

Marton Newsletter

September 2026



A Busy Marton Summer: World Cup/Eclipse/Great Get Together...



Wildflower Harvesting in August



World Cup Woes in July



The Great Get Together in July



But nothing could eclipse the visit of the Chair of Warwickshire Council!

Marton Diary

September

5	Marton Charity Fun Day	1.00
6	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	10.30
6	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	18.00
6	<i>Marton Cinema: Atonement</i>	17.00
8	<i>Marton Parish Council</i>	19.30
10	<i>Afternoon Teas</i>	14.00
18	<i>Marton Cinema: The Terminal</i>	20.00
19/20	Museum Heritage Open	
	Weekend	10.30
20	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	10.30
20	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	18.00
24	<i>Church Coffee Morning</i>	10.30
25	<i>Mobile Library</i>	11.30
25	<i>Village Burger Night</i>	17.15
27	<i>Marton Walkers</i>	11.00

October

4	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	10.30
4	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	18.00
8	<i>Afternoon Teas</i>	14.00
17	<i>Marton Cinema ???</i>	20.00
22	<i>Church Coffee Morning</i>	10.30
23	<i>Mobile Library</i>	11.30
24	<i>Churchyard Cleaning</i>	14.00
25	<i>Church: Holy Communion</i>	10.30
22	<i>Marton Walkers</i>	11.00

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
either group contact:
lummisrob@gmail.com*

**Next Marton Parish
Council Meeting
7.30pm
Tuesday
8 September
at the Village Hall**

NB Please note the deadline
for the **September Newsletter**
is **Sunday 20 September 2026.**

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Charity Fun Day

5 September

The village's second big event on the playing fields this summer is on **Saturday 5 September**. Mary's annual cancer charity fundraiser should be as good as ever with all the normal food and drink, games and stalls (see the back cover for a full list of activities)

The Great Marton Get

Together in July

Despite the heat, the event was as well supported, enjoyable and successful as ever (see the covers for photos).

£1000+ of additional progress was made towards our £15,000 target to create a raised terraced area. Don't forget <https://www.gofundme.com/f/our-pavilion-our-community-lets-finish-it!>

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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Marton River Concerns

The issue of flooding was raised at the July parish council meeting (see minutes on pages 17 to 19). This remains one of the principal concerns for the village, as we can do little to prevent widespread flooding, but taking preventive measures on a house by-house-basis is important.

Unusually we have not had any significant flooding for almost a decade which is unlikely to last. The recent predictions of exceptional weather events mean that each of us has to be ever vigilant and ensure our emergency planning is in place. Advice is available from the parish council

Village Flooding

as well as plenty of (empty) sandbags. Stock up now - just ask.

River Pollution Monitoring

Feedback from the monthly monitoring of our two rivers has been missing for a while due to the coordinator's illness. Monitoring has been happening, and the latest results are given below (all levels OK!).

Point	Date	Time	Weather	Location	
1	18/05/2026	11:04	Wet	Marton Bridge on the A423	
2	18/05/2026	13:15	sunny	Bridge on Lane out of Marton towards Eathorpe	
3	18/05/2026	12:12	sunny	The Ford, approx 1/2 mile out of Marton on the Birdingbury Road	
1	16/06/2026	09:25	sunny	Marton Bridge on the A423	
2	16/06/2026	09:52	sunny	Bridge on Lane out of Marton towards Eathorpe	
3	16/06/2026	10:16	sunny	The Ford, approx 1/2 mile out of Marton on the Birdingbury Road	
1	17/07/2026	10:33	sunny	Marton Bridge on the A423	
2	17/07/2026	10:49	sunny	Bridge on Lane out of Marton towards Eathorpe	
3	17/07/2026	11:10	sunny	The Ford, approx 1/2 mile out of Marton on the Birdingbury Road	
Ammonia Mg/l		NO2 - (Nitrite Mg/l)	Conductivity	LDO (Dissolved Oxygen Mg/l or %)	PO4 - (Phosphate Mg/l / ppm)
0.01			752	91.10%	
0.01		No reading	752	92.30%	No reading
0.37		No Reading	753	86.00%	
0.01		0.007	1006	70.70%	0.
0.01		0.008	990	77.20%	0.
0.4		0.018	905	69.10%	0.
0.01		No reading	1150	66.50%	No Reading
0.14		No Reading	1103	66.40%	No Reading
0.01		No Reading	1005	53.30%	No Reading

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Surprise Visit by Local Dignitary



While the museum was celebrating the life of Graham Robson on Sunday 27 July (see later article), Cllr Dale Keeling made a surprise appearance. In addition to being our local Warwickshire County Council representative, he has been Chair of Warwickshire County Council since February of this year.

