

South Marston Community News

Fireworks Spectacular Return

By Lionel Cave-Ayland



After an absence of several years, the firework event returned to the playing fields. These were Low Noise Fireworks specifically for younger children.

On the evening the wind gods decided to test us with a last minute change of direction. However, the team quickly moved the crowd area and after a couple of test fires, the event was safe to proceed.

Local residents John and Mary put on a superb display, which was enjoyed by all. Whilst the stewards: Janet, Hayley, Rosemary, Adam, Alan, Barry, Alison and Mike, all ensured that everyone's health and safety were paramount.

Adam also excelled with his imaginative lighting of the area - the oak tree has never looked so good. Smart Pyrotechnics Ltd supplied the fireworks and also gave invaluable advice, support and a generous discount.

Thanks to the SMRA (South Marston Recreation Association) for the use of the playing fields. Sponsorship also allowed it to be a free event, and we are grateful to the Parish Council, Ian Clark I.T. Ltd, Marston Tyres and Shave Consulting for their financial support.

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Finally, it's always pleasing to receive comments like, *"Congratulations, you must do this again next year."*

So, thank you and we will see.

Here are a few of the many photos taken at the event.



Replacement Gazebo Build Update

by Barry Thunder

Design work commenced in early 2021 and was influenced by the loss and distress caused by the vandalism that burned down our original wooden structure. Inevitably, the build suffered delays during the second lockdown, and economic difficulties with a world steel shortage and also price hikes.

We will be working with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to soften the angular look of the exterior by planting a variety of climbing plants around the outside to provide year-round colour from the variegated leaves, and some flowers.



A final spray of salt water will encourage additional rusting on the metal bars of the trunk and branches.

We are working on a final addition, a thank you plaque to village residents for their contributions with the overall cost: Matt Sansum for the design, Chris Read for the construction, and to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and South Marston Parish Council for funding and project management. Many thanks also to the work of the village Open Spaces volunteers.

South Marston Friendly Club

It has been a successful year of activities for the club after the pandemic break, with some new members joining us for our day trips, which have all been varied, interesting, enjoyable and lucky with the warm and sunny weather.

The club organises monthly social events in the Village Hall for village residents and those aged over 50 in the nearby community.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 15th of December at 12 noon – ‘Christmas Lunch’ at Blunsdon House Hotel

Tuesday 10th of January at 2pm – ‘A Social Afternoon with mince pies, tea & coffee’

For more information about the club please contact Sheila on telephone number 828545 or email – smfriendlyclub@gmail.com.

Postie Paul

by Tony Leathart

On the 8th of November Paul Burke will have been our postman for 20 years. There is nobody who is so well known as him in the village, yet he doesn't live here.



To get to work on time, Paul has to set his alarm for

5.30am. His home is in Royal Wootton Bassett, which he shares with his wife Debbie and their two dogs, a Westie-cross dog aged 4 and a 3 year old Westie puppy. They have 3 children: Charlotte, who works for the charity 'Be Free Young Carers of Oxfordshire', and has a son Cian, who is 3 and their first grandson; Callum, a zoo keeper at Crocodile World in Burford; and Euan, who is a painter and decorator.

As many of you will know, Paul has had trouble with his knees after he tripped and fell, resulting in a series of operations including a hip replacement but he has now made a good recovery. In the past he has been in the Bassett football and cricket teams and used to coach football at Elite Football in Reading. Now he plays golf at Basset Down Golf Course and he is an umpire for the Royal Wootton Bassett Cricket Team.

Over two decades, he has had a number of incidents. Once, having not had an answer at the door, he noticed a window open so he chucked the parcel through it, which set off the burglar alarm! The occupants were away on holiday at the time. This was typical of him to find a way to succeed when he gets no initial response. He has been known on a number of occasions to return later after a failed delivery to see if the householder has come back in. Luckily, only once has he been bitten by a dog on his rounds. Apparently, Royal Mail provide a dog protector, which is a plastic letter holder, to prevent fingers being left behind the front door!

We all owe a great deal to our Postie Paul with his characteristic smile and trademark shorts, always worn whatever the weather. It is fitting that the villagers have shown their appreciation for his twenty years of dedicated service to our village.

Paul writes: *The people of the village have helped me through lots of tough times over the past 20 years including waiting for me to get over operations which was so important for my morale and I will forever be grateful for that.*

Thank you so very much as you made an old boy very emotional.

