

*Please make contact with either:*

**Helen on:** 07793 213048 or Helen.Keeves@hotmail.co.uk  
**or Rob on:** 07764 377163 or lummisrob@gmail.com

### ***Please don't be afraid to ask!***

We will be happy to arrange for you to receive the help you need. Please remember you should only accept help from people you know and trust - always ring for clarification if you are not sure.

**A big thank you:** to all the wonderful volunteers who continue to support the Marton Community with offers of help!

Thanks for reading, please take care and stay safe.

*Rob (Marton Parish Council)*

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## M.P.E.G.

Month	Activity
January	Trim & shape willow General pruning
February	Bat box check Tree survey – Parish Council
March	Cut and collect grass from wildflower areas before Yellow Rattle comes up – early March Clear grass from round new trees round edge of playing field
April	Weed raised beds Tree survey - Parish council
May	Bat box check
June	Clear grass from round new trees round edge of playing field Summer trim of willow Tree survey – Parish council
July	Late July/early August – cut wildflower areas Weed raised beds
August	Max of a week after cutting collect and remove wildflowers Bat box check Tree survey – Parish council
September	Cut and collect grass from wildflower areas Weed raised beds
October	Tree survey – Parish council
November	Clear grass from round new trees round edge of playing field
December	Tree survey – Parish council

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## M.P.F.A.

### A word from the MPFA Chair

*In looking forward to the long lazy evenings of the summer 2025, the Marton Playing Fields Association (the MPFA) is currently renovating the pétanque pitch on the playing field.*

*Pétanque is a French version of bowls where there is more emphasis on throwing than rolling. It's great fun, easy to learn and suitable for all ages.*

*We are hoping the work will be completed by the spring.*

*Everyone is welcome to use the court at any time. There is even a Pétanque Whatsapp group to those interested in joining in on social evenings in the warmer months- usually with a glass of chilled wine in hand....*

*Thanks in particular to Alan Naylor and Dave Inman from the MPFA for making this happen.*

*The MPFA is a voluntary group*

*by villagers to manage the Playing Field, playground and village pavilion. Our Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 29 April at 19.30 at the Pavilion. We are looking to new volunteers to join us so please come along for more information.*

*Dinyar*

### Work on Improved Pétanque Pitch

Marton Playing Field Association Committee have got a busy year ahead of them with many jobs outlined to improve the Pavilion and aspects of the playing fields.

One of the simpler jobs has been to address



the area on which pétanque is played. Correctly described as the *terrain*, it should be a gravel surface. The previous conversion on the old concrete all weather cricket practice pitch was not ideal so it has been taken up, including the old all weather surface. Thanks are due to Travis Perkins,

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Builders Merchant from Leamington Spa for agreeing to free delivery of the Pétanque gravel at a very good price. Travis Perkins were very pleased to assist the MPFA in their endeavours.



## Street light in Church Street

The street light at the junction with North Street has been out of action for a while. It has been reported and engineers have been out to look at it. However, there is an unspecified fault that is delaying the repair.



## Newsbites

### More snippets from 2000

Continuing the theme from last month here are more reminders of life in Millennium Marton.

### MARTON

Margaret Taylor  
(01926) 632217

MARTON millennium celebrations are well in hand and due to take place on Sunday, June 25.

The day will commence at 11am with a Millennium Thanksgiving Service in St. Spirit Church followed at 12 noon by a fancy dress parade. At 12.30pm a street party with a commemorative gift for every child will take place, followed by the Millennium Sports Day.

Just to get things started, the Marton Millennium Quacky Races will take place on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 29. Can your duck swim the fastest? Cash prizes totalling £50, so please buy a duck for £1.

● There will be a temporary road closure in Marton from now until June 5 when Birdingbury Road from the railway bridge, south eastwards for 534 metres will be closed to traffic to enable carriageway edge strengthening to take place.

Diversions will be in operation via A423, Long Itchington Road and Marton Road.

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## Marton Walkers

Here is the photo from the January Marton walk which started in Frankton from the Friendly Inn. We crossed fields to take us down to the railway line, walked into Draycote village and returned to the pub via Bourton on Dunsmore.



