

South Marston Community News

School celebrates 150-year anniversary

by Marie Hendry, School Head



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South Marston School opened to the children of the village and surrounding farms in 1873. This was a result of Alfred Bell becoming 'Lord of the Manor' in the mid-1800s and the family paying for a number of village improvements, including renovation of the church and the building of the schoolhouse.

Three days of festivities began on Wednesday 25th of June 1873 with a luncheon at Mr Bell's residence for local clergy and other dignitaries. After luncheon, the party proceeded to the church, where there were numerous speeches to a large congregation. All were then received onto the lawns for tea at the Manor.

The following day, a treat was given to the children attending the Day and Sunday schools, and on Friday the parents of the children were entertained.

Due to 25th of June falling on a Sunday this year, we will start our birthday celebrations during the week beginning 26th of June.

Pupils will be looking back over the school's history and significant historical events since 1873. There will be a birthday party for the children, and the school will open to the community during the week of the 26th of June. More details will be shared on our school website www.southmarstonprimary.co.uk.

South Marston Friendly Club

Come and join us in the village hall, make new friends and enjoy our entertaining talks and presentations with refreshments afterwards.

Open to village residents who are over 50.

PROGRAMME 2023

Tuesday 14th March at 2pm

'A Year in the Life of an Owl' - Photographs and talk by Philip Male

Tuesday 11th April at 2pm

'Interesting Firsts and the Oldest Surviving Examples' - A presentation by Chris Brooks

Tuesday 9th May at 2pm - A Tour of the Universe

'An Introduction to key contents of our Solar System and beyond' by Tony Herst

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

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Tots & Toddlers

It's been a lovely start to 2023 and in this short half term it has been full of fun. We are also thrilled with the safe arrival of Emma's baby and look forward to our newest member being able to join us.

We are pleased to have welcomed some new regular faces to the group, as well as continuing to see children who have been coming for a while as they grow and develop. We are really grateful for all the amazing grown-ups who are so supportive, friendly and helpful - especially in our big toy sort - thank you!



We started the term with Chinese New Year, creating firework pictures with paint and old toilet rolls. The children have also enjoyed messy activities including playing with shaving foam and paint, and washing the drive-on cars with sponges and water.

'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' was a fun themed week. We listened to the story, made bear masks with paper collaging and had messy play with porridge oats and the different sized bowls of the Three Bears. The children really impressed us, listening to the story well and joining in with the activities.



At the end of our sessions we have a time of singing and it's been great to see the children joining in more and more with actions and words.

Rachel and Emma

Tots and Toddlers is on Wednesdays during term time, 9-11am for children aged 0-4 in South Marston Village Hall. A small charge of £2.50 for up to 2 children (50p for each additional child), with drinks and snacks provided.

South Marston Gardening Club

by Angela Newton

Monday 6th of March - AGM & Annual Registration followed by Speaker Mandy Bradshaw 'Finding the Angle at Chelsea'

This talk is a journalist's view of the world-famous flower show. A light-hearted, behind-the-scenes glimpse of what happens at press day, how Mandy finds stories and what the designers and sponsors do to attract the attention of the world's press. You can find more out about Mandy on her website thechattygardener.com.

Saturday 25th of March – 2pm to 4pm 'Seed Swap'

We are holding another Seed Swap as we want to encourage as many people as possible to grow flowers and vegetables. South Marston Gardening Club members have been busy saving seeds from their gardens and allotments and we have a wide selection available.

Everyone has to start somewhere and whether it's a window box, a small front garden, or on the waiting list for an allotment. There will be something for everyone.



How does a Seed Swap work and what do I need to bring?

SEEDS: If you have them, bring along your seeds in small packets clearly labelled to add to the 'Seed Table' and take what seeds you need.

No Seeds to Swap – just leave a small donation.

CASH: for refreshments and donations.

Come along and speak to Gardening Club Members for advice on growing and sowing. We will also be serving homemade cakes, tea and coffee.

