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Dear Friends,

As we move into 2024, the news bulletins remind us that Peace on Earth is not a reality for everyone, and that for millions of people the greeting 'Happy New Year' would be an empty concept. At the feast of Epiphany on 6th January, we remember the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Distrustful of Herod, they went home by a different route, and soon afterwards Jesus became a refugee as the family fled to Egypt to escape Herod's envy and anger. Many innocent children would die as Herod sought to eliminate this threat to his position and power.

How similar to events in our own time. Tyrants still cause immense suffering, and children are killed in appalling numbers in war-torn countries. The problems are dire, and global political leaders are unable to find solutions and powerless to help. And yet good things are happening, often unreported. The humanitarian and medical charities say little, but they do act, often at great risk to their own lives. We can help them with money ('Give until it hurts' is a good rule), by showing them that we care, and most importantly, with our prayers. It may seem that we can do little to make a difference in such great matters. But as Christians we believe that God has a plan for this world, and that he is in charge. Jesus came to us at that first Christmas to show us how much we are loved. He wants us to find our place, small or great, in that plan and to try our best to love others as much as we love ourselves.

This is not the easiest of tasks! But our benefice provides some wonderful role models – great Christians who care for others across the churches and communities. My 2024 resolution is to try harder to be like them; to be a better neighbour, and to remember especially those neighbours far away, who are suffering so much.

Bill Watkins

New Church Service Schedule from January 2024

In an attempt to minimise any confusion about time and venue of church services, we are introducing a simpler service plan from January, to cover us over until the appointment of a new rector.

The service plan will be as follows (with the possible exception of festivals and Occasional services):

Week 1	Rimpton,	1045 hrs
Week 2	Mudford,	1100 hrs
Week 3	Marston,	0930 hrs
Week 4	Chilton Cantelo	0930 hrs
Week 5	One of the above	

FIR VILLA COMMUNION

Home Communion is celebrated once a month with residents & staff. Please call Penny Holt for more details on 01935 850354

From the Registers, St Mary the Virgin, Marston Magna:

Friday 8th December – Funeral Service followed by burial for **Cecilia Madge Crocker**

Monday 11th December – Funeral Service followed by burial for **Gordon Charles Hancock**

Wednesday 13th December – Funeral Service for **Bertram John Miller Ryall "JR"** – followed by cremation.

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

December 2023			
<u>SUNDAY 31st December</u> MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	WHITE Holy Communion at 11 am. No service at Rimpton	CHRISTMAS II - NEW YEARS EVE Sidesman: Mrs P Hopkins Reader: Mrs P Hopkins	
<u>SUNDAY 7th January</u> MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	WHITE No service at Marston Magna Holy Communion Service at 10.45 am.	EPIPHANY SUNDAY Reader: Mr Gatrill-Smith	
<u>SUNDAY 14th January</u> MARSTON MAGNA MUDFORD RIMPTON	WHITE No service at Marston Magna Morning Worship at 11 am No Service at Rimpton	PLOUGH SUNDAY	
<u>SUNDAY 21st January</u> MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	WHITE Holy Communion at 9.30 am. No Service at Rimpton	EPIPHANY III Reader: Mr R Knott Sidesman: Mr R Knott	
<u>Sunday 28th January</u> MARSTON MAGNA MUDFORD RIMPTON	WHITE No service at Marston Magna Holy Communion at 9.30 am. No Service at Rimpton.	EPIPHANY IV	
<u>SUNDAY 4th February</u> MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	WHITE No service at Marston Magna Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	CANDLEMASS SUNDAY Reader: Dr Billings	
MARSTON MAGNA JANUARY 2024	<u>Church Cleaning</u> (Now for services)	<u>Church Flowers</u> High Altar	<u>Locking Up</u>
7 th January			Mr & Mrs Jackson
14 th January			Mr H Privett
21 st January	Mr & Mrs Hopkins	Mrs Hopkins	Mr & Mrs North
28 th January			Mr & Mrs Knott
4 th February			Dr T Smith
RIMPTON JANUARY 2024	<u>Church Cleaning</u> (Now fortnightly)	<u>Church Flowers</u> High Altar	
6 th January	Mrs Billings & Mrs Gatrill-Smith	Candles & Greenery	Mr Hines
13 th January		Mrs Brady	Mrs Celia Gould
20 th January	Mrs McCreight & Mrs Green	Mrs Brady	Mrs Kirkpatrick
27 th January		Mrs Farmer	Mr Simpson

