

A misty rural landscape featuring a dirt road that leads into the distance. On the left side of the road, there is a large, leafy tree with a thick trunk. To the right of the road, a wire fence runs parallel to the path. The background is hazy and foggy, with more trees visible in the distance. The overall atmosphere is quiet and serene.

Marton Newsletter

April 2026



Baggy Oak Strugglers Ukulele Orchestra



**Marton Charity
Bingo**



**"A 'p' Please Bob"
Marton Quiz 2026
Winning Team**



An idea of what the pavilion could look like after the final funding push - can you help?
(<https://www.gofundme.com/f/our-pavilion-our-community-lets-finish-it>)

Marton Diary

April

1	Church: Tenebrae Evening	19.00
3	Church: Good Friday	14.00
5	Church: Easter Day	9.00
9	Afternoon Teas	14.00
10	Mobile Library	11.30
17	Marton Cinema	20.00
18	Beer & Gin Festival	17.00
19	Church: Holy Communion	10.30
26	Marton Walkers	11.00
26	Police Drop-in at Pavilion	10.30
27	Marton Local History AGM	19.30
30	Church Coffee Morning	10.30

May

3	Church: Holy Communion	10.30
3	Church: In The Spirit	18.30
6	Annual Village Meeting + Marton Parish Council AGM	19.30
8	Mobile Library	11.30
14	Afternoon Teas	14.00
16	Barn Dance	19.30
17	Church:	10.30
28	Church Coffee Morning	10.30
24	Church:	10.30
31	Marton Walkers	11.00
31	Marton Museum Opens	14.00

Thanks to Rob for the cover - hopefully the last of the frosts.

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

6.30pm

Tuesday

6 May 2026

at the Village Hall

NB Please note the deadline for the **May Newsletter** is **Sunday 26 April 2026.**

Marton News

Marton Pavilion

Marton Playing Fields Pavilion Progress

Work has moved on apace with the internal renovation of the Marton Playing Fields Pavilion. There's only the kitchen to complete now. All being well that should be finished by Friday 24 April, when there will be a great public reveal between 6.00pm and 8.00pm (see the back cover of the Newsletter for more details).

MPFA AGM

The Marton Playing Fields Association Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14 April 19.30 at the Pavilion...

2026 is going to be a great year, maximising the new facilities recently completed. But we also have some new projects on the horizon and some great events in the Calendar. But we are always open to new members and fresh ideas! If you would like to join the MPFA Committee or find out more please join us.

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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MPFA Final Funding Push

In case you have not seen the emails or the WhatsApp messages, the MPFA is crowdfunding for the final element of the Pavilion renovation. This is a terrace area facing the fields (see inside the front cover for an illustration of what it might look like). You can contribute at the GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/our-pavilion-our-community-lets-finish-it>.

Your support will benefit all for years to come.

MPFA Mower

The two old MPFA motor mowers were put in for their annual service in the autumn, but did not survive the experience and were diagnosed as beyond saving.

Despite having contractors to mow the field (they will have given it its first cut by the time you read this), there is still a need for having



our own mower. It was decided to buy a heavy duty electric one (seen here - a best buy in Which?). It has already proved to be a good choice.

Marton Bridge

Marton Bridge Issues

Some concerns have been expressed about the state of the A423 river bridge. It has developed a notable pot-hole and is leaking water at one of the joints. There are also reports of cracks in the supporting brickwork.



The Warwickshire County Council Bridge Maintenance Manager has been out to inspect the bridge. Apparently the cracks were noticed at a previous inspection and it should be addressed in the new financial year.

There is no cause for concern. The pot-hole comes under the responsibility of highways maintenance and has been added to their jobs list.

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River Health

Marton River Sampling

The Severn Trent River Rangers continue with monthly sampling of the river water quality in the village. Locations are given below.

