

# Marton Newsletter

September 2025







Women's Tour of Britain in Marton 2019



Men's Tour of Britain in Marton 2018

# Marton Diary

## September

<b>6</b>	<b>Marton Cancer Fundraiser</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>7</b>	<i>Church: Long Itchington</i>	<b>10.30</b>
<b>7</b>	<i>Church: In The Spirit</i>	<b>18.30</b>
<b>9</b>	Marton Parish Council	<b>19.30</b>

### 13&14 Museum Heritage Open Days

<b>14</b>	<i>Church: Long Itchington</i>	<b>09.30</b>
<b>19</b>	Mobile Library	<b>11.30</b>
<b>19</b>	Marton Cinema: The Penguin Lessons	<b>20.00</b>
<b>19</b>	Friday Night @ Pavilion BBQ	<b>18.00</b>
<b>21</b>	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	<b>10.30</b>
<b>25</b>	<i>Church Coffee Morning</i>	<b>10.30</b>
<b>26</b>	Marton Village Inn	<b>18.30</b>
<b>27</b>	Church/Churchyard Clean	<b>10.00</b>
<b>28</b>	<i>Church: Long Itchington</i>	<b>09.30</b>
<b>28</b>	Marton Walkers	<b>11.00</b>
<b>28</b>	Museum open for the last time this year	

## October

<b>5</b>	<i>Church: Morning Service</i>	<b>10.30</b>
<b>9</b>	Afternoon Teas	<b>14.00</b>
<b>12</b>	<i>Church: Morning Worship</i>	<b>10.30</b>
<b>19</b>	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	<b>10.30</b>
<b>17</b>	Mobile Library	<b>11.30</b>
<b>26</b>	<i>Church: Long Itchington</i>	<b>11.15</b>
<b>26</b>	Marton Walkers	<b>11.00</b>
<b>30</b>	<i>Church Coffee Morning</i>	<b>09.30</b>
<b>30</b>	Church/Churchyard Clean	<b>10.00</b>

## Events



**Do sign up for the  
village group email,  
and/or WhatsApp  
to keep in touch  
with village life**

*If you want to be added to the  
group contact:  
lummisrob@gmail.com*

### **Next Marton Parish Council Meeting**

**7.30pm  
Tuesday  
9 September 2025  
at the Village Hall**

**NB** Please note the deadline  
for the dual edition of the  
**October Newsletter is Sunday  
24 September 2025.**

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### Village Communication



Don't forget to join Marton WhatsApp. As well as the main group there are many sub groups you can join from Marton Wildlife to Marton Table Tennis.

The email group is also operating regularly again. If you wish to get connected with either village email or WhatsApp contact Rob on **lummisrob@gmail.com**

The more of us that are connected the better. A regular communication display advert will appear each month on page one of the Newsletter.

**Next Marton Parish  
Council Meeting**  
**7.30pm**  
**Tuesday**  
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### 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)*

# Marton News

## Our Lovely New Road



The start of summer brought a surprise announcement from Warwickshire Highways that they were to resurface the road south of the village. Although welcome it brought a few comments about there being worse roads that needed resurfacing and the costs involved. We put these points to Warwickshire Highways.

Regarding costs there was no information *“as this would be commercially sensitive data”*

### Criteria for Resurfacing

A more comprehensive response concerning criteria for resurfacing was forthcoming:

*“the condition of Warwickshire's road network is established through a regime of both visual and machine-based surveys undertaken across the whole of the carriageway and footway network over a rolling two-year cycle. These surveys follow nationally designed criteria to produce comparable condition data for each length*

## Road Resurfacing

*of the network.*

*“We examine the survey data using specialist software and apply a process known as ‘Deterioration Modelling’ to predict the relative condition of the highway network over the coming years and this helps us to decide where we should be channelling resources at the optimum time to treat our roads in the most cost-effective way, providing the greatest benefit.*

*“We take account of a range of factors other than road condition in our decision making, such as road usage levels, defect history, proximity to local amenities like schools & colleges and environmental issues such as noise pollution. Once all the factors have been taken into consideration a candidate list is produced of the maintenance schemes where the greatest benefit can be achieved.”*

### Anti-skid Surface

Some residents were concerned that the hard fought for safety surfacing along



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## Road Resurfacing

the southern gateway to the village did not seem to be replaced, including the



warning red tarmac.

