

South Marston Community News

A Fine Summer Trip to Windsor

By Tony Leathart



This year's, F & E Harris Memorial Trust Summer trip was on Monday 16th of June. About 40 villagers got on the bus on a fine sunny morning to travel to Windsor. After a straightforward journey down the M4, we arrived on time at the Windsor bus park, only a short walk through the Station directly to the Castle.

The Royal Standard flag was flying, showing that the King was in residence for a very busy day for the annual Garter Day Procession in the morning and the Royal Ascot Day Procession in the afternoon. This meant that we could not visit the castle as it was closed to the public, despite the organiser having been told earlier that it would be open. There were many distinguished visitors to the castle dressed in morning dress with medals, white ties, tails and topers.

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The weather was very hot and sunny and there was plenty to do visiting the shops and the restaurants. We had a very enjoyable day thanks to the efficient coordinator for the day, Hazel Beaver, who did a great job!

FREE Fortnightly Bus Service

The Trust would like to remind villagers of the bus timetable, please make a note of the upcoming dates and destinations.

CIRENCESTER

24th of July, 21st of August, 18th of September, 16th of October, 13th of November
11th of December.

SWINDON

10th of July, 7th of August, 4th of September, 2nd of October, 30th of October, 27th of November,

GLOUCESTER QUAYS on the 22nd of November.

South Marston Friendly Club

If you are interested and over 50 years of age, why not pop to the village hall for our next get-together to see what we are about, (first visit free).

Enjoy tea/coffee, biscuits and raffle after the speaker, which is all included in your annual membership.

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 12th of August at 2pm

Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

Tuesday 9th of September at 2pm

A Talk and presentation by Roger Vlitos
'Lord Berners' Eccentric or Benefactor of Faringdon House

Tuesday 23rd of September at 9.15am

A Coach Day trip to Weymouth

Tuesday 14th of October at 2pm

A Talk and presentation by Bill King
Dads Underground Army at Coleshill House

For more information please contact by email: smfriendlyclub@gmail.com

Have Your Say Event

by Sylvia Brown, Vice Chair, SMPC



Villagers came to the event at the end of May to find out more about the plans for the design of the new Village Centre. These cover the new Village Hall and car park, the expanded Recreation Ground and the new footpaths and cycleways that will cross it.

Although the planning applications and construction will be done by the developers, the Parish Council has insisted that the community has a major say in the facilities being provided. This is all the more important since ownership of the whole Village Centre will be transferred to the Parish Council when it is completed.

There was lots of support from residents for using the available outdoor space for informal recreational sports activity for all ages rather than just providing two more football pitches, and strong approval for the pedestrian and cycle links.

We asked residents what they would like to see at the new Village Hall. The results of the questionnaire showed support for the work that had been done so far in trying to shape the Village Hall design. The priority should be to provide a venue that can foster social interaction for villagers of all ages.

The evening threw up a number of new ideas. Lots of support for having regular evening social events and encouraging activities for teenagers. We were also very pleased to see strong approval for the provision of a café to increase the 'stop and chat' use of the Hall, which had gone missing from the developers' initial ideas.

The only disappointment is that, despite being told by the developers that work was starting in May on the Village Centre Design, we are struggling to find out if a 'designer' has yet been appointed.

Seeing the Wood for the Trees

by Chris Brooks

On a beautiful sunny day in the middle of May, Nikki and Mark from Forestry England met with a number of representatives of local parishes and a borough councillor in Nightingale Wood. The foresters took us around the wood and told us a great deal about it, whilst answering our many questions.

Nightingale Wood began in 1993 and took five years to fully plant. It covers 51 hectares and is now home to an increasing number of plant, animal and insect species. It is part of the Great Western Community Forest.

Like all of our woodlands, the ash trees have suffered from ash dieback disease, and it's predicted that we could lose 80% of our ash trees. There are other tree diseases but they are all being carefully managed to reduce the impact.

When the wood was planted, the saplings were tightly packed for protection and to mitigate the expected failure rate. Now the wood is reaching maturity, they need to be thinned to give them a chance to grow much larger and healthier. It is an opportunity to take out some of the less vigorous trees and allow more light into the woodland floor, increasing the diversity of wildflowers and all that accompanies them.

Nikki and Mark explained how the water meadow around the brook (to the south east of Nightingale) is largely left as it is - an unspoilt habitat that sustains itself. The ponds within the woodland area are an important habitat for crested newts and other amphibians. Forestry England also look after the trim trail spaced out along the main path. All of these things are checked regularly by rangers such as Mark to ensure safety and security for people who enjoy the woods, together with the resident wildlife.

The walk and talk was most enjoyable and informative, with Nikki's dog charging around us for the full two hours or so. Amazing energy!

What we learned will help us to look after our green spaces such as Oxleaze Wood and Oak Tree Corner.

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Our Changing Landscape

Photo of the new Hammerman Way taken in May by Nigel Hole



From 1985 and Beyond

by Nigel Hole

Colin McEwen, chair of South Marston Parish Council achieved a remarkable milestone this year with his 40th year as a member of the Council.

Since 1985, when Colin came on board to the Parish Council, many changes have taken place to the Village. Back then, the old Manor House had been demolished to make way for the new Manor Park estate, followed by Ash Gardens, Rawlings Close, and Magdalene Close, to name but a few. Whilst the Honda car plant was then just being built, it is now demolished. He is now contending with multiple plans for the new Panattoni site replacing it.



1997 saw Swindon become a Unitary Authority and, full circle, we're now working towards going back under Wiltshire County Council. The work involved with the Village expansion is just now coming to life. A major win for the Village was the Neighbourhood Plan which he and Sylvia, with many others, put an inordinate amount of work in to. Akin to a Swiss army knife when it comes to planning matters, it's helped the Village win several planning battles that might otherwise have lost.

One of the keys to coping with all this is continuity of knowledge: what's gone before; we're so fortunate that we have that with both Colin and Sylvia. If we were turning over councillors and chairpersons every couple of years it would be impossible to stay on top of the complexities.

The work involved in things like the new development planning can be a full time job at times and so we must give a special mention to Jenny, Colin's long-suffering wife. Not only is she a 'PC widow' but she gets stuck in too, helping to organise things like the Village fetes, football and children's play equipment, along with being chair of South Marston Recreation Association (SMRA).

40 years was an achievement that needed recognition and so The F & E Harris Memorial Trust arranged a presentation of a pair of PC engraved wine glasses, one for Colin and one for Jenny, along with a little tippie.



SMRA Update

by Jenny McEwen

The mini heatwaves continue to require lots of water to minimise the loss of trees and grass on the Rec. Towards the end of the football season, the goalmouths needed attention, including those on the kickabout area. Both volunteer and contractor effort was used to fill and re-seed them, but when the latest dry spell came, watering proved to be essential. Allbuild, who continue to water our newly planted trees in dry weather, extended their watering regime to 3 times a week including the newly planted grass. Volunteers (Lionel, Colin and Jenny) have been out there in the baking heat on Allbuild's 'off-days'.



A recent tree survey report noted significant amount of dead wood in our beloved oak tree. Within 24 hours, permission had been requested to do remedial work as a tree preservation order is in place. Fencing was erected around it and notices were posted on website and Facebook. We are asking for people to keep clear for their own safety. Hopefully, the work can be contracted out and completed before the Party in the Park event.

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School Update

by Mrs Hendry, Head of School

Welcome to the final South Marston Primary School update for this academic year! It's hard to believe how quickly the months have flown by - another busy and exciting year is nearly complete.

Since our last update, we've welcomed several new families into our school community, and the learning hasn't slowed down! The children have taken part in a wide variety of activities, both in and out of the classroom, including local competitions, festivals and exciting enrichment opportunities.



Before the Easter break, all of our classes enjoyed school trips to places such as Roves Farm, 'We The Curious' in Bristol and Hill End.

As we look ahead to the end of term, more adventures are planned with visits to Oxenwood, Cotswold Country Park and a residential trip to Braeside. A big thank you to our amazing PTA for their continued support in helping to fund these trips and make them possible.

We're also proud of our school's strong commitment to PE and sport. This term, we held a fantastic Sports Week full of engaging workshops and events - children took part in dance sessions, sports day races, Bikeability training for Years 5 and 6, and even tried some Taekwondo!



Throughout the year, our pupils represented the school in various local competitions, including cricket, swimming, athletics and dance festivals.



In the classroom, children have been captivated by topics such as Ancient Egypt, The Romans, The Great Fire of London, seaside holidays, forces and magnets, clay sculpture and mosaic art. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine through in their learning.

Our pupil leadership teams have also been busy! The Worship Council has helped lead Collective Worship, house captains have organised playtime activities and our annual sports day, and the School Council has not only planned a school talent show but even visited the Houses of Parliament and delivered a presentation at the Civic Offices!

As we near the end of the school year, we are taking time to reflect on what a fantastic year it has been and also to look forward to all that will come in the new academic year.

We wish all of our community a restful and enjoyable summer break when it comes!



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Allotments and Open Spaces in the Summer

by Barry Thunder

The recent weeks have seen the need for the watering of vegetables, flowers and our many new trees and hedging plants to thrive.

On the allotment site, we now manage 66 plots. These, together with the fast-growing grass, closely followed by weeds, present our volunteers with a busy time. Not only are they managing their own plots but also watering our 6 new fruit trees, keeping the grass cut and making a head start on planting a wide variety of flowers in the newly rotavated beds bordering the car park area. And yes, these also require regular watering to settle them in.

It is good to see that our initiative to attract more first-time allotmenters is succeeding well, with many of our newly created smaller plots producing tasty early crops. We have extended the offer of a low first year rent, to some of our recently vacated larger plots, with 6 new tenants taking this up. We wish them every success for the summer months.



We are also close to completing the move of the 7 raised beds in the Honda Memorial Garden to some of the larger plots managed by existing tenants. Many thanks to Community Payback teams for digging out the soil and moving it to the flower bed in the parking area. Whilst these raised beds were wonderful to see in the early months of the Memorial Garden, they proved to be too high a maintenance task to keep them weed free and flowering, not to mention the watering!

In the village Open Spaces, we are managing the watering of the Recreation Ground trees in partnership with our contractors Allbuild. Together, we enabled the purchase of a new bulk water bowser, run by Allbuild staff who are watering the trees and hedge rows, together with the new grass seeded goal mouths. This saves the hard work of watering by hand by our few volunteers.

Our other 15 new trees are watered by volunteers using water from their home supply. With these trees having been planted under a funded Government scheme, we can recover the water usage cost at the end of the watering season.

As Justin, our recent newly appointed Lengthsman, gains experience of the various tasks around the village, we are looking to expand his range of jobs. Currently he is managing Oxleaze Wood and keeping up with some of the jobs in St Julians Wood and Orchard Meadow.

Plans for later in the year are to replace the worn-out wooden seating in Oxleaze Wood. The War Memorial Garden also needs more time spent on it to maintain the bushes and trees there, the newly planted Oak tree is pictured right. We will also be bringing in a specialist cleaning contractor to give the War Memorial a deep clean from the top downward.

If you have any ideas of work tasks in the village, please send me an email at barry.thunder@southmarston.org.uk and we can take a look to see what can be carried out within our budget and authority.



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South Marston Gardening Club

Saturday 16th of August – Annual Flower & Produce Show

South Marston Village Hall



Join us for one of the most colourful and creative days of the year! The Annual Flower and Produce Show is back with 72 fun and varied classes to enter. Whether you're a seasoned grower, a star baker, a crafty creator or just up for a bit of friendly competition, there's something for everyone.

Categories Include:

- Vegetables & fruit
- Flowers & pot plants
- Hanging baskets, tubs & pots
- Flower arranging
- Crafts
- Baking & preserves
- Homebrew (including new non-alcoholic classes!)
- Photography - themes: 'autumn' and 'playful pets'.
Please note: photos must be printed on photographic paper and size limit of 7" x 5" (17.78cm x 12.7cm)

Craft Section:

- Metal, wood, glass or ceramic items

- Knitting or crochet
- Cross-Stitch or embroidery
- Artwork (acrylic, charcoal, watercolour, etc.)
- Fabric or material-based crafts
- Papercraft (decoupage, quilling, stencilling, etc.)

New for 2025!

- Baking: decorated cake – Let your creativity shine!
- Crafts: Small upcycled item – Celebrate creativity and sustainability

Children's Section (Ages 0–16): choose from the following fun activities:

Ages 5 and under | 6 – 8 years | 9 – 11 years | 12 – 16 years

- Decorated stone
- Flowers in a jam jar
- A piece of artwork

Whether you grow, bake, brew or create – come and share your talents at this year's Annual Flower & Produce Show. We can't wait to see what you bring!

Entry Registration: Friday 15th of August, 6pm – 7.30pm. Bring your entry form and fee to South Marston Village Hall, Old Vicarage Lane, SN3 4SN (exhibits to be brought in on Saturday morning).

Open to All! We welcome entries from anyone in South Marston and the surrounding areas – so invite your neighbours, friends, and family to take part and enjoy the day.

For a full 2025 Show Schedule or more information, contact: Angela Newton – 07789 068340, angelanewton01@gmail.com

Monday 1st of September - 7.30pm – 9.30pm – Speaker Stewart Linford will talk about Artisans of English Woodlands in Victorian Times

Step back in time with master storyteller Stewart Linford as he takes us deep into the heart of England's Victorian woodlands. In this fascinating and visually rich talk, Stewart uses historic images and authentic props to bring to life the once-thriving industries hidden within our native forests up to 200 years ago.

Discover the forgotten world of charcoal burners, chair-makers, and the legendary 'Bodgers' of the Chiltern beech woods. With a compelling mix of history and personal insight, Stewart – himself an ancient woodland owner and custodian – shares his knowledge of traditional practices like coppicing, woodland regeneration, and sustainable tree planting.

Informative, inspiring, and highly entertaining, this is a rare glimpse into a vanished world and a timely reminder of the value of preserving our natural heritage.



Parish Council News

by Colin McEwen

Panattoni

The redevelopment of the former Honda site is entering its next phase.

Comprehensive groundworks are coming to an end and the construction of the warehouses is starting. Management of the site has passed to Panattoni and I recently met with the new team on site together with Nigel Hole, who is the PC lead on this, and Cllr. Matt Vallender. It was good to find that the degree of collaboration we had in the early stages is set to continue.

Construction will start with units closest to the village – this is a change from their early phasing plan. All the landscaping, open space and surface water measures that feed the original Honda South lagoon will also be completed earlier.

These units are being constructed as per the design code worked out a few years ago, and one benefit of the changes is that they will act as a shield for noise etc when construction of the remaining units further north begins.



The Kingsdown Brook, which was previously piped under the airfield, has been opened up and planted out and will provide an attractive north/south cycle and walking route through the site. Links to this and the wildlife area around the lagoon are proposed from the village at Oak Tree Corner, Crown Timber and through Keypoint. This will be a significant benefit for our community, but does raise concerns for



neighbouring residents around security and privacy.

We have confirmed that there will be no path to the east from Oak Tree Corner, with landscaping remaining as is. To the west, a 3m path is under construction on the route of the old maintenance track. Along this stretch, the substantial Vickers security fence will be kept and maintained by Panattoni, with a mixed native hedge planted between it and the path. More photos of our visit will be on our website shortly.

Panattoni are proud of these landscaping elements and keen to open them to the public as soon as security issues allow. Wooden finger signage is proposed and we have been asked for input into naming at the 3 exits. As there are 'Highworth Roads' on both sides of the site, this is out. Our current suggestions are 'South Marston – Oak Tree Corner', 'South Marston – Thornhill Road' and 'Gablecross'. If you have any other suggestions, please get in touch!



The landscaped spine running from north to south of the site and provides the main on-site water storage capacity for Kingsdown Brook and it has already been excavated, with culverts constructed and trees planted. The photos above and below show this amazing sculptured landscape taken from either end. Thanks to Nigel Hole and Eleanor Vallender for the photographs in this article.



Taylor Wimpey/Vistry

The extent of hedge loss on OVL between the Carpenters Arms bridge and Manor Cottages has startled even those of us who have been living with the plans for the last decade.

Much of it will be replanted and, as I discussed in the last edition, there will be some significant benefits, such as improved walking and cycling routes, not least 'Carpenter's Walk' through this current area of desolation. But it will not be the same.



All the green infrastructure in between the new housing parcels will become public open space for all residents to enjoy. Legal matters are currently in hand to progress the eventual take over by the Parish Council of the Bell Gardens Field.

Negotiations with TW/V over whether the green spaces in and surrounding the development parcels will be taken over by the PC have made no progress. Similarly, despite chasing, TW/V have not confirmed any progress in commissioning a designer for the new expanded Recreation Ground and the new Village Hall. This is disappointing as we put lots of effort in to get residents involved in consultation on this in a timely fashion.

On the other hand, the strategies for public open space have been submitted as Reserved Matters planning applications, which takes us one stage further in ensuring what was originally promised actually takes place.