The latest results from February show no anomalies. Luke, the River Ranger leader, passed on these comments:-

“The most recent work at Frankton STW has been completed, this work wasn’t necessarily all additional storage, it was for additional treatment processes (ozone tanks). These will reduce concentrations of faecal indicator bacteria such as E. coli and Enterococci, as well as trace pharmaceuticals including carbamazepine and metformin in the Final Effluent, (the treated sewage at the end of the process,

where it’s released back to the river), it was one of the first of its kind in the UK.

I will get as much information as I can together for you regarding Frankton STW, the works completed, and what’s proposed, I will send all of this over as soon as I get everything.

Also key to take into consideration the exceptionally wet weather, and constant rainfall in 2026 up until February, 13% higher and more prolonged than the historic averages, one of the wettest in recorded history. The site is operating to its permits and consents in those conditions.

Hope that helps for now, leave that with me and I’ll get everything together and get back in touch.

Have added Frankton to the sampling sites.”



Point	Date	Time	Weather	Location
1	18/11/2025	10:28	Dry	Marton Bridge on the A423
2	18/11/2025	13:47	Dry	Bridge on Lane out of Marton towards Eathorpe
3	18/11/2025	13:10	Dry	The Ford, approx 1/2 mile out of Marton on the Birdingbury Road

Marton Activity

Marton Art and Craft Group

The Art and Craft Group had their spring meeting, which was to concentrate on preparation for joining in with the Traditional Craft Day being run by the museum in June.

Clare gave another demonstration of cyanotype using calico this time and the remainder of the day was taken up by the manufacture of flags to make up an



FREE

Traditional Crafts Event

Join us at

Marton Museum of Country Bygones
Louisa Ward Close Marton CV23 9SA

for a day dedicated to

TRADITIONAL CRAFTS

on Saturday 13th June 10.30 - 4.30

There will be demonstrations of a wide variety of crafts for you to enjoy and have a go.



Refreshments available



MUSEUM OF COUNTRY BYGONES

Marton Art & Craft



advertising banner for the group. This will demonstrate the many skills shown by the group.

Clare did an amazing job in the preparation of material and patterns; this was matched by the enthusiasm from group members. As usual the shared lunch was excellent, and a good day was enjoyed by all.

Joan

Marton Activities

Ukulele Orchestra

Baggy Oak Strugglers

We were promised a night of song and fun from an enthusiastic group of local ukulele players and so it was! With over 15 players on the stage it made for a lively night including sing-along songs that seemed to get more appreciated as the evening went on, surely not due to the bar being available!

The band members came from surrounding villages and

are based in Baginton, the only qualification to join is willingness to play the ukulele.

They played an eclectic range of songs from George Formby favourites to a recent Miley Cyrus number. The audience certainly enjoyed themselves and the band seemed to enjoy the evening too, particularly the prizes from the raffle.

The money raised was donated to the Royal British Legion at the request of the band. Personally it was great to see an old friend, Michelle, who led the band, I had no idea that she knew how to play a ukulele.

Thanks to Bernie for organising the hugely successful evening.

Jenny



Marton Activities

Marton Bingo Charity Night



Marton's charity fundraising activities led by Mary continued in March with a Friday night of bingo at the village hall. About 30 dedicated 'dibbers' paid £10 each to join the fun,

boosting much-needed charity funds for Breast Cancer Now and Prostate Cancer UK.

The two chosen charities were notably represented in decorations, combining long and round balloons, and tactile knitted breast-covered chocolate orange prizes.

These were lovingly crafted by Helen, presented in negligees made by Sue, who joined Mary's team along with assistant Bernie and bartender Rob. Helen also doubled-up as the bingo caller, whipping an electronic number generator into shape and adding strange and amusing bingo calls sourced from the internet.

Further funds were raised – and a prize won - with a special round of 'Irish Bingo' new to all



Marton Bingo

players in the room. We bought raffle numbers and stood up for the raffle draw, sitting down one by one as our 'number was up'. The last person standing won with a mighty cheer!