All profit from the Seed Swap will be donated to St. Mary Magdalene Church to help towards the repair of their boiler.

Monday 3rd of April - Speaker Lynda Warren 'A Spoonful of Herbs'

From sowing and growing to harvesting and preserving. Following a quick introduction into the history and geography of herbs, Lynda will explore why we should all be growing our own, and how a beginner can get started with little cost and effort. From tools to sowing and planting out, she'll cover herbs in general with a more detailed look at four specific varieties.

The second part of the talk covers harvesting and preserving, including drying and freezing herbs, as well as how to make herb oils, vinegars and butters, with some samples for the audience to try for themselves.

Lynda will bring handouts which include a schedule for work to do over the year.

Monday 8th of May - Speakers Pete and Bob Biggs 'Early Summer Colour'

Pete and Bob are local and from Wanborough. Father and Son run Wanborough Herb Nurseries and are experts at growing herbs and know all about them. They have visited us a few times and talked on various themes. They will bring with them lots of flowering plants which will be handed around and all the plants will be on sale at the end of the evening.



All our events are held in South Marston Village Hall from 7.30pm-9.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Come and join us. Annual membership is only £12, or it's £3 on the door as a visitor.

Pots wanted, especially smaller ones and brightly coloured pots! If you have any that you no longer need, please contact Angela on 07789068340 to arrange collection.



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You said it, we did it...

by Claire Fleming, Travel Plan Officer, SBC

Last year, Swindon Travel Choices asked for your views on potential initiatives that would help you discover the local area.

We had a 19% response rate to the survey, which is a respectable proportion of the village, and we hope that we'll get a good response again to this year's survey - details in the leaflet insert in this edition, or go online by the 3rd of April to www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SM2023/.

A quarter of respondents were keen to see short led bike rides, so we ensured the Let's Ride programme included some family rides to Roves Farm and Nightingale Woods. The free programme offers group rides all over Swindon, so keep an eye on letsride.co.uk for more in the area.



A quarter of people also indicated they'd like to take part in more family walks in the village. In the New Year we laid on a family walk and treasure hunt, complete with warm drinks and biscuits back at the village hall. We had a wonderful turn out - despite the unfavourable weather - and hope to do more of these in the future.

Several residents indicated that they'd like to see a bus service come into the village. There is hope for the future, as the new 'Skylark at the Woodlands' development to the south of Magdalene Close promises 'bus-friendly routes through the development'. Swindon Travel Choices will work closely with the developer Taylor Wimpey and the Parish Council to maximise opportunities for the whole village to benefit from improved paths, routes and green spaces.

Allotment Tree Felling

by Barry Thunder

After many years of growth, the horse chestnut tree on the allotment has sadly had to be cut back for safety reasons.

Many may not realise that the allotment land is owned by Honda. The Parish Council has a long term lease for it and is responsible for certain tasks. One of these is tree and shrub maintenance on the boundary and inside the allotment site. This detail was only recently clarified when the Honda Memorial Park was built.

Together with the horse chestnut tree, we have been clearing the dead and fallen trees from the drainage ditch alongside Highworth Road. Oddly, whilst clearing the debris, our team from the Probation Services unearthed dozens of empty and unbroken wine bottles. These may have been thrown from passing cars with inebriated passengers!

Sad as it is to lose such a large tree, our long term allotment tenant whose plot is directly under it, won't miss dodging the occasional falling branches! We expect the increasing sunlight as a result of the tree work will also be appreciated.





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by Colin McEwen

HHT Development

It was a busy time over the New Year. A flurry of 'Reserved Matters' planning documents that aim to flesh out details of how the development takes place, were filed just before Christmas. It became clear that the main issue will be the phasing of the housebuilding and delivery of accompanying infrastructure. Development will start with the parcels alongside Old Vicarage Lane, which first require the signalised A420 junction at the Carpenters Arms to be in place.

The economic slow down has led to a re-think on how and when the separate phases are likely to come forward after that. We have therefore concentrated on ensuring that each development parcel will be sustainable in its own right, with an emphasis on drainage and footpath/cycleways. A follow-up meeting was held with the Borough's case officer which allowed us to stress how important this was for the existing village.

