

# **MONTHLY MAGAZINE MARSTON MAGNA**



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Dear Friends

### WITH YOU IN SPIRIT!

Have you ever excused yourself from an invitation to some event, saying “But, I’ll be with you in spirit”? It is the sort of social pleasantry that we may trot out without thinking too much about it. But of course, it can be literally true. We are spiritual beings. In the fullness of our humanity, we are body, mind, soul, and spirit. And we can relate to one another on all those levels. We shake hands, lend a helping hand, hug and kiss. We share our thoughts and feelings, our knowledge, insights, and wisdom (such as it is).

We are very used to the relationship of bodies and minds. Souls and spirit are more of a mystery. But you may have been conscious of being aware of another person, being *en rapport*, in a deeper way that may not have to do with our everyday behaviour and more ordinary thoughts and feelings. This can happen with any other person. Sometimes, we think of some special people as ‘soul friends’, because we have that deeper sense of relationship with them.

But the deepest and most mysterious bond between all of us is the bond of the spirit. It is an ‘ineffable’ bond – sacred, beyond words. When we pray for someone, we are with them in spirit. And whenever we are in relationship with another person or have them in mind, we can be with them in spirit. It is the presence in us of what Christians call ‘the Holy Spirit’; the presence in us of that which all great faiths recognise as the divine. It is the presence of the God, ‘in whom we live, and move, and have our being’ within every one of us.

For Christians, it is the gift that Jesus promised his disciples would be their ‘comforter’ after his death – theirs then, and ours now, and for all people for all time. It is the one sure constant of our shared humanity. And it unites us more completely than the most intimate relationship of body, mind, or soul.

Jeremy Swayne

### **FIR VILLA COMMUNION**

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

### **RIMPTON SUMMER FETE and DOG SHOW** **SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024**

The following people are collecting items for their stalls for Rimpton Fete. If you have anything you can give, please phone the stallholder.

HARDBACK BOOKS	Nikki Ford	01935 851263
PLANTS, PRODUCE & PRESERVES	Sue & Ed Walton	01935 851818
CAKES	Val Tilley	07771 888012
GOOD AS NEW GIFTS	Caroline Kirkpatrick	01935 851668
BOTTLE STALL (Any type of unopened bottle)	Frances Burton	07944-365261
SOAPS & SMELLIES	Chris Hale	01935 850241
LUCKY MUGS (Undamaged mugs needed)	Penny Gattrill-Smith	01935 851641
RAFLE PRIZES (Contributions for a Hamper)	Richard Billings	01935 851378

## CALENDAR OF SERVICES

<b>June 2024</b>			
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> MARSTON MAGNA	<b>GREEN</b> No service at Marston Magna	<b>TRINITY II</b>	
RIMPTON	Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	Reader: Mr Benbow	
<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> MARSTON MAGNA	<b>GREEN</b> No service at Marston Magna	<b>TRINITY III</b>	
MUDFORD	Holy Communion at 11 am.		
RIMPTON	No Service at Rimpton		
<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> MARSTON MAGNA	<b>GREEN</b> No service at Marston Magna	<b>TRINITY IV</b>	
ASHINGTON	Holy Communion at 10.30 am.		
RIMPTON	No Service at Rimpton		
<b>SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> MARSTON MAGNA	<b>GREEN</b> No service at Marston Magna	<b>TRINITY V</b>	
CHILTON CANTELO	Holy Communion at 9.30 am.		
RIMPTON	No Service at Rimpton		
<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> MARSTON MAGNA	<b>GREEN</b> Morning Worship at 9.30 am.	<b>TRINITY VI</b>	
RIMPTON	No Service at Rimpton	Reader: Dr T Smith Sidesman: Dr T Smith	
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> MARSTON MAGNA	<b>GREEN</b> No service at Marston Magna	<b>TRINITY VII</b>	
RIMPTON	Holy Communion at 10.45 am.	Reader: TBA	
<b>MARSTON MAGNA</b> <b>APRIL 2024</b>	<b><u>Church Cleaning</u></b> <b><u>(Now for services)</u></b>	<b><u>Church Flowers</u></b> <b><u>High Altar</u></b>	<b><u>Locking Up</u></b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June			Mr H Privett
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr & Mrs Venning	Mrs Venning	Mr & Mrs North
16 <sup>th</sup> June			Mr & Mrs Knott
22 <sup>nd</sup> June			Dr T Smith
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Mrs Jackson	Mr & Mrs Jackson
<b>RIMPTON</b> <b>APRIL 2024</b>	<b><u>Church Cleaning</u></b> <b><u>(Now fortnightly)</u></b>	<b><u>Church Flowers</u></b> <b><u>High Altar</u></b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Mrs Machray	Mrs Galvin
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Walton & Mrs Millington	Mrs Machray	Mr Hines
16 <sup>th</sup> June		Mrs Ing	Mrs Williams
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Mrs Hale	Mrs Ing	Mrs Caruth
30 <sup>th</sup> June		Mrs Le Hardy	Mrs Kirkpatrick

### 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**

15<sup>th</sup> June                      -                      Coffee Morning from 10.30 am at West Grange – launch of Raffle Tickets

19<sup>th</sup> June                      -                      Ladies Walking Group, meet at Village Hall Carpark 9.30 am.

