

Marton Newsletter

December/January 2025/26



Merry Christmas to all our
friends and neighbours. Best
wishes for 2026.
Zena & Perce

Wishing everyone in Marton
Village a very enjoyable
Christmas and a Happy
New Year. Alan and Cheryl



Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to our
friends and neighbours in
Marton, David & June



Barney and Jo Shirlaw wish all
our lovely friends and
neighbours a joyful Christmas
and a wonderful New Year.

To all Martonians —
wishing you a very
merry Christmas!
Here's to a bright,
happy and healthy
2026 for every single
one of you. The
Gardners at No. 8



A Very Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to all our friends

and neighbours in
Marton, love from
Miranda, Ulli, Eva
and all the Sheep at
Village Farm xxxx



Merry Christmas and a
happy New Year to all our
friends in Marton
Colin & Megan

Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year Marton! Love
from Faye & Dave & the
boys



Wishing our friends and
neighbours a Happy
Christmas and our Best
Wishes for 2026.
Ian & Celia.



Very Happy Christmas
from Ralph & Carol





Jeff & Bernie wish all you lovely Marton people a Very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2026



Jo & Janet Paget wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year



Merry Christmas from Sue, Gary & Indi, Birdingbury Road xx

My very best Christmas Wishes to All Neighbours, Friends and Acquaintances in Marton, Mike Taylor, School House



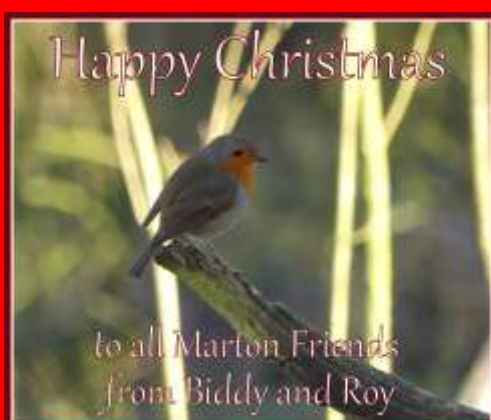
Wishing all our friends and neighbours in Marton a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year. With love from Cate, Andrew, Charlotte, Billy and Charlie Cooke



Have a fabulous Christmas to all our Martonshire friends. Sally, Michael, Milly and Hannah



Merry Xmas best wishes for 2026 from Alison



To the Marvellous Marton Village Friends, Neighbours, etc. On behalf of The Mawi family at Penpol, we wish you a fabulous Christmas to all that are celebrating. As we move forward into 2026 and glance back at 2025, remembering all our loved ones that have moved on with their spiritual journeys, make a promise to ourselves and our families to use our power to make 2026 a year where we spread joy, happiness and kindness. The world needs more of that From our family to yours.... May every day of 2026 bring you all an abundance of happiness, joy, good health and love x Wishing you all a very blessed and peaceful New Year

Marton Diary

December

12	Mobile Library	11.30
14	Church: Long Itchington	9.30
18	Table Tennis: Christmas Special	19.30
21	Church: Carol Service	16.00
24	Church: Christmas Holy Comm.	21.30
25	Church: Family Christmas Celeb.	10.30
27	Church: Long Itchington	9.30
27	Marton Walkers	11.00

January

4	Church: Holy Communion	10.30
4	Church: In the Spirit	18.30
8	Afternoon Teas	14.00
11	Marton Walkers: Annual Lunch/AGM	13.00
11	Church: Long Itchington	9.30
12	Mobile Library	11.30
13	Marton Parish Council	19.30
18	Church: Holy Communion	10.30
25	Marton Walkers	10.00
25	Church: Long Itchington	9.30
25	Newsletter Deadline	
26	Marton Local History Group	19.30
29	Church Coffee Morning	10.30
30	Marton Cinema: Naked Gun	20.00

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
13 January 2026
at the Village Hall

NB Please note the deadline for the **February Newsletter** is **Sunday 25 January 2026.**

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Newsbites

The Future of the Newsletter...



Phew, we can breathe again! Thanks to the great generosity of the village, and especially so in some individual cases, the Newsletter lives on. We now have a fighting fund that can carry us on into 2027.

Many contributed through the Christmas greetings that you can see on the covers, but notably many others sent donations regardless.

Currently our bank account has been boosted by more than £500, which has exceeded our original aim.

Many thanks to all of you and hopefully we will all benefit from being able to share what is happening in our community over the year.