Mid-week Prayers at Rimpton

A brief service of morning prayer and silent prayer time. Rimpton church, Wednesdays, 8.00 am. All most welcome

MARSTON & RIMPTON HOME GROUP

A small, friendly group meeting fortnightly for fellowship, prayer, and bible study.
All welcome. Please contact Penny Holt on 01935 850354 for more details

RIMPTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY – What's on? – Regular items and contacts

Sundays (First Sunday of each month)

9.00 am - 10.30 am Yoga, coffee, and cake Kate Whittell 07881 628780

Tuesdays

9.30 – 10.30 am Yoga Classes Kate Whittell 07881 628780

Wednesdays

7.30p.m. – 10.00 p.m. Badminton Dale McLoughlin 01935 851100

For the Diary

2024

8 th January	-	Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm
20 th March	-	Ladies Walking Group, meet at Village Hall Carpark 9.30 am.
7 th September	-	Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Show

For hall bookings please contact Frances Burton on 07944365261 or by email rimptonvhbookings@btinternet.com

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL DIARY - What's on? - Regular items and contacts.

Mondays

10.00 am – 11.00 am Exercise Class.	Steph Edwards	07444 979297
7.00 p.m. - 2nd Monday monthly W.I.	Pam Goodwin	01935 850571

Thursdays

2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Short Mat Bowls	Tony Green	01963 220943
7 pm – 8.30 p.m. Table Tennis etc.	Judy	01935 851418

Fridays

10.30 a.m. – 12 noon Marston Village Café every Friday morning
5.00 p.m.- 7.15 p.m. Pilates Contact Mo 07815 748518
Various classes – do check on the notice board in Village Hall

For the Diary.

2024

5 th January	-	Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
8 th January	-	Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm
12 th January	-	Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
18 th January	-	AGM Village Hall Committee – VH 7 pm.
19 th January	-	Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
26 th January	-	Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
7 th September 2024	-	Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Show

For Village Hall bookings – please contact Judy Suckling Tel. 851418

The Mobile Library WILL BE IN Rimpton on the 17th January 2024. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be 14th February. The Mobile Library calls every four weeks and really must be used, or we will lose it.

Re-cycling and Waste Collections

Recycling is complicated! If in doubt check the following web address – enter your postcode with a gap.

<https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling-collections/>

RE-CYCLING IS NOW EVERY TUESDAY in Marston Magna from 6 a.m. on Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th and Thursday 28th December. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are collected from 6 a.m., 7th and 21st December. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next ones are Tuesday 12th December and 3rd January.

RE-CYCLING IS NOW EVERY FRIDAY in Rimpton from 6 a.m. on Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December and Sunday 31st December. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are being collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays 7th and 21st December. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and will be on Fridays 8th and 31st December.

This all does depend upon available staff and there are delays at present, caused by staff shortages. Recycling Centres are open for winter times.

Letter from Bishop Michael,
Bishop of Bath & Wells
Hope in deed

I'd love to be writing a sunny New Year's article reflecting a boundless global optimism about the future. Yet the reality is very different. War in Ukraine drags on and tensions in the Middle East remain dangerous. The cost-of-living crisis continues, and many are finding things tough. Pessimism rather than optimism is the order of our day.

In such circumstances, where can hope be found? For Christians, confidence, and assurance rest in the promise of the future that God has in store for us. In the Bible God says: 'See, I am making all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end' (Revelation 21: 5-6). Christian hope is that whatever may be happening to us now, God has a very different and favorable future in store for us.

