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Dear all,

For many years I've been using, almost daily, a website called "Bible Gateway". There, for free, you can find nearly 200 versions of the Bible in English, plus about 80 translations in languages from all around the world. You can search by word, by theme or by reference. It has helpful commentaries and suggestions for daily readings. I recommend it wholeheartedly.

But . . . since early September, visitors to Bible Gateway have been met with a bland notice informing them that it's unavailable because of "technical issues". Rumours are swirling around as to the true reasons. It wouldn't be right to go into it here, but if you enjoy a good conspiracy theory, just google it, then let me know what you think.

Meanwhile I have had to go back to the old-fashioned method of reading ink on paper, a.k.a. "a book" – which, of course, is what the word "Bible" means anyway. I'm working on a series of talks about Noah, the Flood and the Ark, to start, on 12<sup>th</sup> October, with the basic question: Did it really happen?

If you want to do some homework in advance, read the story in the book of Genesis, chapters 6 to 9.

If you haven't got a Bible, I will be delighted to give you one (as long as you promise to read it). Alternatively, other Bible websites are available until the little green aliens who have abducted "Bible Gateway" bring it back to us.

This month's memory verse chose itself:

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)*

With all good wishes,

Richard

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### **From the Registers**

### **St Mary's Rimpton**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Interment of Ashes for Mrs Barbara Ford & Mr Anthony Ford.

## **Happening in Rimpton this October!**

The Annual Village Scarecrow Competition will be taking place during the month of October. Scarecrows will be Judged over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> November.





**CALENDAR OF SERVICES for The Ark Group - We are one church congregation,  
meeting for worship at 10.30 am every Sunday**

<u><b>OCTOBER 2025</b></u>					
<u><b>SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b></u>		<b>GREEN</b>		<b>TRINITY XVI</b>	
<b>RIMPTON</b>		HARVEST FESTIVAL at 10.30 am		Reader: Mr & Mrs Copeland	
<u><b>MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b></u>					
<b>RIMPTON</b>		HARVEST SUPPER 19.00 Rimpton V H			
<u><b>SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b></u>		<b>GREEN</b>		<b>TRINITY XVII</b>	
<b>MUDFORD</b>		Morning Worship at 10.30 am			
<u><b>SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b></u>		<b>GREEN</b>		<b>TRINITY XVIII</b>	
<b>MARSTON MAGNA</b>		Holy Communion at 10.30 am		Sidesman. Mr R Knott Reader: Mr R Knott	
<u><b>SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b></u>		<b>GREEN</b>		<b>TRINITY XIX</b>	
<b>CHILTON CANTELO</b>		Holy Communion at 10.30 am			
<u><b>SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER</b></u>		<b>GREEN</b>		<b>TRINITY XX</b>	
<b>RIMPTON</b>		Holy Communion at 10.30 am		Reader: Mrs Green	
<b>MUDFORD</b>		ALL SOULS Service at 16.00			
<b>MARSTON MAGNA</b>		<u><b>Church Cleaning</b></u>		<u><b>Church Flowers</b></u>	<u><b>Locking Up</b></u>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>		<u><b>(Now for services)</b></u>		<u><b>High Altar</b></u>	
5 <sup>th</sup> October					Mr & Mrs Bateman
12 <sup>th</sup> October					Mr H Privett
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr & Mrs Jackson		Mrs Jackson		Mr & Mrs North
26 <sup>th</sup> October					Mr & Mrs Jackson
2 <sup>nd</sup> November			Mrs Jackson		Mr & Mrs Knott
<b>RIMPTON</b>		<u><b>Church Cleaning</b></u>		<u><b>Church Flowers</b></u>	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>		<u><b>(Now fortnightly)</b></u>		<u><b>High Altar</b></u>	
5 <sup>th</sup> October					Linda Millington
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Linda Williams		Penny Copeland		Penny Holt
19 <sup>th</sup> October			Penny Copeland		Snowy
26 <sup>th</sup> October			Kate Machray		Christine Chell
2 <sup>nd</sup> November			Kate Machray		Jill Billings

