

South Marston Community News

Friends of South Marston School PTA

by Ashleigh Parker, Chair



We are very proud to be able to support our school with a range of fundraising efforts and having some fun along the way. This school year has been busy for us with our fundraising efforts, including requests from the school to purchase new play-to-learn toys and equipment, which we have been able to do. Donations have been sought from parents for items like dressing up clothing and puzzles, including games like sight word bingo and sand play toys.

Back in September, the teachers supported the children with hand drawn Christmas cards, which were then available for parents to order as professional printed cards.

Our Annual Winter Fayre at the Supermarine Club is always the biggest fundraiser and again well supported, so thank you to everyone who came along, had a stall, or volunteered. Other fundraising initiatives have included selling hot drinks at the Nativity and Carol Services, the Choir singing at Sainsbury's, GlamoRose cupcakes and our shops in school for Mother's Day, and Father's Day. It's always a privilege to see the children from the smallest pre-schooler through to year 6 be given independence with their money in finding a gift for a loved one.

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So far this year we've held 2 school discos, which are always a highlight for the children, and we hope to have another one in May. The children love dancing to the music in the hall and always enjoy the tuck shop. The money raised from our last school disco enabled us to purchase 15 new glockenspiels to go with their new music programme.



For World Book Day earlier this year, each class teacher was given some money to dress the individual reading areas for each class, which turned out very nicely. We also support the school in buying smaller items such as battery tea lights for each child to hold at the Carol Service and prizes for the Easter egg hunt.

We've held 3 Quiz nights in the school hall which always have a wonderful atmosphere, some gentle competition and a licensed bar. We are very grateful to Kirsty Feline for being our resident Quiz Master and hosting these. There are usually 6 rounds including general knowledge, movies, and music. These nights have been one of our best fundraisers and we would love to have your support at the next one.

Still to come this year is 'Ice-cream Friday', to support year 6 with funding their Prom. We also have the next 'Bags to School' collection due on the 5th of July, so please drop off your unwanted clothes bags then.

You can follow our upcoming events on our Facebook page 'The Friends of South Marston Primary School' at www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079618694627.

Our largest contribution to the school this year has been to fund iSing Pop, to teach the children songs and put on a performance with the school in July. We have also helped the pre-school with purchasing a new rug, that they are really enjoying.

If you shop online you can support the school via our 'easyfundraising' page, see link below. They will then donate money to us at no cost to you so please consider this, see www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=143925.



I would like to express my thanks to each one of my amazing team in the PTA, who have all worked very hard and give their time to make these events happen, helping us raise money for the school. Thank you also to everyone who supports our events.

We are always happy to receive suggestions about possible fundraising ideas. If you have any please feel free to get in touch at fsmp@outlook.com.

Lambing Rarity

By Keeley Lally



Here at Roves Farm we have welcomed four sets of quads during our last lambing of the year. Quads are quite unusual, with the odds of quadruplet lambs being born around 500-1, so to have FOUR sets is truly remarkable!!

Join us for fun on the farm!

Dino Encounter

4-6 May

- Live shows
- Meet & greet
- Fossil dig

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25 May - 2 June

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Tots & Toddlers

This term we have tried a variety of crafts including making some beautiful flower cards for Mother's Day using celery and paint! Things got a bit sticky when making mosaic style sun-catchers using tissue paper and cellophane but they looked great.

For 'Random Acts of Kindness Day' on 17th February, our children made some colourful cards, stuck a short verse inside and signed them. These were taken to Fitzwarren House Nursing Home for the residents there, hopefully raising a smile.

On 'International Polar Bear Day' we rescued animals trapped inside ice blocks! The children used warm water in pipettes and tools to smash them free.

We ended the term making bunny ears and having an Easter egg hunt around the hall.

With the warmer weather on the way, we are looking forward to using the lovely garden space at the Village Hall (pictured), and the return of some of our favourite events; bring along your special friends for a Teddy Bears Picnic on the 19th of June and come celebrate our 2024 Olympic Athletes for our very own Sports day on the 3rd of July.

We'd love to welcome new faces, so if you are looking after a Tot or Toddler on Wednesday mornings in term time please pop along and join us!

Emma and Rachel

Tots and Toddlers is run during term time on Wednesdays from 9-11am for children aged 0-4 in South Marston Village Hall.

There is a small charge of £2.50 for up to 2 children (50p for each additional child), with drinks and snacks provided.