Critically, the point of such hope is not just to enable us to say 'Well don't worry about present circumstances. It's all going to be all right eventually.' Hope's purpose is to shape how we live and what we do now. It's to enable us to live out the words of the old Christian Aid poster that said, 'We believe in life before death'.

Towards the end of last year, I had the privilege of visiting several of the deaneries of our diocese. On those visits I heard at first-hand how through the work of our parishes, schools and chaplaincies, Christian hope translates into practical action for good amongst the everyday lives of local communities. We offer debt counselling and food banks, support for families and care of the lonely and isolated. All these and many more were amazing examples of how we can join with God to 'make all things new' right here, right now.

So, as we start a new year, please can I encourage us all not to stare into our glasses, lamenting their being half full? Rather, through how we live and what we do, let us fill them with the new wine of God's kingdom – overflowing to the brim. For that is hope in deed.

+Bishop Michael

THE RAIN REPORT (November)

November was another wet month with rainfall totalling 120 mms (4 ¾ inches), well above the November average of 97 mms (3 ¾ inches). There was some rain on each of the first 10 days of the month totalling 69.5 mms (2 ¾ inches). The next 10 days saw 8 wet days and 43 mms (1 ¾ inches) of rainfall. The final 11 days were relatively dry with just 2 wet days and 7.5 mms (¼ inch) of rainfall.

In the last 32 years, there have been 9 wetter Novembers, with November 2002 the wettest with 189.5 mms (7 ½ inches), which is the wettest month I have ever recorded. There have been a few relatively dry Novembers with 2021 easily the driest with just 10.5 mms (½ inch).

Happy Christmas to all my readers. I understand there are still a few of you out there.

Ricky Gibbs

MARSTON MARBLE

There was a reference in the October 2023 Magazine to Marston Marble. As stated there, it was discovered in Marston in the 19th Century in a comparatively small quantity, apparently in or near the stream. I can confirm that it has aroused the interests of geologists.

Purbeck Marble is in fact a stone, but Marston Marble looks like standard marble and can be polished. Like other marbles it is dark grey but flecked throughout with tiny specks of white which I understand are tiny fossils.

I believe there was a piece used for a fireplace in a house near the Church in Aller in Somerset. There is also a large example in Rimpton, but its locality is not publicised because of the rarity of the substance. Sherborne Museum also has a sample.

If anyone knows of the existence of any other examples, it would no doubt be of interest.

John Spencer

Diocese News in brief

The Souls of our Shoes

An exhibition by the Mothers' Union has been on display in Wells Cathedral, and at November's Diocesan Synod, to draw attention to the issue of domestic violence. It features shoes of all different styles, sizes, and colours along with comments from those who have walked away from abuse and those who have journeyed with them.

Created by the Mothers' Union in Scotland, it is an extension of the Union's initiatives to highlight abuse, and the practical and prayerful support that is offered to families. It is hoped it can "provide a reminder that with timely help, many can escape from their abusive situations, rebuild their confidence and live in safety."

Good global neighbours

Pupils at St Bartholomew's CE Primary School have been presented with a Bronze Award from Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Scheme for their global citizenship work. From creating bee gardens, sending water purifying materials to Morocco to toilet twinning, pupils, and staff at this wonderful Crewkerne primary school have been working hard to take their place as compassionate global citizens.

Sustainable flowers

More than 40 church flower arrangers from 15 churches attended St James' in Taunton to learn how to arrange flowers in a more environmentally friendly way. Research suggests that traditional floral foam, also known as oasis, is non-recyclable and contains the same amount of plastic as 10 plastic shopping bags.

Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers, Ilminster shared her alternatives and Lyn from St James' said, "Angie shared lots of hints and tips... I for one certainly came away more confident in moving away from using floral foam and have taken another step toward an eco-friendlier ministry in flowers."

80th Birthday Celebration

I would like to thank family and friends who came along to my surprise 80th Birthday Celebrations in Rimpton Village Hall on 2nd December. It really was a surprise, especially when my twin brother – who lives in the USA - delivered the birthday cake! It was good to know that even in my advanced years I can still be surprised. Once again, thank you all for making my 80th such a memorable occasion – making an old man very happy!!

