

MONTHLY MAGAZINE MARSTON MAGNA



AND RIMPTON



**THE PARISHES OF
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MARSTON MAGNA
and RIMPTON**

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It seems very strange to be writing 2020. It sounds like some kind of cricket match. January brings us to the end of the 12 days of Christmas with the Epiphany, the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus and the three strange gifts they brought. I started to read both an imaginative and amusing book about Joseph and the gifts all, of which we know very little from the Bible. It was written by someone who had adapted the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe for the radio.

There will be an Epiphany Carol Service at Mudford Church at 4 pm on the 5th of January, when the parts about the wise men from "The Night of Miracles", will be sung again as well as the appropriate carols. These too will naturally feature at Marston and Rimpton.

The Night of Miracles about the Christmas story, sung by the Benefice Choir back in November was a great success and raised £350 for Bibic, our Benefice project which will be soon coming to an end at the end of the month with Candlemas, (on the 2nd February) the service which remembers Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus visiting the Temple in Jerusalem. The old prophet Simeon, who on seeing the child describes him in the memorable words, "a light that will bring revelation to the Gentiles and the glory to your people Israel." Candles naturally feature in the service.

One can only hope that that light will shine on 2020 and it will be a happier time for both the people and the natural world itself.

An Archdeanary Day will be held at **Holy Trinity Church in Yeovil on 25th January from 9.30 -12.30**. We are in the Wells Archdeanary. The Diocese is led by the Diocesan Bishop Peter and our Suffragan Bishop, Ruth, both of whom you hear from in our Newsletter. The Diocese is divided into three archdeaneries each led by an archdeacon. Our Archdeacon is Archdeacon Ann.

Archdeanary days were held in the Diocese last year with lots of people going to hear about the plans and hopes for the Church in the Diocese. No-one from our Benefice went and I hear the days were very informative and successful. This year we have no excuse as no long journey is involved. Let me know if you would like to go.

Revd. Barbara 01935 850745

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN MUDFORD

A Café every Thursday morning, starting at 10 am to 12 noon in the Village Hall
A service every Sunday starting at 11 a.m.

CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHILTON CANTELO

A Café the first Saturday morning every month, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the church.
A Service the second Sunday every month, starting at 9.30 a.m.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, RIMPTON

Services in Rimpton, JANUARY 2020

Sunday 5th January - 10.45am MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 12th January - No Service in Rimpton, BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION, 9.30 CHILTON CANTELO

Sunday 19th January - 10.45am HOLY COMMUNION, Joint service at Rimpton with Marston Magna

Sunday 26th January- 10.45am MORNING WORSHIP

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Friday Cafe at Marston Magna Village Hall 10-12 am

Starts again on 3rd January. Come and join us for proper ground coffee, etc and homemade biscuits.
Books, Free Range Eggs, Cards, WI cakes, and sometimes other pop up stalls.

From the Registers – St Mary the Virgin – Marston Magna

We commit to the Lord's loving care. Praying He will guide and comfort the family of- Michael Leonard Jagelman ("Jags")
For whom on 30th November 2019 there was an Interment of his Ashes.

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

JANUARY 2020		
SUNDAY 5th January MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON MUDFORD	WHITE 9.30a.m. Parish Communion. 10.45 am Morning Worship 4.00 pm Epiphany Carol Service	CHRISTMAS II Reader: TBA Sidesman: TBA Reader: Mr McKay & Mr Tricker
SUNDAY 12th January MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON CHILTON CANTELO	WHITE – PLOUGH SUNDAY 9.30 am – No service 10.45 am – No service 9.30 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION FOR PLOUGH SUNDAY	EPIPHANY I
SUNDAY 19th January MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	WHITE 9.30 am No service – see Rimpton 10.45 a.m. Joint Holy Communion	EPIPHANY II Reader: TBA Sidesman: TBA Readers: Mr/Mrs Gatrill-Smith And Mrs Stephens
SUNDAY 26th January MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	WHITE 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.45 a.m. Morning Worship	EPIPHANY III Reader: TBA Sidesman: TBA Readers Mr/Mrs Gatrill-Smith Mrs Stephens
SUNDAY 2nd February MARSTON MAGNA RIMPTON	WHITE 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion	CANDLEMAS Reader: TBA Sidesman:TBA Reader: Mr Spencer