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- The Summer Seaside Trip Southsea/Portsmouth on Monday 24th June 2024
- The Christmas Market Trip to Cardiff on 27th November 2024

Bus timetable for the next couple of months:

16 May - Swindon	30 May - Cirencester
13 June - Swindon	27 June - Cirencester
11 July - Swindon	25 July - Cirencester

Spring Community Litter Pick 2024

by Mandy, Nigel and Anne

On 17th and 20th March teams of volunteers cleared the verges and gateways along our 3 main roads. 46 bags were collected as well as several items that landed within our village boundary either by design (how double dare they!) or fallen from vehicles by accident. Altogether there were 18 of us and the total time spent was 30 hrs.

Thank you to all who came along to help. The grimness of the task is made light by the company and conversation. We always find much to laugh about so the job cannot be described as hard and the rewards of clean scenes do generate smiles.

We are now very aware of the hotspots, where litter is prolific either due to weather or human activity and requiring extra attention. Hoddinotts Corner is certainly one of these, as is the village car park. Around the bridge at the junction between the A420 and Old Vicarage Lane, is another. These days Morses Lane takes more time. Litter concerns on the bridleway to Sainsbury's is better managed by the new and larger bin by the seat. Many have spotted the tent that has popped up there.

We do as individuals, often whilst dog walking, litter pick to keep our village gateways looking tidy. Always conscious of weather and traffic conditions, we focus on safety, and thank all the drivers who slow down and make room for us, and in particular those who acknowledge our efforts with a friendly nod.

Others take a plastic bag out with them when walking, litter pick as they go, and deposit the outcome in a bin on the way home. Thank you.

Unfortunately, and this is generally the case, litter and fly-tips reappear shortly after we clean up, but we don't look back, always looking forward to better things here 'Semper Ad Meliora', whilst always looking to catch the litter louts if we can!

St. George and the Mushroom

by Nigel Hole

Saturday afternoon we finally got the weather to mow the lawn after three weeks with the back garden looking more like a hay meadow.

Nestled in the long grass were mushrooms, quite a few of them. Now in the past when they've popped up in the front garden round the oaks, they've always turned out to be poisonous.

My partner Googled them and found out they were St. George's mushrooms, so called because they only appear for a few weeks around St. George's Day. Also Google stated that they were edible - what could possibly go wrong?

So, on St. George's Day itself, the mushrooms went into a chicken in white wine casserole and they were delicious with a mealy flavour and quite a dense meaty flesh.

Twelve hours on and I'm still here to tell the tale so Google must've been correct - who knew?

Some more mushrooms have appeared today ready for tonight's supper. With prices going up in the shops as they are I could really get into this 'foraging' lark!

Though please check the safety of any mushrooms you find before doing this too.



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SMRA Update

By Jenny McEwen

A bit of spring weather that arrived a couple of weeks ago has confirmed how welcome the revamp of the Rec play area has been. The photo shows playtime after school for our village children.

It wasn't only the Witches Hat in full swing - the picnic tables were all in use and mini football matches were being played on the re-located kickabout area.

It is all very gratifying, and we have more to come yet.

The ground conditions have been reviewed, and the long awaited Motoric track climbing frame may well be installed in time for the upcoming half term. Fingers crossed.

In other news, we now have a working projector in the Village Hall for hirers wanting to present films or presentations.

Our internal storage in the Hall is being reviewed - basically, it's an exercise in de-cluttering as we have years' worth of bits of now unusable equipment in both cupboards and attics. We're organising a workday on a weekend at the end of May.

We continue to address electrical safety risks in the Hall and in the facilities on the field. Sometimes it's small items to consider, like having the correct emergency signage, but there are larger expenses, to update some of the equipment and wiring. Better to be safe than sorry.



South Marston Friendly Club

We would like to invite some new members to our meetings who live in South Marston. If you are over 50 and would like to join us, we would be delighted to welcome you at the Village Hall. Non members can join us on our trips for the day subject to availability.

PROGRAMME 2024

Tuesday 14th May at 2pm – Stories of those on board the Titanic

A talk by Lynda Warren

Tuesday 21st May at 9.15am – A Coach Trip to Waterperry Gardens and Wallingford

Tuesday 11th June at 2pm – The Remarkable story of our National Chair

A talk by Stewart Linford

Tuesday 18th June at 9.15pm – A Coach trip to Hinton Ampner House

An Elegant Country House with views across the South Downs (National Trust)

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



From 10th June 2024 it will be a legal requirement for cats living as pets in the UK to be microchipped.