I will never be able to thank you for all you did for me & my family when I was having a hard time.



It's been an absolute pleasure to deliver to the people who live in this amazing little village & I hope I've got a few more years left yet in me.

Kind regards,

Paul

Exciting upcoming events at the Carriers Arms !!!

Our live music on Saturday 19th November, The Hip Replacements has been cancelled, it will be rescheduled for next year, sorry for any inconvenience.

Saturday 17th December, Old friends Acoustic Duo from 9pm. Old friends bring their 12 string acoustic duo playing 50s 60s 70s 80s and more including artists such as The Stereophonics, Men at Work, The Beatles and Green day.

Saturday 28th January Bee Skas 9pm - Very popular 6 piece Ska band.



Further news - Don't forget to keep your eyes on Facebook for our Christmas updates / festivities

The kitchen should hopefully be open again soon, but we are still taking applications for a chef.

Real ale on tap. Regularly show Sky Sports and BT sports, Free guest wi-fi.



Carriers Arms, Highworth Road, South Marston, Swindon, SN3 4SE, 01793 822051

SMRA Update

By Jenny McEwen

Village Hall renovation and insulation

With energy prices rising, insulating the Hall and making our heating more efficient has been tackled in recent months. We are very grateful to the F and E Harris Memorial Trust for a grant of £3,500 to cover expenditure on a number of fronts.

Contractors are renovating the fan mechanism and controls on the heaters, to reduce the noise and make their use more efficient.

Our volunteers will install a form of magnetic secondary double glazing for the hall windows to reduce heat loss. Draught excluders and curtains for the doors will add to this.

At the same time, the opportunity was taken to repair and renovate the wooden doors.



Lionel Cave-Ayland and Colin McEwen have both been regularly working on this over the autumn and everything certainly looks so much brighter.

Unfortunately, we had a setback with the quote received for the insulation in the roof. The contractors came to install it and then said they couldn't - the roof cavity is difficult to access and they would need additional equipment. We are now busy considering options to complete the work.



On a positive note, the play area with its new equipment has never been so busy and looks so much better now the grass has regrown after the drought. We continue to fill remaining cracks in the ground, including in the tarmac path from the Thornhill Road gate and will do more of this work as required. Whilst SMRA pays for the endless amounts of sand, grit and topsoil that is needed, the probation service 'POPS' teams are a great resource for actually putting in the hard labour. However, we have to thank Barry Thunder for organizing their involvement and Colin, and Lionel, and quite a few others who have taken their turn at this regular activity.

An additional attraction over the early autumn was, let's say, unplanned. The hedge along Thornhill Road has been significantly weakened by loss of planting on the secondary hedge line on the Rec side. Apparently, it has become a great place for children to make 'dens', but does carry the risk that younger children can work their way through to the road. In the interests of safety, wire fencing will be erected in preparation for planting hawthorn and beech plants over the winter to rejuvenate the boundary. Thanks go to the Parish Council for £200 towards this work.

The Football season is now well underway and the Rec pitches continue to be well used, delivering much needed income to help towards the grass cutting and the maintenance of the facilities. We have three teams playing and training on the field - Spitfires women and girls and Swindon Rovers and Robins.

Planning for the Coronation of King Charles next May has begun. A number of the volunteers who helped organised the many different Jubilee events in the summer are willing to take on the task for repeat engagement with Coronation celebrations on the weekend of the 6th of May 2022. SMRA will again be willing to offer the Rec, Hall and facilities free of charge and act as the 'accountable body' for the Coronation event funds. This also ensures that events on the field and in the hall are adequately covered by our SMRA insurance.

Low Noise Firework event - it was great to see this on the Rec and our thanks go to Lionel for organizing it. For some of us it was déjà vu, as we look back to the massive SMRA bonfire, BBQ and fireworks events of the 1980s and 1990s. Quite a few volunteers helping with Lionel's event were 'graduates' of that time!

South Marston Gardening Club



Social Evening and Quiz

On Monday 5th of December, from 7.30 – 9.30pm at South Marston Village Hall. Parking is available at Old Vicarage Lane, next to the school.

We end 2022 with a Quiz, followed by 'potluck' food. Come and join us and bring something to share. Tea and coffee will be served but feel free to bring something a little stronger! Refreshments included - Optional raffle - A warm, friendly welcome awaits you.