School Expansion

The Borough anticipate starting work in 3 months time. We have ensured that the initial works will include a new drainage pipe to take water from the play area on the Rec to the ditch in Old Vicarage Lane, and a new wider footpath around the expanded site. This will link to a new temporary car park alongside Old Vicarage Lane which will provide safe access for pupils.

Road Signs

The tag for the Neighbourhood Plan is 'Making South Marston a Great Place to Live' and, in this spirit, our road signs have recently been cleaned by our contractors. They look that bit smarter and compliment the efforts of our litter picker volunteers. You will also notice that new bridleway signs will be erected at the entrance to the Keypoint pathway to the village.

Traffic safety

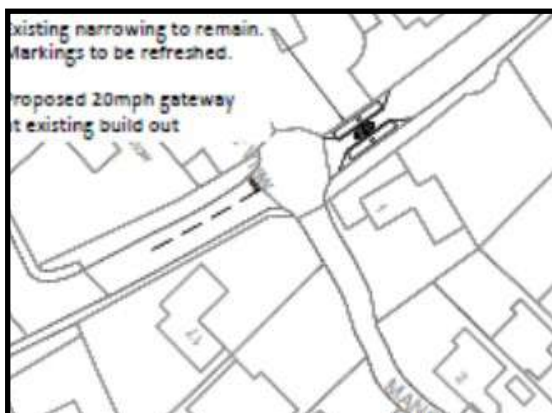
In the interests of road safety, the Parish Council is working with Swindon Borough to improve sight line along Thornhill Rd. Tree growth on the road side north of Morses Lane is being removed - these are 'self-set' trees that were never intended to grow in that location, while the hedgerow itself will remain.

Traffic Calming Proposals

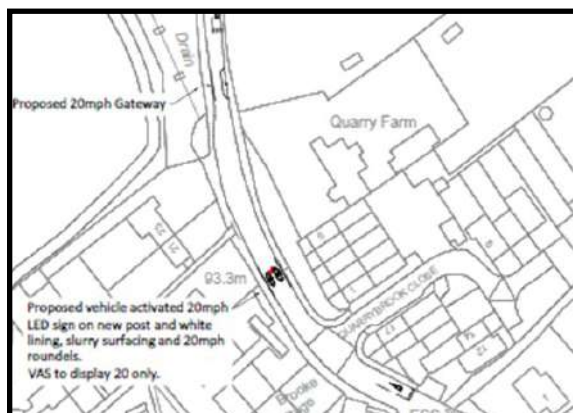
The plan for our 20mph zone in the centre of the village has been resurrected, with us working in conjunction with Swindon Borough Officers. The latest plans were on show at the 2nd of March Information Event in the Village Hall. Very little needs to be done in terms of additional build-outs or chicanes but additional signage and road markings will be necessary. It is difficult to reproduce readable plans in Community News, but here are selected sections from the master document:

The proposals are that the 20mph zone covers the 3 village approach roads between:

Manor Park junction



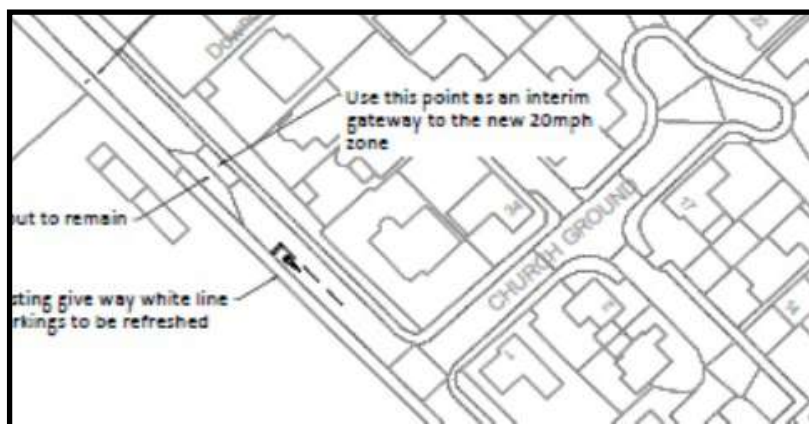
Oak Tree Corner / Quarrybrook



and the chicane at:

Church Ground

However, this last one moves further south on Old Vicarage Lane once the housebuilding is underway east and south of Magdalene Close.