A later response from Highways clarified the situation:

*"regarding the red coloured surfacing, we wouldn't reinstate this immediately anyway as we need the traffic to wear the binder down to ensure good adhesion, usually we reinstate this 4-6 weeks after surfacing"*

What we call the anti-skid

surface and they call high friction surfacing (HFS), they no longer replace due to it being a maintenance burden. However, they have increased the PSV (polished stone value) to 68 rather than the basic 60 in lieu of the HFS. According to Google 68psv *"indicates a high level of skid resistance"*



There is no doubt that parts of the road leading into the village needed work as evidenced by the photograph on the left. There have also been ponding issues caused partly by the road camber that they were aware of. Hopefully these issues will have been addressed by all the work done.

Even if only from an aesthetic point of view the work has been a success, though the skid marks at the village entrance are already beginning to obscure the white lines and the necessity for the extra grippy tarmac.

Finally, is it just me or do cars make less noise on the new tarmac?

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## A Restored Bus Shelter

Thanks to the skillful intervention of a village handyman, who wishes to remain anonymous, a long neglected part of the village has been given a new lease of life.



The timber shelter has long been under attack from the elements and the surrounding

vegetation. It has been many years since it has been painted, and then by creosote, which gives an idea of the length of time as its use was banned in 2003. The new finish was applied with Cuprinol 'Seasoned Oak'. Hopefully this will give another few decades of life (though the interior still needs some work).



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Of necessity the surrounding vegetation needed to be cut back to allow a special sealant to be applied to the roof. The opportunity was taken to also tackle the growth of brambles through the trees that, of late, had begun to be an obstacle on the footpath. In doing so some of the plants from a border that had been planted many years back by Pauline Hitchman, was revealed.

Although there is still some tidying up to be done it should be easier to keep on top of the work in future.

## No Afternoon Teas for All in September



The next event is  
**2.00pm Thursday  
9 October 2025  
Marton Village Hall**

# Marton News

## Sewage Issues

### The River Leam Problem

**SEVERN**  
**TRENT**

As you will know from Miranda's communications, if not your own eyes, all is not well with the River Leam (see Newsletter front cover).

The issue of it being choked by vegetation is not the main part of this problem; that is a result of Environment Agency policy not to scour the rivers to ease the flow of water in flooding situations.

Concerns are regarding the operations of Severn Trent and the sewage treatment plant at Frankton in particular. Water quality and water levels have declined. Crisis pumping of raw sewage into the river seems to have increased. Another possible contributory factor is water extraction further upstream that may explain the lower water levels

noted in the river at Marton (not the responsibility of Severn Trent).

Severn Trent claims that run off from farm land is the main problem for the decline in water quality, despite statistics suggesting otherwise for the Leam. But, despite contacts for more information Severn Trent have not been very forthcoming.

Some villagers who had complained were told about a Severn Trent organized drop-in session at Wellesbourne Village Hall on Thursday 21 August . This was all they could offer despite being offered free use of Marton Village Hall for a public meeting.

Some concerned campaigners from the village trekked down to Wellesbourne anyway to see if there would be some straight answers. As it was suspected the presentations covered across a large part of Warwickshire as well as the work of Severn Trent in general, though, few words were devoted to developments at the Frankton works.

Fortunately the questions that followed offered a little more insight, but not much.

The parish council have managed to get a promise from Oliver Hills, who is delightfully titled 'Waster Network Customer Lead' at Severn Trent to come and speak at Marton about the Leam and what has been going on at the Frankton sewage treatment works.