He had been to an official occasion in Southam and decided to call in on the museum.

Marton Drone Activity

For a few years now, both Michael and Colin have been experimenting with using their drones around the village.



Both being moral individuals, they are very careful to stick to the rules, so if you see any drones invading your privacy, it's not them!

Michael has been monitoring the fields around the village this summer to see whether the dry weather has revealed any field markings that indicate hidden historic features.

He has also surveyed the courses of our rivers in a way that is impossible from the ground. This gives a useful idea of the amount of vegetation that could affect the flow of the water.

Lastly, he is also creating a unique perspective on the church, which will be of eventual interest to us all.

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Marton Neighbourhood Watch

It's been good to see the local police using the pavilion from time to time. Just their presence in the village is valuable, and being available for a chat about any concerns is useful.



Their visit in July was a particularly good time to get an update on a series of road accidents near the village the previous week, as well as the worrying incident involving the missing walker, who was later discovered in the village after a police search. Unfortunately, they were unable to provide any information about the various incidents, other than thanking the village for its help with the missing walker.

Our local Neighbourhood Watch representative, Miranda (see above), was rather disappointed about the lack of knowledge about various aspects of policing in the area that she and other visitors to the drop-in had raised. The only support they could offer seemed to be if villagers signed up at the police site: <https://www.warwickshireconnected.com>.

Afternoon Teas

Afternoon Teas for All



**Marton Village
Hall
2.00pm
Thursday
10 September
2026**

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

**Good company
and good scoff**

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Marton Pig Club

Marton Pig Club



The 2026 Marton pig clubbers will still have a freezer full of delicious pork products, so this article might seem a bit premature. However, we will need to make a decision in December if we want more piglets next year.

For those unfamiliar with the pig club activity, this involves taking piglets at 10 weeks old and raising them until they are approximately 6 months old. In Spring, before the piglets arrive, we arrange a couple of weekend mornings when members volunteer to help with any necessary repairs to the pig hut, fencing and other general maintenance. Once the pigs arrive, we have a rota system for feeding, watering,

welfare and field security checks, and generally enjoying seeing our charges grow in a happy, healthy environment.

We are sure that those involved in previous years will agree that pig club is fun and enjoyable, as the pigs are fascinating, inquisitive, docile, family-friendly and cute!

As a guide, membership costs this year were £185 per half a pig, including basic butchery. In addition, you will need to commit to feeding and checking the animals' welfare, before 9.00 a.m., on the dates allocated and agreed on the rota. If you have half a pig, this works out to be roughly one visit every fortnight (obviously more frequently if you



have a whole pig).

If you are interested in taking part next year, look out for details of the cost for 2027 in the coming months. Or, if you would like to know more, please contact us at: sausages.marton@gmail.com

Thanks, everyone!

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Marton Wildflower Harvesting

As some of the photos on the inside front cover will testify, the burdensome task of scything all the wildflower areas and then raking up the cuttings has now been



completed for another year.

The hot, dry weather made scything than in previous years as there was no grass undergrowth. Also, every extra year that the wildflowers have been established means the



Wildflowers

spreading yellow rattle is doing its job of weakening the grasses.

The weather also brought forward the harvesting as most flowers had set seed. The conditions will also have meant that more seed was left behind and not gathered up with the rest of the cuttings.



Although the harvested areas look rather sunburnt and bare (see above), like the rest of the playing fields, it will not be long before the predicted rain makes everything green again.

Although the weather in winter and spring will play a part, we are hoping for an even better display next year.