Prize awarded to the winning quiz team! £3 entry fee on the door.

For more information, visit our Facebook page @southmarstongardeningclub or contact Angela on 07789068340 / email angelanewton01@gmail.com.



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School Update

The new academic year has started well and has indeed felt like it has flown by! As I write this, we are nearing half term and for our youngest pupils, the end of their very first term in school!

It has been wonderful to welcome new families to our school and also see the return of events such as our annual Harvest Service in Church and Celebration Worship, where we invite parents to join us in celebrating our pupils' achievements'. The sporting efforts of some of our Year 3 – 6 pupils were recognised recently for doing brilliantly in the Cross-Country at Lydiard Park, an annual event thoroughly enjoyed.

Across the school new learning has been taking place, from the events of the Great Fire of London to Ancient Egypt. Also learning about ourselves and the value of 'Generosity' this term, with the children delighted to be back in school following the long summer break.

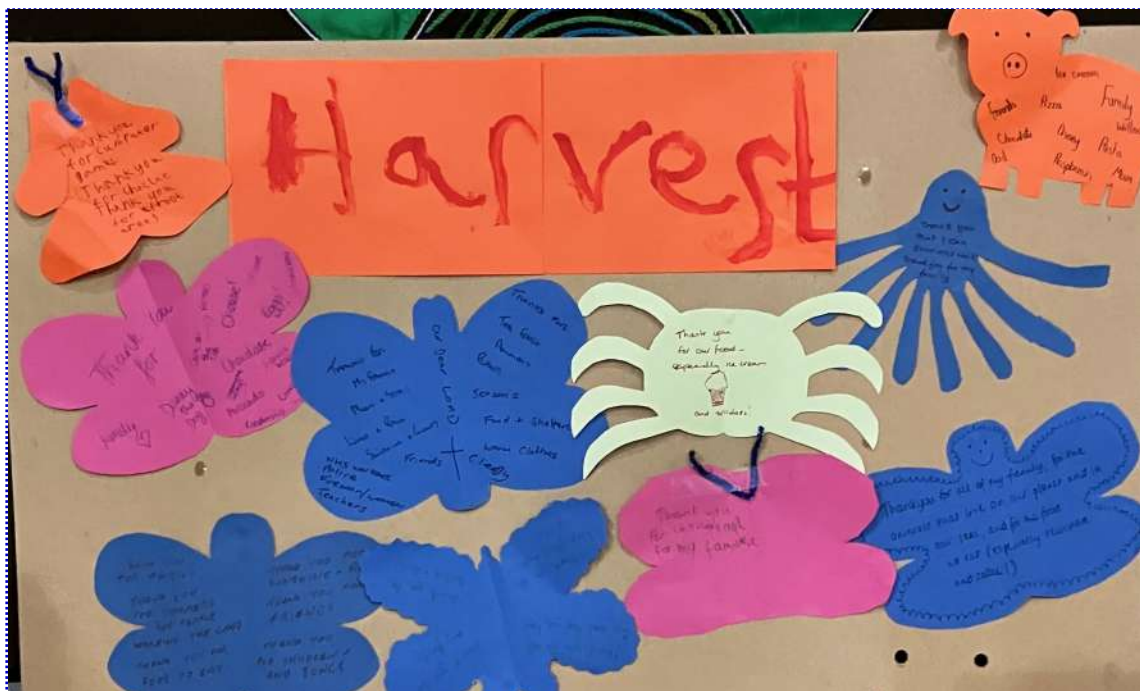
Our wonderful PTA started the year with a flurry of activity! From welcoming new members into key roles, to the successful disco held in late September. We do hope you will support the upcoming Annual Christmas Craft Fayre, on once again at the Supermarine, on Friday 25th of November – more details in this edition. We hope to see you there!

Finally, as a community we were also touched by the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As individuals and as a school, we were saddened by this news in September and spent time during worship, prayer time and in classes, reflecting on her incredible service and dedication. She was utterly inspirational, a role model in the truest sense and a constant in our lives.



The children created some beautiful artwork in memory of our wonderful Monarch and wrote thoughtful messages of condolence for our book.

We will remember the Queen for her long service, endless commitment and sheer dedication to her role, and know her legacy will continue to live on.