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## Tour of Britain Cycle Race

Be prepared for Marton's few minutes of national sporting fame sometime in the middle of the day on Friday 5 September. The Lloyds Tour of Britain cycle race will be travelling through Warwickshire, starting at Atherstone and ending up at Burton Dassett. It will be heading along the Birdingbury Road and then turning right towards Princethorpe along the main road.



This will mean the Birdingbury Road and the A423 will be closed for a short time while the cyclists come through the village. This will only



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take as long as the slowest cyclist which will be a matter of a quarter or an hour or so, to judge from past occasions.

As you will see (and some will remember) from the photographs on the inside front cover we were part of the route of this race in 2018 and also the Women's OVO Tour in the following year.

Try not to miss this exciting sporting/cultural event in the life of the village!

## Village Wildflower Harvesting

There has been a bit of delay in harvesting the wildflower areas. Hopefully you will notice the results of this



annual maintenance by the middle of the month.

## National Lottery Win

# Marton Groups

## Marton Museum

### Marton Museum's Final Fling of the Year

It has been an exceptionally busy summer at the museum with ten visits of groups who also enjoyed refreshments in the pavilion (special thanks to the bakers of our glorious homemade cakes). Also visitor numbers are up on our Sunday afternoon open sessions, thanks to improved publicity.

We have also resolved the problem of the Leamington Hastings Turret Clock. This seventeenth century clock mechanism has been in the



20 visitors from Lawford Gardening Club was a squeeze

museum since it was donated by Leamington Hastings Church in the early 1970s. It has been noted as of some significance by national authorities but was not in working order or shown off to its best in the museum, and Leamington Hastings Church did not want it back. It is now in the care of the Turret Clock Group part of the Antiquarian Horological Society who will restore it to its full glory.



Some of the Stretton Local History Group



The clock being taken to its new home

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Preparations are now in hand for our biggest occasion of the year when we take part in the Heritage Open Weekend on 13 and 14 September from 10.00-5.00pm (see inside back cover). Tea and cakes will be available through that time in the Pavilion. As in previous years there will be speciality stalls demonstrating all sorts of museum related activities.

The Museum will be open until the end of September but be wary of Pavilion work going on in the latter part of the month.

## Fire Service Visits

During the Great Marton Day Out we chatted to the fire service who encouraged us to sign up for a visit from them. Part of their role is fire



Marton House having its fire safety check

prevention and safety and as part of this they will visit any home in the area for free. We fixed an appointment with them but unfortunately, they didn't arrive as they were called out on a shout. They phoned

soon after and fixed another date. This time

## Fire Service

Mark and Richard appeared and spent about an hour with us. They have a questionnaire that covers all things to do with fires, such as exit routes from your house and smoke alarms, but they also cover social care items such as mobility or cost of living issues and can provide advice and access to support if needed. They will also provide smoke alarms for free and devices that will vibrate under your pillow if you cannot hear a smoke alarm when asleep. Whilst most things were ok for us, they did identify that the one carbon monoxide meter was too far from the fire and the other was now out of date! It is an hour well spent to get peace of mind that you have everything in place and, since they are changing to a retained station at Southam, they have more time available for these visits. If you'd like to organise a visit for yourselves, call **01926 812549**.

Andrew & Sarah



# Marton Playing Fields Association

## Events

### National Lottery Win!



On Friday 19 September, the MPFA will be hosting a special Friday Night at the Pavilion to celebrate receiving £19,675 of

National Lottery Community Grant funding. This will enable the completion of the renovation of the Pavilion for the benefit of Marton and its villagers.

The successful bid was written with expert advice from Rugby Community and Voluntary Action (CAVA) with whom we are extremely grateful.

The renovation means that the pavilion won't be available for private hire from 20 September though to Spring 2026.

## Friday Night at the Pavilion

**19 September 2025**

**6.00pm – 8.00pm**

Enjoy an evening with friends and neighbours at the playing fields and watch the sunset over Martonshire.