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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River Leam, Severn Trent and Pollution

Early on Tuesday 18 November the Severn Trent Rangers paid a visit to Marton. This was to follow up on concerns by various villagers regarding the state of the River Leam (and promised after the village hall meeting with Severn Trent in October).



The Rangers are just the sort of practical contact that could be a lot of use in building accurate data on the River Leam.

The Rangers are dedicated to protecting local rivers and helping them to thrive. Amongst their day-to-day tasks include monitoring and sampling activities that should help us to better understand the quality of the Leam. It's only a shame that our Severn Trent contacts had not pushed them in our direction earlier.

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Street Sweeping

Rugby Borough Council is still committed to sweeping the streets. This used to be once a month, though, personnel shortages that meant that what were once occasional missed visits are now happening more often. MPC do ask to be notified in advance so they can try to inform the village to keep the streets clear, but RBC are tending to work as and when!

Saving Slippy Marton

We can also help without RBC. The autumn leaves in the village turn into slush that can prove to be a slippery hazard as winter progresses. Where possible, try to give the paths outside your house a good clean and help prevent accidents.



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Marton Playing Fields Pavilion Work

The long awaited second stage of the Pavilion refurbishment will be starting around the time you will be receiving this Newsletter.

Please keep away from the area between the pavilion and the museum for the next few weeks.

By the end of the work, few of the changes will be obvious as they will have been internal, such as the new kitchen. But some on the field side should be quite a revelation.

The Black Horse

Marton Parish Council has been approached by villagers concerned about the future of the pub and its state of repair. The clerk has managed to contact the owners. Unfortunately as the commercial lease is still in place they are unable to take possession of the building until that is resolved. The future of the building will be decided once that is achieved.

It now looks as if the persistence by some of our fellow villagers has born fruit



The Rangers proved to be very helpful and resourceful, offering a programme of sampling that will provide the sort of evidential data that has been requested by some Marton residents for a long time as previous concerns about foul smells, dirty water and choked vegetation can be dismissed by authorities as subjective opinion or blamed on agricultural run-off. The programme The Rangers are putting in place should authoritatively address some of these issues.

They will be taking monthly samples for the next year at three locations in the village:

1. A423 road bridge over the Leam.
2. The bridge over the Itchen to Eathorpe.
3. The Birdingbury Road ford.

The Rangers will test for:

Ammonia which is a strong indicator of

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sewage or animal waste.

Nitrates & Phosphates which are indications of fertiliser run-off and sewage effluent. High levels can lead to plant an algal growth and depletion of oxygen leading to death of aquatic animals.

LDO sensors measure the amount of dissolved oxygen indicating the health of the water for aquatic life.

Electrical Conductivity which can indicate the water's ability to conduct an electrical current which can vary according to the amount of certain chemicals such as road salt run-off or household chemicals discharged by sewage treatment works.

In November they took samples from the river bridge and carried out an analysis there and then. The results, this time, were demonstrably within 'normal tolerances'. Further information about what this means will be explained in a future article.

If you want more information or get involved please contact Miranda or Alison .



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The Marton Walkers

The Walkers AGM meal is on Sunday 11 January and the next walk is on 25 January.

The walks are always on the final Sunday of the month, and we don't have a walk in August. However, we haven't been able to hold walks every month this year due to a lack of leaders.



If people are interested in joining the group please email their phone number to mikeofmarton@hotmail.com who will add them to the WhatsApp group.

NB Photo from November Walk.

Marton Village Hall

Marton Night Inn

Marton Entertains!

This was a well attended and pleasant and entertaining



evening, very efficiently run by Rob Lummis. The entertainers who took up the open mike

challenge were talented and judging by the applause, their efforts were well received by



the audience.

The evening started with the

well regarded Dave Thing who

entertained with a poem and jokes as well as playing his keyboard. Next was the youngest

performer, Christopher

6 Edwards and his virtuoso

guitar and moving to the oldest, forgive me, Mike Taylor with his version of the Battle of Trafalgar. As an ex-naval man, he had obviously enjoyed



writing the script. The acts ranged from the Kochs



singing together and Sally with Judy, John Buchanan's spooky stories, to Barrie



Cressey's and Neville Wiseman's poetry. All were worth listening to and

made a good Marton Night Inn.

Please accept my apologies if I have missed anyone out.