St Mary Magdalene Church recently welcomed the staff and pupils of South Marston School, together with their families, to celebrate Harvest Time. It was a wonderful service in which children from Pre-School onwards took part. Each class performed a harvest song and the Worship Council offered the prayers. The School Head Mrs Hendry led the service, and Reverend Elveen delivered a short entertaining talk. A harvest collection had also been made in school for the Swindon Food Collective.

The School will be back performing Christmas plays, and the choir singing at the Christingle Service on Sunday the 4th of December at 10am, when all are welcome.



Footpath Update

by Lionel Cave-Ayland

Eight new waymarking posts have been erected on the two solar farms and on the bridge at the top of footpath 16, the posts and rail have been replaced. The parish network is now 85% accessible and clearly signed.

There are still problems north of the railway line. One is subject to planning issues, while another is partially blocked. This area is subject to new footpaths and cycleways under the expansion of South Marston, so we are looking to see what can be done as interim solutions, and how best to turn both existing and future footpaths into a cohesive network.

I must on your behalf, thank my wife Janet, who has helped with the recent improvements. Her car has resembled a pickup, being used to transport strimmers, waymarking posts and concreting materials!



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Birmingham Christmas Market Trip, 22nd of November 2022

The coach will be departing from outside the school at 9am and then leaving Birmingham for South Marston at 4pm.

Please take note of the following:

Payments at the market

Many vendors take card payments though some do have a minimum purchase amount, and there are also those with a cash only policy.

Drinks at the market

Typically at German Christmas markets including Birmingham, when buying drinks you have to pay a deposit for a cup, about £3. Drinks are the listed price, provided you return the cup with a token, often given with your drink. This is a little safeguard to ensure that people aren't just picking up random cups to claim the deposit money.



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Senior Citizen Christmas Hampers

Collection day this year will be on Thursday 8th of December between 2-4pm, at a new venue, The Carriers Arms, skittle alley (car parking is available).

Amanda will be making tea and coffee available for purchase at the bar along with the usual options, for anyone who wants to catch up and chat with friends. A warm welcome awaits!

Thursday Bus Service to Swindon

A reminder that the Barnes bus service is fortnightly on a Thursday.

To help you remember this day, it is the Thursday after the Borough Council collect our refuse bins.



South Marston in Lights Event 2022

by Hazel Andrews

The ever popular SMILE competition is back and is a chance for residents to put their Christmas lights out and help turn the village into a magical twinkly Christmas winter wonderland.

Time to put your thinking caps on for your best displays, and if your energy bills are a concern, then please remember it's all about the quality, not the quantity!

Last year there were prizes for: the best single colour display, the most magical display, the best use of natural landscape, as well as, the best display in the village.

Judging will take place in the week before Christmas, and will be a great opportunity for everyone to walk around the village and see the displays lighting up the village. The winners will get a bag of Christmas goodies delivered to their door.

To make sure your display doesn't get missed by the judges, please email your address to me at andrewshazel@yahoo.com. Good luck!

Well Done Winners!

Congratulations from South Marston Recreation Association to our winners.

SEPTEMBER

£30 No 8 Tina Hiscocks
£10 No 55 Ros Liddiard
£10 No 63 Lyn Flitton
£10 No18 Shelley McIntosh
£10 No 9 Robbie Taylor

OCTOBER

£10 No 35 Derreck Oxby
£10 No 28 Jenny McEwen
£10 No 90 Lyn Flitton
£10 No 53 Mick Liddiard

The 100 Club is an annual subscription of £12 with the chance of winning £10, £30 or £100. All profits are used to support the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and the Village Hall. The SMRA would like to thank all the participants and Club collectors for their continued support especially in these difficult times.

If you are interested in supporting the SMRA, please contact Julie Hatherall on 07749211867 or Angela Newton on 07789068340 to obtain a number and participate in the monthly draw.