The Marton walks take place on the final Sunday of the month starting at 10.00am from a local pub. The walk is about 5 miles in length. A drink or meal at the pub afterwards is optional. To join the WhatsApp group to hear about where to meet please send your mobile number to [mikeofmarton@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeofmarton@hotmail.com)

## Napton Easter Art Exhibition

Napton Art Group are holding their annual Easter Exhibition of members' work at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 April 2025 between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

There will be about 200 paintings in all media including oils, watercolour, acrylics and pastels and greetings cards of some of these will be available.

Admission is £1 with free entry for children and there will be light refreshments in the pop-up cafe.

Everybody who comes can vote for "The People's Favourite" painting. The nominated charity this year is the Air Ambulance. Group members will be displaying small paintings that will be for sale at a cost of £10 with the proceeds going to the charity.

Payments for items for sale can now be made by card/ phone as well as cash/ cheques.

The Art Group has a membership that now stands at over 50 and meets every Thursday afternoon at Napton Village Hall and has a programme featuring a wide range of demonstrations and weekend workshops. Visitors who might wish to join the group are welcome on any Thursday afternoon 2 - 4 pm.

Further details from Howard Collerson 01926 813181



# Marton Village Hall

Marton Cinema

## MARTON CINEMA – MARCH



**Moving Pictures**

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**THE TROUBLE WITH JESSICA**

on **Friday March 14th**

**Doors open 7.30pm, film starting at 8pm**

**Tickets £4**

# Marton Village Hall

## Events

### Quiz Night 2025

Another great night on Saturday 15 February was organised by Danny, Naomi and the Village Hall Committee.

*Danny reported:*

- In first place (Winner of the final tiebreaker)  
You've been buttered - 87
- Cupid Stunts - 82
- One year on - 81.5
- Not sure yet - 80
- Gin'll fix it - 73.5
- Gordons Gophers - 73.5
- Outsmarted - 73.5
- Beyonce Know Alls - 71.5
- Pigs Might Fly - 71.5
- Not a Scooby Doos - 69.5
- Universally Challenged - 69
- Consistently Average - 63.5

And a big congratulations to Ulli who took home the Quizmaster's Special Prize, awarded for her impressive dancing/sashay during the music round!

Thanks again for a lovely night, it was a close quiz and it's always great to see what an amazing village spirit we have.

I'd love to get some feedback so we can make the quiz better every time, so if you've got 2 minutes handy to let us know your thoughts, please do so here: <https://form.typeform.com/to/UAEVCy7f>

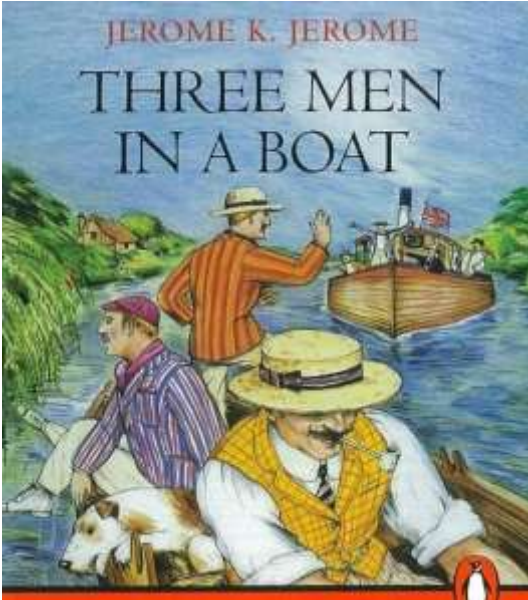
*The Quizmaster & His Assistant  
(Danny & Naomi)*



**Quizmaster  
Danny and  
the famed  
sequined  
jacket**

# Marton Village Hall

**Three Men in a Boat**  
**7.30 Friday 4 April 2026**



Coming soon to Marton Village hall is a production of *Three Men in a Boat*, directed by Simon Downing.

This is a rare opportunity to enjoy live drama on your doorstep.