**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.

## **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](mailto:Lindsey@studio-6.co.uk)

### **For the Diary**

6<sup>th</sup> October    -    Harvest Supper 7 pm in Rimpton Village Hall  
13<sup>th</sup> October    -    Marston Magna & Rimpton WI from 7 pm MMVH  
15<sup>th</sup> October    -    Ladies Walking Group - 9.30 am from the Village Car Park  
31<sup>st</sup> October    -    Pop Up Pub - Rimpton Village Hall - 7.00 - 9.30 pm – Halloween Special  
14<sup>th</sup> November    -    Quiz Night - Rimpton Village Hall  
28<sup>th</sup> November    -    Pop Up Pub - Rimpton Village Hall - 7.00 - 9.30 pm  
29<sup>th</sup> November    -    Christmas Fayre - Rimpton Village Hall 12 noon - 3.00 pm  
For hall bookings please contact Frances Burton on 07944 365261 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 pm – 9 pm - 2nd Monday monthly W.I.    Vivien Bateman    01935 851225

### **Thursdays**

2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Short Mat Bowls    Tony Green    01963 220943  
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.**

3<sup>rd</sup> October    -    Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon  
4<sup>th</sup> October    -    Harvest Supper in MM VH doors open at 6 pm  
10<sup>th</sup> October    -    Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon  
11<sup>th</sup> October    -    Marston Inn – Charlie Greenwood vocalist from 20.30  
13<sup>th</sup> October    -    Marston Magna & Rimpton WI from 7 pm MMVH  
18<sup>th</sup> October    -    Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon  
24<sup>th</sup> October    -    Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon  
26<sup>th</sup> October    -    Sunday lunch at the Marston Inn  
31<sup>st</sup> October    -    Village Café at the Village Hall 10.30 to Noon  
5<sup>th</sup> November    -    Firework display at the Marston Inn from 18.30  
8<sup>th</sup> November    -    Village action day from 9.30 am at MMVH  
15<sup>th</sup> November    -    Curry night from 7 pm in the Village Hall  
6<sup>th</sup> December    -    Bingo from 5.30 pm in the Village Hall  
19<sup>th</sup> December    -    Carol Singing on the Village Green from 18.00  
22<sup>nd</sup> December    -    Kids Christmas Party 2 – 4 pm in the Village Hall  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2025    -    Midsummer Fair at Marston Magna  
For Village Hall bookings – please contact Judy Suckling Tel. 851418 - [bookings.marstonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.marstonvillagehall@gmail.com)

**The Mobile Library** WILL BE IN Rimpton on the **22<sup>nd</sup> October**. It will be in Home Farm Lane, BA22 8AS between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm. The next after that will be **19<sup>th</sup> November**. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October. **Refuse bins** will be collected once every three weeks and the next ones are on 17<sup>th</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November. Garden recycling is by subscription and dates are not publicly published.

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

**Letter from Bishop Alastair Redfern**  
**Honorary Assistant Bishop of Bath & Wells**  
**For or against - slavery and salvation**

Much of our world operates around the challenge to be 'for' or 'against'. And generally, it is easier to be against things than for them! Look at the tendencies of the media, politics and religious disputes.

On October 18, Anti-Slavery Day, people across the UK will recommit themselves to the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking, one of the great evils of our time. Like William Wilberforce and what we now call historic slavery, we need to fight against the oppression and exploitation of our sisters and brothers today. Abolition is the proper aim of being anti or against.  
And the challenge is growing with:

More vulnerable people susceptible to false promises  
Increasingly flexible working arrangements which gives space for criminal agencies to provide goods and services based on exploitation and slave labour  
Police and prevention resources being ever overstretched  
And our own insatiable appetite for cheap products  
There is much we need to learn to oppose and abolish.

But, in facing these almost overwhelming challenges we must not neglect what is primary for our Christian witness, the call to notice, reach out, rescue and restore. The call to love, to be for those who are hidden, neglected, hurting and ignored.

In Anti-Slavery Week, give time to thinking how you or your church or home group could better learn how to contribute to the fight against modern slavery. [The Clewer Initiative](#) has some amazing resources to help us open our eyes and assist the authorities and reach out towards victims.