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16th December @ 7pm - Christmas Party Night Tickets £10 p/p Includes
Buffet & Live Music from "Black Dog Acoustic Duo"

Christmas Eve @ 10am - Breakfast with Santa (Booking Required)

Christmas Eve From 7pm - **Free** Live Music from "Mark Colton"

New Year's Eve @ 8pm: Disco Night Tickets £10 p/p Includes Buffet

Tickets for all events available to buy within the pub 😊

The Carpenters Arms, Old Vicarage lane, South Marston, Swindon, SN3 4ST
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Tots and Toddlers

After 4 and a half years, I have decided to step down from organising Tots and Toddlers. It has been so much fun planning the activities, messy plays, Easter egg hunts, Halloween parties, Christmas parties and seeing everyone taking part and enjoying them was amazing. Watching the children come in week after week, learning, growing and playing has been wonderful and I've loved meeting so many lovely parents and grandparents. But I feel I've done my part now my youngest is in year 2 at school, and I would like to put all my (child free) time into my business, True Beauty By Francesca.



I will be so sad to leave but I am handing over the reins from January 2023 to two fantastic ladies that will be amazing for tots! They have both been coming to the group for a while as they have children under 5. I would like to introduce you to Rachel Jones and Emma Large, pictured to the right. Rachel is a primary school teacher and organises activities for children in the church and Emma, a former primary school teacher, is now a child minder. There is no doubt in my mind that they will be perfect for the group.



I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped me week after week with the washing up, tidying away the messy plays, clearing away after snack time, putting the toys away etc, it is so nice that everyone volunteers to do their bit!

It has been a truly lovely group to be a part of!

I will miss it greatly,

Francesca x





By Colin McEwen

Keypoint: Not an Energy Centre!

Plans have been formally submitted by site owners L&G for the vacant site at the south end of the rail link at Keypoint. There was great concern some years ago at the previous proposals for a waste 'incinerator', but apparently it wasn't possible to source enough suitable waste for combustion locally to make that proposal viable.

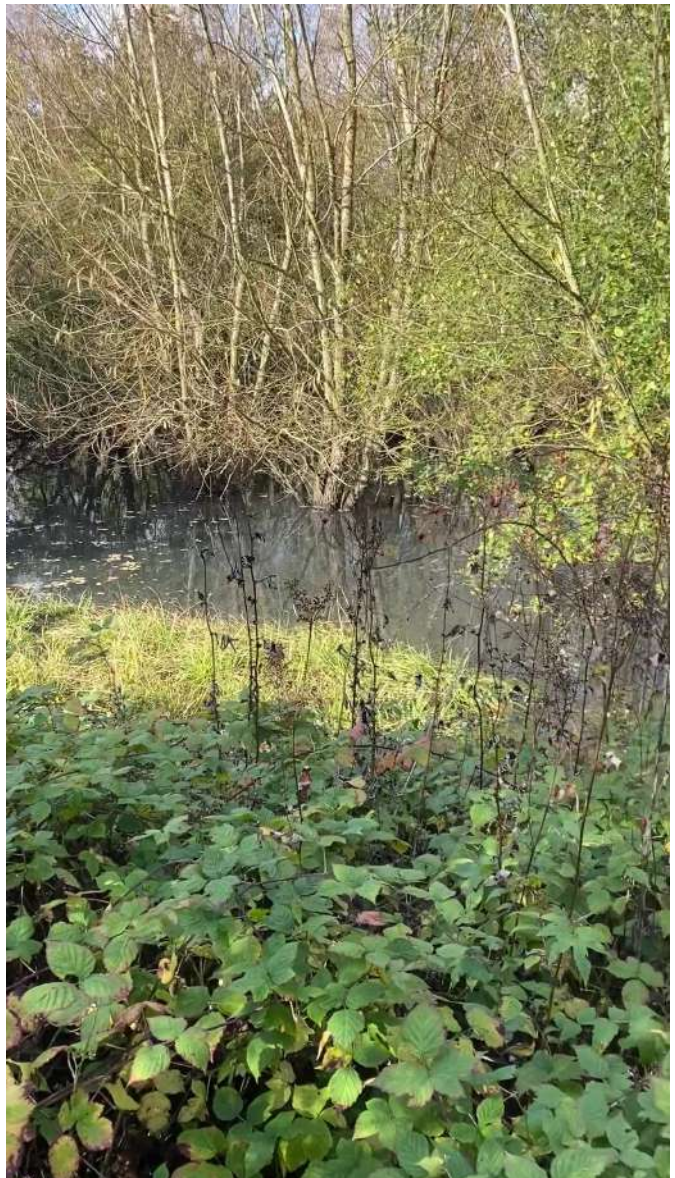
Flood Storage Ponds

I am working with (another) Borough drainage officer to ensure a regular reporting system is put in place for the flood storage ponds that are upstream of the village.