MARSTON MAGNA January 2020	<u>Church Cleaning</u>	<u>Church Flowers High Altar</u>	<u>Locking Up</u>
4 th January	Mrs Whittell & Mrs Knott	Christmas Flowers	Mr & Mrs P North
11 th January	Mrs Whittell & Mrs Knott	Christmas Flowers	Mr K Sibley
18 th January	Mrs Jardine	Christmas Flowers	Mrs N Jackson
25 th January	Mrs Jardine	Christmas Flowers	Mr H Privett
1 st February	Mr & Mrs K Field	Mrs Karin Redman	Dr T Smith
	<u>Church Cleaning</u>	<u>Church Flowers High Altar</u>	<u>Locking Up</u>
4 th January	Mr & Mrs Green	Mrs Brady	Mrs Copeland
11 th January	Mrs Walton & Mrs Millington	Mrs Brady	Mr Hines
18 th January	Mrs Woolley & Mrs McCreight	Mrs Woodland	Mrs Stephens
25 th January	Mrs Lines & Mrs Fell	Mrs Woodland	Mrs Ing
1 st February	TBA	Mrs Woodland	Mrs Fewkes

STUDY GROUPS

Marston/Rimpton Home Group

The Group will resume their 10.00 am meetings on 29th January. please contact Richard Gardner on 850127

HS

**Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley,
Bishop of Taunton
For Parish Newsletters - January 2020**

A Rich Journey

'A cold coming we had of it
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey...'

T.S. Eliot's 'Journey of the Magi'

How many of us are making journeys over the turning of this new year? Perhaps it has been an opportunity to catch up with family or friends we haven't seen for a while. Perhaps for some of us, it's been about fun and relaxation, (although skiing doesn't appeal for either, for me!)

Perhaps some of those journeys have been disrupted by weather or illness. Or perhaps they've been punctuated by the plaintive cry, 'Are we there yet?' During winter months we are often seeing the journey as a 'means to an end' rather than something of value in itself. However, travelling with others or meeting people on the way can make journeys so much richer.

On my windowsill at home sits a wooden cross with a shell attached. It's made from the stick my son used to walk the Camino de Santiago, one of the most popular of pilgrim paths in Europe. I'm not sure I have the legs to do it! Two of my sons have walked it from France to the coast of Spain, each on their own, but meeting strangers along the way who have become friends.

2020 is being marked by our Cathedrals as a year of pilgrimage. You will be hearing more from our Cathedral here in Wells as they invite us to share in pilgrimage with them. Journeying together gives opportunity for us to discover something new as we share in others' perspectives and experiences, not just our own. At this time of Epiphany, we remember the journey of the wise men who travelled together to seek out something new. A star had appeared which indicated to them there was new learning to be had. And so, they left the familiar and went to explore what was new.

So.... what new thing might you wish to explore this year? Who might you travel with? And what might you do once you find it?

Wishing you a very special New Year!

The Right Revd. Ruth Worsley
+ Bishop of Taunton

THE RAIN REPORT

Following the 26 wet days during October, November went one better with 27 wet days. Despite the extra wet day, total rainfall for November was slightly less wet than October with 119.5 mms (4 ¾ inches), but still well above the November average of 97 mms (4 inches). November at present has the highest monthly average with October just behind at 96 mms (4 inches) and December third with 87 mms (3 ½ inches). The wettest month I have ever recorded was November 2002 with 189.5 mms (7 ½ inches).

It has certainly been a wet autumn this year in South Somerset, but the rain has been well spread out and the rivers and streams have coped and never become torrential. Other parts of the country have not fared so well. You will no doubt remember the recent severe flooding in Yorkshire along the river Don. On November 7th, Swineshaw Reservoir in North Derbyshire recorded 112 mms (4 ½ inches) in just 24 hours and Sheffield, some 20 miles to the East, 85 mms (3 ½ inches). With this amount of rainfall over a large area, severe flooding is inevitable.