Adapted from the splendid book by Jerome K Jerome, by Simon Downing and Giles Shenton

*"There are a few seriously funny books that remain great for all time. Three Men in a Boat is one of these"* The Guardian

*"Timeless appeal"* The Independent

*"Pitch-perfect comedy about, well, three men in a boat"* The Telegraph

## Events

Skilfully distilled from Jerome K. Jerome's comic masterpiece into 95 minutes of pure delight. To those who wondered if the same team could live up to the earlier success of *Old Herbaceous*, the answer was an emphatic yes. A master class in confidence, stagecraft and delivery.

We are pleased to welcome Giles to the Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start.

Tickets (£14) available online, using the following links, or email

[Marton.hall.tickets@gmail.com](mailto:Marton.hall.tickets@gmail.com)

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# Marton Cooking

## Easter Simnel Cake

### Recipe of the Season Simnel Fruit Cake



This recipe is straightforward and can be used for a variety of celebration cakes as well as a slice for afternoon tea with a glass of port!

The ingredients given are for a standard nine-inch-deep cake tin but I generally double or even treble up to make a variety of smaller sizes. Baking time is less, and the cakes will keep for a long time if well wrapped in foil and left in the original baking paper.

#### Ingredients

- **Dried Fruit** 1.5 lbs[680g] in total A mixture of sultanas, currants, raisins chopped peel,

glace cherries, dried apricots etc. Soak overnight in alcohol [small glass of either sherry, whisky rum, [your choice]. Two tablespoons of lemon juice/ orange juice and water give a good stir to dampen all fruit

- **Soft Margarine [Diary free if necessary]** 6oz [170g]
- **Brown Sugar [Dark muscovado]** 7oz [198g].add a little treacle to make it darker of desired.
- **Eggs 3.** Mix all together add to fruit, mix well.
- **Plain Flour** 8oz [227g] gluten free flour if necessary
- 1teaspoon of **baking powder**
- 1tsp **mixed spice**
- half a tsp **salt.** Add to above mixture
- If it feels very stiff add another drop of water.

Put mixture in a well-greased and lined tin. Bake at 160-170C for 1-1.5 hours or until skewer comes out clean Allow to cool in tin, when cold pierce all over with a skewer and add more alcohol if desired. Wrap well in foil, it will keep for months.

**Simnel Cake** is the traditional Mothering Sunday cake, now often an Easter cake. A quick version is to split cooked cake and add

# Marton Nostalgia

a round of rolled out marzipan between layers and another on the top of the cake Spread some apricot jam on cake first to keep topping in place. Decorate with 11 marzipan balls. The usual method is to put a layer of mixture into tin, add a round of marzipan and cover with rest of mixture before baking.

Joan

## More snippets of village life from the Rugby Advertiser of 25 years ago

### **MARTON** **Michael Taylor** **(01926) 632217.**

THANKS to a lottery grant of £84,850 the Marton War Memorial Hall is undergoing a complete internal re-furnishment, with work being carried out by Arden Contract Services.

The village hall committee put a great deal of effort and time into gaining the lottery grant and are confident that the finished results will be well worthwhile.

In the meantime apologies to all who had wished to use the hall in September and October and would fans please note that the Marton Night Out will now be on November 24 and 25.

## Newsbites from the Millennium

### Man airlifted

A MAN was airlifted to hospital in Birmingham after sustaining a suspected fractured skull in an industrial accident on Thursday.

The 51-year-old was taken by air ambulance to the Sellyoak Hospital after being trapped by concrete shutters at the New Bridge building site on the A423 at Marton shortly before 9.30am.

The Health and Safety Executive has been informed.