Luck wasn't distributed evenly around the room – one table became embarrassed by their lucky accumulation of breasts, booze and other goodies – kindly choosing to bow out of wins so others didn't go home empty-handed.

Well done to everyone involved on an inventive and social way to raise money for cancer charities and bring people together.

Faye

Marton Village Hall

MARTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL

BEER AND GIN FESTIVAL '26



SATURDAY 18th APRIL
Hall Open From 5pm

Bad Boy Burgers available from 5pm

**If you would like to sponsor a small barrel or
bottle, please speak to Rob Lummis**

Sometimes you just have to 'gin and beer it'!

Marton Activities

Marton Quiz night

The suitably attired Quiz master Danni along with his beautiful assistant Naomi, constructed a very well-balanced quiz. It was well attended and the final scoring was close.



“A ‘p’ please Bob”

The winning team, strangely titled “A ‘p’ please Bob”, had recruited Norman, a lad from Liverpool, maybe to answer any Beatles questions?

However, they had the highest score and deserved to win. The Church Mice team were pleased to be given the Quizmasters’ special vibes award.

The refreshments were excellent and it was a very convivial Marton evening.

Joan

MLHG

Marton Local History Group

AGM

7.30 Monday 30
April 2026

Marton Village Hall



There will also be a show by volunteers of some of latest fascinating donations to Marton Museum: Guns/ Trophies/ Auction Sales posters - the lot!

NB Free entry (inc. glass of wine!)

Marton Village Hall

MARTON CINEMA – APRIL



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& LOCAL**

We are delighted to be showing

SAVE THE CINEMA

on Friday 17 April

Doors open 7.30pm, film starting at 8pm

Tickets £4

Marion Activities

Walking to Wolston



February saw the Marton Walkers head out and about around Brandon, Wolston and Bretford on a scenic walk of just over 5 miles. Undeterred by mud and buoyed by a beautifully sunny day at long last, we took in some lovely village houses, farms and field tracks. Points of interest included the Grade II listed Avon viaduct, the old priory in Wolston, and the former speedway stadium at Brandon, which closed in 2016.

Marton Walkers venture out on the final Sunday of each month. The next walk is on Sunday 29th March. We do not walk in August or December.

Anyone interested in joining our friendly

Marton Walkers

group are invited to email their phone number to mikeofmarton@hotmail.com who will add them to the Marton Walkers WhatsApp group.

[Apologies for this being missed out of last month's Newsletter.]

Police Drop-in Session



**Marton Playing
Fields Pavilion
10.30-12.30
Sunday 26 April
2026**

Marton Enterprise

Marton Garage

Marton Garage Update

Hello Martonians - Arthur at Marton Garage here.



With the clocks turned forward, the days are finally stretching out. The garage has been a hive of activity. It's been great to see some of the fair-weather cars coming out of hibernation over the last few weeks!

I want to take a moment to say how much I value feeling part of the village community. I'm here to offer a transparent and honest service that

you can rely on. Businesses are built on trust and that has been fundamental to our success here in Marton – Thank you. This is our 9th year in operation. I'm tucked in for the long haul and proud to be Marton Garage!

Now that the worst of the winter salt and grit is behind us, it's the ideal time to give your vehicle a health check – I offer a free vehicle health check and report which covers the basics. A more comprehensive £40 full vehicle health check, for more in depth coverage, is also available. Give me a call to book in. Don't leave your safety to chance.

Better weather is around the corner - If your air conditioning seems a little stagnant after months of disuse, pop in and see me – I can do R134a air conditioning servicing and re-gassing.

The diary is filling up nicely, but I still have mid-week and Friday slots available. As a reminder, if I'm not on-site, I'm reachable by phone or email or Instagram to get you booked in.

Email: arthur@greenlanes.co

Instagram @MartonGarage9

Thank you for continuing to support a local, independent garage. It's my pleasure to keep the village on the move.