Ricky Gibbs.

**Fir Villa Parish News
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!**

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

With all the recent festivities over, our thoughts turn to the New Year and what we set to achieve in the coming 2020. We have so many projects and ideas for the coming year, however our main project for the year will be movement and Fir Villa's own version of Social Prescribing. We all know how being outdoors benefits people's wellbeing and we want to be able to encourage this more within our home. Strength, balance and fitness is also a huge part of keeping older people safe and healthy in their older years, so watch this space!

We will be collecting our Residents New Year Wishes shortly and will be working on making these wishes come true. In 2019 we had wishes like, going to the races, going for fish and chips at the beach and going shoe shopping being just a few, we managed to carry most of the wishes out, so we look forward to hearing the new wishes for 2020.

We will be celebrating Burns night at the end of January, where the Residents like to take part in traditional dance and sampling traditional Scottish food.

We will continue with our free community lunches throughout 2020, with our first one being held on Wednesday 22nd January at 12.30pm, please do call 01935 850670 to book. Further lunches will be held every 4 Wednesday of the month. It is an excellent opportunity for people to come together and feel included, they also get a delicious two course meal! If you know anyone in the community who would benefit from this please do let us know, All welcome!

With kind regards

Becky & James
Please feel free to contact Becky on 01935 850670

MARSTON MAGNA AND RIMPTON GARDENING CLUB

We had a very good musical quiz night with mulled wine and mince pies on 10th December. Everyone enjoyed it.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 11th February at 7 pm for 7.30 pm. The talk to be confirmed.

Forms for January discount on compost available from me at the Friday café in Marston Magna Village Hall or my home. 25% discount vouchers for January and February also now available with me.

I hope you have had a Happy Christmas and I wish you a Prosperous New Year.

Eileen Oldham, Club President

**SUPERB
FREE RANGE HENS EGGS**
(FROM HENS THAT HAVE PROVIDED
WINNING EXHIBITS AT GILLINGHAM,
DORCHESTER, MELPLASH & YEOVIL
AGRICULTURAL SHOWS)
FOR SALE
@
£1.20 per BOX of 6 EGGS
(PLEASE LEAVE PAYMENT
IN ATTACHED BOX)
Provided by John & Susie
(Professor S.J Eykyn) at
Staplemead, Church Lane, Rimpton
Near Yeovil, Somerset BA22 8AE

Queen Camel Bowls Club

Queen Camel bowls club. The new season will start again in April 2020 and we welcome new members. The green is at England's Lane, Queen Camel. Anyone interested please contact Norman Holt on 01935 850646.

From Cath Holloway January 2020 Edition

News from your Village Agent Team

A Very Happy New Year and New Decade -
Welcome to 2020!

Wintertime can make **driving tricky with icy roads, floods, potholes and wet leaves**. We have many deep ditches on the sides of our roads which fill with icy water at this time of year - not a pleasant place to be trapped in your car!

The AA have got great tips on how to drive through a flood and in ice so do look it up. I have included a few preparation tips. Have a look at <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/seasonal/winter>

Remember to pack a coat and strong shoes throughout the winter. You may get stuck in the snow, flood or mud and need to walk home! Enough petrol, a blanket and water are useful for motorway journeys, just in case you get stuck in long queues.

Clear snow from the roof – it can fall onto the windscreen and block your view.
Replace worn or damaged wiper blades.
Keep number plates clean, to avoid fines.
Use a cigarette lighter to warm a key for a frozen lock.

Some of you may have seen the team from the CCG at some of our Talking Cafes and Roadshows lately. They have been joining our agents to give out some key messages to help us stay healthy at home this winter. Below are some helpful tips aimed especially at people who care for others but useful for everyone too!

Ten Top Tips for to help keep us in good health this winter

Pressure ulcers often start in the home. If you notice a red spot that doesn't blanch when you press it, it could be the start of a pressure ulcer.