13<sup>th</sup> July                      -                      Rimpton Summer Fete and Dog Show

7<sup>th</sup> September                      -                      Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Show

For hall bookings please contact Frances Burton on 07944365261 or by email [rimptonvhbookings@btinternet.com](mailto: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 – Suspended until September

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.**

7<sup>th</sup> June                      -                      Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.

7<sup>th</sup> June                      -                      Marston Inn – singer and entertainer from 20.30

10<sup>th</sup> June                      -                      Coffee Morning MMVH from 11 am

13<sup>th</sup> June                      -                      Village Hall Committee Meeting at 7.30 pm

14<sup>th</sup> June                      -                      Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.

15<sup>th</sup> June                      -                      Marston Inn - Anniversary Summer Party, from 2 pm in the garden. Tickets.

21<sup>st</sup> June                      -                      Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.

22<sup>nd</sup> June                      -                      The Midsummer Village Fair – starting at the Mill at 1 pm – Duck Race

28<sup>th</sup> June                      -                      Village Café at the Village Hall, 10.30 am – Noon.

30<sup>th</sup> June                      -                      Marston Inn - Donna & Jaime - pop/ punk alternative good fun.

7<sup>th</sup> September                      -                      Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Show

14<sup>th</sup> September                      -                      CHARCUTERIE AND WINE at MMVH

12<sup>th</sup> October                      -                      Harvest Supper at MMVH from 7 pm

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

**The Mobile Library** WILL BE IN Rimpton on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be 3<sup>rd</sup> July. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> June. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next one is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**RE-CYCLING IS NOW EVERY FRIDAY** in Rimpton from 6 a.m. on Fridays 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are being collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next one will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

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 Toby Wright,  
who will be installed as the  
Dean of Wells on Saturday, 16 June  
“The gift of prayer”**

It is a great joy and privilege to come and join you here in Bath and Wells as the new Dean of Wells, to serve the Cathedral, the diocese, and the county. This is an area with strong links on my maternal side, with my grandparents being married in Bath, and many relatives from around this patch.

One of the many things which drew me to this role is the privilege of prayer in your beautiful Cathedral Church. Each morning, we gather and pray for the life of the diocese and give thanks for that same life in the evening. Please be assured of my prayers for you in your mission and ministry and I warmly look forward to getting out to explore the diocese.

As I reflect on this time of change, I am mindful of the importance of finding patterns of prayer to sustain our lives and nourish our spiritual growth. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu said many years ago, we must ‘think of prayer as a relationship.’ We are to invest in it, and to find space so that it can develop, and this takes time. Or as the mystic Evelyn Underhill put it, ‘On every level of life, from housework to heights of prayer, in all judgement and efforts to get things done, hurry and impatience are sure marks of the amateur.’

We all know the importance of taking time to invest in relationships, and I love the challenge that hurry, and impatience are sure marks of the amateur. As we reflect on our own prayer lives, I wonder if there are ways that we can deepen our relationship in prayer?

The Christian tradition is packed with ways to help people learn to pray. Maybe we can find ways to slow ourselves down and be more present to the gift of prayer, so that we may join in the Apostle Paul’s prayer, ‘we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding’. (Colossians 1.9)

+ Toby Wright

**THE RAIN REPORT (February)**

April, as is traditional, was a showery month. There was some rain on 16 days of the month. 11 of these days recorded just 3 mms (1/8 inch) or less. The other 5 days recorded between 7mms (¼ inch) and 11 mms (½ inch), making the total for the month 66.5 mms (2 ½ inches), just above the April average of 59 mms (2¼ inches).

Over the last 34 years, there have been some big variation in April rainfall. 2012 was the third wettest month I have recorded with 170 mms (6¾ inches) and April 2007 the driest month I have ever recorded with just 3 mms (1/8 inch).

Ricky Gibbs

**Diocese News in brief**

**Young people’s week of prayer**

In the first week of July, the Go Team are inviting churches across Bath and Wells to take part in a week of prayer for children and young people.

