

March 2024

MONTHLY MAGAZINE MARSTON MAGNA



AND RIMPTON



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Dear Friends

At 10.00 pm on Saturday, I attended a service celebrating the life of a very dear friend, who recently died after a battle with cancer. It was held in her home church in California, where it was afternoon. I was able to join the service thanks to that miracle of modern technology, Zoom. She and I first met in October 1966 on our very first day at the University College of North Wales, Bangor. Four of us lived in adjacent rooms. I shared with another English girl and our neighbours were Welsh. We kept in touch over the years and, since retirement, we have enjoyed frequent reunions, mostly timed to coincide with my friend's trips to the UK.

Tears fell at the beginning of the service when a soloist sang 'Ar hyd y nos', 'All through the night', which it was for us in the UK! I have always loved this song and occasionally attempted, less than tunefully, to sing it in Welsh, but I have never really looked at the lyrics before. I know, as you probably do, the lullaby version in English, 'Sleep my child, let peace attend thee...', but that is rather different from a literal translation, which is all about starlight and ends with:

Old age is night when affliction comes
But to beautify man in his late days
We'll put our weak light together
All through the night.

A singable English version by A G Prys-Jones renders it:

So, when age brings grief and sorrow,
From each other we can borrow
Faith in our sublime tomorrow,
All through the night.

My friend in later years knew affliction, but her life was filled with music, laughter, faith, and love! The idea that we can put our weak lights together and borrow each other's faith appeals to me.

Frequently in our daily lives and constantly in the news, we are reminded that grief and sorrow can come to people, of any age, at any time. The immensity of the pain and suffering in the world often feels completely overwhelming, which it is if we only look to ourselves, to fellow human-beings and to human governments and organisations for solutions. We need to turn to God, for with him nothing is impossible. We can and we should turn to him in prayer. When Jesus died on the cross, he provided us with direct access through him to our heavenly Father. Even if we feel that we do not know how to pray or what to pray for, God knows what is in our hearts and will answer our prayers, even those we cannot articulate. When people are unable to pray for themselves, they can be supported by the prayers of others; they can 'borrow' another's faith. The Bible tells us to 'pray at all times.' We should pray when we are on our own but also when we are together. When we pray with others, maybe our weak lights will burn more brightly.

We shall be 'Exploring Prayer' in the Benefice Lent Study Course. Why not join us? You will be most welcome. You will find the details in an advertisement towards the end of this magazine.

I pray for God's blessings on you all,

Jo Dalton-Leggett

FIR VILLA COMMUNION

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

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

March 2024			
Sunday 3rd March MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	VIOLET No service at Marston Magna Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	LENT III Reader: Mr Benbow	
SUNDAY 10th March MARSTON MAGNA MUDFORD RIMPTON	VIOLET No service at Marston Magna Breakfast served from 10 am then Café Church at 11 am No Service at Rimpton	LENT IV & Mothers' Day	
SUNDAY 17th March MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	VIOLET Holy Communion at 9.30 am. No Service at Rimpton	LENT V Reader: Mrs J Privett Sidesman: Mrs N Jackson	
SUNDAY 24th March MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	VIOLET No service at Marston Magna 10.30 am Procession from Home Farm Lane Morning Worship at 10.45 am	PALM SUNDAY Reader: Mr/Mrs Gatrill-Smith Mr Kemp	
FRIDAY 29th March MARSTON MAGNA MUDFORD	VIOLET HOUR AT THE CROSS, 12 noon. Music & Poetry at 19.00	GOOD FRIDAY Reader: TBA Sidesman: Mr R Venning	
Sunday 31st March MARSTON MAGNA CHILTON CANTELO RIMPTON	WHITE No service at Marston Magna Holy Communion at 9.30 am. Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	EASTER SUNDAY Reader: Mr/Mrs Copeland	
MARSTON MAGNA MARCH 2024	<u>Church Cleaning</u> <u>(Now for services)</u>	<u>Church Flowers</u> <u>High Altar</u>	<u>Locking Up</u>
3 rd March			Mr & Mrs Knott
10 th March			Dr T Smith
17 th March	Mrs Knott & Mrs Whittell	Lent – No Flowers	Mr & Mrs Jackson
24 th March			Mr H Privett
29 th March	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Lent – No Flowers	
31 st March			Mr & Mrs North
RIMPTON MARCH 2024	<u>Church Cleaning</u> <u>(Now fortnightly)</u>	<u>Church Flowers</u> <u>High Altar</u>	
3 rd March	Mrs Walton & Mrs Millington	Lent – No Flowers	Mrs S Gould
10 th March		Mrs Farmer	Mr R Gibbs
17 th March	Mrs Hale	Lent – No Flowers	Mrs Kirkpatrick
24 th March		Lent – No Flowers	Mr G Simpson
31 st March	Mr & Mrs Green	Easter Flowers	Mrs S Gould