Do not rub the areas of red skin and this could cause a breakdown of skin.

Rubber rings can create areas of increased pressure, it does not prevent them.

If incontinence products are used, try to not multilayer them as this could increase the risk of pressure ulcers occurring.

When moving out of bed try not to ruck up sheets or bedding which could drag on the skin.

Where possible, reposition or move regularly to avoid prolonged periods of high pressure.

Remember that dehydration does not only occur in the summer. When we turn the heating on, we still need to keep hydrated.

Keeping properly hydrated helps to prevent against Urinary Tract Infections.

Incontinence issues? Try switching to decaffeinated drinks but switch over slowly to allow the body to get used to the withdrawal of caffeine. Keep drinking at regular intervals during the day as this can help with incontinence issues.

Remember good hand hygiene can help prevent against bugs and infections. Infectious illnesses, like 'flu and norovirus, (the' winter vomiting bug'), are very common at this time of year and whilst the fit and healthy can recover quickly from their symptoms, the elderly and those living with long term conditions are particularly vulnerable and can become quite ill. Good personal hygiene, like washing your hands with soap and water after going to the toilet and before preparing food for others is an essential way to reduce the spread of unpleasant illnesses to friends and family.

CCS Agents are on hand to support you this winter - to find out more about our work, go to our brand new website www.somersetagents.org – we help when other don't, won't or can't! For Carers specifically go to www.somersetcarers.org



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I support unpaid carers in South East Somerset to connect them with community resources, support groups and personal support around benefits and allowances. We also have a new team of

Community Agents and Village Agents in South Somerset to contact. For more information please visit www.somersetcc.org.uk and www.somersetcarers.org or call me to see who is your local village agent.

MOBILE HAIRDRESSING

Grace Isbell from Mudford Sock operates a mobile hairdressing business. She used to work for Unisex in Yeovil and then Sherborne. She is a Unisex hair stylist.

You can contact Grace on her mobile 07738 636489 or by email grace.isbell@hotmail.com or her home number is 01935 410800. Grace is very happy to visit you in your home and that will save you a journey to Yeovil or Sherborne. Or you can visit her salon in her home.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP US?

We are always looking for volunteers to join our "Friends of Marston Magna Village Hall" group.

This is so that we can call on people to help with tasks, like baking cakes, helping at a function in aid of the hall, manning a stand, or just generally helping us. There is no need to become a committee member. Anyone interested should contact Karen Price by phone or email please, or any member of the committee.

Karen Price (Chairperson)
Telephone 01935 851336

MILK BOTTLETOPS

Can you all please remember to remove the foil pull caps from the tops, because the metal detector on Perry's conveyor belt stop the machines. Also remember it is only plastic tops with a 2 or 4 in the recycling symbol that I can accept, all the rest go in my wheelie bin.

There is a company called Massmould, who produce tops made from the same plastic as milk bottle tops e.g. Robinson's squash, and Evian water, so from now on, I can accept any tops made by Massmoulds.

Thank you everyone.
Marion Dean, 13 West End, 01935 850032

THE MARSTON INN

Our Sunday Carvery Roast lunches are being again. Food is served from 12-3, 5-9 Mon – Thurs, 12-9 Sat and 12-4 Sundays.

Pensioners can have 2 main meals for £10

Fish and chip Friday 2 for £10
Kids eat for less Fri & Sat £2.49 all day
And we are serving meals every day. We have a daily specials board and the team look forward to meeting you. Do come along and give us a try.

Many thanks from Jo Andrews
Telephone 01935 **850587**

A WINTER SPORT

Looking for something new to try during the winter months?

Marston Magna Short Mat Bowls Club is looking for new members. There is no age limit, no joining fee, plenty of parking and no previous experience necessary. It is an easy game to learn and bowls can be provided.

We play on Thursday afternoons from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm in the village hall. You do not have to commit to coming along every week; the first week is free and just £2 per session thereafter to include a cup of tea and a biscuit or piece of cake. Why not come along and have a go? It really is a great way to make new friends - and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

If you would like more information, contact Tony Green on 01963 220943.