The week’s prayer guide with themes, prayer points and bible passages for each day is available to download from the diocesan website or email [goteam@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:goteam@bathwells.anglican.org)

**Thy Kingdom Come**

Locking Castle Church was the venue for a special Movement gathering on Sunday, 19 May. Youth and young adults from across the whole of the southwest came together for the Church of England’s Thy Kingdom Come.

This year’s Thy Kingdom Come theme explores the Lord’s Prayer and at 17:30 attendees joined with people around the UK, and beyond, to pray it together.

**New Church planned for Haywood Village**

A £1million fundraising project to build a permanent structure to serve as both a church and a community hub for Haywood Village, Weston-super-Mare has been launched.

The fundraising campaign was launched at the commissioning service for Revd. Fiona Mayne, who has been key in the growth of the church from humble beginnings to a thriving community.

**Archbishop joins us for Diocesan Day of Prayer**

On Saturday, 7 September, everyone across our Diocese of Bath and Wells is invited to join in a Diocesan Day of Prayer for the communities we serve. Bishop Michael will be hosting a gathering in each of our archdeaconries, alongside Justin

Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. Churches across the diocese are also invited to hold their own prayer gatherings with a focus on their local communities.

Bishop Michael says, "As churches we pray in and for our communities each and every day, but for this diocesan day of prayer I am encouraging every church to look afresh at the communities we serve and the multitude of ways we can and do pray for them. As well as being an opportunity to help us seek God's transformation for the communities we are a part of, I hope this will provide us with a chance to deepen our own faith and strengthen our church communities through prayer.

"I am always struck by how many people, even if they are not regular churchgoers, are pleased that they are being prayed for, and so this may be an opportunity to let our communities know that we are praying for our life together and how it might be transformed for good, as well as giving thanks for all that is good already."

As well as the gatherings across Bath and Wells, there will be resources and suggestions for more local prayer gatherings, on that day, and into the future.

'Unless the Lord Builds the House we build in vain.'  
Psalm 127:1

Find out more about the Diocesan Day of Prayer and sign up to receive resources when they are available at [bathandwells.org.uk/day-of-prayer](http://bathandwells.org.uk/day-of-prayer)

[Find out more on these and other news stories at bathandwells.org.uk/news](http://bathandwells.org.uk/news)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:l.gibbons@btinternet.com)

### **ADVANCE NOTICE** **MARSTON MAGNA & RIMPTON FLOWER** **SHOW**

**Something new for this year's Show**

**A Childrens' SUNFLOWER COMPETITION**

**In Aid of PUDSEY ----- Children In Need**

**WHO CAN GROW THE TALLEST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Collect your Sunflower plant at the Village Fete  
on Saturday 22nd June from our PLANT STALL**

<p><u>Rimpton Ladies Walking Group</u> The next walk will be on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. We will meet in the Village Hall car park, at 9.30 am. For full details contact Sue Walton - Telephone 851818</p>
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### **QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB**

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

Life at the Bowls Club has been busier this last month with both league and friendly matches. although the weather hasn't been the greatest, mostly cold rather than wet, we have won several.

The matches arranged for this month are against Castle Cary, Westlands, Chard, Crewkerne and Mere to name a few. We are certainly looking forward to catching up with our fellow bowlers and having a good game at the same time.

Tuesday Evenings are for Lawn Bowls at Queen Camel Bowls Club. A Coach is available to help

both those wishing to try for the first time, and those who would like some guidance on how to improve their game. The evenings start at 5:45pm so why not come along to say hello and meet some new friends.

Should you wish to know more about this fun and gentle sport please do get in touch by emailing [queencamelbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:queencamelbowlsclub@gmail.com) or calling Sally on 07514485809.

### **Hair at Home - yours or mine**

Grace has over 30 years' experience in all aspects of hairdressing services. She is able to come to your home or if you prefer that unique salon experience you can come to her studio at her home in Mudford.  
[Email \[grace.isbell@hotmail.com\]\(mailto:grace.isbell@hotmail.com\)](mailto:grace.isbell@hotmail.com)

Tel 01935 410800

Mobile 07738 636489

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

With the outdoor bowling season now upon us and with several of our short-mat bowlers not being available during the summer months, the Thursday afternoon short-mat bowls is taking a break.

We will return in September – the date will be advertised in this magazine – when we hope more people will join us.

In the meantime, we wish all of you a happy holiday season.

Tony Green

### **MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL** **COMMITTEE** **Full Calendar for Village Hall 2024**

Film nights This will be quarterly, dates TBC  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - The Midsummer Village Fair  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September - CHARCUTERIE AND WINE  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October - HARVEST SUPPER from 7pm  
October all month - SCARECROWS  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Scarecrow competition, children to judge 2pm  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November - QUIZ 7pm  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - BINGO 6pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December - CHRISTMAS PARTY in the pub  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2-4pm

### **Village Hall Committee Meetings**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm

### **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

### **THE MARSTON INN**

During the month we have enjoyed the brief sunshine like many others, the BBQ on the bank holiday seemed to go down very well.