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

6 th March	-	Gardening Club AGM and talk – 7 pm – MMVH
11 th March	-	Marston Magna & Rimpleton WI Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm
20 th March	-	Ladies Walking Group, meet at Village Hall Carpark 9.30 am.
23 rd March	-	French themed evening at the Village Hall from 7 pm
7 th September	-	Marston Magna & Rimpleton 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.

1 st March	-	Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
2 nd March	-	Marston Inn - Hank Marvin tribute at 9 pm.
6 th March	-	Gardening Club AGM and talk – 7 pm – MMVH
8 th March	-	Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
11 th March	-	Marston Magna & Rimpleton WI Meeting at MMVH – 7 pm
15 th March	-	Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
22 nd March	-	Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
23 rd March	-	APERITIVO and WINE night. Only 24 places available
29 th March	-	Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.
6 th April	-	BINGO, 5.30pm doors open, MM VH
20 th April	-	Quiz at the Village Hall starts at 7 pm.
7 th September 2024	-	Marston Magna & Rimpleton Gardening Show

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

The Mobile Library WILL BE IN Rimpleton on the 14th February. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be 13th March. 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 26th March. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays the 14th and 28th March. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next ones are Tuesday 5th and 26th March.

RE-CYCLING IS NOW EVERY FRIDAY in Rimpleton from 6 a.m. on Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd and 30th March. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are being collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays 14th and 28th March. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and will be on Fridays 1st and 22nd March.

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
New life for all the world**

Sowing seeds, chitting potatoes, choosing varieties. Easter acts as starter's orders for the gardening year. Beds are cultivated, lawns mown, plans for all the growth and new life that spring and summer will bring made and then turned into action.

There's a much greater connection between gardening and Easter than it merely being the time to dust off forks and spades. For in the Bible, a garden is the setting for Easter itself. In John's Gospel (Jn 20:1-18) Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus in a garden. Indeed, Jesus's appearance to Mary is so unexpected that at first, she can't believe it's really him. So, she mistakes the man she meets 'supposing him to be the gardener' (John 20:15).

In John's account, all the new life contained in the first Easter chimes with a much earlier story set in a garden too. This is of the new life of another man and woman, the creation story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and contained in the book of Genesis (Genesis 2:4- 3:24). In that story, Adam is the gardener (Gen 2:15), only for things to go wrong. In John, Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam – come to bring new life that has no end.

What would happen if we were to think of our churches as gardens, primed to welcome the spring that is the new life of Jesus this Easter? What would happen if we imagined ourselves called to be gardeners – like our father Adam and the new Adam, Jesus? What would we expect to grow? What might need pruning or weeding? What new plans for the coming season would we make and turn into action? What would be the harvest that we'd sow for, tend and then reap?

For I reckon we should see Easter as the starting point of all that God wants to do among us and with us. Jesus's resurrection opens us to being part of God's new creation. Easter offers us a fresh start for life, relationships, and the life of our churches: new life for all the world.

Happy gardening and a very Happy Easter to you all.

+ Bishop Michael

THE RAIN REPORT (January)

Following a wet end to 2023, 2024 started in much the same vein with rain on the first 5 days totalling 55 mms (2¼ inches). The remainder of the month saw just another 5 wet days totalling 21 mms (¾ inch). This brought the January total to 76 mms (3

inches) just below the January average of 82 mms (3¼ inch).

Thursday 24th January was a very wet day with torrential rain falling in the afternoon totalling 27 mms.

The wettest January I have recorded was 2014 with a hefty 189 mms (7½ inches) making it the second wettest month I have ever recorded. The wettest being November 2002 with 189.5 mms, just half a millimetre more. The driest January is 1997 with 14mms (½ inch).