Jill England

Rimpton Ladies Walking Group
Our next normal walk will be held on Wednesday 15th January. We will meet at the village hall car park at 9.30 am. For full details contact
Sheila Fewkes Tel 850227

FIR VILLA COMMUNION

The monthly Holy Communion service held at Fir Villa takes place on the last Friday in each month. This month's service will be held on **Friday, 31st January at 4 pm**. All are welcome.

For further information contact Revd. Barbara Stanton, 01935 850745.

The Neighbourhood Network

As covered in September's newsletter, a few of us villagers have got together to offer help to both MM and Rimpton villagers, as and when needed.

As someone who has an 89 year old father on his own in Hertfordshire, I know he doesn't always feel well enough, for example, to go food shopping, go to appointments, collect tablets, take his dustbin down the drive etc, but he always welcomes visitors for a chat and a cuppa. So, it must be the case too in our two villages.

If you need anything, or want a visit, please feel free to please call any of us listed below - perhaps even keep these numbers handy for whenever you might need them.

Matthew Phillips: 01935 851399 / 07786 126686
Julia Phillips: 01935 851399 / 07770 827263
Eileen Oldham: 01935 851019
Ann McKee: 01935 850471 / 07710 355969
Campbell McKee: 01935 850471 / 07889 874893
Kate Whittell: 01935 851758
Matthew Whittell: 01935 851758

If anyone would to join our happy band, just let me know!

Julia Phillips

DEBT

The Debt Centre manager, Steve, says, "This year has seen many changes in the CAP network across the UK (especially with a new CEO) and the Yeovil Debt Centre team would like to thank you for your support and commitment in helping us in 2019 to reach the poor and marginalised, who live in unmanageable debt.

Many lives have been transformed and this year we've seen 14 go debt-free! I'm sure 2020 will bring many challenges and we'd value your prayer support. Thank you."

Thank you

Steve Hart
Yeovil Debt Centre Manager: Mon/Tue/Thu 9am-5pm
Area Manager: Wed/Fri 9am-5pm
Christians Against Poverty
07449167058

Do something amazing this year.

For many, the start of a new year brings an opportunity for reflection, fresh starts and change - but could you change a child's story this year?

For over 500 children in Somerset, spending time at home isn't possible right now, which is why we urgently need more foster carers to offer safe,

loving homes to our children in care. Foster carers can make a real difference to children's lives. They help them through tough times and give them the support they need to achieve their full potential.

Fostering is not a one size fits all. There are a variety of different avenues within fostering to match the vast and sometimes complex needs of the children in our care, and the lifestyles of our carers; from the dedication of long term fostering over a period of years, to the flexibility of respite providing care just one weekend a month. In return our carers receive ongoing support and training, a dedicated social worker and a weekly fee and allowance (amounts vary – please speak to our team or visit the website for details).

If you're aged 21 or over and have a spare room, along with the time and patience to support a Somerset child in care, visit fosteringinsomerset.org.uk or call our team on 0800 587 9900 to find out how you could help change a child's story. There is no upper age limit, and things like your gender, sexual preference or marital status are not important – you just need the right qualities and mindset. Alternatively, come along to our next information evening and find out more about fostering over a coffee and cake. Costa Coffee, 8 Townsend Shopping Park, Shepton Mallet on Tuesday **14th January 2020 from 7-9pm.**

Many thanks in advance,

Michelle Mitchell
Communications Officer – Fostering In Somerset
County Hall, TA1 4DY, Direct: 01823 356267
Mobile: 07890 583075 or
MMitchell@somerset.gov.uk

Marston Magna & Rimpton WI Report for January 2020

In December most of our members enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch at Pen Mill Hotel; for us it was the start of the festive season.

The same evening 3 of us attended a Yeovil Group WI Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church. We had a large enthusiastic congregation and choir. Later that week we went to the Yeovil Group WI Xmas social where we were entertained by an excellent singer who worked on the cruise ships, this was followed by delicious buffet and dancing.