Big thanks to all the MPEG helpers.

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Marton Wildlife

Ragwort has a bad reputation but is it really that bad?

Ragwort has recently been spotted on the playing field and removed. Alan offers an informed view on the subject.

Cinnabar caterpillar on Ragwort



Ragwort is a British native biennial wildflower. It grows to around 90cm and bears clusters of yellow, daisy-shaped flowers in summer and early autumn. It has finely divided, toothed leaves.

Ragwort is an important source of food to a huge range of insects – around 35 species rely completely on ragwort, and there are hundreds of others, including the beautiful cinnabar

moth, for which ragwort is an important source of larval food, pollen and nectar. Birds eat the seeds

Is Ragwort poisonous?

Ragwort is mildly poisonous, thanks to toxins called pyrrolizidine alkaloids. These can be advantageous to wildlife – for example, the cinnabar moth avoids predation by ingesting these toxins, which in turn make them unpleasant to eat.

Ragwort could potentially harm humans, but as it's only mildly poisonous, you would need to eat an enormous amount for it to harm you. What's more, there have been no cases of ragwort poisoning in humans in the UK. It's generally safe to touch ragwort – the mild toxins can be absorbed through human skin, but these do not pose any risk to human health however it may cause mild allergic skin reactions so please bare this in mind.

However, ragwort can be poisonous to mammals, particularly horses, which can develop liver poisoning if they eat it in large quantities so for that reason horse owners take care to manage/avoid it.

Ragwort is usually regarded as a weed in gardens, although wildlife gardeners, who appreciate its huge value to insects and birds, often leave areas of it to thrive. It's well-suited to growing in wildflower meadows and can be seen in great profusion on the Lias Greenway.

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A Happy Surprise in Marton's Wet Meadow

Sometimes the nicest stories begin quite by accident.

Following last winter's prolonged heavy rain, part of the local meadow (which has the public footpath tracking through it towards the Lias Greenway) became flooded and too wet for the autumn cultivation and sowing of grass seed to be successful. What might have seemed an inconvenience has instead become a thriving wetland, and nature has responded in remarkable fashion.



Several adult lapwings have recently been seen there with a number of healthy juveniles—a wonderful sight, as lapwings have become increasingly rare in this part of Warwickshire. Generally due to loss of habitat or predation. In this case, their successful breeding is a clear sign that this temporary wetland is providing exactly the habitat they need.

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A sincere thank you should go to the local landowner for allowing this area of the meadow to remain undisturbed. Whether by chance or by choice, this accidental wetland has become a valuable refuge, not only for lapwings but also for many other insects and wetland creatures.

Perhaps it reminds us that nature often knows best. Sometimes, all we have to do is give it the chance.

Let's hope this little oasis can be preserved for a while yet, so that the distinctive "pee-wit" call of the lapwing continues to be heard over the Marton countryside.

Alan

Marton Village Hall

Events

Music in the Marton War Memorial Hall



In June, I presented the last of eight talks on social history, with a strong leaning towards music history, which as most of you know is my passion. These talks were all given in the Marton War Memorial Hall and were very well attended; I would like to extend a thank you to all of you Martonians who supported me in this venture; I have even been booked to repeat talks in the great metropolis of Rugby!

With further talks still in the early concept stage, I have joined the War Memorial Hall

committee with a view to organising live music events on a regular basis in the hall for the residents of Marton and for any of those who live further afield who appreciate great music.

I am currently in negotiation with a number of quite high profile

bands, some of which play regularly at

Temperance, which is a world renowned blues, folk and jazz venue in

Leamington Spa. In fact I

have been much assisted by the

management of Temperance in locating and hopefully securing a strong line-up. It looks

like the first band will play in our hall in

October or November this year and will be an acoustic set of Americana, Southern Rock

and Country songs by an amazing duo that I have seen many times.....more of that later, when the deal is done.

So, you music lovers, or those who just want to come out for a good time and perhaps a little dance, look out for an announcement soon and make sure you get your tickets when they go on sale, because they will sell quickly.

I look forward to your continued support, with this new venture.