Ricky Gibbs

Diocese News in brief

Puppet-packed worship in Peasedown

St John's Church in Peasedown, just outside Bath, is piloting a new type of service for families with young children. Called Bubble Church, it is described as a 'puppet-packed, Jesus-centered, coffee-and-croissant-fueled, 30-minute kids and families adventure.' Bishop Michael recently attended and said, "It is fantastic to see all the children enjoying Bubble Church. It is a really joyful service and a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to worship together and share their journey of faith."

A royal visitor for Bath

Her Majesty The Queen joined Bishop Michael at a Service of Celebration at Bath Abbey in February, to mark the 850th anniversary of St John's Foundation. Queen Camilla, who is Patron of the Foundation, had tea with residents of St John's almshouses in the Chapel of St Michael Within, before walking through the city to the Abbey. The foundation provides shelter and support for older adults in the city and works with children locally.

Hospital visit boosts spirits

Bishop Michael recently met patients and staff at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton. He said, "It was a privilege to see our NHS in action and to see such professionalism and expertise combined with such warmth and humanity.

"It also was brilliant to see the chaplaincy team serving and offering kindness to people of different faiths and of none."

Colin Drummond, Chair of Somerset NHS Foundation Trust warmly thanked Bishop Michael for spending so much time there, and said, "It was a wonderful boost for patients and colleagues alike in our very busy hospital."

Sharing the Easter story

With Easter falling at the end of March this year, preparations are well underway for some creative celebrations across Bath and Wells during Holy

Week – in our churches, in our schools, as well as in our homes and outdoor spaces.

Suzi Darwin, Children and Youth Worker at St Swithin's, Bath is one of the organisers of an event designed to share the good news by recreating the wonder of the Easter story in the city's Victoria Park, in the area below the Royal Crescent.

Between 2pm and 4pm on Good Friday, Suzi and other volunteers from six Bath churches, will be holding the [Easter Adventure in the Park](#). At stations dotted around the park they will be telling stories and engaging children in a range of ways, from waving palms to mark Jesus's journey into Jerusalem to sharing squash and biscuits at a Last Supper.

She explains, "Last year's event was really lovely, with people from different churches getting involved and acting out the Easter story at churches around the city. Around 100 people joined in with the event last year, some who regularly attend church and some who don't, including some families who attend our church toddler group.

"This year's event is going to be very interactive. The children can get fully involved and at the end we hope to be able to give them an Easter egg and a Bible. By holding it in Victoria Park we hope that even more people can join us - and can meet and come to know Jesus."

You can find out what your church has planned for Holy Week by visiting achurchnearyou.com.

Looking for something creative to do at home to engage with the Easter story? Why not download our Easter Bible Chat Mat at bathandwells.org.uk/chat-mats.

Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Club

We held our first meeting of the year in February. Over a glass of wine, we listened to Mike Burks, the owner of Castle Gardens in Sherborne, alongside 2 others. Mike really knows his stuff and is an entertaining speaker. He gave us plenty of ideas about which veg and fruit we should be thinking about giving space to this year, whether in a garden, an allotment, or a few containers, together with recommendations on best soils and feeds to use.

On Tuesday 6 March at 7pm, we'll hold a quick AGM (we're an informal group so no heavy admin) and then hear from Club member, Adam Martin on which garden jobs we should be doing now.

The programme of talks, events and visits is out now, and I've pinned a few on to the noticeboard

in the Hall. If you'd like a copy, please let me know.

Julia Phillips
07770 827263 / jules.phillips@icloud.com

Do we want to hold an 'Open Gardens' afternoon?

We were planning to hold this at the end of June/early July. If you're not familiar with this, the idea is to open 6-10 gardens of any type and size, in Marston Magna and Rimpton on a summer afternoon. Visitors buy a ticket, pick up a route map, wander around and then enjoy tea in a village garden.

BUT we need offers of gardens to open! It really doesn't matter what shape your garden is in - you might have a good veg area, an unusual tree, or you might be at the planning stage. If you'd be around for a few hours in the afternoon to let people come and have a look and chat with them, it could be a very nice fundraiser for village events.

Please let me know.

Julia Phillips
07770 827263

SIMNEL Cakes for Easter.

If you would like me to make a Simnel cake for you, please message me on 07771 888012 and I will get back to you.

Val Tilly.