One of our committee attended the Somerset County Federation AGM in Taunton, this keeps us in tune with the county.

This week we are going to see the new film Cats which should be good.

The first meeting in the New Year is on Monday January 13th in MMV Hall starting at 12.45 pm with a light lunch, and followed by Adelaide Brown giving a talk entitled, "Storm in a Teacup".

Visitors will be most welcome to come and join us.

Submitted by Jill England.

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.

DRAFT MINUTES OF MARSTON MAGNA ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT: CLLRS Lawrence Hopkins (Chair), Rex Knott (Vice-Chair), Fred Monson, Kathy Lawrence, Andrew Yesson and Lucy Gibbons (Clerk)

Open session

One member of the public was present. Matters brought for discussion: Mud on the roads, what can be done? LG to write to SSDC to request that the road sweeper is sent to our village.

Broadband- Now Gigaclear have lost the contract, what is the future for connection to broadband? Connecting Dorset and Somerset (CDS) intends to launch a fresh procurement on the open market this autumn commencing a tender process to identify new provider(s) of these services. Residents are parking in the turning area at Townsend. What can be done? LH is writing an article for the parish news; he will add a request to residents that they respect this area and understand the difficulties caused by this action. Church Walk – There is currently no road sign, to mark this cul-de-sac that leads west from Garston Lane. How do we get one? LG to write to the DC asking if one could be put in place.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** Pete Griffiths, Mike Lewis and Howard Butterfield
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -** None
- 3. THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

MEETING HELD ON 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019 -
Were agreed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING – An apple tree has been planted in the entrance to the Moat Field, in memory of Anthony Fox. He grew up in Marston Magna. Tony's parents lived all their lives in the village. Dad worked for the Pitman's at Park Farm; Mum was a longstanding member of the WI. Tony sadly died earlier this year and his daughter asked us if she could plant a tree in the village to commemorate his life. **The overhanging branches and brambles on the outside wall of The School house have still not been cut back, despite the DC contacting the owners to request that this is done urgently.** This is causing a number of complaints and is highly dangerous to pedestrians attempting to use this vital route through the village. It was agreed that we would write to them again ourselves, before asking the DC to take further action.

5. REPORTS FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, PARISH REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND COUNCILLORS ON THEIR AREAS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY –
None received

6. MARSTON MAGNA ACTION GROUP – They have met on two occasions since our last PC meeting. They have worked on tidying the Village Green. The next meeting is due to take place on the 30th November, working on Newbury Lane.

7. TRAFFIC ALLEVIATION ISSUES – HB wrote to the transport manager at Perry's recycling, asking if they would ask their drivers to undertake to drive through the village at no more than 20mph. They have confirmed that they are happy to comply with this request, although he cannot request this of outside hauliers visiting the premises.

8. PLAY PARK –PG has completed the inspection. There is nothing new to report. We have received the donation of £500, from the mid-summer fair committee, towards the balance beam that we installed earlier this year.

9. VILLAGE HALL – The Mid-summer fair committee has agreed to donate £400 towards the hearing loop, to be installed in the Village Hall. The PC agreed that we would donate the remaining cost. This will be approx. £700. LH will go ahead with the order.

10. FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY - RK will investigate non-slip surfaces to be placed on a

number of styles, where they have become slippery. RK will speak to the landowner of the style by the railway line crossing, as it is rotting and in need of repair.

11. PERRYS LIGHTING – ML and LH met with managers at Perry's Recycling on the 9th October, to discuss the issue of floodlighting affecting neighbouring property. They were very understanding and have agreed to work with the homeowner to alleviate the issue.