It is now accepted that the Borough are responsible for the large lagoon that takes the runoff from Keypoint, but they had forgotten about it. Consequently it hasn't been looked at since 2007, when I visited it after the flooding in the village.

It was easy to access then, and the storage area was clear. It isn't now. The officer failed to get to it, but it is possible! As you can see from the photo, the banks are overgrown and there are submerged willows etc.

The good news is that the outlet seems to be functioning reasonably well. These features are meant to have some standing water and to be an ecological asset, but the ongoing management of these dual functions appears challenging.



Taylor Wimpey Proposals

In October, Taylor Wimpey held an exhibition at the Village Hall to show their development plans for the plots to the south of Magdalene Close and Nightingale Lane Corner.

There will be 134 houses in the first plot that will be developed as part of the overall expansion of South Marston.

Whilst it was good that their team engaged with us, much of the current design was based on outdated HHT strategic plans, which are under revision and still making their way through the planning system. The Taylor Wimpey plans displayed assume for instance, that the 'hotel' site still blocks any pedestrian access from their site northwards through to the Recreation Ground and expanded school.



This is so frustrating, since the Parish Council has worked hard to create an expanded village with easy pedestrian and cycle links for everyday use. We have now designated a continuous footpath from The Carpenter's Arms through the housing areas and Village Centre to the school as 'Carpenter's Walk', to get the idea across.

The plans have no satisfactory pedestrian or cycle links and we have repeated the request that Bridleway 4, alongside Magdalene Close is made usable. We are also asking whether the proposed 20mph zone should be extended to include the Bridleway entrance. And speaking of the 20mph zone, we may finally be at the stage where we can begin to progress the more detailed design of this with SBC officers after several years of Parish Council 'nagging'.

Road Sweeping

The Borough have said that they will no longer be sweeping our roads. Although we have protested, the Borough's financial position is such that we don't anticipate this changing.

The Parish Council will probably have to extend the arrangements that we ourselves put in place last year to clear leaves from footpaths.

Thoughts from the vicarage - November 2022

As I sit down to write this month's letter it's very windy outside and there is a definite autumnal feel in the air.

The darker nights are drawing in and the 'C' word (meaning Christmas!) is being mentioned much more frequently than some of us would like.

Last weekend I found myself popping into a craft fair and there were lots of little trinkets and handmade gifts to buy. As I browsed, I found myself having similar conversations with a few stallholders at the craft fair, each having said that they found the time spent being creative aided their own mental health and well-being. One lady found it helped her to feel less stressed and anxious.

I've found myself wondering why at times we feel a pang of guilt, as if we're being selfish, doing something that we enjoy that brings us pleasure.

I'm a firm believer in a balanced approach to life, so whether it's a lovely walk in the autumnal sunshine that we've had of late, or picking up those paints and brushes that have been in the back of a cupboard for a while. Let's take the time and make the effort to do those things that bring us joy and pleasure.

We have our Christmas Wreath making on the 10th of December, which you will need to book; it's a wonderful opportunity to get into the Christmas mood and attend to your mental wellbeing at the same time.

Keep an eye out for our Christmas card, which will have all our Christmas Services across the whole team of Churches. These services will be on our website and notice boards soon, so you can plan ahead. I look forward to seeing you.

With my love and prayers,

Elveen



Stratton Team Ministry

Seeking, Sharing and Serving God Together

Stratton Team Ministry will be conducting Sunday Morning services at South Marston St Mary Magdalene Church (Unless otherwise stated).

13th November 10am	Remembrance Service in Church and 11am at the War Memorial
27th November 4pm	Advent Carol Service at St Leonard's Church
4th December 10am	All Age Christingle Service
11th December 9.30am	Holy Communion
18th December 6pm	Carol Service at St Margaret's Church
24th December 5pm	Crib Service
24th December 9pm	Holy Communion
25th December 10am	Holy Communion at St Margaret's Church
1st January 10am	All Age Team Service
8th January 9.30am	Holy Communion

Please Note up to date Covid guidance from the Government and Church of England is followed.

Saturday Scene offer a very friendly welcome and give an informal space for children to explore together in a Christian environment. Join us in St Margaret's Centre at 4pm on **Saturday 12th of November, 10th of December & 14th of January 2023.**

Getting in touch

We are very happy to hear from you if you have any questions about the church, our timetable of services and events, or if you need support.