The 60mph national speed limit, which currently applies on village approach roads to the A420, will hopefully be reduced to 30mph.

When construction starts, the signalised junction at the A420/Old Vicarage Lane will give controlled access onto the A420. The main route for construction traffic will be via a right turn off Thornhill Rd rather than using village roads or the Carpenters Arms bridge. Further safety measures need to be in place at the Morses Lane/Thornhill Rd junction to allow safe crossing to the Keypoint bridleway.

New Webpage for our Big Events

Following the successful events in and around the village last summer, a selection of the many photos that were taken are now live on a dedicated page on the South Marston website at <https://southmarston.org.uk/queens-platinum-jubilee-celebrations>.

Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee – June 2022

Village Jubilations Fit for a Queen

by the South Marston Jubilee Committee



This is the first of a series on our website where our big local events can be recorded.



We will be adding to this, with photos of the celebration in May for the Coronation of King Charles.



King's Coronation Village Celebration May 6th

By Lionel Cave-Ayland

Preparations are well underway for the village to celebrate the King's Coronation on May 6th in fine style.

There will be special events at both of the village pubs. The Church is arranging commemorative floral displays and offering refreshments. Look out for details and timings on posters in the village, on the South Marston website and Facebook page.

The Coronation is on the morning of the 6th, and our village celebration event, will start in the afternoon on the Recreation Ground. No charge for entry. This is a walk-in event so no parking on-site.



Family Picnic in the Park (afternoon)

Bring your own picnic, there will be lots of entertainment, stalls and facilities on-site.

Dog Show - as usual, exciting prizes to be won.

Static display of vintage cars, police car, flying display and fairground attractions.



Party in the Park (evening)

Bring your own food and drink. Please do not bring glass onto the Rec.

Enjoy the live music - starts with a Rock Choir and the evening continues with a live band.

Our volunteers are working hard to make this an event to remember, but we also need additional help:

- **Raffle Prizes** - please make use of your contacts if you can supply prizes. Contact Lionel at caveayland@aol.com, 07811 394789 or 01793 828091 or Jenny at colinandjennymcewen@gmail.com, 07770 633362 or 01793 82531.
- **Marshalls** - we require volunteers to help with setting up, managing the event on the day or clearing up afterwards - please contact Lionel.

School Update

by Marie Hendry, Head of School

Reflecting Back and Looking Forward.

As I write this update, we are now half way through the school year and looking forward to some special events coming up.

Our first being Easter; coming together as a community with our annual service in Church is always a wonderful occasion and one that is very well supported by our parent community. We are looking forward to this year's service in church and would be delighted to welcome members of the wider community to join us too. The date will be posted on our school website, so do visit it to find out more or alternatively please call the school office on 823379 if you would like to join us.



As a school, we will also be marking the King's Coronation in May, and then June brings us to a very BIG celebration and milestone in the life of our school - our 150th birthday at the end of June.

As the current Headteacher of South Marston CE Primary School, I understand that I am in a very unique and privileged position. Not only am I able to serve the school community that is very dear to my heart, and in the unusual and wonderful position of being a part of celebrating the school's 150 years in the community, but I am also taking the school forward into its next exciting chapter with the expansion very much on the horizon. An expansion which has been in the planning for a decade now and, with a projected opening of September 2024, feels incredibly close. The increased space and flexibility, as well as the opportunities for growing our school and developing community use, are aspects the staff and I are excited about.

I am sure you will agree, if there was ever a time to reflect back, to look forward and have hope and excitement for what is to come, it is surely now.