Barrie Cressey

Marton Village Hall

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SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

BAR OPENS 4.30PM

FILM STARTS 5.00PM

★ Join us for a great film and good company right here in Marton. ★

★ SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL ★

GREAT FILMS ★ FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE ★ ALL WELCOME!

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VILLAGE HALL
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The Terminal
Life is waiting.

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

DOORS OPEN 7.30PM

FILM STARTS 8.00PM

★ Join us for a great film and good company right here in Marton. ★

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Eclipse

Eclipse from churchyard

The churchyard venue to follow the moon as it partially obscured the sun may sound a somewhat Druidic [if that is a word] experience. Far from it, no flowing robes etc but so many colanders, adapted cereal packets and cardboard tubes. Thanks to Ben, we all had access to special glasses; even Henna, the dog, had her own pair!

Our hosts, the Walshes and Barias, provided drinks, cheese and nibbles. Lots of children and adults all enjoyed the experience; thank you.

Andrew Heath, with his excellent video of the partial eclipse, has enabled everyone in the village to share the experience; we are lucky to have our own Marton 'astronomer royal'. A very happy village occasion. See photos on the front cover.

Joan

Graham Robson's Tribute afternoon at the Museum

The 2026 Museum special exhibition and trail focus is on the late Graham Robson.

He had lived in the village since he was four, when his parents came to farm Hockley. He grew up to become a well-known cattle and sheep breeder and was very much involved in village affairs and local natural history.

As Graham gave so much to the museum,, it seemed appropriate to enhance one of our normal Sunday openings to invite his family, close friends, and former members of the Rugby Natural History Society to have a look around the museum and join us for tea and cake in the pavilion. This took place at the end of July.

Ian Dronfield, his godson, brought a vintage tractor, formerly owned and restored by Graham, to the museum.



Ian's tractor, restored by Graham

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It was a very pleasant occasion, and we had many compliments re both the museum and the pavilion. Thank you to all the people who helped make it a success.

Do come and visit the museum before it closes at the end of September, and if you are interested, we have Graham's book, 90 years on a farm, for sale at £5.00.

We are always looking for volunteers to help run this village asset. It is the only one of its kind in Warwickshire.

Joan

Summer at the Museum

From the end of May to the end of September, the museum is open to the public every Sunday afternoon. Thanks to the generosity of volunteers, we can staff at all times, with no one having to do more than three shifts (but even more volunteers would be welcome!).

At other times during the week, we have



Marton Museum

hosted groups of 15 to 25 for organised visits, with tea and cakes in the Pavilion. The latter has been a real bonus in its renovated state.

All these activities have meant that the museum is financially sound, which has given the volunteers the confidence to continue improving the building and the displays.

As has been the tradition for more than fifteen years, the museum is taking part in the annual Heritage Open Weekends. This year it is on Saturday and Sunday 19/20 September.

In addition to the museum being open from 10.30 until 4.00, the pavilion will be serving refreshments and homemade cakes.

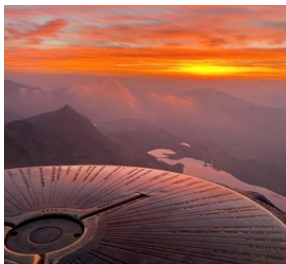
There will also be the normal array of stalls and a local blacksmith showing off his skills.

See the inside back cover for all the details.

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Marton Charity

The Mighty Snowdon Trek – Supporting Our Local MS Branch



Sue, Ian, Lottie, Ben and
on the challenge of

Snowdon with 28 other Mighty Snowdon Trekkers on Monday 7th September 2026 to raise both awareness and vital funds for our local Leamington, Kenilworth & Warwick Multiple Sclerosis Branch.

Ann Marie will be taking
reaching the summit of

Every donation will go directly towards supporting local people living with MS and their families, helping us provide assistance in a variety of meaningful ways.

We have set ourselves a fundraising target of £3,560, inspired by Snowdon's height of 3,560 feet, and would be incredibly grateful for your support. You can donate by scanning the QR code below.

To donate scan



Thank you so much for your support. It will truly make a difference to our branch.