The MPFA will be opening the pavilion and hosting a BBQ, soft drinks, teas and coffees. If you prefer something stronger – feel free to bring your own bottle.

The table tennis, pétanque, goal posts and other games will be set up for the energetic. For those who prefer to take it a bit easier the picnic benches will be available. A perfect way to unwind after a busy week.

# Marton Village Hall

## Events

MARTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL

### VILLAGE INN



We are pleased to announce that The Good Food Cartel  
Mexican food van will be at the Village Hall

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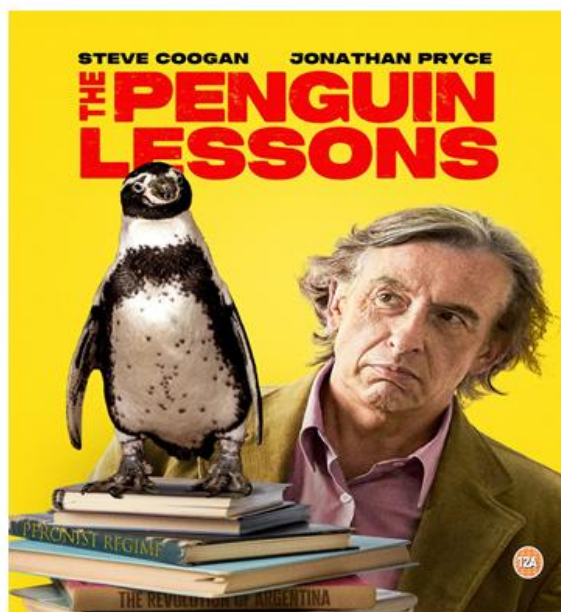
**FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2025**

- Food available from 6.30pm
- Bar open from 6.30pm
- Eat in or take home
- Enjoy a drink while your supper is being prepared
- Everyone welcome

# Marton Village Hall

## Events

### MARTON CINEMA – SEPTEMBER



**Moving Pictures**

**LIVE  
& LOCAL**

We are delighted to be showing  
**THE PENGUIN LESSONS**  
on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Doors open 7.30pm, film starting at 8pm  
Tickets £4



# Marton Village Hall

## Events



MARTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL

**LAST NIGHT**  
*of the*  
**PROMS**

Saturday 13th September  
from 7.00pm

Bar open    Bring & share nibbles  
Dress up if you want to!

# Marton Nature

## Grasshoppers

### “Ah! Grasshopper”

(remember Master Po, the blind monk in the 1970 series of Kung Fu?)

Anyway, during the last few weeks and more recently as I cleared some of my wilding (and so letting next years seeds fall to the ground), I saw many, many grasshoppers and some bush crickets which got me thinking now that I’ve cleared the wilding, where do they go?

Effectively, what is the life cycle of these creatures? By the way, the wilding has been an important part of their one year only, happy lives.

**Eggs-** The male has already “transferred” sperm to the female and in the late summer and early autumn as she lays her eggs in soil (have I dealt with the wilding too early?), each egg is internally fertilised before it enters the



soil. The eggs stay in the soil over winter and in the spring, as it warms up, little nymphs hatch out.

**Nymphs-** looking like little grasshoppers go through 5 or 6 moults before reaching adulthood (including the necessary reproduction bits and pieces) They eat grasses and plants and are an important part of the ecosystem system

**Adults-** At this stage they have fully developed wings and can fly, though only over a short distance. They live through the summer, mate and lays eggs before dying as autumn turns to winter.

So there we have it, I’m much wiser for this article and now know that I’ve probably dealt with the wilding too early, sadly!

*Alan*

# Marton News

## Nick & Hol Fundraising for the Myton Hospices

I am a resident of Marton.

In October, myself and my daughter, Hollie, are going on a self funding trek to the Himalayas, raising money for Myton Hospice, from donations. The Dalai Lama Himalayan Trek will take place on 11 October 2025 to 21 October 2025

The aim is to raise much needed funds for the continuing costs of running this much needed



## Myton Fundraiser

Hospice, caring for people in need. Donations are the only way this hospice can continue. Please consider donating.