12. FLOODING: PARRETT DRAINAGE BOARD – Parish Councillors have been intrigued that ditches flowing in and out of the village are diligently cleared but nothing done in the confines of the village. Richard Vaux of the Parrett Drainage Board kindly attended our recent Parish Council meeting and explained that for some reason the whole stretch from the beginning to the end of the village is the only un-serviced stretch throughout the whole of the River Parrett system. He said that until the responsibility moves to them (he is to report back on this becoming a reality) it continues as it is which means that all riparian owners of property abutting the stream, are under law, responsible for ensuring river beds and banks are sufficiently cleared to enable the water to flow through. There are one or two woolly areas about who owns what with of course Somerset County Council having quite a stretch along the A359 but until the stream is regularly serviced, owners should discharge their responsibilities. The Parish Council will however budget next year for a sum to be spent in doing some additional clearance using the same contactors used by the Drainage Authority. LH to submit this article to the parish magazine. LG to e-mail RV to thank him and confirm what we discussed.

13. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS – LH proposed that we revive the Annual Parish meeting in May 2020, by encouraging representatives of village clubs and groups to attend and to provide refreshments.

14. CORRESPONDENCE – None received

15. PLANNING;

(a) APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED (UNDER STANDING ORDER 3(b)(xvi)) BEFORE THIS MEETING: 19/02153/HOU. Lyndhurst, Little Marston Road, BA22 8BN. The erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling house. Marston

Magna Parish Council has no objections to this application.

(b) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION: None

(c) APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA: None

(d) PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED: 19/01109/OUT | Outline consent for the demolition of 3 garages and erection of 3 dwellings and their associated access and parking spaces | Land Rear Of 17 And 18 Townsend – Application permitted with conditions.

We have been notified of application 19/02847/S73A in the neighbouring parish of Chilton Cantelo. S73A Application for the erection of a solar farm comprising the erection of solar arrays, inverters, transformers, equipment housing, security fencing, internal tracks and ancillary equipment (without complying with Condition 7 of planning permission 12/01055/Farm to extend operational lifespan of Solar Farm to 40 years) – The PC has no comment to make on this application.

16. FINANCE;

a) CHEQUES REQUIRED FOR SIGNING: - Payment approved £67.96 Expenses and mileage (Sept-Nov)

b) REPORTING OF CHEQUE SIGNED PRIOR TO THE MEETING: None

c) BANK RECONCILIATION – Was agreed and signed.

d) BUDGET 20/21 – We discussed projects which we would like to undertake in the next financial year. This includes clearing of the stream, traffic alleviation measures, and money to support works undertaken by the MM Action Group, such as repairs to fingerposts. It was decided that a 5% increase in our precept will allow the PC to carry out a number of tasks that will benefit the entire village.

17. QUESTIONS AND ITEMS ARISING AFTER THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA, SUCH MATTERS ARE FOR NOTING OR DEFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING. – None.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING is:
9th January 2020, 7.00 pm

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

Recycle your natural Christmas tree with our treecycling scheme

Have you thought about how you can help the environment and recycle your Christmas tree after the 12th Night?

After the festivities are over for another year and you've sorted out your wrapping paper, packaging from presents, extra bottles and so on for recycling, please don't forget your Christmas tree.

South Somerset District Council's treecycling scheme gives you the opportunity to dispose of your natural Christmas tree at 49 different locations across the district, with the tree being shredded and used for flowerbed mulch by the district council.

All the locations can be found on the South Somerset District Council website at www.southsomerset.gov.uk/treecycling, which also details what date you will need to have your tree at the collection point by in order for it to be taken away and shredded.

Before you take your tree to be recycled don't forget to remove all decorations (and presents!) and take it out of its pot.

Alternatively, decoration-free natural Christmas trees under 6ft can be recycled by composting. Take decoration-free natural trees to any recycling site for composting. If you pay for a garden waste collection, put out your tree next to your bin or sack on your usual waste collection day from Monday 6 January. As a last resort, put your tree next to your refuse on your usual collections' day.

What can I do with an artificial tree?

If your artificial tree won't make it through another winter then you can recycle these at any [Household Waste Recycling Centre](#) in Somerset. If your tree is still in good condition when you decide to replace it, why not ask friends and family, advertise it on an exchange website or donate it to charity so someone else can use it?