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# Marton Heritage

## Marton Museum

### Winter Working

#### New Farm Implements Display

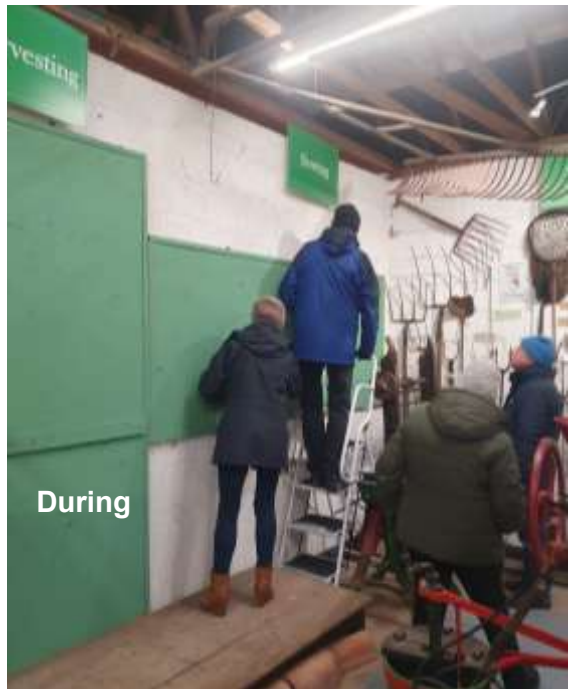
Despite the cold weather, a team of volunteers (and some pressed men) have cleared away the collection of farm implements ready for a revision of the display. This has not been done for forty years since George Tims first set it out. It has gained a number of additional artefacts over the years and much is hidden from view.

The current old wooden backing has been taken down and will be replaced by panels of white painted pegboard that will enable a more efficient and attractive presentation of the items.

Nevertheless the redisplay will be challenging as there are many objects and not much space - some are amongst the largest in the museum. There are a couple



Before



During

of months left before the museum reopens. Then you can judge how successful the volunteers have been!

# Marton Heritage

## Mounted Wall Brace



Our invaluable museum friend William Waddilove brought his engineering expertise (and tools) to bear on a couple of museum problems.

We have had an old wall brace in the collection that was in a poor state. William offered to renovate it and find a way of mounting it. We are always looking for new ideas and especially ways to decorate the plain exterior of the museum, so we took him up on his offer. On a cold day in February the deed was done with the help of a massive bolt and an even larger drill.

William also took away part of the gearing for our winnowing machine that had lost some cogs. He is working on ways to recreate them so the machine will be able to work properly in future.

## Marton Church History

### Marton Conservator in National Press



Back in 2019 St Esprit Church obtained the services of Pieta Greaves to conserve its lovely painted Victorian zinc metal panels. She removed the old varnish and retouched the areas of paint that were damaged. After months of work she gave a talk to Marton Local History group about her work.

In the latest edition of the British Archaeology journal there is a double page spread describing what Pieta has been up to, including her work in co-ordinating conservation of the Staffordshire Hoard.

# Marton Heritage

## Marton Local History Group

### Long Itchington through the eyes of Edwardian Photographers

The February meeting of our local history group was given a presentation on the history of Long Itchington and the church. This was in preparation for the group's visit to the church there in March.



Linda Doyle was due to deliver the talk having worked on the local history of the area for many years. She was also one of the leading lights of the Southam

14 Heritage Centre. Linda



died, suddenly, in December and she will be much missed by those in the area who have benefited from her research.

Instead there was a presentation of what Long Itchington looked like before the First World War. At the time, like many villages it was visited by a number of postcard photographers who covered just about every inch of the village. They also attended village events such as the meet of the hunt, May Day processions and even property fires.



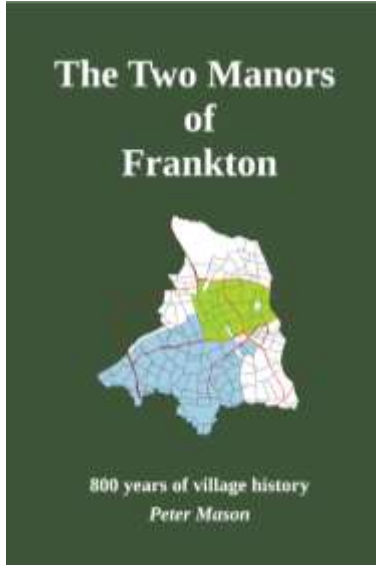
Inevitably the church was always a popular subject so there was a quick look at the inside and out as it was more than a century ago. It gave a taste of what changes the group are likely to see at the end of March.



# Marton Heritage

## A new book on one of our local villages

Last year we were given a presentation by Peter Mason on some of the prominent families of Frankton who dominated village life for 800 years. He has since extended his research and set it out in a book that has just been published.



He brought some copies along to the February meeting. At 165 pages for £10 it offers an in-depth look at one of our local villages that is sadly missing elsewhere in the area.