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Marton Walkers head to Rugby in June

On 28 June, the Marton Walkers met in the square at Dunchurch, setting off extra early due to the heatwave conditions. Though a little cooler on the Sunday with a welcome breeze, we walked a slightly shorter than the norm route at 4.5 miles, starting in the pretty churchyard of St Peter's and heading through hidden alleyways towards Rugby, passing by chance the Dunchurch fete where we paused to inspect a helicopter and NYPD squad car, which also provided the perfect backdrop for our group photo!

The walk then took us briefly through the



grounds of Bilton Grange Preparatory School, and after a short stretch along Ashlawn Road, now dominated by new housing development, a gate led into the most beautiful meadows, with HM Prison Onley visible in the distance. The remainder of the walk was through a variety of fields as we

Marton Walkers

headed back towards Dunchurch, finishing the walk at Grade II listed Guy Fawkes' house, conspicuous by its clear age and blue plaque. This was once the Lion Inn where the gunpowder plot conspirators met to await news from Westminster on 5 November 1605.

Marton Walkers venture out on the final Sunday of each month, except for August and December, and we typically walk around 5 miles, ending with a convivial pub lunch (optional).

Our friendly group is open to all, whether or not you live in Marton or not, so do bring along friends or family members. Anyone interested in joining our friendly group is invited to email their phone number to mikeofmarton@hotmail.com who will add them to the Marton Walkers WhatsApp group.

Lisa

Marton Parish Council

Meeting

Draft Minutes of Marton Parish Council, held on Tuesday 14 July, 7.30pm Marton War Memorial Hall.

1. ATTENDANCE

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

2. APOLOGIES

Clerk Louise Hollings

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 May signed by Cllr Faye Chambers.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 River flooding risk was raised and information provided on previous investigations in this area by Environment Agency concluding any flood defence constructions are more expensive than the cost of

damage to Marton properties by flooding. Warwickshire County Council in collaboration with the Eathorpe Flood Group concluded that the weir at Eathorpe does not significantly impact flooding in Marton. The 2016 Marton Parish Council commissioned report emphasises the need for flood resilience in the village rather than flood prevention.

4.2 **Impassable local footpaths** – footpaths across the fields off High Street were impassable recently due to crops and this often happens. The issue was raised with the Warwickshire County Council and will continue to chase if no response

4.3 **River Quality** – Severn Trent have not sent measurements for last few months and are being chased. Issues with turbidity on the Rains Brook and the River Leam should be reported to the Environment Agency. Contact details have been provided. Rugby Council initiative to have their own monitoring of river quality has only just started. The council is likely to support a wildlife corridor if proposed by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

4.4 **Travellers at Long Itchington** – concern was raised about where the travellers would go next, but the travellers have left Long Itchington and not been seen in Marton.

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5. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

6. POLICE ISSUES

6.1 **Community Speedwatch** sessions will recommence after holidays with some planned soon. Miranda is supporting more random police speed checks in the light of recent accidents.

6.2 Next police drop in at the Pavilion booked for 15 July at 17.00.

6.3 The local PC has left and recruitment in ongoing. Two PCSOs are covering the area.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 **Hall Farm**; appeal has been summited and inspectorate may contact parish council for comments.

8. VILLAGE ISSUES

8.1 No update on pavement to Long Itchington.

8.2 No update from Severn Trent Rangers recently on River Leam condition – chasing an update.

8.3 **School bus stop** move to be removed from the agenda as we reach the end of the school year. Will raise again if an issue.

8.4 **Black Horse** is up for sale.

8.5 It is thought that a **Neighbourhood Plan**

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can be more powerful than a Village Design Statement when objecting to planning applications. Agreed to start the process of compiling a Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillors to meet before next parish council meeting to discuss way forward.

9. VILLAGE UPDATES AND MAINTENANCE

9.1 **Community Network** continues to provide support to the village.

9.2 **MPFA** – work continues on the pavilion. Business plan is being prepared. The Great Marton Get Together raised almost £1,000. The Council thanked the MPFA and all involved for organising the day which was a great success.

9.3 **Roads and Footpaths.** Noisy drain on Coventry Road raised with Highways team. Damaged road sign reported. Cllr Fry to investigate if

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application for change of status to Field Farm Lane can be escalated to speed up the process.