Joan



Marton Village Hall

Marton Art & Craft Workshop

The group met in the village hall for the 2025 Christmas session. It was very well attended by members bringing a variety of painting and craft techniques and it was a good excuse to share an excellent lunch



and mulled wine. Everyone was so helpful in setting up the hall and all were eager to learn and share expertise.

There were two demonstrations. Joan gave a repeat textured acrylic for those who had missed it the first-time round and then, the star of the show, was Clare's Cyanotyping, a new technique for everyone present.



This photochemical process was invented in late Victorian times and has become popular very recently with kits available online. Clare encouraged everyone to use her materials, this included a state-of-the-art light box operated by Robert. It was a cardboard box

Marton Art Workshop

and ultraviolet lamp, daylight would have worked but it would have taken much longer at this time of the year. Essentially the surface, paper or material is painted with potassium ferrocyanide and any flat object which blocks the light is laid on it and pressed between a backing plate and transparent



cover this is exposed to the light and the result is a blue and white picture.

The Marton Art and Craft Group would like to extend Christmas and New Year greetings to all their friends and supporters as they look forward to another year of art and crafting. They hope to show off their work at the Traditional Craft Day being held at the Museum in June 2026.

Joan

Marton Memories

Graham Robson

**Graham Robson
Marton Farmer
(1931-2025)**



The celebration of Graham Robson's life was held on 14 November at Oakley Wood crematorium and Hill Top Farm. As brother Gordon said in his well-crafted eulogy, Graham must have organised the stormy day as after all farming was all about coping with extremes of weather. The mourners represented the many aspects of Graham's life

but did not wear wellingtons!

Graham was about two when his parents took on the tenancy at Hockley Farm, Eathorpe. From an early age he would have been expected to involve himself in the farming way of life, as were his sister Beryl and brother Gordon.



They were all privately educated, Graham's prep school was in Leamington. He travelled there by train from Marton station and was never late or missed a day. He gained a place at Bloxham School, his parents bought him a Peter Scott wildlife picture as a reward and a reflection on his natural history interests which were growing at that time.

As he grew up, he became a very active



**Graham, Beryl &
Gordon**

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member of local Young Farmers Associations and learned a lot about judging livestock, running organisations and public speaking, all of which stood him in good stead in his professional life, but equally important he met and married a fellow member, Jean. Living at Hockley farm they went on to have three daughters and a son and ten grandchildren and a great grandson.

Graham became well known as a judge and breeder of shorthorn cattle and later of Lley



sheep. One accolade was judging these sheep at the Royal Welsh show. Another one was being invited to participate in a study visit to Australia investigating Shorthorn cattle. There was also the time when he had to give an address whilst sitting on the same table as Queen Elizabeth II.

The village knew Graham as a parish councillor and he was the chairman for several years. He supported George Tims in

Graham Robson

setting up the museum and was one of the original trustees, a position he maintained for many years supporting the village ownership. Many items in the museum originated at Hockley Farm as their use was superseded by modern technology. As a tribute to Graham's work in the village a small exhibition will be set up in the museum and showing during 2026. His book *90 Years on a Farm*, will be on sale.

Sometime after Mr Robson seniors' retirement the farm was divided between Graham and Gordon. When Graham retired, he and Jean converted Tythe Barn at the end of Field Farm Lane, and retained some thirty acres. Graham developed a private nature reserve near the railway track. This was made up of a wooded area and small lake with island, on which Jean's ashes were

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Graham Robson



Jean & Graham

placed. He did a lot of planting; the whole area rapidly became colonised. The dragonflies, some of the species uncommon, all were an absolute joy. Graham and helpers entertained local natural history groups to identify species and share the quiet ecosystem.

He developed a particular interest in Barn Owls, setting up nesting boxes and encouraging their breeding. Moth trapping was another interest and one he shared with Biddy and Roy Allen,



Roy was Graham's farm manager for many years. Graham compiled a species list of the wildlife in the Marton Parish; he became an expert photographer and

video maker. He was much in demand as a speaker and film presenter to local organisations. Any money he earned from the sale of his DVDs and talks he sent to



Graham & Roy

Myton Hospice, the grand total was £17,000.

He was an active committee member of Rugby Natural History Society, housed in Rugby School until the society's demise, and a member of

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Recently he was still involved in the organisation of Kenilworth Show, having been involved in the running of the Royal Show up to its demise.