But, alongside these prayers and practices, consider how you could go the extra mile in the way of the Good Samaritan. Going beyond the indifference of the priest and the Levite, too busy to stop, notice, reach out, rescue; rather how can we better contribute to establishing systems like the partnership between the Good Samaritan and the innkeeper— systems to

provide care and the basis of restoring proper health and opportunities to those whose cries represent the voice of Jesus for those willing to listen.

Be against modern slavery this October, but more, be for those who need our friendship and our partnership.

+ Bishop Alastair Redfern  
Honorary Assistant Bishop

**THE RAIN REPORT (August 2025)**

August was looking like it would be a record dry month with just 2 mms in the first 25 days, then on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> the pressure dropped, and rain set in with 43.5mms (1¾ inches) falling on the remaining 6 days of the month.

The majority of this rain, 28.5 mms (1¼ inches) fell on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. There were several very heavy thunderstorms with 13mms (½ inch) falling in just 30 minutes at one point. The thunderstorms tended to be very localised and as an illustration of this, on the Friday Rimpton saw 28 mms, my son who lives in Sherborne only 4 miles away recorded just 2.5mms.

August can be a wet month with 7 years since 1991 recording over 100 mms (4 inches), the wettest being 1997 with 167 mms (6½ inches). The driest I have recorded was 2022 with just 15mms (½ inch).

Ricky Gibbs

Rimpton Ladies Walking Group  
The next walk will be on Wednesday,  
15<sup>th</sup> October 2025. We will meet in the  
Village Hall car park, at 9.30 am.  
For full details contact  
Sue Walton - Telephone 851818

**Diocese News**

**Memory Lane**

At Milborne Port, a monthly dementia friendly service called Memory Lane offers calm, consistency and connection for those living with dementia and their carers. The service follows a simple structure with familiar prayers and hymns. Priest in Charge, Revd Rona Stuart-Bourne says Memory Lane is about being together and supporting one another, "It's not about running big programmes or launching initiatives. It's about

asking, 'What's needed here?' and listening to what the community says in return."

### **Supporting families**

St Mary's Church in Chard, stepped in this summer to support families who normally rely on free school breakfasts but face extra costs during the school holidays. Their simple, but effective food bags initiative. Revd John Rollings, Associate Vicar at St Mary's says, "Many have told us how tough it is to cover the cost of meals when children are at home. Rising food prices makes finding enough to pay for all meals a real challenge and breakfast is often one meal families skip to make ends meet."

### **Churches benefit from green energy grants**

More than 800 small/medium enterprises and charities in the West of England have been supported to reduce energy bills and carbon emissions, through free Carbon Surveys and Green Business Grants. One of those is St John's Church in Keynsham which received a grant of £15,000 towards the cost of replacing their old gas boiler with sustainable radiant heat panels. Dan Wills Net Zero Enabler for Bath and Wells says, "We're absolutely delighted that St John's has been awarded this grant. It's a real boost for their net zero journey and a great example of how a church can take steps towards a more sustainable heating. I'd encourage other churches to investigate the support that's available."

**Find out more about these stories, and other stories from across Bath and Wells at [bathandwells.org.uk/news](http://bathandwells.org.uk/news)**

**Visit [www.clewer.org.uk](http://www.clewer.org.uk) for Modern Slavery resources to help you reflect on how you can contribute to the fight against modern slavery.**

If it looks wrong, it probably is.

### **Many people think slavery doesn't happen in places like Bath and Wells. Is that right?**

That isn't the case at all. Somerset and the southwest may look peaceful, but slavery happens here just as it does in cities. The countryside looks soft and safe, so it's hard for people to imagine. But it does take place.

### **Who are the people being exploited?**

It's often the most vulnerable. Many assume it's mainly people from overseas, but the largest group on the government's support scheme are UK nationals. Vulnerabilities such as homelessness, drug abuse, and family breakdowns, are exploited.

### **How can we spot if slavery might be happening locally?**

There are no definitive signs, but there are indicators. Our view is: if it looks wrong, it probably is wrong.