Preparations for our own summer party June 15<sup>th</sup> are progressing. It will be an all-ticket event, as we are raising money for both Lung UK and Dorset & Somerset air ambulance. More details to follow.

For the Marston Magna village fair, we are selling tickets for the duck race and arrangements are in place for the stall holders to come in for a well-earned beer or tea & there will be a buffet after they have packed away. There should be space to park if it is not practical to stay parked where you are.

The building repairs have begun and luckily, now do not involve traffic lights. However, we do not know if the stone dining room will be back in use for our anniversary.

The Summer Skittles league has started, which is on Monday nights, it is a far quieter affair than a Friday, but still good fun.

***Dates for the music diary, June***  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Singer/ entertainer 8.30 start

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary summer party  
Midlife Crisis, 2.00pm, in the garden  
Danny Jukebox, 5.00pm in the garden  
Justin Daisch, 8.30pm inside, in the music room as usual.

There will be a Hog roast, Bouncy castle, raffle, and name-a-bear competition.

This is to celebrate our first year of being here, and our own 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It is a ticketed event, so make sure to ask at the bar, although



there will be tickets available on the day. Gifts / donations for Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. All proceeds are for both Lung UK and Dorset & Somerset air ambulance.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Donna & Jaime - pop/ punk alternative good fun.

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

Carrie & Colin - 01935 850361

**Want to be part of an Outstanding volunteer service? Then Route1 is looking for you!**

Route1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors service supports children and young people who are in care or have a social worker. They do this by matching volunteers with young people as either short term Advocates, or longer-term Independent Visitors.

The service recently had an independent internal review and was graded as Outstanding; and was shortlisted to the final 3 in the Frontline National Award 2024 'Team of the Year'.

Route1 helps children have happy childhood memories, and ensures their views are listened to and acted upon.

Independent Visitors: These volunteers make a long-term commitment to one child in care. They visit the child once or twice each month to build a trusting, supportive relationship and friendship that can sometimes last many years. This can bring life-changing experiences and opportunities to a child or young person – and their Independent Visitor!

Advocates: volunteers work alongside individual children to ensure their voices are heard, and their wishes and feelings are considered when decisions are being made which affect them. Each child's support is usually short term and there is no expectation of a long-term commitment to any particular child.

A recent trainee volunteer said, "I started out thinking 'what on earth can require 5 days of training?' I now know why and think you have it just right." Your life experience will be highly valued, and you will be trained and supported in developing key skills. Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability.

For more information about Route 1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors, you can contact us by emailing: [route1advocacy@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:route1advocacy@somerset.gov.uk), calling 01749 822801 and our website is [www.route1advocacy.co.uk](http://www.route1advocacy.co.uk)

**LAUNCH OF THE RIMPTON FETE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

Come and enjoy coffee and cake on Saturday, 15th of June at 10:30. At West Grange (at the end of Home Farm Lane).

Collect a book of raffle tickets to sell to family and friends.

Wonderful prizes:

First prize £100, second prize a family ticket to either Regents Park or Whipsnade Zoo, third prize a meal for two at the Mitre Inn, plus many, many more.

All proceeds from the fete on July 13th goes to helping the upkeep of Rimpton's two community buildings, the Church, and the Village Hall.

EVERYONE WELCOME

**CAKE and SWEET STALL**

Rimpton Village Fete, Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>

I am manning the Cake Stall again this year; please may I ask for any/all donations of homemade or shop bought cakes, and homemade or shop bought sweets to be brought to the village hall on the day. We need lots of donations to fill the table and make lots of money, so do your best and surprise me please!

All cakes to be boxed or cling film wrapped, with sweets in bags or boxes please (for health and hygiene).

Thank you in advance.

Val T 07771888012.

**Marston Magna & Rimpton  
WI Report for May 2024**

The WI Meeting this month had an interesting debate when the Resolution for the National Federation's AGM was discussed. The Resolution being put forward is:

"There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live."

Our own AGM followed the general meeting.

Afterwards we had a "bring and share" supper when we enjoyed our refreshments and had time to chat and exchange news and views amongst ourselves.

Our next meeting will be on Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in Marston Magna Village Hall when we shall be welcoming Claire Randall who is going to introduce us to Chair Yoga.

Visitors are welcome and more information can be obtained from Pam Goodwin 01935 850571 or at [all@amhome99.com](mailto:all@amhome99.com)

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3.00 pm - The Dog Show starts with many classes to enter for rosettes and prizes.

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