Graham it was a life well lived, the still photos and DVDs of Marton wildlife are now part of the Museum's collection, thank you.

Joan

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Marton Local History Group

November Meeting: Marton Artists

Many of us in the village know of the village's long association with various artistic activities, however, it was only when delving deeper for this presentation it was realised quite how much prestigious work had been produced over the past sixty years or so. In fact so much material has been discovered that more presentations will be made in future years dealing with prominent artists in other media.

This time attention was focussed on those who had made a living from the medium of paint .



This included various past inhabitants of The Croft, 23 North Street (Andrew Restall



Commemorative postage stamps in the 1960s and 1970s; Pamela Dronfield, watercolourist and Roger Johnston (landscape painter). Another North Street resident (No 15) was Stuart Trotter, a



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children's book illustrator. Also Anna Phillips



(Birdingbury Road) who was



chosen ten times for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition.

As well as presenting the background to their careers the MLHG Committee were able to put on an exhibition of the artists original work.

You can catch up with the full presentation on the Marton Village website. Go to the Marton History page and look for the pink writing for the link to all the past presentations (believe it or not there are more than fifty of them!).

Next time (end of January as no December meeting), the rather more prosaic history of the Long Itchington lime and cement works going back to the 1840s, presented by local author John Frearson.

Marton Museum

Developments

Marton Museum Renovations

Despite the onset of winter chill in the museum, a lot has been happening. Our wonderful master of all trades, Kevin, has been busy sorting



out the accumulation of work identified over the summer. Forty years since George Tims created his kitchen display it has been removed and the space renovated (the ceiling will no longer threaten to fall in!).



Before



After

A lick of paint to all surfaces and installation of period reproduction shelving has created an excellent setting for the new display (see above), carefully curated by some of the museum volunteers.

It has proven to be a significant improvement to the presentation of this section of the museum. It only needs the planned installation of a new lighting scheme to set the display off to best effect.

Some other important work has also been completed; the thorough cleaning of the roof space, various painting work and installation of shelving in a reorganised dairy section.

Marton Museum Clothing Evaluation

A important but unheralded part of George's original collection was the accumulation of items of clothing from

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past generations.

There is no space to put these on display and so they are carefully packaged away in the Museum store in special storage boxes wrapped in conservation tissue.

When the volunteers first took over the museum more than fifteen years ago the items of clothing were all identified and assessed by a specialist materials conservation expert from Worcestershire Museum Service.

Just this week the whole collection (29 boxes) was transferred for the day to the Village Hall to be laid out and checked for any damage, repacked in clean tissue and re-categorised to make it easier to extract them for exhibitions when the opportunity arises. For many of the volunteers who have joined since the early days it was something of a revelation, although dominated by undergarments there was plenty of outerwear and various accessories.

A few stand-out gems included an eighteenth century royal blue silk jacket and a 1908 tablecloth with the hand embroidered signatures of many local villagers.



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The History of the Lime/Cement Works of Southam



**7.30 Monday
26 January 2026**

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Get an insight into how this industry became such a defining feature for many villages in the area from Long Itchington to Stockton to Bishops Itchington from local author and industrial expert John Frearson

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MARTON CINEMA – JANUARY



Moving Pictures

**LIVE
& LOCAL**

We are delighted to be showing
THE NAKED GUN
on Friday January 30th
Doors open 7.30pm, film starting at 8pm
Tickets £4

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The poster features a festive design with a red and white striped background at the top. Below this, a red Santa hat is positioned above a large red circle. The word "MARTON" is written in bold white letters on a black rectangular background, which is centered over the red circle. Below "MARTON", the words "TABLE TENNIS CLUB" are written in bold black letters, slanted upwards to the right. Further down, the text "Christmas Special" is written in large, bold black letters, followed by "Thursday 18th Dec 7pm village hall" in bold black letters. At the bottom, three lines of text in a smaller font read: "Annual competitions & fun games.", "Spectators and new players welcome.", and "Free mulled wine and snacks."

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TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Christmas Special
Thursday 18th Dec 7pm village hall

Annual competitions & fun games.
Spectators and new players welcome.
Free mulled wine and snacks.

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Minutes of Marton Parish Council (MPC) held on Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 7:30pm Marton War Memorial Hall.