SMRA Update

by Jenny McEwen

The Village Hall feels much warmer now, with the insulation measures almost completed. Three pairs of thermal curtains are up and these can also act as blackout curtains should the Hall be used for a screen/projector presentations. Even better news is that the roof insulation, draught excluding, secondary glazing and heater upgrading seem to already be showing positive results in our gas usage, compared to the past two years.



Further good news is that SMRA can soon go ahead with the drainage plan for the play area end of the Rec. The original drainage pipes require remedial work, but at far less cost than starting from scratch. A recent meeting with a drainage contractor clarified that we can go ahead prior to any work on the expansion of the school, and we have been assured the school build will connect up properly with the outfall pipes so surface water will be transported to the roadside ditches. This will improve drainage on the kickabout area and the adjacent football pitch, both of which become very boggy after rain.

It's now inevitable that we will dispose of the wooden swings and the wooden bridge - both are deteriorating, so it is no longer worthwhile to consider repair. We are now moving on to looking at our options for purchasing new equipment.

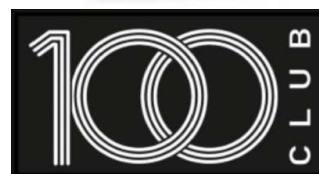
We hope many residents came and saw our detailed plans for the Rec at the recent 'Information Event' in the Village Hall. We're also planning a consultation with the primary school children on the kind of equipment they would like to see in the play area. It's always good to have input from users themselves.

In other news:

Lionel Cave-Ayland is now officially trained in play area safety, having received his RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) certificate. Should you discover a fault with the Rec play equipment and report it to the new email address play@southmarston.org.uk, it will send it directly to him.

The Annual General Meeting of SMRA will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on the 4th of April - all residents are welcome to attend.

Our recent promotion for the 100 Club was very successful - we have 11 new members, so thanks to all who responded.



Are you ready for it?

by the Editor

Don't risk getting turned away on your right to vote. As the May Borough and Parish elections will require Voter ID to vote in person. The photo ID can be out of date, but must carry the same name as used on the electoral register and it must look like you!

If you don't have an acceptable photo ID, you can either apply for a Postal Vote, or for a free Voter Authority Certificate.



The main acceptable forms of Voter ID, which must carry a photo and be an original not a photocopy, are:

- UK Passport
- UK or EU Driving Licence (including Provisional Licence)
- A Blue Badge, Older Person's or Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Oyster 60+ Card or Freedom Pass
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

For other more unusual Photo ID documents, see the Swindon Borough Council website www.swindon.gov.uk/voterid.

Alternatively, apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate either online or if: you don't have an acceptable form of photo ID, it no longer looks like you, or for any reason you don't wish to use it. You will need a recent, digital photo and you will also need your National Insurance number. You must be registered to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.

For the local elections on Thursday 4th of May 2023, apply before 5pm on Tuesday 25th of April 2023 online for a Voter Authority Certificate or in person at the Civic offices in Euclid Street, Swindon. For any other queries, call Swindon Borough Council on 01793 445500.

You do not need a separate Voter ID document to request a postal application form, this is available by email or calling the Electoral Services team on 01793 464601.

Morses Lane Width Restoration

by Barry Thunder

A brief overview.

There is only one well-positioned cycleway that gives access out of the village and onto the cycle network into Swindon and beyond. This is at Morses Lane, where its location, whilst far from ideal, does avoid Hoddinotts Corner, the sharp bend along Thornhill Road (THR) close to Crown Timber, where there is no footpath.

The Lane joins THR opposite the entrance onto the Bridleway that runs beside the bund for KeyPoint. The bund is the raised banking behind the hedge alongside THR.

The Parish Council considers Morses Lane to have become too narrow for walkers and cyclists to use, along with the increasing amount of vehicles also using the lane.

We are now in the process of widening the lane by removing the soil and debris that has slid down the banking and reduced not only the width of the lane, but has also blocked much of the drainage alongside it.