Tony Green

RIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

The full Minutes of all meetings, including all Appendices, can still be viewed and/or downloaded from the Village Website by going to the Rimpton website (<http://rimpton.net/parish-council/parish-council-meetings/draft-parish-council-minutes/>) and (in part) on the village noticeboard, and you can also see them by getting in touch with the Parish Clerk.

If you do not have an internet device, you should find the minutes on the noticeboard by the bus shelter, or you could ask the Clerk for a copy, the Parish Clerk is Mrs Anne Tuck of "Merryfield", Camel Street, Marston Magna, 01935 850632 or mobile 07538 502812 or email to rimpton.parish.council@outlook.com.

Rimpton Ladies Walking Group

The next walk will be on Wednesday, 20th March. We will meet in the Village Hall car park, at 9.30 am.

For full details contact
Sue Walton - Telephone 851818

MARSTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Full Minutes including all Appendices can be viewed and/or downloaded from the Village Website, by going to: - <https://marstonmagnaparish.co.uk/agendas-minutes/>

Anybody unable to use the website who needs to see a hard copy of the full Minutes please contact any of the Councillors.

The Draft Minutes of meeting held are on the website. Do watch the Parish Council website for dates and more details.

A reminder that the public may speak at the start of a Parish Council meeting in the Public Session, even if the meeting is held online with Zoom. Please contact me for details.

Lucy Gibbons – Clerk to Marston Magna Parish Council. Rose Cottage, Pendomer, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 9PH. T: 01935 863106 - Email: l.gibbons@btinternet.com

Queen Camel Bowls Club

It would be great to meet more local residents who would like to play Lawn Bowls in our league and friendly matches. If you would like any further information, please contact us by email at 'queencamelbowlsclub@gmail.com' or telephone 07514 485809.

Sally Ashley

Women's Health Survey – NHS Cancer Screening Programmes

I hope you are well and keeping safe in this cold and wet weather.

Nationally and across Somerset, particularly in women, participation in the NHS cancer screening programmes (breast, cervical and bowel) is declining. Yet, we know that cancer screening

saves lives as it helps to detect cancer or the risk of cancer earlier and improve the likelihood of successful treatment.

As Commissioning Manager for Planned Care and Care, I am, in collaboration with NHS England, doing a piece of work to understand why women in Somerset do or don't take part in the NHS cancer screening programmes. The first stage is an online survey which will help to inform more targeted engagement activities.

We would like to hear from as many women as possible, so that your views and experiences can help to identify action that can be taken to improve participation in the NHS cancer screening programmes and any changes that may be required to ensure that these services are accessible to all.

If you feel comfortable in doing so, please complete this online survey, sharing your personal views and experiences of the NHS cancer screening programmes:

<https://response.questback.com/nhssomersetich/womenshealthsurveynhscancerscreening>

This should take no more than 5-10 minutes. Within the survey, there is an opportunity to share your contact details should you wish to take part in further discussions (this may be in person, on the telephone or via email).

It would be really appreciated if you could share this online survey link with your colleagues, networks, organisations, friends, families, and neighbours – we need to hear from as many women in Somerset as possible.

Any questions or queries, please get in touch (carly.jackson12@nhs.net).

Kind regards,

Carly
Commissioning Manager
Cancer and Planned Care
NHS Somerset, Wynford House | Lufton Way |
Lufton | Yeovil | Somerset | BA22 8HR

The Children's Society

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Children's Society over the Christmas period. Your generous contributions are much appreciated.

The total of £125.25 was collected at the Christingle Service at Rimpton and £150.46 collected at "Carols on the Green", at Marston Magna.

Grateful thanks to all those who attended and helped with the Christingle service.

Thanks also to those who gave of their time in preparing for and helping at Carols on the Green. The weather was fine and a big thank you to all those who came out to join in and sing carols together.