The square code can be scanned to make donations, or go to the web page as follows:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/nick-blythe-2>

100% of donations goes to vital funding for Myton Hospice.

Thanking you on behalf of Myton Hospice,

*Nick Blythe,  
North Street* **15**



# Marton Enterprise

## Marton Garage

### Marton Garage News

Welcome to another newsletter update, it is I, Arthur at Marton Garage!

I wanted to take a moment to share a few updates with you – from under the bonnet and beyond!

We've been busy as ever, some really awesome cars have passed through the works, from Austin Healey Sprite restoration to Porsche 911 MOTs and everything in between.

We've installed a new whisper-quiet air compressor. Making the garage a better place to be and certainly quieter for when you come to visit.

For those who might not have noticed, we've had solar panels and a Tesla battery for almost a year now. The combination quietly powers much of what we do, reducing our carbon

Marton Garage then and now!



footprint, a step to becoming a greener business. We've got an EV charger on site (not open to the public), three EVs for our day to day use, and one available as a courtesy car if required.

The main sign on the Garage has been replaced - something that was on the cards for the last seven years! A more modern and sleek look.

# Marton Enterprise



We've embraced paperless invoicing and MOT certificates. Everything is done online and can be emailed straight to you – although of course, we're happy to print if you'd prefer.

On a personal note, my wife and I have registered to take part in a fundraiser (October) for Alzheimer's Society UK - a charity that's incredibly close to my heart. My Gran (93) has been living with Dementia for the past three years. Seeing her suffer is heartbreaking, and it's something that deeply affects both my father and I.

I wanted to do something to raise awareness and to help support others who are living through the same trauma. If you would like to support our fundraiser, we would be truly grateful. 100% of your donation will go directly to the charity.

**You can find our JustGiving page here:  
[www.justgiving.com/page/  
fightdementiatogether](http://www.justgiving.com/page/fightdementiatogether)**

September is my Birthday month, albeit not a big one this year (33), I will be taking some time away from the Garage, 26-30, returning on the 1 October. If your MoT or service falls in those dates, please contact me prior.

## Marton Garage

You can check your MOT expiry date online at [www.vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk](http://www.vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk)

You can contact me on 01926 632 633 (Marton Garage landline), which diverts directly to my mobile. If you call and I don't answer, I'll try my best to call you back.

Alternatively, you can email me on [arthur@greenlanes.co](mailto:arthur@greenlanes.co)

Or you can contact me on Instagram for which the username is [@MartonGarage9](https://www.instagram.com/MartonGarage9).

Thank you all for your continued support. Whether you've popped by for an MOT, a service, or just a chat – it means a lot.

See you soon,

**Arthur & Martin**

Marton Garage

# Marton Charity

## Cancer Fundraiser

### Val's Preserves

*Hello Marton*

Hopefully you will have seen my email, confirming we'll be bringing my preserves to Mary's Village fundraising event for the cancer charities this year on the Playing Fields on **Saturday 6 September**. There will be lots of old favourites of marmalades, chutneys, jams and jellies and some new varieties too. These include seedless bramble, seedless mixed berry & apple jam, golden plum & apple marmalade, extra hot crabapple jelly (contains pieces of scotch bonnet chilli so super hot!) or spiced crabapple jelly, golden plum, pear & apple jam, gingery greengage & damson jam and spiced plum & red onion chutney. I have mostly 8oz jars and some 12oz; same price as before £3 for 8oz and £4.50 for 12oz. The full list is below:

### 2025 Preserve Variety

#### Marmalades

Damson Marmalade  
Golden Plum & Apple Marmalade  
Golden Plum Marmalade  
Rhubarb Marmalade

#### Chutneys/relishes

Apple, Rhubarb & Date Chutney  
Special Spicy Pickle  
Spiced Damson & Red Onion Chutney  
Spiced Plum & Red Onion Chutney