Wishing you all a wonderful April!

Marton Activities

Progressive Dinner



Thank you to everyone that took part in this year's progressive dinner - your support for this church fundraising event is greatly appreciated. We had 48 people moving around Marton for their dinner courses and we have had great feedback about the food, the conversations, the drinks etc. We had almost enough people signed up for another group - hopefully we will grow again next year. Speaking of which, the date for next year will be Saturday 6 March 2027, please put the date in your diaries - we are looking forward to it already!

Joe

Do-Si-Dos at the ready

Marton Barn Dance

Saturday 16 May 2026

Village Hall

£12 per person

(More details next month)

Events

Afternoon Teas for All



Marton Village Hall

2.00pm

Thursday

9 April 2026

**If you are at home
on the second
Thursday
afternoon of the
month come and
Take a Break!**

**Good company
and good scoff**

Marton Parish Council

March Meeting

Draft Minutes of Marton Parish Council (MPC) held on Tuesday, 10 March 2026 at 19.30 Marton Memorial Hall

Chair: Cllr Rob Lummis
Minutes Taken by: Louise Hollings - Parish Clerk

1. ATTENDANCE

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

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mike Taylor, Cllr Dale Keeling, PCSO David Banks

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January signed by Cllr Rob Lummis.

Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd February signed by Cllr Faye Chambers.

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4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 Amended planning application for Hall Farm raised; covered in 7.1 below.

5. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

6. POLICE ISSUES

6.1 Recent Community Speedwatch meeting in Warwick indicated these efforts are a major contribution to reducing accidents. Plans for more local groups including reintroduction of Princethorpe and Long Itchington. Future dates for Marton planned.

6.2 Next police drop in booked for 26th April.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Hall Farm; an amended planning application to change the gate has been submitted, but still does not address any of the previous issues and objections. MPC voted unanimously to reiterate our objections by the submission date, 26/3.

7.2 Summary of the recent Rugby Parish Councils Local Plan meeting included a description of the new land category of grey belt. Grey belt are areas that can be used for development if certain criteria are met. This is influenced by whether they are near towns, large settlements, small settlements, important landscapes, vulnerable to flooding

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etc. A large area spreading out from Rugby is now classed as grey belt, including Marton, but this does not mean automatic development. It is possibly a downgrading of green belt areas, but some sort of change is needed to allow future housing development. Needs to feed into our Neighbourhood Plan, see 8.8.

8. VILLAGE ISSUES

8.1 Updated Emergency Plan leaflet supplied by Cllr Chambers to make it more action focussed. Agreed to print now (250 copies) and circulate later. Include in Welcome Pack for new residents.

8.2 No update on pavement to Long Itchington.

8.3 River analysis for January shows all levels in the normal range apart from ammonia, which is high. Point made that flooding also results in animal waste getting into the rivers. Information to be included in the Newsletter. Some discussion about recent on-line information from unofficial sites. Monitoring will continue.

8.4 New 'No HGV Access' signs for Church Street awaiting scheduling by Minor Works at RBC.

Regarding school bus issue, Cllr Chambers has questioned WCCs assessment of safety, but

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has no response yet.

8.5 No news/decision regarding future of Black Horse. Issue with fly tipping has arisen, owners have been made aware and they have committed to trying to address the problem.

8.6 Assertion 10 - new domain purchased, martonparishcouncil.gov.uk, and new gov.uk emails for each councillor should be in use shortly. First point of contact to remain the Parish Clerk at clerk@martonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

8.7 Cemex meeting confirmed they are ending the Rugby Benevolent Fund, which has distributed funds locally. Annual shutdown means no Cemex lorries will be passing for 22 days from 22 April.

8.8 A Neighbourhood Plan was felt to be needed to replace the existing

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Village Design Statement and Parish Plan, which will be able to cover more areas.

Questionnaires to villagers and development groups were discussed. An informal meeting by MPC was agreed to try and create some direction for the project, with a view to including it as part of the Village Meeting in May when many of the village groups will be present.