### **Where is it happening?**

We see abuse in nail bars, car washes, and the construction industry. Pop-up brothels are another issue, particularly around the Hinkley area. And

increasingly, we're seeing exploitation in the care sector.

### **Why is the care sector such a concern?**

There are over 130,000 vacancies in the care sector, and traffickers know this. People are being brought in, particularly from abroad, to fill the gap. Many of them end up trapped and exploited. It's a hidden crisis.

### **What can people or communities do?**

Churches and communities can play a big role. Many parishioners either live in care homes or work in them, so they're able to notice the signs. The key is not to close your eyes, think "if it looks wrong, it probably is wrong."

### **If you suspect slavery:**

Call the Modern Slavery Helpline (Unseen): 08000 121 700

Report online: [www.modernslaveryhelpline.org](http://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org)

## **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 [rimpton.parish.council@outlook.com](mailto:rimpton.parish.council@outlook.com).

## **News from Rimpton Village Hall Committee For the Diary**

Friday 31st October - Pop Up Pub - Rimpton Village Hall - 7.00 - 9.30 pm  
Friday 14th November - Quiz Night - Rimpton Village Hall (more details in next month's edition)  
Friday 28th November - Pop Up Pub - Rimpton Village Hall - 7.00 - 9.30 pm  
Saturday 29th November - Christmas Fayre - Rimpton Village Hall 12 noon - 3.00 pm

## **News from Rimpton Village Hall Committee**

The brand-new heating system has been tested recently with the start of some chilly days, and it is working brilliantly.

Hope to see you at the Pop-Up Pub on Friday 31st October. This will be a Halloween special. To all the lovely children who usually knock on the doors of some of the committee members we will be

attending the pub night so if you'd like to come and see us there, we will have plenty of treats for you trick or treaters!

We will be hosting a Quiz Night on Friday 14th November. Look out for more details in next month's magazine.

We are down to the last couple of Sellers Tables (6ft) available for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 29th November (12 noon until 3.00 pm). £10 per table payable in advance. These can be reserved by emailing [rimptonvhbookings@btinternet.com](mailto:rimptonvhbookings@btinternet.com) or phoning 07944365261. At this year's Fayre, as well as local arts and crafts for sale, there will be mulled wine, tea, coffee and mince pies available plus for the first time a Santa's Grotto. And of course, a Christmas Fayre in Rimpton would not be complete without Val and her delicious cakes.

Frances Burton  
Chair

## **RIMPTON VILLAGE HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**

**A great facility with lots to offer**

**The Hall can be hired out for various activities, and all the following are available to hire:**

**Main hall (with tables and chairs if needed). Small stage available.**

**Committee room (with tables and chairs if needed)**

**Fully fitted kitchen with oven, high speed dishwasher, two fridges, crockery, glassware, cutlery etc.**

**Badminton equipment**

**Table tennis table**

**Please contact Frances Burton 07944 365261 or email [rimptonvhbookings@btinternet.com](mailto:rimptonvhbookings@btinternet.com) with any booking enquiries.**

## **Rimpton Poppy Appeal 2025**

The British Legion Poppy Appeal collection will commence on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

As in previous years Lisa and myself will be collecting in Rimpton, so we might well come knocking on your door with our collection boxes and poppies. Alternatively, you are very welcome to call in at my house (Chez Nous) and make a donation to this very worthy cause.

Lisa and Ricky

## **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)

## **Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Report for October 2025**

Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Programme for its Centenary Year. The Village WI is celebrating its Centenary Year from December 2025. We will have a selection of talks on offer.

All women are invited to attend and their first visit as a guest is free, thereafter there is a small charge, or an annual fee.

The meeting starts with an introduction to our speaker for the evening, this could take the form of a talk, a demonstration or a musical entertainment. After which there is a break for refreshments after our speaker. This is a good time to chat to WI members, perhaps finding things in common and making friends. After this there is a quick run through of WI events and visits. This could be a trip to a theatre or local Christmas Market, summer picnics etc.

The next few months events.