#### Jams

Apple, Rhubarb & Ginger  
Blackberry & Apple  
Damson  
Gingery Greengage & Damson  
Golden Plum & Apple  
Golden Plum, Pear & Apple  
Seedless Bramble  
Seedless Mixed Berry & Apple  
Strawberry, Blackberry & Elderberry  
Damson, Blackberry & Elderberry  
Summer Berries  
Victoria Plum

#### Jellies

Extra Hot Chillied Crabapple  
Hot Chillied Crabapple  
Hot Chillied Ginger Crabapple  
Hot Chillied Rosemary Crabapple  
Quince  
Spiced Crabapple

# Marton Heritage

As in previous years I have samples available if you'd like to taste before you buy and additionally for purchases of



4 or more jars, again you'll receive a free mini jar, **"while stocks last"**. In addition to the gift boxes for 2,3 or more jars, this year I have some lovely 1lb jars with toppers that can be purchased separately (£6 each) or even packaged in a basket for a special gift (talk to me separately for options); some examples are in shown in the picture. There are also some Christmas-themed jars again this year if you're looking for a truly seasonal option.

Some varieties are in shorter supply, so please either come early to avoid disappointment or let me know if you'd like to pre-order for collection on the day. Also if you can't join us at the event but would like anything, please let me know. Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to those who have returned empty jam jars and also huge thanks to everyone in the village who has generously donated fruit for use in the preserves making.

See you all there

*Val & Dave*  
*tel: 07973 192697*

## Cancer Fundraiser

### The Big Annual Marton Fundraiser

Thanks to the many fundraising efforts made over the years for cancer charities the risk of developing cancer no longer holds as great a fear as it once did. Developments in medical research borders on the miraculous.

However, there is still some way to go before we can become complacent and the annual fundraiser organized by Mary is a great way for the village to give its support to this enterprise.

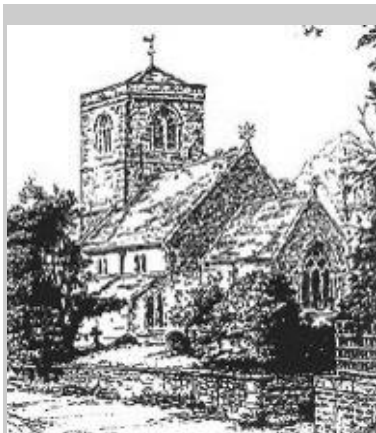
It is to be held on the Marton Playing Fields on Saturday 6 September 12.00-4.00pm.

You don't have to stay long just spend/donate some cash generously and help beat last year's £2000+ effort.



# Marton Church

## Church Services



### St Esprit Church in Marton

Unless before 7 September, if you would like to discuss baptisms, weddings, home visits, hospital visits, funerals, foodbank support or any other pastoral needs or concerns, please contact Jenny Walsh confidentially on 07940236628 or the PCC via [StEspritMarton@gmail.com](mailto:StEspritMarton@gmail.com) or in person with any members of the PCC.

You are always welcome to St Esprit Church Marton. Our service structure will change during the period when

we have no Priest in Charge. We will gather with refreshments at 10.15 for our services at 10.30 each first and third Sunday. It is different on festival days or 5th Sundays and Holy Trinity Long Itchington will continue to hold a service every Sunday at 9.30. Below are the services currently planned, please see St. Esprit Church, Marton - A Church Near You, Marton WhatsApps/email or the church noticeboard 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).

Revd Richard and Jacqui are retiring on 7 September with a final benefice service in Holy Trinity Long Itchington at 10.30 followed by a bring and share lunch. Rev Richard's final service (for now) at St Esprit will be on 31 August at 11.15 followed by a bring and share lunch. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Richard and Jacqui or write a message in their card please contact Joe or Jenny Walsh. It would be lovely to see you at either or both services, please contact Jenny or Joe Walsh 01926632547 if you need more information or a lift.