During May and June 2024, you can get your cat chipped at any of our branches for just £18!

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Or, join our Pet Club and get the microchip for free*!



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South Marston Gardening Club

Monday 13th of May, 7.30pm to 9.30pm - 'Scent in the Garden'

Speaker Antony Powell starts with our perception of scent before covering a range of scented plants throughout the year and how to use them effectively in the garden.

Monday 10th of June, 7.30pm to 8.30pm - Plant Sale (Free Entry)

Plants for your house, garden or allotment. All at reasonable prices.

Pop along, enjoy some refreshments and homemade cakes whilst getting advice from Gardening Club members.

This is a cash only event please. Don't forget to bring bags, boxes or even a wheelbarrow!



Annuals

Herbs

Potted flowerpots

Fruit plants

House plants

Shrubs

Hanging baskets

Perennials

Vegetable plants

The Gardening Club is desperately seeking small individual pots to repot our seedlings in.

If you have had a sort out or thinking of doing so, we would be happy to take any garden tools, books, or ornaments etc.

We also welcome any unwanted plants of any kind, especially if you have been busy digging up or dividing your flower borders.



Monday 1st of July, 7.30pm to 8.30pm - Summer Handtied Posy Workshop

Numbers are limited and places must be booked. You will be given an information sheet of what to bring including the type of flowers. For more information, please contact Angela (see below).

All our events are held in South Marston Village Hall, Old Vicarage Lane.
Come and join us.

Annual Memberships are only £15 or it's £5 on the door as a visitor.

Please contact Angela on 07789068340 for more information on any of the above.



Travel Survey Winner

*by Claire Fleming, Travel Plan Officer
Swindon Borough Council*

Thank you to everyone who completed our annual travel survey. We had a good response, and the levels of car driving in the village have only risen by 1% since the previous year.

Once again a prize draw for a £100 Sainsbury's gift card was on offer for all respondents. Congratulations to this year's winner Angela Newton.

In terms of activities that villagers are interested in, the top choices were guided walks, a local walking group, maps of the local area and trying the bus for free.

The good news is that we will be putting on a free guided walk on Saturday 25th May, led by Lionel Cave-Ayland. We'll be meeting at the Carriers Arms car park at 10am. The walk will take in the solar farm and around the north of the village, before returning to the village hall for free refreshments and a natter. There will be a treasure hunt for the kids too. The walk is on surfaced paths and across fields with kissing gates, lasting 30 to 40 minutes.

All are welcome, including well-behaved dogs on leads. Suitable footwear required. There's no need to book, just turn up, and keep fingers crossed for good weather!

Carriers Arms

LIVE MUSIC AND FOOD



Saturday 25th May

LIVE MUSIC: 8.30 pm Old Friends Acoustic Duo

12 string acoustic style duo covering artists such as The Stereophonics, Men at Work and The Beatles.

FOOD VAN: Food For Thought, mobile fish and chip trailer, serving from 6pm

Saturday 15th June

LIVE MUSIC: 8.30 pm Jasmine Joli

Soul singer/ song writer projects a powerful and expressive performance.

FOOD VAN: Leyvan Spice, traditional Jamaican cuisine, serving from 6pm

Carriers Arms, Highworth Road, South Marston 01793 822051

South Marston family walk and treasure hunt

Sat, 25th May 2024 at 10am

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Dear Friends

It was with great pleasure that I was able to announce at our Easter services who our Curate was going to be. Timing is everything with these announcements as they had to be co-ordinated with Charlotte's sending church, her training church, and our churches on the same Sunday.

Charlotte will be joining us after her Ordination as Deacon in June. It will be a wonderful privilege to train Charlotte to be the Priest God has called her to be. Please pray for Charlotte and her family as she completes her college training, and they prepare to move. I will let Charlotte introduce herself to you.....Blessings, *Elveen*

Life often brings the unexpected. For me, it will be moving from my North Somerset home of 20 years to Swindon, to start work as a Curate in the Stratton Team Ministry after my ordination in Bristol Cathedral on 30th June. I never thought I would be doing this! My husband Anthony is uprooting himself with me – and, though he doesn't know it yet, our dog Archie is too (he's a bichon frisé / shih tzu cross). We also have three adult children, with the youngest still at university, and my elderly mum living in Bristol.