13<sup>th</sup> October - A talk about Period Poverty. In MM  
VH from 7 pm  
10<sup>th</sup> November - This will be our Christmas lunch.  
8<sup>th</sup> December - Start of our Centenary Year.  
Mocktail making evening.

All talks are advertised in the village notice boards.

If you would like to attend our next meeting, please  
arrive for a 7.00 pm start on 13<sup>th</sup> October

More details from Vivien Bateman 01935 851225.  
[vivien\\_bateman@yahoo.com](mailto:vivien_bateman@yahoo.com)

### **SCARECROWS IN RIMPTON**

The Annual Rimpton Village Scarecrow  
Competition will be taking place during the month of  
October. Scarecrows will be judged over the  
weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> November. Looking forward to  
seeing lots of scarecrows popping up around the  
village.

### **A VOLUNTEER IS WANTED**

A new Treasurer for St Mary's, Rimpton, this little  
village gem.

You will need basic computer skills including  
Excel, record keeping abilities, to be able to work  
with a small group and above all, discretion. You  
do not need to be a member of the Church.

The accounting year is from the 1st January to  
31st December so there is plenty of time to learn  
the "ropes" from the current Treasurer.

If this interests you, you can discuss the role with  
Pamela Hopkins on 01935 850949.

### **CAROLS IN MARSTON MAGNA**

A date for your diary is that at 6.00pm on Friday the  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2025, there will be carol singing  
around the Christmas tree on the Green in Marston  
Magna.

The Christmas tree, with lighting, will be erected  
early in December and this year it is being financed  
by a grant once more from the Midsummer Fair  
Committee. This is a good example of how the  
Midsummer Fair can help organizations in the  
village, and I am grateful for their help in funding this  
project.

There will be a collection for the Children's Society,  
locally organized by Pam Goodwin, which does so  
much good work, often unnoticed, so bring your  
loose change! Wear warm clothing and carry a torch  
and if the weather is bad on the night, the event will  
move to inside the church.

Mulled wine will be served in the Church after the  
carol singing, a great way to get into the mood of  
Christmas.

Lawrence Hopkins

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

Our new season commenced on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
September 2025. Why not come along and try  
short-mat bowls. We are a small friendly club and  
play for fun. No joining fee. No experience needed,  
just a pair of flat shoes. Bowls can be provided. For  
more information contact Tony Green on 01963  
220943/07801028022. We would love to see you!

Tony Green

### **PRONUNCIATION FOR STRANGERS TO THE** **ENGLISH LANGUAGE.**

I take it you already know  
Of tough and bough and cough and dough?  
Others may stumble – but not you  
On hic-cough, thorough, laugh and through  
Well done! And now you wish perhaps  
To learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard – a dreadful word  
That looks like beard and sounds like bird  
And dead – it's said like bed not bead  
(For goodness sake don't call it deed)  
Watch out for meat and great and threat  
- they rhyme with suite and straight and debt.

A moth is not a moth in mother  
Nor both in bother, broth in brother  
And here is not a match for there  
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear  
And then there's dose and rose and lose –  
Just look them up – and goose and choose.

And cork and work and card and word,  
And font and front and word and sword,  
And do and go and thwart and cart  
- Come. Come I've hardly made a start  
A dreadful language? Man alive  
I'd mastered it when I was five!

From Pensioners "Now and Then" magazine –  
written by Joyce Newlin, Isle of Wight.

### **QUEEN CAMEL BOWLS CLUB**

Now that the outdoor bowling season has ended  
the club has a few social events planned. Those  
who are keen bowlers will probably play indoors at  
the Yeovil Bowls Club on their long mats.; more  
social practice can be had playing on short mats in  
West Camel or in Marston Magna village halls.

## FUTURE EVENTS IN 2025/2026

Please visit our new website:  
[www.QueenCamelBowlsClub.co.uk](http://www.QueenCamelBowlsClub.co.uk) for various details of the club's activities.

## FIXTURE RESULTS

### JUNE

Friendly matches we won 4 out of 5

League matches we lost all 3!!!

### JULY

Friendly matches we won 1 out of 2

League matches we won 2 out of 4

We currently have vacancies for both associate members and for full members.