### Revd Richard's Final Message:

Dear Friends,

Our experiences of life can be so varied. Where we are born, the circumstances of our lives and the so called "changes and chances"

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of life seem to determine so much of how our lives turn out, and our experiences in the journey from birth to journey's end. A friend of mine, wrote this reflection recently:

## TWO JOURNEYS

- I crossed the channel this week
- It cost me £125
- I was on a luxury boat
- I was warm and dry
- It could carry thousands
- I had it almost to myself
- I had a bowl of soup and a glass of wine in the cafe
- I read my book
- There were life rafts, emergency procedures and a trained and qualified crew
- It was beautifully quiet
- I arrived safely
- I disembarked
- I went on my way to sleep in a comfortable bed
- And all because I happened to be born in The United Kingdom
- Is my life an accident of geography?

Compare this with the experience of those of whom we hear a lot in the media these days:

- *I crossed the channel this week*
- *It cost me £4,500*

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- *I was cramped in an inflatable dinghy*
- *I was cold and wet*
- *It was meant for 8 people*
- *There was hardly room to sit down*
- *I was hungry and thirsty*
- *I gripped the sides for dear life*
- *I wore a broken life jacket*
- *A large wave tipped the boat over*
- *All I could hear were frantic screams*
- *The boat was on top of me pressing me down*
- *I couldn't swim*
- *I was freezing*
- *I couldn't breathe*
- *I didn't make it*
- *And all because I happened to be born in Iran*
- *My life ended because of an accident of geography.*

When I read this reflection, I realised which of the two travellers I have been fortunate to have been:

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The first one, who, thanks to my “accident” of birth have had so many life advantages compared to others who have been born into poverty and hardship. It’s a challenge to me to turn my advantages to advantage others. To share what I have to help the less privileged. God will call us to account for how we have or have not done this.

There are remarkable stories of people born into poverty “making good.” They have not allowed their circumstances to cause them to despair. Maybe they have had “lucky breaks” as we might call them. But some of them have simply made the most of their opportunities and have enjoyed the benefit of vision and hard work. Others have come to tragic ends, seeking a life in another country where they hope that life will be better. How the international community needs to work together to help the helpless.

In contrast, some people live “If only” lives. They are convinced that their lives would be better had certain things happened or not happened to them. They live with and are tormented by regrets. Some circumstances in life are unavoidable while others can either be avoided or learned from, even benefitted from. Some of these people are quite well off and advantaged in life. But they just can’t see it. They cannot see how God has helped and provided for them and even how privileged they are. They regret what they do not have rather than being grateful for what they do have. An attitude of gratitude towards God for His daily mercies can transform us from whingers to people of thanksgiving and praise.

A wise man once told me of the Triple AAAs of life that he followed. And he wasn’t talking about batteries! What he meant was that whatever our circumstances in life, approach the difficult ones with the “AAA” mentality and approach. To be specific:

**A – Accept.** Accept that some of life’s circumstances are the way that they are. If you can’t change them or get out of negative or difficult circumstances, then accept that fact and learn to live with it. Our difficulties and challenges in life, once accepted, can teach us things which help us to empathise with others and help them. We can be more wise, understanding, and compassionate.

**A – Adapt.** Having accepted that some of life’s

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circumstances and events are as they are, then adapt to them positively. As someone once said: "If life gives you lemons, make lemonade!" Our positive response to difficulties helps give hope to others.

**A** – Adorn. Having accepted and adapted, how can we positively thrive in our circumstances and make the most of them. How can we glorify God in our circumstances? How can we be "salt and light" as Jesus said a Christian should be?