9.4 Grass and Hedges. All areas cut as expected.

9.5 MPEG. Working with CPRE to get an oak tree as part of their 100 year celebrations. Cllr Heath and Cllr Fry to work on getting some identification charts on outside of museum. Council agreed to spend for power scythe for cutting wildflower areas.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Financial transactions from 1st May – 30 June

Opening balance: £11,829.79

Total Expenditure: £4,099.38

Total Income: £4,470.14

Closing balance: £12,200.55

10.2 Budget maintenance spreadsheet circulated and all ok.

10.3 Some questions have

been raised on external audit relating to MPFA accounts. Answers will be provided.

10.4 Future budget considerations:

10.4a VAT refund from pavilion redevelopment spend will be spent on continuing pavilion improvements.

10.4b Highways Community Action fund may cover cost of replacing 3 old streetlights. Ascertaining if a submission can be made for £6000 + VAT or £9000 + VAT if solar lights are an option submitted.

10.4c Neighbourhood Plan – need to consider adding to budget.

11. CHAIR ELECTION

Cllr Taylor volunteered to chair the next meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

7.30pm, Tuesday 8 September 2026.

The Next Marton Parish Council Meeting

**7.30pm Tuesday
8 September 2026
at the Village Hall**

Marton Village Hall

VILLAGE BURGER *Night!*

**FRIDAY
25
SEPTEMBER**

★ **BAD BOY
BURGERS** ★
will be serving

FROM 5.15PM

  **THE BAR IS
OPEN TIL 8PM**

 **TAKE
AWAY** *OR*  **EAT IN
AT THE
VILLAGE HALL**  **WITH A DRINK
FROM THE BAR
& GOOD COMPANY** ♥

Come along - everyone welcome! ♥

Marton Enterprise

Marton Garage

Marton Garage Update



As I write this in August, we're right in the thick of another sweltering heat wave.

Bring on those cooler September days.

Unsurprisingly, the heat brought an influx of air conditioning re-gasses to the garage. A quick reminder: we can now cater for any car; we stock both old and new types of air-con gas.

Don't turn your AC off when the weather cools down! Air conditioning removes moisture from the cabin, making it essential for demisting your windscreen in winter. Keeping it running or turning it on regularly keeps the system lubricated and prevents the pump from seizing up.

I am proud to say we hold a 4.9-star rating on Google. If you've used Marton Garage, I'd be hugely grateful if you could take two minutes to leave a review.

20 In this day and age, a solid

internet presence is vital for any small business.

A huge thank you to everyone who organised The Great Marton Together! It was an awesome day. It was so refreshing to catch up with many of you outside of the workshop realms.

Inspired by a fresh start, I've been sprucing up our reception area; I finally started removing the COVID-style counter with the plastic screens that we set up all those years ago!

September is shaping up to be a busy one, with key awareness days like International Day of Charity, World Suicide Prevention Day, International Day of Peace, World Alzheimer's Day, World Heart Day... oh, and not to forget, my birthday!

Slots are already filling fast through the end of the month and on into October. If your vehicle's MoT or service is due in September, please get in touch so I can book you in.

www.check-mot.service.gov.uk

I'm feeling optimistic about the future of Marton Garage. Life feels a bit more "normal" these days. My automotive photography side hustle is thriving, and the time I spend at home feels balanced. We are already gearing up to celebrate 10 years in business and our ninth year in Marton, come January 2027!

Whatever you get up to this September, remember to pause, soak in the world around you and lead with kindness. It costs nothing, but it could mean everything to someone else.

See you around! *Arthur at Marton Garage*

Marton Heritage

Marton Man Makes Good

September 1871 - Coventry Herald

Thomas Osbourne of Marton was charged with being disorderly in refusing to leave the Black Horse Inn, Marton. The Defendant said that he was not drunk, and called a witness that did very little good.

The Witness said that he took care of the Defendant on the day in question, until he slipped away from him. The Bench told the Defendant that he would not have needed to hear the case if he been sober.