## March Meeting of MLHG Long Itchington Church Visit

As outlined opposite there will be a visit to Long Itchington Church on Sunday 23 March. There will be no meeting on the Monday.

We will meet outside the church at 2.30pm and will have a guided tour with a local resident. All are welcome to see this gem on our doorstep.

## More History

### More Snippets from 25 Years Ago

**MARTON,**  
Margaret Taylor,  
(01926) 632217.

MARTON Millennium weekend was blessed with fine weather, commencing on Saturday with Marton winning the cricketing Ashes Match against Birdingbury. Afterwards there was a barbecue at the home of Cheryl and Alan Naylor.

On Sunday morning there was a beautiful church service in a flower decorated church, with the fancy dress parade starting from the church after the service. The Rev. Peter Crokes judged the costumes and the winners were - five years and under-William Hillier as a pirate, aged six - 10, Kimberley Hyde as Mini Mouse, and 11 years plus - Siobhan Bayliss as a mediæval bride.

There were lots of other costumes depicting the past 1,000 years including Karl Barnfather as the Phantom of the Opera, Toni Storey as Nell Gwynne, Julie Atkin a mediæval lady and there were lots of pirates.

The procession moved to the playing fields where a massive picnic lunch was held. The W.I. then opened the pavilion for teas and cakes and the Sports Day began. Dave Hyde's dulcet tones were heard over the loud hailer and Trish and Phil Shorey, Zena.. Mike, Ralph, Sally and Mark and many more ran around seeing all went smoothly. Every child under sixteen received a free Millennium Mug with the now famous Barbara Newsome, sun face on it. In all it was a very happy weekend. Thank you to all who worked so hard, and to all who supported the event.

# Marton Life

## Activities

### Afternoon Teas

For all those at home on the second Thursday afternoon of the month

Take a Break!



Marton Village Hall

2.00pm Thursday  
13 March 2025

## For the Galanthophiles in Marton



As one of the first flowers to herald the arrival of Spring, Snowdrops are not just a sign of the changing seasons but also a beacon of positivity.

Snowdrops hold a deep and enduring meaning, symbolising new beginnings, hope, rebirth and the capacity to triumph over challenges (especially given the journey they take from bulb, through undergrowth and then their emergence towards the gentle and often difficult to see sunshine). Loved by us all, with a gentle sweet honey scent, they are also enjoyed as an important food source by adventurous honey bees (*see the back cover for the full colour version. Front cover courtesy of Rob*)

Alan



**MARTON**

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

7pm to 9pm on most\* Thursday evenings during school term time at the Village Hall.  
Non-League - All abilities and ages more than welcome.  
Contact Dinyar (07825 203331) to join WhatsApp group.

\* Sometimes session are cancelled due to other events & elections etc: so join WhatsApp group to stay up to date.

# Marton Church

## St Esprit Church in Marton



If you would like to discuss baptisms, weddings, home visits, hospital visits, funerals, foodbank support or any other pastoral needs or concerns, please contact Revd Richard

confidentially on 01926 425070 or his email [revrwss@gmail.com](mailto:revrwss@gmail.com) or St Esprit PCC via Jenny Walsh or [StEspritMarton@gmail.com](mailto:StEspritMarton@gmail.com).

**You are always welcome to St Esprit Church, Marton** where we generally gather with refreshments at 11.00am for our services at 11.15am each regular Sunday. It is different on festival days or 5th Sundays. Below are the services currently planned, please see St. Esprit Church, Marton - A Church Near You, Marton WhatsApps/email, noticeboard or our Facebook Page for details. Please contact us by email ([StEspritMarton@gmail.com](mailto:StEspritMarton@gmail.com)) or 01926632547 if you want to be included on our Church mailing list (email or posted).