A further personal donation of £20 was also received over the Christmas period for which many thanks. This money has been forwarded to The Children's Society to enable it to continue its work with vulnerable and disadvantaged children throughout the country.

Pam Goodwin (Parish Coordinator for The Children's Society)

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MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL **SHORT-MAT BOWLS** **THURSDAYS 2.30-4.30PM**

Would you like to try short-mat bowls? We are a small friendly club and play for fun, no competition matches. Come along on any Thursday afternoon, no experience needed; bowls can be provided. We would love to see you!

Alternatively, if you would like more information please contact Marlene and Tony Green on 01963 220943.

Marston Magna Village Hall Committee

Dear All

Just a note of thanks to everyone who supported the village this year.

We have a brilliant village with so many people, who do so much. I am so grateful I get to live in Marston Magna with all 517 of you. (Census 2021)

We had a wonderful fun filled year, with lots of events and activities in your village hall. Thank you to all the committee who were a brilliant team! (Judy Suckling, Gilly Knott, Julia Philips, Ashley Philpin, Kathy Lawrence, Anne Tuck and Tess Price).

At every event, they all jumped right in and shared all the jobs. We reduced our meetings to four per year (they are never longer than 90 mins), then we often go to the pub. So, if you want to enjoy lots of fun things in the village, and make lovely friendships, maybe think about joining us. The AGM is January 18th at 7.30pm, please come and share an ideas you might have to use the hall, and perhaps join our team!

In 2023, we really grew our participation in village hall events, we had 66 people to the Silent Auction, we had 2 very successful Quiz's run by Julia, we had two sold out "wine and cheese" nights, our biggest fundraisers of the year are the 2 bingo nights run by Terry and Sharen England, we had a Syrian Dinner Evening that got rave reports, we had folksy band, the Askew Sisters enjoyed by 43, we had a Coronation Party that was great fun, we had 32 scarecrows up in the village in October, our Harvest Supper was also 60+ people, we moved our Christmas Party to the Marston Inn on 16th December, where we packed our the pub with 65 of you, and lastly we had a brilliant kids Christmas party for 34 children, brilliantly run by Anne Tuck.

All in all, great support, great fun, and a joy to roll out.

Despite getting 2 new ovens, and a large new fridge (so we can host larger events), our finances are in good shape. We will continue to make improvements and updates for your benefit.

By the time this arrives on your doorstep, it will be almost new year. I hope and expect 2024 to be even better than 2023. Here are a few reasons:

Our village fair is more profitable and more generous than ever before.

We have new owners of the Marston Inn who are totally committed to making our pub work. Food is arriving soon, so go visit Carrie and Colin now.

We have 2 skittle teams and now a Pub Pool team.

Jon Pengelly and the Parish Council, are working hard behind the scenes on flood issues, traffic issues etc.

We have people (Chris) who walk around the village picking up litter on every walk.

We have octogenarians who cut the grass [H and L) around the church and graveyard. (Perhaps some young people might offer to take it on)

We have a lady who collected over 800,000 bottle tops for Perry's to recycle (Marian) and raised over £1,000 for the air ambulance.

We have countless people who call in and help elderly neighbours. We have a growing Friday Cafe community run by Pam.

We have 3/4 people who, without asking, empty the dog poo box in the moat field. We had many people bailing our water of neighbours' homes in the flood.

We have a man (Sj) building flower boxes around the village. We had our first Inter village Table tennis competition at Queen Camel (more to come).

I will publish our plan for 2024 in the February edition. But expect more fun, perhaps a few new things. Now that we have ultra-fast broadband from Wessex Internet, we can do more modern events.

But on a personal note, you cannot imagine the kindness and generosity I have witnessed in the village. I have had so many laughs with so many people, I applaud all our volunteers from every sphere, and I hope that many more of you will enjoy the benefits of the social side of the village in 2024.

Happy New Year
Paul - Paulfcopp@gmail.com

Marston Magna Village Hall **Table Tennis and Games**

We had our first fixture against Queen Camel last week which a roaring success! We even had spectators to support us and drink the tea and biscuits.