It was proved that he was very abusive to Mrs Hayes, the Landlady. He was fined 5s with 16s costs, or 14 days imprisonment and he was allowed 10 days to pay.

Additional information - Thomas was a Trade Union Official, and in 1874 he and his wife and 11 children, along with 81 other families who had been introduced to Thomas through the Agricultural Union, emigrated to New Zealand. Thomas was empowered to send back reports as to the capabilities of New Zealand. 222 souls boarded the Lady Jocyn from the Union, all agricultural labourers.

Thomas was named as Chief Constable, but suffered so much from seasickness that he had to resign.

Snippets from Marton Parish Council

Minutes - What to do about Toilets!

1930 - Ministry of Health letter declaring special notice of expenses for removing night

Ann's Snippets

soil, cleansing earth closets, privy's and ash pits from Marton and 12 other villages. Each village to share its own expenses.

Marton PCC April 1930 -

Tender from Mr A Hall re clearing dirt, ashes and tins. 12s 6d per day for a man, a horse and cart seemed quite satisfactory

Marton PCC 21 May 1937

Water closets - Report on how many sanitary pails, water closets and privy's in Marton.

There are 50 sanitary pails, 29 water closets and 9 old privy's.

Tenders are being sent out by Rugby Borough Council for the removal of night soil.

NB No one replied to the job

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Question raised of poor service the village is getting from RDC in emptying lavatory buckets. Letter to be sent saying if Monks Kirby could have a service every week, it was only fair for Marton, who had to go three weeks without service.

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Church News



St Esprit Church in Marton

You are always welcome to St Esprit Church Marton. 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).

We have asked for an

official update from the Archdeacon about recruiting our new Priest-in-Charge, hopefully he will supply this for the next newsletter, basically it is unlikely for over a year.

Although we do not have a Priest-in-Charge at this time, the PCC continues to support you all pastorally. We are being supported at this time by Rev Jonathan Hearn - he is helping with services, funerals / interments, presiding at our Communion Services, providing home communions etc.

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, the PCC via StEspritMarton@gmail.com or in person with any members of the PCC.

The church is always open with the book shelves well populated and a meditation/ prayer space, please take time to enjoy.

Partial solar eclipse celebration, 12 August, in the churchyard - On another sweltering evening, it was glorious to be in the churchyard of St Esprit with many from the village to celebrate and observe the partial

Marton Church

solar eclipse (see photos). Special thanks to Ben and Dinyar for the idea, Ben (again) and Tanya for additional eclipse glasses and to everyone who brought and shared food, drink and a fun time.

CHURCH SERVICES

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

Sunday 6 September – Holy Communion service, join us from 10.15am for a cuppa and cake to start at 10.30am.

Sunday 6 September – In The Spirit, a Deanery wide contemporary lay led service starting worship at 6.30pm and refreshments at 6pm.

Sunday 20 September – Holy Communion service, join us from 10.15am for a cuppa and cake to start at 10.30am.

Sunday 20 September - A Service focussed on healing, join us at 6.00pm for a short service and then a time of ministry, listening or prayer as needed.

COFFEE MORNING –

Thursday 24 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



Church News

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.

THANK YOU to Kim Hearn for the beautiful mediation spaces, church decoration and goodies. The church is open and a space for all to use, please take time to enjoy the coolness on a hot day or the peace if you are feeling stressed. Help yourself to a drink, biscuits or the gifts near the meditation space and make time for contemplation.

CHURCHYARD TIDYING & CHURCH CLEANING - dates to be decided and communicated via WhatsApp but if you have spare time and/or spare green bin space please pop in and help

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clear graves, ivy etc in the churchyard or general cleaning anywhere in the church If you would like further information please come talk to any of the PCC or via

StEspritMarton@gmail.com.

All help is appreciated to keep your village church and churchyard clean and tidy, if you would like to donate towards upkeep please get in touch.

On Sunday September 20th at 6pm we are holding a service focussed on healing, this may be mind, body, community, planet or other need. This will be a service of intentional worship, ministry and prayer focussed on healing. If you would like a need to be included but cannot or do not want to attend, please tell a member of the PCC.

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