Alfred James Bartlett: Rector of this Parish

Alfred James Bartlett served as rector of Marston Magna from 1924 to 1950. He was born on 15 August 1866 at Watton-at-Stone, Hertfordshire, the third child of the Reverend John Barnes Bartlett (1834-1901). John Barnes Bartlett is perhaps best known as the author of *A Yarn of the King's School, Sherborne*, published in the *Boy's Own Paper* on 12 April 1890. Alfred James Bartlett's older brother, John Allen Bartlett (1861-1933), was also well known, achieving notoriety as the pseudonymous 'John Alleyne', the psychic medium who claimed to communicate with deceased monks while guiding the architect Frederick Bligh Bond during his archaeological excavations at the site of Glastonbury Abbey.

Alfred James Bartlett, on the other hand, pursued a more conventional route to his spiritual calling. After attending Haileybury College as a pupil he studied at Oriel College, Oxford, graduating with a BA degree in 1889. For the next two years he

undertook ordination training at Wells Theological College. Bartlett was then appointed curate at the church of All Saints, Ryde in the Isle of Wight in 1892 and he was ordained as a priest one year later. In 1897 he was a precentor at the Cathedral Church of St Nicholas in Newcastle, then in 1900 he was curate at All Saints with All Hallows, Easton, Bristol. Shortly after the death of his father in December 1901 he was appointed a curate at Holy Trinity Church, Westbury on Trym, Bristol where he lived with his widowed mother Harriette Adelaide Bartlett and his unmarried sister Mary Jane Louise for the next two decades. His mother died in 1922 and Alfred James Bartlett was appointed as rector at Marston Magna in 1924.

Reverend Bartlett's contribution to the community at Marston Magna extended beyond his religious duties. He was actively involved in the management of the village school as well as delivering school lessons in scripture and in 1925 he was instrumental in setting up the Marston Magna Women's Institute. Bartlett initially resided at the rectory in Marston Magna but in 1932 he moved to more salubrious accommodation at the rectory in Rimpton after the benefices of the two parishes were combined. He relocated back to the Marston Magna rectory in 1939 when the Rimpton rectory was requisitioned for use by the Royal Navy.

During his young adult years Bartlett developed a keen interest in aviation. He built a glider while he was at Oxford and then in 1893, during his curacy on the Isle of Wight, he experimented with methods of propulsion for a machine to achieve human-powered flight. Photographs reproduced in a magazine in 1961 show the Reverend Bartlett seated on a frame connected to treadles driving a large propellor, the whole device being suspended on wires between trees. The large residence seen in the background of one of the photographs is an Italianate-style villa of a type frequently seen on the Isle of Wight, though I have been unable to identify the actual location of these perilous experiments.

Reverend Bartlett is buried at St Mary's Church, Marston Magna where his grave slab is located alongside the footpath close to the north door of the church. The dedication on the grave slab states that he "Passed into the greater light St Stephen's Day 1950" and on the other side of the grave is inscribed the first verse of Charles Wesley's hymn 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul'.

Andrew Chamberlain

For photos of the Revd Bartlett propelling his "flying machine", please turn to the back page.

RIMPTON BENCH ENDS

Having written about the Bench Ends brought to Rimpton Church for the Transepts in 1875 from Corton Denham, it is only right that something should be said about the superior Bench Ends in Rimpton Church in the Nave. As stated then, these are referred to in various earlier records and are original, dating from around when the Nave was rebuilt in the early 1500s. Both the Victoria Somerset County History and Annette Sanderson in her History of Rimpton are wrong in implying that they all came from Corton Denham.

There is a possibility that they were originally matched in pairs, but the positioning has been altered.

The Tudor Rose on the pew next to the entrance is particularly well-carved as well as being another indication of the age of the Bench Ends. On other Bench Ends there are fine carvings of oak and ivy. Also excellent is the Rose and the Crown of twisted thorns. The rose is a symbol of purity, representing Our Lord and the Virgin Mary, indicating a Pre-Reformation Catholic influence. There are nearby three Rose and Crown Public Houses!

West Country Bench Ends and Somerset examples in particular are famous for their carving. Peter Poyntz Wright in his book, "The Rural Bench Ends of Somerset" chose the finest and most interesting in the County and in doing so, included two from Rimpton.

One is the carved letters IHS or IHC. There are arguments over whether these stand for Iesus Hominum Salvator (Jesus, Saviour of the World) or IeC (Jesus Christ). 'J' does not exist as such in Latin. The other in the book is the famous medieval five-hundred-year-old owl hiding in the ivy, very popular with children and one of the best of all Bench Ends.

Also worth spotting are the two carvings of faces in the finials at the top of two of the Bench Ends. One is tonsured and might be a picture of the rector when the Benches were first erected.