So please contact our Club Secretary for further details on 01935 850563 or email him at the club.  
[QueenCamelBowlsClub@Gmail.com](mailto:QueenCamelBowlsClub@Gmail.com)

## THE MARSTON INN

It is with very Heavy hearts, and we are very upset, but we have reluctantly put the Marston Inn on the market to sell our dream. We have ploughed our life savings and efforts into this venture; we definitely have made a difference & we believe we do have the support from locals & regulars.

We do not think we have failed; we are currently covering all bases. We have learned that we are not very good at marketing ourselves. We do get lots of verbal support, my mum, Chris & her sister, Carol met many people at Mudford church, who seemed to know all about us, even though they may have not called in during the last 2 yrs. That still makes us feel welcome.

Fact is, without the local council response and subsequent permissions to allow the 3 bedrooms to be refurbished, which is simply adding ensuite shower rooms, relocating the Gents, and the ladies, and better access to the wonderful garden, we are unable to realise a 1/3 of the potential of this very viable business. Everyone who has ever seen it has their eye on turning the stables into a house or a small shop, or both. I have already produced outline AutoCAD drawings for this.

As we head towards the festive season, we are taking bookings for Christmas parties & meals, feel free to contact us to make arrangements. Sunday roasts are still the last Sunday of the month.

### Dates for the diary, October.

**Saturday 11th Charlie Greenwood, female vocalist. 8.30**

**Sunday 26th Sunday roast with all the favourite trimmings**

**Wednesday 5th November a Fireworks display sponsored by DJ Transport, 6.30 onward.** Jacket potatoes with various fillings & hot dogs will be available.

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

## Box Collection for The Children's Society

Thank you to all those people who held boxes during the year to help raise funds for The Children's Society. Your help is much appreciated.

The total raised from boxes and donations in the Parish this year was £177.87 which has been forwarded to the society.

Becoming a box holder just involves keeping a small box in your home and contributing any small change during the year.

The box is collected from you once a year and contents forwarded to help The Children's Society with their work with vulnerable and disadvantaged children throughout the country.

If anyone would like to become a box holder to support this organisation, please contact me for further details.

Pam Goodwin, Greystones, Camel Street, Marston Magna.

Tel 01935 850571.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025 in Marston Magna

This year the Poppy Appeal will run from 25 October - 8 November, culminating with Remembrance services in the community over the weekend of 8-9 November.

The local Poppy collection will be conducted primarily through local services and business, such as schools, village halls, shops etc. There will be very limited (pre-agreed) 'door-to-door' collection activity, following feedback from the local community.

If you are part of a local service or business and wish to support the appeal by having a collection tin, poppies etc, or by making a donation, then please do contact me.

If anyone would like to order specific items such as wreaths, crosses, village 'silhouettes' etc these are available for a donation, again please contact me.

Ash Philpin, 07799 865526

[Ash.philpin@hotmail.com](mailto:Ash.philpin@hotmail.com)

**Somerset Festival of Remembrance 2025**  
**Saturday 1 November 2025, 7:00–9:30 PM**  
**Wells Cathedral, Somerset**

Join us for a powerful and moving evening of commemoration as Wells Cathedral hosts the Somerset Festival of Remembrance 2025, a one-off event marking the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

This is likely to be one of the very last occasions on which veterans who took part might be present. Organised by Somerset County Royal British Legion, this unique occasion will honour the courage, resilience, and sacrifice of Somerset's people at home and abroad during World War II. The evening will feature music, stories, and ceremony, including performances by the Central Band of the Royal British Legion and the Yeovilton Military Wives Choir, contributions from the County's cadet forces and tributes from veterans and civic leaders.

Highlights include parading the Somerset Book of Honour, an Act of Remembrance with poppy drop, and a multi-themed programme tracing Somerset's wartime experience from mobilisation to liberation and legacy. The evening will be compered by former BBC broadcasters Clinton Rogers DL and Ali Vowles DL. This is a community-centred and inclusive event, both solemn and uplifting, and open to all. Early booking is advised. All proceeds support the Royal British Legion and Wells Cathedral.