Initial work has started by cutting back tree growth on each corner of the exit onto THR. This will aid vision of oncoming traffic.

The next step is to renew the gateway to Oxleaze Wood. This will provide space inside the gate where our machinery can put the soil from the Lane into two new flower beds that we will build.

On completion we will then be able to start the widening of the Lane.

Before we start this, we will be speaking to nearby residents about when we will be doing this work and how traffic will be safely helped through the workings.

We also hope to restore many of the wildflowers, previously enjoyed along the banks of the lane, by planting a variety of wildflower plugs.

The Open Spaces Working Group of the Parish Council are managing this project and welcome any planting ideas and or volunteer support as the project progresses.

Contact Barry at barry.thunder@southmarston.org.uk for more details.



Springtime wishes from St Mary Magdalene's Church

Gardening God's Way

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be obedient

Lettuce really love one another

No garden without turnips:

Turnip for meetings

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience and

Cultivate with love

There is much fruit in your garden

Because you reap what you sow

To conclude our garden

We must have thyme

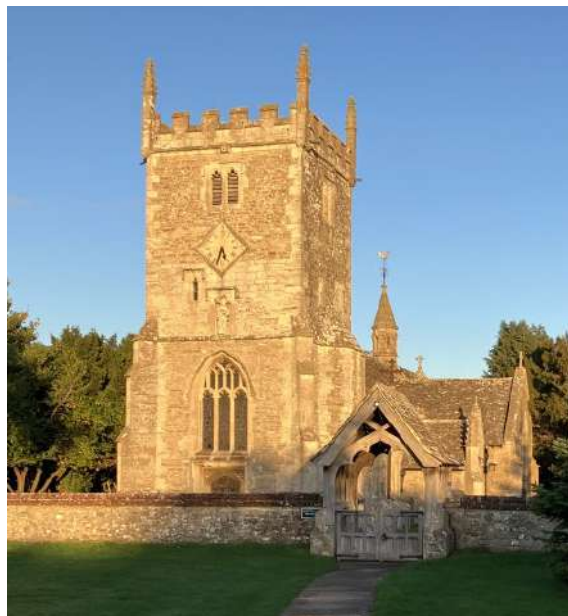
Thyme for God

Thyme for study

Thyme for prayer

Coronation flowers will be displayed in the Church over the Coronation weekend of the 6th-7th of May. If you wish to contribute to this special occasion by making a flower display, then please contact the Church Warden on 01793 824339.

All Age Worship will be at 10am on Sunday, with tea and cakes served from 2-4pm. Come and join us.



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).

5th of March	10am	All Age Worship
12th of March	9.30am	Holy Communion
19th of March	10am	Team Service
2nd of April	10am	All Age Worship
9th of April	8am	Holy Communion
7th of May	10am	All Age Worship
14th of May	9.30am	Holy Communion

Please Note up to date 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 **11th of March 2023, 8th of April & 13th of May.**



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.

Church Office:

 01793 826505

 stmargaretsoffice2@btconnect.com

South Marston Churchwarden:

Diane Whitford  01793 824339

www.strattonteamministry.co.uk

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

Play Our Spring Raffle

by Lara Hill



Be in with a chance of winning up to £3,000 in cash prizes; First prize – £2,000, Second prize – £500, Third prize – £250, plus five prizes of £50.

Raffle tickets are now on sale at just £1 each in Prospect Hospice charity shops or on our website <https://prospecthospice.thecharityraffle.co.uk/play>

For those who are returning their tickets by post, the deadline for these reaching Prospect Hospice is Friday 24th of March 2023, with online entries closing on Thursday 30th of March 2023.

The draw will take place on Friday 31st of March 2023 and the winner will be contacted by the Prospect Hospice team.

The money raised from the sale of spring raffle tickets goes directly to the hospice to fund outstanding end of life care for local people.

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Fri 12th May 2023
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Pennine Pleasures and the Vales & Dales of Durham
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Highland Fling
Sat 27th May 2023
5 Days: From £599
Inc. boat cruise, Strathspey Railway, whisky tasting & Highland Folk Museum!