It was 6 v 6 and we narrowly lost 8/7.

But it was fun to play different people and there quite an air of excitement all night. We play most Thursdays if you want to play regularly. More fixtures to come.

Table tennis and board games in the hall. Chess, backgammon, and crib, but feel free to bring your own.

Thursday evenings 7 pm - 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. The Thursday night table tennis is now attracting 7/8 players a week. But we have room for more!!!.

All are very welcome but please accompany children. Cost £1 per person.

Anne Tuck

Widespread cold and frost... and a little snow!

With the high cost of living now, it's tempting to try and ride out the cold weather to avoid spending too much on heating.

But being cold can have a serious impact on your health, particularly if you're older or have a pre-existing condition, as it increases the risks of heart attacks, strokes, and chest infections.

If you can't heat your whole home, it's important to try to heat the rooms you spend the most time in (for example, the living room during the day and the bedroom just before going to sleep). And remember, wearing a few thinner layers is better at trapping heat than wearing one thick layer. The NHS website has lots of useful information about staying well during the winter.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/keep-warm-keep-well/>

Winter weather can make driving conditions difficult and cause problems on our roads. Our gritting teams have been out in force treating roads on Somerset's main salting routes. Please never assume a road has been gritted though as rain will wash salt off roads leaving them prone to ice, and in extreme cold even salting will not stop ice from forming.

Drive with care and according to the conditions, allow additional time for your journey and reduce your speed and leave more space between you and the vehicle in front.

Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Report for December 2023

Members met for their Christmas Lunch at The Green Rooms, Yeovil where we had a convivial time. Our next meeting will be at the Village Hall at 7 p.m. on January 8th.

Our speaker will be Mike Rendell who will speak about Royal Shenanigans in the 18th Century.

Visitors welcome as always.

If you would like further information, please contact Pam Goodwin on 01935 850571 or at all@amhome99.com

THE MARSTON INN

December brought forth the same old challenges and many new faces.

Early in the month many people suffered with the flooding, I believe we got off lightly; the water was level above the step at the Sherborne Road door, the main bar, as many will know is some 9 – 10

inches below that. Luckily for us, we had only 2 inches in that area. I raked out the road gullies in the Sherborne Road and within 20 minutes the road was clear; 40 minutes after that, the bar floor was clear and fully dry by the morning.

The Village Hall Christmas party was held here, thanks to Paul Copp, through that, we met many new people all of whom seemed very pleased for us, and a great night was had by all.

We had the EHO inspection, and achieved a respectable 4 out of 5 which, at this stage, is for the bar and snacks only. This will be re-inspected in January & will include the kitchen & food sales.

We will be announcing the long-awaited opening date very soon.

As always, many thanks to our customers & we hope you have all had a good Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year.

Colin & Carrie Ann Stout

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GOOD NEWS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

In April, it will be three years since our lovely rector Rev Barbara Stanton retired.

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not just the churchgoers.

Whether you attend church regularly, occasionally, or not at all,
you are part of the community and so ...

YOUR OPINION IS REALLY IMPORTANT
We would love to hear your thoughts about:-

- the role of the church in rural communities like ours
- how you would describe our community to the person to be appointed - the good things that we can celebrate and the challenges we face
- how our churches and communities could work together better

Local church members will be more than happy to listen to your views,
in person or on the phone, or you could write or email.
(You can remain anonymous if you wish)

Please give your thoughts or suggestions to any of the following:

Richard Gardner: T: 01935 850127, richardcfgardner@yahoo.com
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or leave a note in the Suggestions box at the back of the church or in the church porch. We would
very much appreciate your feedback.

**THERE WILL BE AN OPEN MEETING TO SHARE
WHAT WE HAVE FOUND OUT FROM THIS CONSULTATION
AND PLAN THE NEXT STEPS IN THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

on Sunday 28th January at 2.00 pm in Rimpleton Village Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME!