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Dear all,

I'm writing this on the day after the death of Pope Francis. The bells in our churches were tolled 88 times, once for each year of his life.

Pope Francis will be remembered as a humble leader, concerned about the poor in society more than about the trappings of his office. In my newspaper this morning there's a cartoon showing the gates of heaven, with clouds of glory and angels sounding their trumpets – the golden gates stand wide open, but the humble figure of Francis is walking quietly in through a side gate labelled "Servants' Entrance".

I've chosen this month's Memory Verse with Pope Francis very much in mind. On one occasion, Jesus's disciples were arguing among themselves about who was the most important. Jesus rebuked them. Here's the verse:

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant." (Mark 10:43)

After that, Jesus went on to say that he himself was their example – he had not come to be served, but to serve. You may remember that these were the first words spoken by King Charles at his coronation. It's a fine attitude not just for people in power, but for all of us, and anyone who correctly recites the verse to me will receive the usual sweet (or pint, should you be lucky enough to meet me in the pub). Of course, reciting it is one thing; putting into practice is quite another! But let's do our best, following the example of Pope Francis, and of the one whose example he followed, Jesus himself.

With all good wishes,

Richard

richardtherector@hotmail.com

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.

Mid-week Prayers at Rimpton

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

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

<u>MAY 2025</u>			
<u>THURSDAY 1st MAY</u>			
		Benefice Celebration at Rimpton VH at 6 pm	
<u>SUNDAY 4th May</u> MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON		WHITE No service at Marston Magna VE Day Church Service at 10.45 am, to be Followed by village gathering in Rimpton Village Hall	EASTER III Readers: Mr Warren Benbow & Mr Justin Stanhope White
<u>SUNDAY 11th May</u> MARSTON MAGNA MUDFORD RIMPTON		WHITE No service at Marston Magna Morning Worship at 10.30 am No service at Rimpton	EASTER IV
<u>WEDNESDAY 14th MAY</u> <u>MARSTON MAGNA</u>		Rehearsal for wedding at 6 pm	
<u>THURSDAY 15th MAY</u> <u>MARSTON MAGNA</u>		Private Wedding	
<u>SUNDAY 18th May</u> MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON		WHITE Holy Communion at 10.30 am No service at Rimpton	EASTER V Sidesman; Mr R Knott Reader: Mr R Knott
<u>SUNDAY 25th May</u> MARSTON MAGNA CHILTON CANTELO RIMPTON		WHITE No service at Marston Magna Morning Worship at 10.30 am No service at Rimpton	EASTER VI
<u>THURSDAY 29th May</u> MARSTON MAGNA MUDFORD RIMPTON		GOLD No service at Marston Magna Service at Church Tower at 6 pm No service at Rimpton	ASCENSDION DAY
MARSTON MAGNA MAY 2025	<u>Church Cleaning</u> <u>(Now for services)</u>	<u>Church Flowers</u> <u>High Altar</u>	<u>Locking Up</u>
1 st May			
4 th May	Mr & Mrs Venning	Mrs Venning	Mr & Mrs North
11 th May		Mrs Venning	Mr & Mrs Jackson
18 th May	Mr & Mrs Hopkins	Mrs Hopkins	Mr & Mrs Knott
25 th May			Dr T Smith
RIMPTON MAY 2025	<u>Church Cleaning</u> <u>(Now fortnightly)</u>	<u>Church Flowers</u> <u>High Altar</u>	
26 th April		Mrs Le Hardy	Linda Williams
3 rd May		Mrs Sedwell	Christine Chell
10 th May	Mrs Ing	Mrs Sedwell	Alison Bryant
17 th May		Mrs Kemp	Jill Billings
25 th May	Mrs Green & Mrs McCreight	Mrs Kemp	Penny Gattrill-Smith

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

7.00 - 9.00 pm Badminton Lindsey Maguire 07903 297712 Lindsey@studio-6.co.uk

For the Diary

1 st May	-	Benefice Celebration at Rimpton Village Hall at 6 pm
4 th May	-	Tea & Cakes in Rimpton Village Hall – VE Day 80 Celebration from 12
21 st May	-	Ladies Walking Group – 9.30 am from VH Car Park – first of 2025
24 th May	-	Ceilidh - Rimpton Village Hall
16 th August	-	Marston Magna & Rimpton Flower & Produce Show

For hall bookings please contact Frances Burton on 07944 365261 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 (Suspended until September)

6 pm – 7 p.m. Table Tennis 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 May	-	Benefice Celebration at Rimpton Village Hall at 6 pm
2 nd May	-	Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
8 th May	-	VE Day – Church Bells to ring at 18.30 for 45 minutes
9 th May	-	Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
16 th May	-	Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
23 rd May	-	Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
24 th May	-	The Marston Inn at 20.30 Moonshine Hillbilly's music night
30 th May	-	Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon
7 th June	-	Village Action Day, from 9.30 am at the Village Hall
9 th June	-	Coffee & Cake Morning from 11 am in MM VH
21 st June	-	MM Midsummer Fair – more details to follow.
16 th August	-	Marston Magna & Rimpton Flower & Produce Show

For Village Hall bookings – please contact Judy Suckling Tel. 851418 - bookings.marstonvillagehall@gmail.com

The Mobile Library WILL BE IN Rimpton on the **7th May**. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be **4th June**. 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 FRIDAY in both Marston Magna and Rimpton from 6 a.m. on 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May. **Garden Wheelie Bin** Collections are collected from 6 a.m., on Thursdays the 8th and 22nd May. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next one is on 2nd and then the 23rd May.

This all does depend upon available staff. Recycling Sites have moved to their summer opening hours from Tuesday 1 April. All sites will remain open from 9am to 4pm on weekends. Midweek, sites will be open from 9am to 6pm. Opening days vary from site to site, check online before you visit

Letter from Bishop Michael
Bishop of Bath & Wells
It's sowing time!

It's sowing time! My greenhouse is currently full of seedlings pushing their way towards the light. Soon all this new life will be big enough to be planted out into the garden. Peas and courgettes, dahlias and zinnias; all ready to grow, blossom and be fruitful.

It's not only seedlings that grow. Churches do too! Just like all that's happening in my greenhouse, this doesn't happen by accident. Evidence shows that churches are most likely to grow when they plan and prepare for this to happen. Church growth is intentional.

This article of Manna contains stories about how churches in our Diocese have planned for growth and of the fruit they're seeing as a result. There's no 'one size fits all' for how this has happened. Just as in our gardens, what grows in one place won't necessarily thrive in another.

Important as planning and preparing may be, these things aren't the vital ingredient for growth. Growth comes when God is alive and at work within us and our churches. In his first letter to church he's helped establish in Corinth, St Paul also uses a gardening metaphor to describe the growth he's seeing. Paul says, 'I planted, Apollos [Paul's co-worker] watered, but God gave the growth.'
(1 Cor 3:6).

Without God's input, any plans we have to grow our churches will be little more than strategy, our efforts like those of ants running frantically to and fro. This is why our prayer for growth is essential. Prayer invites God to give us wisdom about what to do. It opens our treasure stores to resource the plans we want to put in place. It asks God to go before us to touch the hearts and minds of those we'd like to reach. It invites God to bless and prosper the work we do.

So be inspired! The accounts contained in this edition of Manna show what can happen when we ask God to grow our churches, offering God our prayer, our faith, our effort and our trust. Let the sowing time begin!

Bishop Michael
+ Bishop of Bath & Wells

THE RAIN REPORT (March 2025)

March was a very dry month and set a new record for the driest March I have recorded with just 3 days with some measurable rainfall totalling 8.5mms ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch), only a fraction of the March average of 61mms ($2\frac{1}{2}$ inches). The previous driest March on my records going back to 1991 was 2011 with 20.5mms ($\frac{3}{4}$ inch). Since 1991 there have only been 4 dryer months. April 2007 was the driest with just 3 mms ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch).

In my experience things tend to average out. So perhaps a wet summer is looming. We shall see.

Ricky Gibbs

Diocese News in brief

Church clock restoration

Experts now believe the clock at St Catherine's Church, Montacute, could date back to the 1400s, making it one of the oldest working timepieces in the country. Watched by the local community and children from the village school, it was removed for restoration. On hand to help was 93-year-old Humphrey Hamlin, who had wound the clock for many years and restored it himself in 1987. A fundraising effort is now underway to support its repair and to create an exhibition space in the church. A rededication service is planned for summer 2025.

Baptisms with a difference

Three baptisms took place in a local stream in the Benefice of Cheddar and Rodney Stoke. Associate Priest, Revd Thea Oliver baptised a mother and her two sons aged 11 and 12 in the stream that runs through the village of Rodney Stoke.

Family and friends gathered on the banks of the river to join in prayer and celebration. Thea said, "It was a wonderfully moving service."

Doves of Peace

Residents in Keynsham have been invited to take part in the Peace Dove exhibition which will take place at St John's Church. Participants have written messages on card doves or have been knitting doves for the display outside the church. The Peace Dove exhibition invites everyone to reflect, remember, and look forward with hope.

The community outreach exhibition is part of the wider national touring project 'Peace Doves' by the sculptor, Peter Walker.

Rimpton Ladies Walking Group

The next walk will be on Wednesday,
21st May 2025. We will meet in the
Village Hall car park, at 9.30 am.

For full details contact
Sue Walton - Telephone 851818

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.

SHORT-MAT BOWLS

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 will not be meeting from May to September – the restart date will be published in the August/September magazines.

Tony Green

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 Village Hall Diary

4th May - Tea, coffee, cake & glass of fizz at Rimpton Village Hall 12 noon onwards following VE Day 80 Church service

24th May – Ceilidh – Rimpton Village Hall – Doors open 7.00 pm

Please note – no Pop-Up Pub in May but we'll be back in June.

Please come and join us at Rimpton Village Hall for a Ceilidh on Saturday 24th May. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Bar and bar snacks will be available (please note cash only). Tickets £10.00 per person to include the first drink – beer, wine or non-alcoholic). For Tickets contact Gail Brady 07793 973069 or Linda Williams 07733 186850.

Marston Magna & Rimpton Gardening Club
SAVE THE DATE

Spring has definitely shown that it is here with some glorious days of sunshine in recent weeks. More time to be spent outdoors and time to get planning and planting in preparation for this year's **Annual Flower and Produce Show** hosted by the Marston Magna and Rimpton Gardening Club which takes place on **SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST 2025.**

Entry forms and a booklet with rules, along with hints and tips, are now available in both village halls and churches (a small number of large print copies will be available). We have our usual vegetable, fruit and flower classes, but we have scaled back the classes in each to ensure that we are looking for seasonal produce. We have some exciting classes within the other sections which include a table arrangement "In Celebration of VE Day" from Flower Arrangements. Cheese scones and bread feature in Home Baking and Preserves with a special class for men only which asks them to bake a chocolate cake!! Star bakers will be keen to enter the Victoria sponge class which asks that everyone uses the same ingredients. If Art and Crafts are more your forte, then how about a painting or drawing of your garden, or pick up your knitting needles/crochet hooks and make a beautiful baby blanket? Finally, we would really like to see more children entering the Children's Section which is now split into two age groups to facilitate fairer judging - aged 7 & under and 8 - 11 year olds; we have simplified the section down to two classes only, one is to design a

poster on the theme of Flowers and the other is to decorate two gingerbread pieces, that may either be purchased from a supermarket or made at home with an adult, with the decoration entirely by the child.

Here are the ingredients for the 18cm/7-inch Victoria Sponge:

170g/ 6oz butter, softened
170g/ 6 oz caster sugar
170g/ 6 oz self-raising flour, sifted
1 tsp baking powder
3 eggs
45ml/3 tbsp jam
60ml/4 tbsp double cream
Caster sugar for dusting

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADMIRING YOUR WONDERFUL EXHIBITS ON 16TH AUGUST!!



Get ready for the Dog Show

A highlight of the annual Marston Magna Midsummer Fair is always the Dog Show.

At this year's event – starting at 3.00 on Saturday 21st June, the categories are:

- Handsomest Dog,
- Prettiest Bitch
- Best Oldie – 8 and over (dog not owner)
- Best Young Handler – 14 and under (owner not dog)
- Waggiest Tail
- Dog most like its owner, or vice versa
- Cutest Puppy (under 1 year on date of show)
- Musical sits

Rosettes and prizes to be won!

IMAGINE

Imagine sitting in the sunshine on a comfortable bench overlooking a lovely lawn maybe with a cup of tea or coffee or a glass of beer in your hand. Would this be considered to be boring? Looking more closely the lawn is remarkably flat and very well-tended. There are well dressed people bowling their woods towards the jack. You now notice the bias which makes the woods curl either to the left or to the right as they travel up or down the green. This is a wonderful way to enjoy bowls with a view of becoming a member of Queen Camel Bowls Club.

On Tuesdays in the late afternoon our players practice and this becomes a regular social evening where any member may use the subsidised bar and chat.

Should you be interested in participating our qualified coach could give you a free lesson (upon application) to see if you would like to become a full member and even to compete, in a very friendly way, with other local bowls clubs.

Forthcoming events are:

24th of May - Charity Open Day, from 2 - 4:30pm, in aid of Marie Curie. Hot and cold drinks and cream teas will be available to enjoy - and the opportunity for you to try your hand at bowls.

More social events are planned and will be announced later.

Meanwhile the Clubs Players will be participating in 10 events in May. Two of which are Home Matches. These will be on the 4th and on the 7th of May. So please feel free to come and watch at The Clubhouse, England's Lane, Queen Camel.

For any further details please contact the Club Secretary – Simon Stapely. Either at QueenCamelBowlsClub@Gmail.com or if important, telephone 01935 850563.

ANYONE FOR BADMINTON?

Would you be interested in playing this sport for fun? Rimpton Badminton Club would like to encourage new members for weekly or occasional games.

We play on a Wednesday evening from 7.00 – 8.30pm in Rimpton Village Hall BA22 8AD.

We have one court and if more than four people turn up, we rotate so you should get to play a few games and have a breather in between! There are no membership fees and no commitments; just turn up and play for £2 a session. The standard is moderate, and beginners are welcome.

If you are interested in any way, please drop me an e-mail:

Mr Lindsey Maguire: Lindsey@studio-6.co.uk or [give me a call on 07903 297712](tel:07903297712).

THE MARSTON INN

Spring has sprung; the bank holidays are here again, the quiz night was a fabulous turnout & we raised £189 for children with cancer. Thank you to everyone who came and had fun.

Again, more new faces, some of whom have not been in for 20 years.

We will be doing BBQ days mostly at the weekends, especially the bank holidays. The usual menu is available during the week, why not call in for lunch.

There will be bike meets on Saturday's from now on, so everyone is welcome to meet up and have a chat.

The internal decoration is progressing, and we are trying to get the outside repairs completed too.

Dates for the diary, May.

Both Bank holiday Monday we will be open Sunday hours

Saturday 24th May from 8.30pm

Moonshine Hillbilly's music night great fun night,

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

<https://www.themarstoninn.co.uk/>

Carrie & Colin - 01935 850361

Steph's exercise class fund raising event

Coffee and cake morning with hamper raffle
11.00 am Monday 9th June in Marston Magna village hall

In aid of Cancer Research UK
Please support us. Thank you.
Cheryl Griffiths

RESIDENTS OF RIMPTON – if you are not currently on the email distribution list for notifications and news affecting our village and would like to be, then please email jrmtownsend@icloud.com to get your name added.

Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Report for April 2025

For more information please contact - Vivien Bateman vivien.bateman@icloud.com 01935 841225

Having a party or a big family do?

Why not hire your village hall? For residents of Marston Magna the hall is £10 per hour including use of the catering fridge, the kitchen and lots of tables and chairs. In the summer you can open the doors and use the play area for children.

You can use the meeting room for £8 per hour for get togethers or craft meeting for smaller groups.

Why not join us at the coffee morning on Fridays or run your own!

Just let us know by emailing
bookings.marstonvillagehall@gmail.com"
Thanks

Judy

Marston Magna Action Group

Dear Fellow Villagers

Despite the excellent efforts of the Parish Council, there are plenty of areas of the village that we must keep up and tidy ourselves. Would you be able to help for an hour or so on any of the following days?

Saturday 7th June

Saturday 20th September

Saturday 8th November

We will gather at village hall from 9.30am, but in truth I will take any help at all. Imagine if every household gave the village 90 mins once a year? We'd have the best kept village in England!

We will also have short Village Team meetings on the following days at 7.30 pm to plan ahead – 10th July, 18th September and 6th November.

Paul Copp

MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE Table Tennis

Table tennis will now be 6 pm to 7 pm on Thursdays.

Do come and play soon.

Paul Copp, Chair
Paulfcopp@gmail.com

FULL CALENDAR FOR MMVH EVENTS 2025

13 th September	- Wine & "surprise" at 7 pm
28 th September	- Tabletop Sale 11 am to 1 pm
4 th October	- Harvest Supper from 7 pm
26 th October	- Tabletop Sale 11 am to 1 pm
15 th November	- Curry night from 7 pm
23 rd November	- Tabletop Sale 11 am to 1 pm
6 th December	- Bingo from 5.30 pm
22 nd December	- Kids Christmas Party 2 – 4 pm

Tickets from Committee members and will be on sale at the Friday Coffee mornings.

Hair at Home - yours or mine

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[Email grace.isbell@hotmail.com](mailto:grace.isbell@hotmail.com)
Mobile 07738 636489

SOMERSET COUNCIL COMMUNITY MINI-BUS SERVICE TO YEOVIL - FRIDAYS

10.40 am, Bus leaves Rimpton bus stop, request stops at Mudford and Yeovil Hospital.
11.00 am: Arrives top of Middle Street, Yeovil
1.00 pm: Leaves Yeovil Bus Station
1.20 pm: Arrives Rimpton

Service is free for Bus Pass holding pensioners, others £2.00 each way. Currently only used by one resident. If we don't use it we may lose it.