I still feel surprised to find myself on this path – and yet it feels like the right thing to be doing, and the sense of being called by God to become a priest continues. This began in late 2019 and I started training (or 'formation') at Sarum College in Salisbury in August 2022. All Sarum ministry students study largely from home, following online modules, tutorials over Zoom and attending several residential weekends each year. I soon found that I much prefer reading real, paper books to those on a screen! I finish at Sarum in June, though my training will not be over – as in any area, there is always more to learn and experience – that will continue through the next three to four years of curacy.

My British parents met singing in the choir of St Michael's Church, in Paris. They continued living and working in France, where my two sisters, brother and I grew up and went to school – so part of me still feels French! I have worked in various admin jobs from freight forwarding to local charities. I learned the piano from a young age and also play the clarinet and accordion. I have loved leading sung worship in churches over the years.

I look forward to learning and discovering more as I worship, live and work alongside Elveen and all of you in the Team churches. As the song goes, 'we are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load'. I am excited to find out how that journey has been for you so far, to join you for this next chapter in life and faith and to find out with you where God might be leading next. See you soon! *Charlotte Stansfield*

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 May at 10am	All Age Worship
12th May at 9.30am	Holy Communion
19th May at 10am	Team Service at St Margaret's Church
2nd June at 10am	All Age Worship
9th June at 9.30am	Holy Communion
16th June at 10am	St Mary Magdalene's Church
7th July at 10am	All Age Worship



Saturday Scene offers a very friendly welcome and gives an informal space for children to explore together in a Christian environment. Join us in St Margaret's Centre at 4pm on Second Saturday of the month.

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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South Marston Churchwarden:

Diane Whitford ☎ 01793 824339

St Mary Magdalene Church is open daily until around 5pm and you are welcome to visit for private prayer.

Come and join us at the Village Hall, 10-12, every third Saturday in the month - next dates 18th of May, 15th of June and 20th of July.

There will be refreshments including bacon butties and delicious cakes.

For enquiries or table sale reservations please call 01793 824339.

Community Coffee
Morning



Panattoni / Honda

The demolition of the Honda factory is underway. The Parish Council noted Facebook complaints about out of hours working, and contacted Panattoni who has now reinforced the hours limits with their contractors.

Nightingale Lane Application

As I write, the outcome is awaited. The Hannick Homes, and Taylor Wimpey UK (HHT) developers have submitted a lengthy objection and the Parish Council have re-emphasised the 'quiet lane' aspirations of the community.

HHT development

We had a meeting with Directors from Taylor Wimpey and Vistry (Bovis Homes) who were keen to reassure us of their commitment to developing a worthwhile scheme. There is now a build timetable that sees substantive work starting in July this year and the first occupations from mid-2025.

We were recently surprised to learn that the build will now start from a construction road built off Old Vicarage Lane rather than Thornhill Road. We are still not clear as to all the implications of this, and have seen no details in writing, but it is a condition that no construction traffic may come through Pound Corner. We are still pressing for more information, particularly on the timing of the revamp of the Carpenter's Arms junction.

We have given our views to Taylor Wimpey on preliminary plans for the 'Skylarks' development south of Magdalene Close and expect a formal planning application to be submitted shortly. A further Strategic Design Code revision has been submitted by HHT and we remain at loggerheads with them over aspects of their footpath and cycleway provision.

Better news is that our concerns over parts of the drainage plans have been recognised and increased provisions made.

Crown Timber Application for Housing Development

The proposed development is in line with our South Marston Neighbourhood Plan, since it reduces the HGV traffic on village roads, removes an eyesore at the entrance to the village and must provide a pedestrian footway between Ash Gardens and the start of the KeyPoint bridleway.

School

The Department for Education has indicated that a new Trust will be selected this summer to operate the former DBAT schools .

Lengthsman

Following our advertisements for a 'lengthsman', Mark Rostill has accepted the role and is already at work. See page 16 for more about Mark and his work.

There are always a number of smaller tasks in and around the village that are too expensive to do if contractors are used. Having Mark on board means we can tackle more of these in a timely and effective way. However, many of the areas that raise most adverse comments lie outside our powers at the moment - we can't mend road pot holes and we can't put in traffic calming measures!



Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day



**Come and join us for 'Tea and Cakes'
at St Mary Magdalene Church**



Sunday 9th of June, 2 - 4 pm

Static aircraft will be on display in and around the Church and Glebe



Open Spaces and Allotments into 2024/25

by Barry Thunder

Our recent appointment of Mark Rostill as a 'Lengthsman', means we are now catching up on tasks around the Parish, that are beyond the capacity of our Open Spaces volunteers. You will be seeing Mark in his Parish Council hi-viz orange jacket around the village.

Work in the Village Garden War Memorial area continues with a tidy-up of the archway leading to the front paved area. There are plans to re-hang the wrought iron gateway through the roadside hedge. Mark, in liaison with the Community Payback teams, has smartened up St Julians Wood and Orchard Meadow, as well as work on the allotment site.



To bring our village First Aid skills up to date, we arranged a bespoke 1-day 'outdoor based' course in the Village Hall. SMRA representatives were invited to participate, including Rachel Case and Julie Hatherall (pictured). It's fair to say that we all enjoyed the sessions, particularly those outdoors on the grass, where our skills were put to the test treating volunteer casualties!

The 'Honda Heritage Garden' is again missing the coloured spinners from the top of their posts, as we had observed and heard worrying vibrations and rattling from some of them. Honda management agreed to take them all down until completely new units are designed and installed.



Yet again, Thames Water did not connect the site to the mains water supply. We are advised that a seventh attempt will be made in June 2024!

After the highly successful tree and hedge planting weekend in February at the Rec, we are planning to use some of the raised beds in the Heritage Garden as tree nurseries for future planting, or any replacements that may be required for those planted. We are also looking to organise some volunteer work days in the summer months in Oxleaze Wood. If you would like to join in on these, please contact me by email at barry.thunder@southmarston.org.uk.

Allotment Plot Vacancy

We currently have one plot available at £32 to villagers together with a £50 refundable deposit. Please email clerk@southmarston.org.uk.

Supermarine Bowls Club

by Sue Gravell



'The Friendly Bowls Club' can trace its origins back to 1947 under the name of Vickers Sports & Social Club. Our name then changed in 1985 to Supermarine when the Club moved to its present home in South Marston. The Clubhouse and the Green are owned and maintained by members and we take great pride in our social ambience, everyone is made to feel welcomed.

We are holding an Open day on 12th May 2024 when we'll be offering free coaching and practice sessions, target competition and the opportunity to watch members play in our inaugural Mr & Mrs Supermarine doubles trophy. There will be tea and coffee available, along with homemade cakes, and bacon and sausage baps, with beer supplied by Cotswold Lakes Brewco.

If you are unable to make the Open Day, we welcome new members on Friday evenings from 6pm throughout the summer. Just turn up as there's no need to book. Bowls are available but please wear flat shoes. More information is available on the website at www.supermarinebowlsclub.co.uk.

Swindon Model Aeroplane Club (SMAC)

by Mark Rostill

I'm a village resident and a member of Swindon Model Aeroplane Club (SMAC), based at Sandhill Farm, Highworth Road, Shrivenham.

With over 50 members of varying ages, it's never too early or too late to take up this fantastic hobby. SMAC has been established for over 80 years, with lots of experienced people who can help new members become great flyers, as well as build lasting friendships. It's a great time to spend with your family and friends. I have seen many parents bonding with their children over the years and watched them grow into great pilots. Some of our members are in their later years and it's great to see them out in the fresh air, getting exercise and keeping their brain active, along with socialising with all ages.



Pictured above is a typical summer evening social event where members come along and attempt their BFMA (British Flying Model Association) achievement scheme to secure their A or B certificates which demonstrates their flying capabilities.

The Club has one of the best flying sites in the South of England with a full size runway and on-site facilities including a fully fitted out clubhouse. The site is open 7 days a week and is shared with the Vale of White Horse Gliding Club, which gives members a discount to family and friends to experience a full-size glider flight.

As I am a resident of South Marston, the Club has had the opportunity to support village events including the Summer Fete and the celebrations for the King's Coronation at the Recreation Ground. We also hold our social events at the Village Hall as well as our monthly committee meetings and presentations at The Carriers Arms.

Social events are held throughout the year. A weekly event called 'FunFly' is a competition in which members tackle various challenges. One is the 'daring limbo', where they have to fly as low as they can under a structured limbo ribbon. There's also the 'bomb drop' where a golf ball is dropped as close to the target as possible.