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Sun 28th May 2023
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Inc. Allerton Castle, Keighley & Worth Railway, cider maker & York Mansion House cooking demo!



Jersey, Guernsey & Herm
Sun 4th June 2023
7 Days: From £969
2-centre holiday, plus a tour whilst on Guernsey & Jersey!



Action-packed Mystery
Thu 8th June 2023
4 Days: From £439
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Defibrillator and CPR training in May



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There are 2 of these life saving units in the village, located on the external front walls of The Village Hall, and The Carriers Arms pub.

A presentation and demonstration will be made by a First Aid Instructor from the local South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust.

The session starts at 10.30am on Saturday 27th of May at the Village Hall. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Barry Thunder on 01793 826697.

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Local Wordsearch

by Pam Jackson



Word Clues

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|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ---brook (6) | 2. ---Lane (6) | 3. ---Park (5) | 4. ---Gardens (4) |
| 5. ---Gardens (3) | 6. ---Arms (8) | 7. ---fields (5) | 8. Old--- (4,6) |
| 9. Rose--- (7) | 10. ---Lane (11) | 11. ---Wood (7) | 12. ---Court (5) |
| 13. ---Ground (6) | 14. River --- (4) | 15. ---Roundabout (10) | |
| 16. ---point (3) | 17. ---Close (9) | 18. ---Bridge (5) | 19. ---Hat (7) |
| 20. ---Memorial (3) | | | |

Well Done Winners!

Congratulations from South Marston Recreation Association to our January and February winners.

JANUARY

£10 No. 111 Andrew Newton

£10 No. 35 Derreck Oxbey

£10 No. 121 Elaine Lester

£10 No. 31 Pam Rimmer

FEBRUARY

£10 No. 81 Paul Flintton

£10 No. 16 Gary O'Doherty

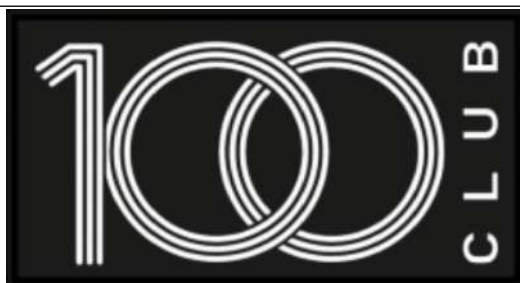
£10 No. 24 Rita Smith

£10 No. 54 Pam Jackson

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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Volunteer Work Day in Oxleaze Wood

by Chris Brooks, Open Working Spaces Group

With help from some good-hearted folk from the village and another from Swindon Old Town, we have been able to cut down some 30+ Ash trees that have ash dieback and are best carefully felled to avoid future problems. This work also has the advantage that we are creating space to plant new trees from a variety of species that will enhance the look of Oxleaze wood.

We have also been working through the large number of hazel bushes that have become overgrown and taken up more space they should in the wood. For generations hazel has been coppiced in order to provide useful branches that can be utilised for hedging stakes and straight poles for growing runner beans up.

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Our most recent work day was on Sunday 26th of February when we planted a variety of 150 wildflower plugs alongside the paths in the wood.

If you would like to come along and spend a few hours with us you are most welcome to join in. We will always give training to new members on the tools we are using that day, first aid, if required, is always available. We take a few breaks during the sessions that give time to chat to each other and become involved in future projects.

Why not join in and take some rewarding time outdoors helping to build a better outdoor space for all to enjoy. Email Chris at wttmh1@gmail.com or Barry at barry.thunder@southmarston.org.uk for more details.

Your village needs you!

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Editor's note

This edition sees us looking forward to upcoming celebrations, with the School's 150-year milestone anniversary, and also the King's Coronation events.

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

With best wishes, Sharon

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Exciting upcoming events at the Carriers Arms!!!

Bee Skas has now been rearranged for 26th August

Look out on Facebook for any updates for March, like for St Patrick's Day.



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