OUR HENRY'S COLUMN (from May 1998)

The Gardening Season has opened with a bit of a stutter this year owing to somewhat indifferent weather, nevertheless, as I live in "Cat Country" I have made the annual opening of Public Toilets for Pussies in one section of the Estate, supervised by our Friesian cat, Samantha, well known in the area as "Sammer". For those who resent any intrusion of cats into their gardens - quite understandable if they have no cat of their own - I pass on the following tip, which I gleaned from watching yesterday's episode of "Lion Country" on T.V., which is a documentary about Longleat.

Apparently, the scattering of Lions' droppings in the garden will ensure that no cat will invade. The cost was apparently £10 per sack - not too expensive considering the somewhat hazardous nature of filling a bag. Like mushrooms with a thrill! There is of course one snag to it - the smell of the deterrent is not too pleasant!

One of my friends was presented with a gadget, which when stuck into her small flower plot gave off a sound undetectable to the human ear, but which would keep cats away. She could not say if it was

successful as it was stolen during the night - presumably by a human!

For those struggling with the garden I take the liberty of passing on a few notes, which may be useful. (They have been published in this column on a previous occasion but could help new readers if any!)

Annual: plant that thrives year after year through self-seeding.

Broad Bean: a special food grown for blackflies.

Bulb: potential flower buried in autumn never to be seen again.

Carrot: a special food grown for carrot flies. (see broad beans etc.)

Compost: heap of immovable sticks and nettles at end of garden.

Drought: weather immediately following planting.

Green Fingers: black fingernails

Harden off: kill by frost.

Heavy Rain: weather immediately preceding planting (see drought).

Hoeing: manual method of severing roots from stems of newly planted flowers and vegetables.

House Plant: a much better idea.

Mother Earth: deep mud.

Onion sets: small onions planted in soil one day and transferred elsewhere by birds the next.

Perennial: plant that dies in first year of planting (see annual)

Propagation: method of increasing plant populations, normally effective only with weeds.

Rockery: what the builder left behind.

Self-sufficiency gardening: a method of growing vast supplies of the kind of vegetables you would never normally eat.

Soft fruit: bird sanctuary.

Turf: readymade overlay for unsuccessful gardeners.

Virginia creeper: long time scale demolition expert.

Weed: principal U.K. crop.

At the Easter Sunday Service, Easter eggs were distributed to children attending. I am pleased to say that my claim to be eligible, as being in my second childhood was upheld by the Churchwardens! (I had to eat it in a quiet corner when Grace was out, as they are not on my diet sheet!)

HJT.

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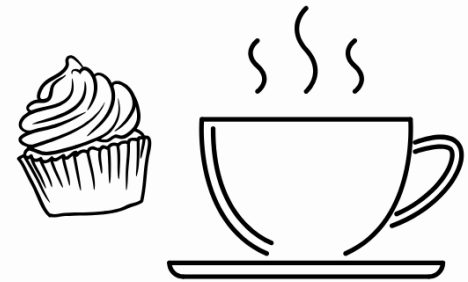
Come along to a VE Day 80 celebration

A church service will be held at St Mary's Rimpton to commemorate VE Day on Sunday 4th May at 10.45 am.

The church service will be followed by tea, coffee, cake and a glass of fizz in Rimpton Village Hall from 12.00 noon onwards.

Please come along to the church service, the refreshments in the village hall, or both, to celebrate this important anniversary.





Coffee and Cake Morning

Monday 9th June 2025 at 11am.
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Are you ready for the Marston Magna Midsummer Fair on Saturday 21st June?

Here's what to look forward to:

- The Duck Race – 1.00 from The Mill on Rimpton Road to the Village Green – cash prizes and a trophy to be won!
- Tickets £1 from Sarah Henry, Ann McKee, the Village Café (Fridays) or the Marston Inn
- The Fair opens at 1.30 in the Moat Field with music from the Stoke-sub-Hamdon band
- The ever-popular Dog Show opens at 3.00 – get your dogs in training now – and test their obedience in Temptation Alley.
- Other attractions – for young and old alike – include:
 - Archery and axe throwing
 - Circus skills
 - Tug of war (adult and children's teams welcome)
 - Skittles
 - Face painting
 - Children's games
 - And of course, a range of stalls selling local produce and much besides
- And throughout the afternoon:
 - The fabulous Izzy is back with his Caribbean BBQ – catering for all tastes
 - The Bar will be stocked with local beer and cider
 - And there is Pimm's, Pink & Prosecco for a taste of summer.

Entry is FREE but please bring cash to enjoy the afternoon.

All funds raised go to Village good causes.