The 'coffee bean challenge' pictured right, has planes taking off with a cup of 15 coffee beans, then perform a loop and land. The winner is the one that returns with the most coffee beans left in the cup!

On FunFly evenings, we provide hot dogs, burgers, drinks, and snacks. Guests are welcome as spectators.



We also have bring and buy sales, model building evenings and talks by experts. Just a few examples of many activities arranged during the summer months. In addition, the club offers training for new members.

For further information, or if you would like to come to a Funfly evening, please contact me at mark.rostill@gmail.com or visit our website at <https://smac2000.org.uk>

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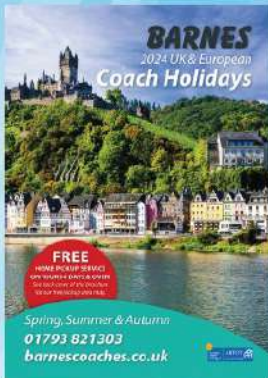
World War I Battlefields Tour, Ypres
Tue 27th August 2024
4 Days: From £599pp
Gain an insight into the World War I battlefields of Flanders and the Somme which shaped the history of modern Europe and commemorate the brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for peace. Includes visits to Flanders Field Museum, Tyne Cot and Essex Farm, Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate, Somme Battlefield, Historical, de la Grande Guerre Museum, Albert, Thiepval Memorial and Beaumont-Hamel Memorial Park.



Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way
Sun 1st September 2024
7 Days: From £989pp
Includes Scattery Island and guided tour, Cliffs of Moher, Aillwee caves, cheesemaking demonstration, sheepdog demonstration and birds of prey! This tour was new in 2023 and feedback from the driver and customers alike was phenomenal. This year we have added free time in Waterford.



Paris to Atlantic River Seine 4-star Cruise
Wed 4th September 2024
9 Days: From £2,275pp
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Fun Fair

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Childrens Entertainer

Dog Show

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Glowing Night of Fundraising Fun

by Tina Bennett, Prospect Hospice



The Starlight Walk is a flagship fundraising event for Prospect Hospice and is set to bring together hundreds of local participants on Saturday 29 June at 8.30pm. This year there will be a fresh 10km and 15km route, starting and finishing at The Deanery CE Academy, Wichelstowe, with a stop at Town Gardens, Old Town for reflection.

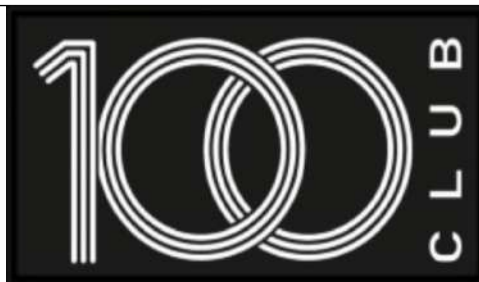
Open to all, the charity encourages individuals to join with friends, family, and co-workers for a fun night while raising vital funds. Entry fees start at £12 and all participants are asked to raise a minimum of £100 to help the hospice care for local people living with a terminal illness and their families.

Kelly Douglas, who has signed up for the 10km in memory of her mum, cared for by the hospice, said: "My mum received such compassionate care from Prospect Hospice during her final days. Participating in the Starlight Walk is my way of honouring her memory and giving back to the charity that provided comfort and support when we needed it most. I hope to raise as much as I can as it's such a good cause."

To sign up, visit www.prospect-hospice.net/starlight.

Well Done Winners!

Congratulations from South Marston Recreation Association to our March and April winners.



MARCH

£100 No. 3 Michelle Page Harvey

£10 No. 5 Mike Page

£10 No. 105 Gareth Case

£10 No. 62 Julian Allen

£10 No. 24 Rita Smith

APRIL

£10 No. 91 Martin Taylor

£10 No. 33 Zena May

£10 No. 68 Liz Sansum

£10 No. 110 Kay Long

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 .

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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Swindon Dial a Ride: 521123

Swindon Streetsmart 445501 or streetsmart@swindon.gov.uk

Regular Village Events

- **Community Coffee Morning** - Every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Village Hall
- **Parish Council Meeting** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall
- **The Gardening Club** - From March to December every 1st Monday (2nd Monday if a Bank Holiday falls that month) in the Village Hall from 7.30-9.30pm
- **The Friendly Club** - 2nd Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall
- **Tots and Toddlers** - on Wednesdays during term time, 9-11am in the Village Hall

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