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Stratton Team Ministry is also pleased to welcome you for Private Prayer at **St Mary Magdalene's Church** which will be open daily from early morning till early evening.

Ash Dieback Found in Oxleaze Wood

By The Open Spaces Working Group

Oxleaze is a very new wood, in that it was planted around 20 years ago with the help of many local residents. Often when planting new trees, very young plants are used called whips. Whilst these are easy to plant, they are prone to attack by animals such as deer and rabbits, as well as disease. For this reason, the whips are planted closer together than is wanted when the trees grow larger. So later in the trees' lives it is necessary to create more space between some of them in order to allow those remaining to reach full size.

If you are a walker in Oxleaze Wood, over recent months you may have seen that there are areas alongside the path where trees have been felled and bushes cut back. The village Open Spaces volunteers have been thinning trees and at the same time the hazel bushes have also been coppiced, which encourages new growth and prolongs the life of the bush.



Sadly, during the tree thinning we discovered that many of our Ash trees were infected with Ash Die Back, evidenced by the Angel of Death pictured. To our knowledge there is no option other than to cut all infected trees down. We do not have an accurate count on the number of infected trees in the wood, but so far we have felled around 40 infected trees, with many more still to be felled.

The felling has given us good open spaces into which to plant new and more mature trees. Chris has planned the mix of new trees to give a wider variety of species that will withstand the changes in our climatic conditions and provide greater visual and environmental benefits.

Whilst the Parish Council have supported this work financially and some residents give their time voluntarily, this year local company STERIS have supported us with groups of their staff on community work days.

Two teams of 5 staff have helped fell around 18 trees and coppiced hazels, and there will be a further group later in November. Together with financial support, it has allowed us to order some mature plants such as sweet chestnut and service tree. These are around 6ft high and will provide a great infill to the newly created space alongside the path.



QUIZ – UK PLACE NAMES

Compiled by Tony Leathart

The cryptic answers are all UK places that may sound the same as similar word(s) in the clue but may not be spelt the same way e.g. Herefords?.. COWES



1. It rings quickly?
2. What did Harold do at Hastings in 1066?
3. What technique is used on handkerchiefs to aid memory?
4. What happens to a chicken leg served to a vegetarian?
5. Persevered?
6. UK Pound?
7. Rapper Kanye rides a fantastic filly?
8. Witches meeting attempt?
9. Cleaner gem?
10. Sliced gammon passed its best-by date?
11. Handcart inside an incinerator?
12. What Vikings did with their deceased?

THE ANSWERS...

1. BELFAST	2. FORT WILLIAM	3. NOTTINGHAM	4. NUNEATON
5. PRESTON	6. STIRLING	7. WESTON-SUPER-MARE	8. COVENTRY
9. MAIDSTONE	10. OLDHAM	11. BARROW-IN-FURNESS	
12. BURNHAM-ON-SEA			

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Bird flu



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Beware: Avian Flu

By Sylvia Brown

You may have received through the post a letter from DEFRA (the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs) explaining that South Marston is in an Avian Flu Control Zone.

We are within the 'Surveillance Zone' which surrounds an outbreak in the Coleshill area

A legal requirement is in force from the 7th of November to keep all poultry and captive birds indoors. Residents who keep ducks, chickens, geese or pigeons are asked to register them with DEFRA. If you have over 50 birds, you **MUST** register them.

More information is available on the DEFRA website (search for 'avian flu' on www.gov.uk/defra).

The government has also issued advice on wild birds and the dangers outdoors, which can be summarised as follows:

- Keep to the footpaths; keep dogs on leads
- Do not pick up or touch dead or sick wild birds
- Do not touch bird feathers or any surfaces contaminated with wild bird droppings

Please report any dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese, or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey to DEFRA's helpline: 03459 335577.

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Editor's note

The autumnal months have seen milder weather, enabling much work and recreation to be continued outside. The replacement gazebo and return of the fireworks notably being great successes for the village community.

If you would prefer to receive Community News by email, please send a request to editor@southmarston.org.uk. Alternatively, read it on the Community News page of the village website at <http://southmarston.org.uk/latest-posts/community-news>.

With best wishes, Sharon

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