John Spencer

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.

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

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

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ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Would you be interested in an occasional game or tennis fun day? Sutton Montis Tennis Club would like to encourage new members or even people, young or old, who just fancy taking part in this sport now and then. We have a nice court in a peaceful location with floodlights and a small, friendly membership.

We currently hold weekly club days, a few fun events throughout the year as well as an annual tournament but hope to make our facilities available to more people.

If you are interested in any way, please drop me an e-mail to get the ball rolling!

Mr Lindsey Maguire: Lindsey@studio-6.co.uk
www.smtennisclub.com



QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB

The Recreation Ground, off England's Lane,
Queen Camel, Yeovil, BA22 7NN

Now that the days are getting longer, we are now having the time to prepare for the coming Season of Lawn Bowls. This not only means more time playing but also being able to have more social events too.

This year we have some dates in the diary that we would like to share with you, these are: -
An Afternoon Quiz, with Cream Tea on 16th March, from 2:30pm.

We will also be running an Open Day on 20th April, from 10:30 – 4pm. A Tabletop Sale and Tombola will be taking place along with an opportunity to have a cup of Tea or Coffee and perhaps even a slice of cake.

Why not come along and join us.

Should you wish to know more about the Bowls Club please do not hesitate to contact the Club Secretary, on 07514 485809 or email: queencamelbowlsclub@gmail.com for more information.

Sally Ashley, Secretary

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

Full Calendar for Village Hall 2024

Saturday 23rd March - APERITIVO AND WINE night at 7 pm

Saturday 6th April - BINGO, Doors open at 5.30 pm – starts at 6 pm

Film nights This will be quarterly, dates TBC

Saturday 20th April - QUIZ at 7pm

Saturday 22nd June - The Midsummer Village Fair

Saturday 14th September - CHARCUTERIE AND WINE

Saturday 12th October - HARVEST SUPPER from 7pm

October all month - SCARECROWS

Saturday 2nd November - Scarecrow competition, children to judge 2pm

Saturday 9th November - QUIZ 7pm

Monday 2nd December - BINGO 6pm

Saturday 21st December - CHRISTMAS PARTY in the pub

Monday 23rd December - KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2-4pm

Village Hall Committee Meetings

Thursday 14th March at 730pm

Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm

Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm

Thursday 5th November at 7.30pm

Thursday 16th January 2025 at 730pm

Marston Magna Village Hall Table Tennis and Games

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

Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Report for February 2024

Our President Pam Goodwin, welcomed everyone, including 3 visitors from Rimpton and some of the members husbands. After introducing Miranda Pender, we settled back to enjoy her evening of entertainment. She explained how

when she was a teenager, she started to learn the guitar but didn't really get to grips with the playing or practising. After several years break during which she had had breast cancer and looked on life differently she began to wish she'd never disposed of the guitar.

Well, a late night, glass of wine and credit card at her disposal, she hit the buy button and a couple of days later she had a guitar delivered. She had a sympathetic teacher who encouraged her to play and preform with others and eventually, to write her own songs. She had a chance meeting with Richard Digence which eventually led to her making a CD, called Petrol Station Flowers, an amusing song which she performed for us amongst several others. We all agreed she gave us an entertaining evening.

Our next meeting is a member giving a talk on 50 years off the NHS. The meeting is on March 11th.

Visitors are welcome and more information can be obtained from Pam Goodwin 01935 850571 Or at all@amhome99.com

THE MARSTON INN

It is incredible that February is almost over!

We have found a chef who will get the kitchen & restaurant open. The menu is set up; it just needs a few minor tweaks before it goes to print. We are launching the menu on 2nd March, for the weekend tester. Opening times for food for that weekend will be:-

Saturday 2nd - 12 noon to 7.00 pm

Sunday 3rd - 12 noon to 5.00 pm

Menu meals only, advanced booking will be needed.

After the feedback, we will be opening regularly. On Mother's Day, Sunday 10th March we will take roast bookings only.

Exciting times for us, and another step in the right direction.

"The Rock & Roll man" was a great success, a very skilled young man who will go far!

Dates for the music diary,

Saturday 2nd March, Hank Marvin tribute at 9 pm

Sunday 17th March, Shady Lady

Saturday 30th March we will close at 4 pm for a private function.

As always thanks to everyone who encourages us to keep improving for the benefit of all.

Colin Stout

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