1. ATTENDANCE

Cllr David Fry, Cllr Rob Lummis, Cllr Mike Taylor, Cllr Sarah Heath, Cllr Faye Chambers, Clerk Louise Hollings,

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Dale Keeling, PCSO David Banks

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 September signed by Cllr Rob Lummis.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 Primary school bus stop has been moved to the main road with only a couple of days' notice, 'in response to public requests'. Even if not crossing the main road, it is dangerous for young children and the pavement is narrow.

Cllr Chambers to follow up with WCC to see if the decision can be reversed.

4.2 Continuing problem in Church Street with large vehicles going down the narrow street, particularly with an artic causing damage recently. If restrict parking so traffic can go through, will cause problems elsewhere in the village. Sat navs. currently direct down Church Street rather than Shepherd Street; need mechanism to direct lorries, maybe through weight limit on access. Cllr Fry to Follow up with Highways and Cllr Keeling.

4.3 Streetlight next to church raised. See section 9.6.

5. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

6. POLICE ISSUES

6.1 Further Community Speedwatch sessions planned for December and January.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Hall Farm; update from Rugby Planning indicated a procedural matter which will mean there is unlikely to be any movement for a couple of months.

7.2 Penpol; no concerns raised in relation to the new application. Welcome Pack to be delivered.

8. VILLAGE ISSUES

8.1 The purpose of the Emergency Plan leaflet was questioned by Cllr Chambers.

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Discussion outside the meeting.

8.2 Village Gateway funding details provided by Cllr Keeling needs match funding from MPC, which is currently not an option.

8.3 No further update on pavement to Long Itchington.

8.4 Update on Severn Trent meeting at Village Hall. It is a step in the right direction, but disappointing follow up after the meeting; not yet received water testing results. Cllr Fry to follow up if not forthcoming. Severn Trent is managing the community testing scheme. Birmingham University research is separate, but not heard back from them yet.

Cllr Heath to contact CPRE to ask if they can provide any help.

8.5 Use of residential property followed up on resident's concerns. Remove from agenda.

8.6 Parking issues and school bus stop covered in Public Participation section.

8.7 Black Horse owners identified and contacted re the future of the building. As the commercial lease is still in place they are unable to take possession of the building until that is resolved. The future of the building will be decided once that is achieved.

8.8 Assertion 10 and required changes to website and email addresses covered. The existing arrangements will not be compliant in April '26, resulting in changes and extra costs. Parish Council needs to own their own domain, rather than share with the village,

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and all councillors need separate (non- personal) email addresses, although there is currently not an obligation to use gov.uk. Options looked at so far are likely to be in excess of £200pa, compared to our current cost of £47pa. Further investigation to be made with current suppliers as to how we could cost effectively amend our existing arrangement, in order to be compliant, rather than start again.

9. VILLAGE UPDATES AND MAINTENANCE

9.1 Community Network continues to provide support.

9.2 Marton Playing Field Association now has a budget of £20k to cover the next stage of development. More will be needed to finish the outside. Internal designs currently being finalised, hopefully to start in December/January. Marton Art to be asked if will put art on the walls, old photos of Marton Sports Day also

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suggested. Flat maypole base proposed between Museum and Pavilion; agreed by Councillors. Final checks regarding space required to be done.

9.3 Roads and Footpaths. Pot holes at end of High Street still outstanding. Issues with gutters and drains; main road drain full of vegetation, debris from cleared drain left in gutter, report of pooling water still an issue on Birdingbury Road. Cllr Fry to follow up.

9.4 Grass and Hedges. Grass cutting contract continues until March '26 (October '24 cut was a separate, one-off). Longer contract options to be priced as part of budget setting.

9.5 MPEG. New hedge laid to far side of playing field. Rubbish cleared and will be mulched and returned for use on new plants. Volunteers will be needed after Xmas for planting. A lot of funding for

the materials used was provided, plus the experts and trainers and the Highways team awayday staff. Letter of thanks from Cllr Heath to be sent from Clerk email.

9.6 Quote for new streetlamp on main road finally provided. New lamp plus replacement of Church Street unit totals over £5000 including vat. Cllr Chambers to investigate possible grants. Match funding for the Church Street unit may be an option in the meantime.

9.7 Chippings have been laid in the bus shelter area which will keep it tidy for the time being.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Financial transactions from 1st September - 31st October

Opening balance: £14,531.42

Total Expenditure: £3622.82

Total Income: £0.00

Closing balance: £10,908.60

10.2 Ongoing budget maintenance. Updated spreadsheet supplied, no issues.

VAT reclaim currently with HMRC; £871.92 should be reimbursed for 2024-2025 tax year.