9. VILLAGE UPDATES AND MAINTENANCE

9.1 Community Network continues to provide support to the village.

9.2 Pavilion development is now close to completion with final improvements to the kitchen. Phase 2 is within budget, but the outside decking will require further funding. A village Gofundme page has been set up for donations, but the fees are questionably high. MPFA

are developing a long term plan of use for the Pavilion. Discussions with Leamington Royals Cricket Club and WCA are continuing, with any agreement likely to be from next year. Following the demise of the old mowers, a new electric mower is being purchased - many thanks to our benefactor.

9.3 Roads and Footpaths. Potholes, drains and cracks continue to be an issue with new problems arising, however they do appear to be being resolved slowly. Very loud drain cover by bus shelter has an urgent submission with Severn Trent. Regular jetting for the problem drains at the end of the village, rather than standard maintenance, has been requested. Crack on the main bridge has been checked and will be followed up.

Issue of grass growing across the pavement towards Long Itchington will be addressed shortly. 30 speed sign currently facing the wrong way is to be turned around.

9.4 Grass and Hedges. New contract starts this month, check when first cut will be as grass is already growing.

9.5 MPEG. Wild flower area has been mown and the recently planted hedge is sprouting.

9.6 Streetlights. No responses from submitted funding requests. Details to be

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passed to Cllr Keeling for inclusion in the County Councillors Funding, mid May. Check lamps in Birdingbury Road as the area is very dark.

9.7 New food waste collection service to start in July with caddies to be circulated in May. Council Tax communication did not include the information where emails were used; follow up.

9.8 Playground Inspection report for 2025 finally received; all items low or very low risk. Minor maintenance issues and cleaning to be passed to MPFA for action.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Financial transactions from 1st January - 28th February

10.2 Ongoing budget maintenance. Updated spreadsheet supplied, no issues. End of year position likely to be just under the planned budget, although this level of spend has required a small amount from the Parish Council reserves. Contribution to the Pavilion Development project also came from the reserves.

Continuing to dispute the large bill from Water Plus before the meter was changed.

10.3 Vic Shayler has again kindly agreed to complete the internal audit of the end of year

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accounts and AGAR. An external audit will also be required.

10.4 Future budget considerations:

10.4a MPFA developing a long term plan for Pavilion usage. Contribution from MPFA funds towards high electricity usage during the renovations was agreed.

10.4b Some funding for streetlighting may be available through County Councillors fund, see 9.6.

11. CHAIR ELECTION

Cllr Chambers volunteered to chair the next meeting but is unable to do so on the date set. New date agreed.

12. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

6.30pm, Wednesday 6 May 2026, to include AGM and APM.

Marton Church

Church News



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 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday. It is different on festival days and Holy Trinity Long Itchington will continue to hold a service every Sunday at 9.30am. There is usually the Deanery In The Spirit service on the first Sunday in the

evening but as this is Easter Day in 2026 we won't be holding a service that evening. Below are the services currently planned, please see St. Esprit Church, Marton - A Church Near You, Marton WhatsApp/email/ Facebook or the church noticeboard for confirmed details. Please contact us in person or by email (StEspritMarton@gmail.com) with any queries or 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, please do take as many as you would like. 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.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Day:

Following Jesus' journey through suffering and death to new life – Through Lent we have been treated to a wonderful, changing meditation space, Lent bags (these have been a great success in homes across Marton and beyond) and church decorations to help us think about Jesus'

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journey through Lent (see photos). The cross is getting more significant in the meditation space reminding us that Jesus is aware that His cruel death is getting closer. Unlike the disciples 2000 years ago, we know that He rose on the third day and that we have Easter Day celebrations to look forward to, however remembering His journey is important and has been helped by our focus on Lent in services, quiet times prompted by the creativity of the meditation space and our discussion group.