Tickets are now available via the following Eventbrite link:  
<https://somerset-festival-of-remembrance-2025.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Kind Regards,  
Kirsty Conger, Somerset Council, 01823 356141

**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](mailto:Lindsey@studio-6.co.uk) or give me a call on 07903 297712.

**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](mailto:jrmtownsend@icloud.com) to get your name added.

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

Just let us know by emailing  
[bookings.marstonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 – 18<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Paul Copp

**MARSTON MAGNA VILLAGE HALL**  
**COMMITTEE**  
**HARVEST SUPPER**

The Harvest Supper is the best and most important social event of the year in a village.

A time where we give thanks for food and good fortune (and the great summer). This year our village hall team are putting on a superb 3 course meal and a drink for a mere £15 per person.

Raffle and bar open. All proceeds to heat the hall in 2026.

Saturday October 4th doors open at 6pm

Come and spend a convivial evening with your friends and neighbours and enjoy some 5star food!

**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](mailto:Paulfcopp@gmail.com)

**FULL CALENDAR FOR MMVH EVENTS 2025**

4 <sup>th</sup> October	- Harvest Supper from 7 pm
15 <sup>th</sup> November	- Curry night from 7 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December	- Bingo from 5.30 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	- Kids Christmas Party 2 – 4 pm

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



**Funds from 2025 Marston Magna Midsummer Fair**

We are pleased to have been able to support all those who asked for funding from the Midsummer Fair tis year. Funds have been allocated to:

- The Village Hall
- The Church
- The cost of the Christmas Tree and carol singing on the Village Green
- The WI
- The Gardening Club.

**Don't forget to save the date for the  
Midsummer Fair on Saturday 27th  
June 2026.**

**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 October 1998)

I visited the recent Flower Festival at the Church and amongst items of interest were some of the vestments displayed on tailor's dummies. However, the figures were of such a pale colour that they appeared to be in an advanced stage of ill-health, and one felt that they should be despatched without delay to Queen Camel Surgery. However, they did cheer me up somewhat as they made me feel that I could not possibly be as poorly as I thought I was. Thanks chaps!

Afterwards, when wandering through Mrs Showering's delightful gardens we thought we had discovered an alien – some relation of ET at least. Wriggling towards us was a caterpillar-like creature about the size of a finger but to our amazement it appeared to have a humanlike face. With the aid of a leaf, it was transferred to a flower bed to lessen the chance of it being stepped on. I had the impression that it was not particularly grateful. When we returned home, we looked up our Butterflies and Moths little handbook and there we found a picture of our "alien" staring out at us. It was the larva of the Elephant Hawk Moth. Apparently when disturbed, it pulls its head into the thoracic region, which swells up to display the eye spots and frightens birds by swaying to and fro. Despite living in the country for most of our lives we had never seen one before.

The one thing that used to fascinate me in earlier days was the glow-worm and I believe it was the female of the species which used to glow in the dark. One could walk along the road at night and see dozens of little greenish lights shining, in the grass verges. A late neighbour of mine used to relate how he had taken specimens on holiday with him in a matchbox, and he had received many a free pint when displaying them. I have not seen a glow-worm for many years now. I suppose the frequent spraying and cutting of the verges has destroyed them although I hope there are some survivors in less frequented parts.



A local resident fell some 15 – 20 feet from an apple tree recently. Paramedics gave him precautionary treatment before conveying him to hospital where happily, various examinations and x-rays found no serious injury apart from a severe shaking up. His little grandson aged 4 had been at the scene of the accident. The little chap's other grandfather had some connection with the Para Troopers, and the youngster informed him that Grandad Eric had fallen out of a tree without having his parachute on.

I have also been told an alleged true story of a lady walking in Richmond Park who was felled by a dead duck falling on her from the sky. Taken to hospital, her examination was slightly delayed because the staff couldn't stop laughing when they enquired the circumstances. The explanation of the dead duck is that the effort of taking off from a lake can cause a heart attack! This item was given to me by a retired Bank Manager – but this does not necessarily make it untrue! I like the story anyway. Over to you, the Reader, for your verdict!

HJT.

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