Let's ask God to give us grace to be triple A Christians. Ones which are more enduring than even the best of the Duracell batteries! This will be my last article for the Marton Magazine as Jacqui and I retire and move on this month. Thank you for the friendship and kindness we have enjoyed in the Village. My final sermon series in the Benefice is based on readings from the Book of Joshua in the Bible. The last of which focusses on Joshua's concluding remarks to the people of God, including: "Choose this day whom you will serve.... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Jesus is The Way, The Truth, and the Life. Whatever "shore" life may have washed us up on, if we have chosen His way then we can not only survive, but also eternally thrive.

*God bless you.  
Your friend in Christ,  
Richard.*

## Church News

**CHURCH SERVICES** – all welcome to every service, please join us for Richard and Jacqui's farewell services on 31 August at St Esprit and/or 7 September at Holy Trinity Long Itchington, both followed by a bring and share lunch, there is more information above Richard's letter.

- Sunday 31 August – Richard and Jacqui's last service at St Esprit with Holy Communion and followed by a bring and share lunch in church. Join us from 11.00am for a cuppa and cake to start at 11.15am.
- Sunday 7 September – Richard and Jacqui's last service in the Benefice at Holy Trinity Long Itchington at 10.30am, followed by a bring and share lunch.
- Sunday 7 September – In The Spirit, a Deanery wide contemporary lay led service starting worship at 6.30pm and refreshments at 6.00pm.



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- Sunday 14 September – Service at 9.30am at Holy Trinity Long Itchington.
- Sunday 21 September - Holy Communion service at St Esprit, join us from 10.15am for a cuppa and cake to start at 10.30am.
- Sunday 28 September – Service at 9.30am at Holy Trinity Long Itchington.

### COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 25 September, 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 and we will try and sort help.

**CHURCHYARD TIDYING & CHURCH CLEANING – HELP REQUIRED PLEASE** for working parties on Saturday 30 August (10.00 to 12.00) and 27 September (10.00 to 12.00), weather permitting (also see next notice). If you have any time to help Marton's past families by tidying the churchyard at any time, please don't hesitate. All help is appreciated to keep your village church and churchyard clean and tidy.

**CHURCHYARD GRAVES** We have been trying to get the graves clear enough to be able to top up the gravel in many and make the job a little easier. Unfortunately, due to the lack of more help we have not been able to tidy as many graves as we had hoped. A delivery of chippings will be made in late September so any help before then to clear the kerbed graves, or in late September to move and spread the chippings would be greatly appreciated. We again have a fantastic offer of help from Cameron Spriggs via Amey's corporate volunteering scheme, hopefully to mow and clear the natural area of the churchyard.

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## Outside the village

### Emergency Contacts

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Floodline:  
NHS Direct:

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0800 7834444  
0800 0568090  
0845 988 1188  
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01788 533533

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

Warwickshire County Council

01926 410410

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### 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)

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**Rugby Police Station, Newbold Road,**

**Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 2DH**

**Rugby Anti-Social Behaviour Wardens**

**Sgt Ricky Franklin**

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101

999

0800 096 8800

1303

### 24-hour Free Confidential Helplines

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

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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

### Village Organisations

Marton Newsletter (Editorial) David Fry  
Marton Newsletter (Advertising) Sharon Edwards  
Marton Vicar Rev Cannon  
Richard Suffern  
Village Hall Maya Van Der Galien

Playing Field Association Dinyar Baria  
Marton Community Network Rob Lummis  
Marton Pig Club Andrew Heath  
Neighbourhood Watch Miranda Aston  
Marton Museum David Fry  
Local History David Fry  
Marton Art Joan Sherratt

Marton Walkers Mike Johnson  
Church Warden Jenny Walsh  
Emergency Flood Group Parish Council

Snow Warden

### Website

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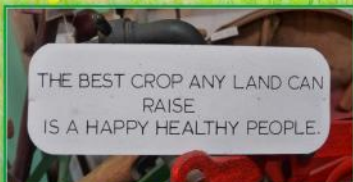
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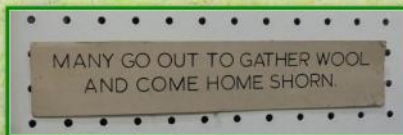
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