10.3 Future budget considerations: Streetlighting.

Budget setting process for '26/'27 to start in

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advance of next meeting, with the aim of sign off at January's meeting.

11. CHAIR ELECTION

CLLr Fry volunteered to chair the next meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

7.30pm, Tuesday 13 January 2026.

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Next Marton Parish
Council Meeting
7.30pm Tuesday
13 January 2026
at the Village Hall

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Newsletter Team -

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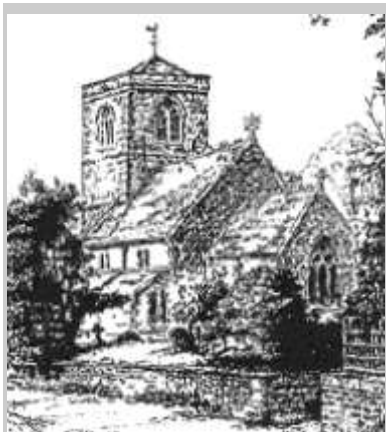
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have helped keep it going
(including the Greetings
donations) ...**



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Marton Church

Church Services



St Esprit Church in Marton

You are always welcome to St Esprit Church Marton. Our service structure has changed during this period when we have no Priest in Charge. We will gather with refreshments at 10.15am for our regular morning services at 10.30am each first and third Sunday. It is different on festival days, including in Advent, or fifth Sundays and Holy Trinity Long Itchington will continue to hold a service every Sunday at 9.30am. There will also be the Deanery In The Spirit service on the first Sunday in the

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evening at 6.30pm, gathering from 6.00pm. Below are the services currently planned, please see St. Esprit Church, Marton - A Church Near You, Marton WhatsApps/email/ Facebook or the church noticeboard for confirmed details. Please contact us by email (StEspritMarton@gmail.com) or 01926632547 if you want to be included on our Church mailing list (email or posted).

Although we do not have a Priest-in-Charge at this time, the PCC continues to support you all pastorally and the church is always open with the book shelves well populated. 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 or in person with any members of the PCC.

CHURCH SERVICES – all are very welcome to every service, we will be joined by clergy friends of St Esprit for Holy Communion.

- Sunday 21 December – St Esprit's Carol Service at 4.00pm. A service of carols and Christmas readings full of joy and fun, please do come in a Christmas story costume or just come and enjoy the service and the plentiful refreshments following the service.
- Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Holy Communion at Bethlehem

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Midnight starting at 9.30pm.

- Christmas Day Thursday 25 December : Family Christmas Celebration starting at 10.30am.
- Sunday 4 January – Morning Worship service, join us from 10.15am for a cuppa and cake to start at 10.30am.
- Sunday 4 January - In The Spirit, a Deanery wide contemporary lay led service, 6pm for refreshments and chat, starting worship at 6.30pm.
- Sunday 18 January – Holy Communion service, join us from 10.15am for a cuppa and cake to start at 10.30am.

REMEMBRANCE – Thank you to everyone involved in the Remembrance displays in Marton, in the church, along the church wall and at the village hall. There have been so many comments about how wonderful the displays were and how they helped people both remember those involved in previous



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and current conflicts, and pray for peace throughout our world.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS –

Advent started on 30 November. There is a prayer and meditation set up in the church, please take time to look and stay, feel some peace and think about the reason for the season. The St Esprit Carol Service is on 21 December at 4.00pm, please do come in a Christmas story costume and/or offer to be involved (via Janet or Jenny). There will be a Bethlehem Midnight Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service at 9.30pm (11.30pm in Bethlehem) and an informal Family Christmas Day celebration at 10.30am. Please join us to celebrate Advent and Christmas in Marton, as ever refreshments will be abundant after the carol service.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR for LWS NIGHT SHELTER –

There will be a collection

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box set up for the Reverse Advent Calendar, providing food and other provisions for those in need in the area. We will take the collected goods to the drop off on 22 December. See the Advent Calendar for full info, the additional items this year are donations in good condition of men's hoodies, sweatshirts and joggers, gloves, trainers, PJs, slippers, caps, belts, sleeping bags or rucksacks (all can be left in church near the kitchen).

COFFEE MORNING – Thursday 29 January, 10.30 - 12 noon.