Martin Hacker, Specialist
(Communications, Marketing & Media)
Tel: 01935 462130

RIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

The full Minutes of all meetings, including all Appendices, can be viewed and/or downloaded from the Village Website by going to

<http://rimpton.net/parish-council/parish-council-meetings/draft-parish-council-minutes/>.

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

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm

Further meetings in 2020 are scheduled for 3rd March, 5th May, 7th July, 1st September and 3rd November, all at 7:30pm with the exception of 5th May at 7:00pm.

Patrick Pender-Cudlip, Clerk & RFO - Rimpton Parish Council. The Cobblers, High Street, Queen Camel, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 7NE; Tel. 01935 850692; Rimpton.Parish.Council@outlook.com



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Marston Magna Village Hall Management Committee

Do come along to our AGM, being held on Monday 13th January at 7 pm. This is where members of the public can hear about our village hall, our plans for the future and fund raising.

If you have ideas about social events that you would like to see, or if you use the hall, or want to know, just do please come along.

Diary Dates to note

Village Hall AGM - 13th January 2020 at 19.00
Silent Auction - 22nd February 2020 at 19.00

Karen Price (Chairperson)

Telephone 01935 851336

Email – karenprice5@gmail.com

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

Wednesdays

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For the Diary

5 th January 2020	-	Epiphany Carol Service at Mudford at 4 pm
7 th January	-	Rimpton Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm RVH
12 th January	-	Benefice Holy Communion at Chilton Cantelo at 9.30 am
13 th January	-	W I Meeting starting at 12.30 pm at MMVH
15 th January	-	Ladies Walking Group Lunch – contact Sheila 850227
19 th January	-	Joint Holy Communion at Rimpton Church at 10.45 am
25 th January	-	Archdeanary Day at Holy Trinity Church, Yeovil, 9.30 – 12.30
11 th February	-	MM & R Gardening Club at MMVH 7.30 pm

For hall bookings – please contact Dale McLoughlin – 851100

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

Mondays

09.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Aerobics Classes. Steph Edwards 07444 979297
11.00 a.m. – 12 noon Standing & Floor Exercise – 5-week course starting 22.07.2019 by Steph.
Winter 12.30 – summer 19.30 p.m. - 2nd Monday monthly W.I – Elizabeth Crouch 850329

Thursdays

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Fridays

10 a.m. – 12 noon Marston Village Café Beryl Field 850705
5.00 p.m.- 7.15 p.m. Pilates Contact Mo 07815 748518

Various classes – do look at notice board in Village Hall

For the Diary.

4 th January 2020	-	Chilton Cantelo Church Café at 10 – 12 noon
5 th January	-	Epiphany Carol Service at Mudford at 4 pm
9 th January	-	Marston Magna Parish Council 7 pm MMVH
12 th January	-	Benefice Holy Communion at Chilton Cantelo at 9.30 am
13 th January	-	W I Meeting starting at 12.30 pm at MMVH
13 th January	-	MMVH AGM & Management Committee – 7.00 pm MMVH
19 th January	-	Joint Holy Communion at Rimpton Church at 10.45 am
22 nd January	-	Community Lunch at 12.30 at Fir Villa phone 850670 for tickets
25 th January	-	Archdeanary Day at Holy Trinity Church, Yeovil, 9.30 – 12.30
31 st January	-	Fir Villa Holy Communion at 16.00
11 th February	-	MM & R Gardening Club at MMVH 7.30 pm
22 nd February	-	MMVH Silent Auction & supper at 19.00 in MMVH

For Village Hall bookings – please contact Mrs C. Griffiths Tel. 850647.

The Mobile Library will be in Rimpton next on the Wednesday 22nd January 2020. It will be in Rimpton in the road to Rimpton House BA22 8AQ between 12.00 and 12.30.

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Re-cycling- Every THURSDAY in Marston Magna and Rimpton from 7 a.m. However NOT 25th December but the 29th December a Sunday and Wheelie Bin Collections also from 7 a.m. Normally on Thursdays but will be Friday 3rd January and then the 16th and 30th January 2020.

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