Halfway through Lent is Mothering Sunday, a day when everyone went back to their mother church, the church of their childhood or more often these days to the church of their mother. We had joint winners for distance travelled to be with their mother or Mother-in-law, Richard from Cardiff and Marcus and Sophie from

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Norwich. On Palm Sunday (29 March at 10.30am) we will then remember the excited welcome as Jesus entered Jerusalem, palms were waved and coats spread on the path in front of Jesus on a young donkey. Holy week follows with meditations at St Esprit on Monday and Wednesday at 7.00pm, and services at Holy Trinity Long Itchington on Tuesday and Maundy Thursday at 7.00pm. Good



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Church Services

Friday is a time for contemplation and we will have a service of the Last Hour at 2.00pm in St Esprit or you can join the walk of witness around Long Itchington at 2.00pm.

Finally, we will celebrate the risen Christ on Easter Day, 5 April, gathering outside church just before 9am to take the light of the Risen Christ into church for celebrations and Holy Communion. After the service there will be a shared breakfast and fellowship (please drop a note to Jenny if you have specific dietary requirements) with crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt if interested. Please join us!

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

- Monday 30 March – A Holy Week meditation at St Esprit at 7pm.

- Wednesday 1 April - Tenebrae Evening service and meditations at St. Esprit, 7.00pm.
- Friday 3 April Good Friday - 2.00pm for meditation on the Last Hour at St Esprit
- Sunday 5 April – Easter Day – Join us to celebrate the Risen Lord – gather outside the church to start the Easter Celebration service outside at 9.00am followed by breakfast, crafts and an Easter Egg hunt will be available for all who are interested.
- Sunday 19 April – Holy Communion service, join us from 10.15am for a cuppa and cake to start at 10.30am.
- Sunday 3 May – Holy Communion service, join us from 10.15am for a cuppa and cake to start at 10.30am.
- Sunday 3 May – In The Spirit, a Deanery wide contemporary lay led service starting worship at 6.30pm and refreshments at 6pm.

COFFEE MORNING – Thursday 30 April, 10:30 - 12 noon.

Coffee mornings are a lovely time for those available to gather together, with lots of chat



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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

Wednesday 8 April 4.30pm (or join our young D of E volunteers most weeks from 4.30pm), Saturday 25 April 2.00pm – Thanks to our young volunteers and Joe, we have been able to continue clearing weeds from the old graves with kerbstones and topping them up with gravel. We are planning 2 sessions (weather permitting) for churchyard maintenance on Wednesdays at 4.30 to 5.30pm and Saturday April 25th 2-4pm. If you are available for any of these times, or other times, and have a barrow and shovel, weeding tools or church cleaning stuff please come along or talk to Joe
StEspritMarton@gmail.com. All help is appreciated to keep your village church and churchyard clean and tidy.

CHURCHYARD BIODIVERSITY AND HERITAGE PROJECT

- Enriching churchyards for nature, heritage and communities. The Diocese of Coventry, in partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and Caring for God's Acre, have

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been awarded funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to develop a Churchyard Biodiversity and Heritage Project within Coventry and Warwickshire. This project seeks to protect, enhance and share the treasured green spaces, wildlife and heritage of churchyards within the Diocese, and support local church councils to manage these special places with their local communities.

St Esprit has joined the project. The first phase involves a small number of churches, our closest is Southam St James. The initial briefing highlighted that we are already on a positive biodiversity journey with our expanding flower lawn along the churchyard wall (see photo) and the meadow area in the north west area of the churchyard. The heritage

Marion Adverts

Napton Easter Art and Crafts Exhibition

Napton Art Group are holding their annual Easter Exhibition of members' work at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) on

**Saturday 4 and
Sunday 5 April 2026
between 10.00am and
4.00pm.**

There will be about 200 paintings in all media including oils, watercolour, acrylics and pastels, most of which will be for sale 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.

*Further details from
Howard Collerson 01926
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