Dear Friends,

### **Under new management!**

What do these companies have in common:  
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## Church Services

MoneySuperMarket, GoCompare, Confused.com, USwitch? The answer is that they are all price comparison websites. In other words, they will tell you which supplier is cheapest for your gas, electricity, insurance, telephone bills and a host of other things. Or at least, that's the idea. In the mind-bendingly complex world of trying to work out the best deal for these everyday things, these companies offer a way through to see what might best suit your circumstances and budget. And we are told that it makes sense to change your suppliers regularly, because the best deals are reserved not for faithful, loyal, long-term customers, but for new customers! The best prices are there to lure customers away from their present providers to a new one. We have changed gas, electricity etc. suppliers several times in the hope of making economies, but

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it's never long before another company overtakes the one we have just switched to in terms of cost savings.

When we change utilities suppliers we are then receiving power from a new source. A different company with different management. When I listen to people talking, it gives me some idea of who is managing their lives. I get an impression of who or what is empowering them. People can be governed by fears and anxiety, ambitions and hopes, love and caring. Sometimes a mixture of these and other factors at different times. The essence of becoming a Christian is to change who manages our lives. To change the power source, literally! We change from self-centred management of our lives to God-centred management of our lives. God on the throne rather than self, the Spirit in the driving seat, not us. This is

not to lose our personhood or God-given individuality, but rather, to realise our full God-given potential. To come under God's management is the best take-over deal ever. The greatest USwitch etc. we can make is from the world, the flesh and the devil to the Lord Jesus Christ. He has the best deal: eternal life!

If a footballer plays for a certain team, and then gets transferred to another team (for some astronomic fee as is common in the highest levels of football these days) it's no good the manager of the previous team asking the player to come back and play for them! No, the player is now under new management. Bought at a great price. When a person becomes a Christian, they have literally made the switch to a new team. They are under new management. They are now part of Jesus' Team. Bought at a great price. The price of the Cross. Lent is upon us. It culminates in the opportunity to reflect again on the amazing sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, and His glorious resurrection which make the transfer possible, and which enable us to pass from death to life. Lent is an opportunity to examine who or what is managing our lives. An opportunity to press the re-set button. Time to make space to find God's pace. In Lent we remember that Jesus fasted, prayed, and was tempted. His time of being tempted, and overcoming it, won a

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victory that we can share in so that we can live a life in the here and now and for all eternity which is life in all its fullness as God intends. If the devil comes knocking at my door tempting me to sin or be selfish, then I try to remember to remind him that I am under new management. God's management not his. And He's the best manager ever. In fact He's the Lord, Saviour and Good Shepherd of our lives. Much more than a manager.

*Your friend in Christ, **Richard.***

**CHURCH SERVICES** – all welcome to every service.

Sunday 2 March – Holy Communion service, join us from 11.00am for a cuppa and cake to start at 11.15am.

Sunday 2 March – In The Spirit, a Deanery wide contemporary lay led service starting worship at 6.30pm and refreshments at 6.00pm.

Sunday 9 March - Morning Worship at 11.15am, join us for a cuppa and cake at 11.00am.

Ash Wednesday 5 March – Holy Communion service 7.00pm, Holy Trinity Church, Long Itchington

Sunday 16 March – Holy Communion service, join us from 11.00am for a cuppa and cake to start at 11.15am.

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Sunday 23 March –  
Morning Worship at 11.15am, join us for a cuppa and cake at 11.00am.

Sunday 30 March –  
Mothering Sunday, Morning Worship at 11.15am, join us for a cuppa and cake at 11.00am.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER** – thank you to everyone taking part in this year's Progressive Dinner and to Joe for organising the event. If you are reading this before 1 March and haven't had an expected letter, contact Joe Walsh ASAP. We certainly hope it was a wonderful event that built on the community spirit of our village and raised much needed funds for the church building.

It is always planned to be the first Saturday so please

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contact Joe,  
[joe.a.walsh@btinternet.com](mailto:joe.a.walsh@btinternet.com)  
07399480966, if you would like more information about the 2026 event!

**COFFEE MORNING –  
Thursday 27 March, 10.30 -  
12 noon.**

Coffee mornings are a lovely time for those available to gather together, with lots of chat and lots of cake, each month is different and everyone is always welcome. Let someone from the PCC know if you are struggling to get to the church for whatever reason.



**GATE PIER REPAIRS** – these will be starting soon we hope. Please do respect any guidance to ensure the safety of all during the work. We will put a message out to the village electronically as soon as we know any details.