The first Coffee Morning of 2026! 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 – Thank you to villagers, families and our friends from Amey, we will continue to clear weeds from the old graves with kerbstones over the winter months, any help is welcome, just ask Jenny or Joe what needs doing. All help is appreciated to keep your village church and churchyard clean and tidy.

St Esprit PROGRESSIVE DINNER Saturday 7 March 2026

Bookings have started to roll in. If you are considering joining Marton's Progressive Dinner, please contact Joe Walsh if you would like to book early and secure a course (starter, main, pudding, non-catering as a couple or an individual) or for more information at StEspritMarton@gmail.com, a notice and booking form will also be circulated via the Marton email and WhatsApp groups. The dinner, which is always a great occasion in the Marton social calendar, will take place on Saturday 7 March 2026. Each course is in a different home, resulting in a wonderful progression of villagers around Marton between courses and ending at the Village Hall. It is a wonderful way for newcomers and regulars to meet lots of people in the village, as well as a brilliant evening with lots of excellent food and drink.

Marton Church

Advent Calendar

Reverse Advent Calendar 2025



LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



1ST DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



2ND DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



3RD DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



4TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



5TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



6TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



7TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



8TH DECEMBER

1ST HOT MILK* 2ND POT PUDDING 3RD TUNALED GEL 4TH TUNALED PIZZA
5TH TUNALED MEAT* 6TH BISCUITS 7TH MINT'S WHISKY/BAKING 8TH SQUASH

*SOME OF OUR MEATS MAY FEATURE MULTIPLE TIMES, THE MEAT, CHOOSE A DIFFERENT KIND TO BRING
EACH TIME! (E.G. HOT BUNS, CHILLI, STEW, ITALY BAKED POT, SPAM, TURKEY, MEATBALLS, ETC.)

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



9TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



10TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



11TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



12TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



13TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



14TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



15TH DECEMBER

LWS REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR



16TH DECEMBER

9TH JAM OR PEANUT BUTTER 10TH CRISPS 11TH CORNED (SHOULD BE WHOLEMEAT PLEASE) 12TH BAKED BEANS (NO OTHER TYPE OF BEANS PLEASE)
13TH MINT'S BAKING OR SACKS (NOW ONLY PLEASE) 14TH TUNALED MEAT* 15TH HOT MILK* 16TH SMALL BAG OF SUGAR

Marton Church

Advent Calendar

LWS REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR  17th DECEMBER	LWS REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR  18th DECEMBER	LWS REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR  19th DECEMBER	LWS REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR  20th DECEMBER
LWS REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR  21st DECEMBER	LWS REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR  22nd DECEMBER	LWS REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR  23rd DECEMBER	LWS REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR  24th DECEMBER

17 th LUTHER/CHOCOLATE 21 st TABLET BOLL	18 th TUNNED TUNA 22 nd TUNNED CORNED	19 th SMALL JAR OF COFFEE 23 rd WET WIPES	20 th RICE PUDDING 24 th MEXICAN/INDIAN RICE
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Marton Remembrance Day



Graham Robson
(1931-2025)



Marton River Pollution Watch



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Marton Walkers in
November



Marton Night Inn



'New' Museum
Kitchen



Merry
Christmas &
happy, healthy
New Year.

The Dronfield
Family x



Happy Christmas and New Year greetings to
Marton village, and to my neighbours at
Lairhillock Park. Also to friends and
volunteers of Marton Museum who work
tirelessly on maintaining this valuable asset
to the village, and to all those who work
tirelessly to make our village such a
wonderful place to live in. Ann Gregory

Best wishes for a
Happy Christmas
and New Year from
Mike and Lyn
Johnson, Amice,
High Street



Wishing all our friends
and neighbours a brilliant
Christmas! Love and Best
Wishes from The Bower.
Rob, Annie, Meg, Harry
and Poppy. XXX



A very Happy Christmas and a healthy and
prosperous New Year to all our friends and
neighbours in this wonderful village.

With love Alex, Barbara and Billy xx



Wishing our friends and all wonderful folk of Marton a joyful
Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.
Love from Kevin & Lisa, Church Street x



Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas
and New Year
with best wishes Alison and Barrie Cressey



Many thanks and we hope you and your family have a
wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Very best wishes, Angie and Martin



Wishing you all a wonderful happy healthy Christmas with
love from the Edwards (Martonians at heart) xxxxx