**SPRING CHURCHYARD & CHURCH CLEANING**  
– **HELP REQUIRED PLEASE** for working parties on Saturday 22 March between 10.00am and 12.30am both inside and outside (weather permitting). There are two options as below and we will provide refreshments for the workers:



1. Please bring your own tools to tidy the churchyard as the grass starts to grow and the spring bulbs fade.
2. Please bring cleaning stuff to spring clean the church ahead of Easter, any help from the more energetic washing of the floors to the more gentle polishing of the brasses is very welcome.

All help is appreciated at these mornings or at any other time to keep your village church and churchyard clean and tidy. After the clocks change, we will also aim to meet one evening a month, see the next newsletter.

**LENT 2025, “From Ram to Lamb”** – Tuesday evenings from 11 March at The Harvester Long Itchington. You are welcome to attend all or one session. If you would like more information, contact us via [stespritmarton@gmail.com](mailto:stespritmarton@gmail.com) or Revd Richard (details on p.17).

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- ▲ New roofs
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**07444 207362**



# Marton Contacts

## Outside the village

### Emergency Contacts

Gas:  
Water:  
Electricity:  
Floodline:  
NHS Direct:

0800 111 999  
0800 7834444  
0800 0568090  
0845 988 1188  
111

Rugby Borough Council

01788 533533

[www.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.rugby.gov.uk)

Warwickshire County Council

01926 410410

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

### Councillors

Borough Councillor Dale Keeling

07895 360422

[dale.keeling@rugby.gov.uk](mailto:dale.keeling@rugby.gov.uk)

County Councillor Dale Keeling

07895 360422

### Member of Parliament

Jeremy Wright (Conservative)

01926 853650

[jeremy.wright.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:jeremy.wright.mp@parliament.uk)

### Warwickshire Police

#### Rugby Rural South – Safer Neighbourhood Team

To contact the team directly (*not for reporting a crime*)

To report a crime or any suspicious incident

In an emergency

**Email:** [rrs.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rrs.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Twitter:** @RugbyCops

**Rugby Police Station, Newbold Road,**

**Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 2DH**

**Rugby Anti-Social Behaviour Wardens**

**Sgt Ricky Franklin**

01788 853851

101

999

0800 096 8800

1303

### 24-hour Free Confidential Helplines

**Childline (for under 19s)** [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk)

**MHM Coventry & Warks** [mhm.org.uk](http://mhm.org.uk)

**Samaritans** [samaritans.org](http://samaritans.org)

**YoungMinds Crisis Messenger** [youngminds.org.uk](http://youngminds.org.uk)

0800 1111

0800 616 171

08457 90 90 90

Text YM to 85258

# Marton Contacts

## Inside the village

### Marton Parish Council

Clerk: Louise Hollings

Councillors: Faye Chambers  
Rob Lummis  
David Fry  
Mike Taylor  
Sarah Heath

[clerk@martonvillage.com](mailto:clerk@martonvillage.com)

(Contact via the Clerk)

### Village Organisations

Marton Newsletter (Editorial)	David Fry	01926 632936
Marton Newsletter (Advertising)	Sharon Edwards	sharon.edwards0@googlemail.com
Marton Vicar	Rev Cannon Richard Suffern	07876654495 revrws@gmail.com
Village Hall	Maya Van Der Galien	07537853866 <a href="mailto:villagehall.marton@gmail.com">villagehall.marton@gmail.com</a>
Playing Field Association	Dinyar Baria	
Marton Community Network	Rob Lummis	07764 377163
Marton Pig Club	Andrew Heath	07515911926 sausages.marton@gmail.com
Neighbourhood Watch	Miranda Aston	07931 770249
Marton Museum	David Fry	01926 632936
Local History	David Fry	01926 632936
Marton Art	Joan Sherratt	01926 632837 jmsherratt@btinternet.com
Marton Walkers	Mike Johnson	01926 632960
Church Warden	Jenny Walsh	01926 632547
Emergency Flood Group	Parish Council	See contacts above
Snow Warden	(Vacancy)	

### Website

[www.martonvillage.com](http://www.martonvillage.com):

[newsletter@martonvillage.com](mailto:newsletter@martonvillage.com)



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