Access to Gablecross

After several years of trying to achieve a comprehensive and safe footpath/cycle network between the village and Keypoint roundabout, we have finally got TW/V to agree that there will be a 3.5m foot/cycleway alongside the new Hammerman Way all the way to the new Thornhill Road junction that is currently under construction.

The Borough has tried to arrange an access through the hedge on the opposite side of the road to the Keypoint bridleway but so far without success. Coincidentally, site owners L&G, together with their managing Agents JLL have invited us to work with them to deliver a community benefit initiative. Watch this space (or hedge!).

Other News

The Parish Council has recently arranged for the sightlines at road junctions in the village to be cut to complement Matt Vallender's success in getting SBC to cut junctions outside the village envelope. Critical verges such as Morses Lane and Nightingale Lane will hopefully have been cut by our contractors prior to this going to print.

Our Village

Where meadow meets the sky's wide dome,

Lies South Marston, quiet home.

Fields once tilled with patient hand,

Now share space with steel and brand.

Old stones whisper through the yew,

The Church's bells still ringing true.

Footsteps echo Roman days,

Winding through the village ways.

Once the hum of engines soared -

Spitfires from the runway roared.

Crafted here with care and pride,

To win the battle in the skies.

Then came Honda's steady beat,

Modern wheels on ancient peat.

Now the fields begin to bloom,

New homes rise where cars did loom.

Yet through all this change and tide,

A village heart beats deep inside.

Past and future gently blend

In South Marston, home and friend.

Footnote:

I wish I could have written this, but no. It was not me. AI (Artificial Intelligence) wrote this in just one minute online! But please do not depend on this being a reliable method for any important applications!

Regards, Tony Leathart

MOLA Event

Advance notice

Rory from MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology) is returning to give a longer presentation session:

**Wednesday 3rd September,
6.30pm in the Village Hall**

This will mark the end of MOLA's work on the 'South Marston Dig' that was started almost a year ago.

Last February's event was standing room only, so get the date in your diary.

For an update so far, see the tab on the home page of the Parish Council webpage labelled 'Village Expansion'.


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Update from Your Local Borough Councillor

by Matthew Vallender



Ward Surgeries

Beginning in June, I have launched my ward surgery on the third Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm in the village hall at the community coffee morning. There are also tea/coffee, bacon rolls and cakes available for purchase with the funds raised going towards the church. Thank you to the coffee morning organisers for allowing me to join each month and set up a table. If you want to discuss any local issues, please do come along! Upcoming dates: Sat 19th of July, and Sat 20th of September.

Shadow Cabinet

I am also really pleased to announce I am joining the Shadow Cabinet this year as the Shadow Cabinet Member for Waste, Environment and Flooding - I am looking forward to getting stuck into the role and bringing together our plan ready for May 2026!

Boundary Changes

From May 2026, the current Stratton St Margaret and South Marston ward will be split in two, creating a three-member Lower Stratton ward and a single member South Marston ward. The South Marston ward will have the same boundaries as the Parish, and will eventually include the village expansion, Rowborough, and Great Stall East once they are built.

I am delighted to say that I was unanimously selected by the party to contest this new ward, and I am looking forward to the election campaign over the next year!

VE Day Celebrations

It was a lovely afternoon commemorating VE Day in South Marston. Thank you to everyone who helped organise it and Eleanor for baking a tasty cake!

Construction Vehicles

Thank you to everybody who has recently got in touch to flag this with myself and the Parish Councillors. Between myself, Colin, Sylvia and Nigel, we have raised this directly with the developers and received an apology from them, as well as a commitment to install 'no construction vehicles' signs. These have now been installed and the numbers of vehicles sighted are significantly down.

Roads and Potholes

After residents raised their concerns that no roads in South Marston were included in the Highways & Transport Capital Programme for 2025/26, I re-raised my concerns and made the case for South Marston to be resurfaced. I am continuing to press for action on the myriad of other highways issues that have been raised with me since my election. I am pleased to see that the worst of the potholes along Highworth Road have now been filled but more does need to be done!

Bus Route

I had a very productive meeting in June with officers and a bus provider in Swindon discussing ways we can bring a bus route back to South Marston - I can't announce much more than that at this stage, but there will be further announcements in the summer and autumn as this hopefully moves along. This is something I have been campaigning on since Day 1 as a councillor – bringing back a service to the village.

If any residents wish to raise any local issues with us, please contact us on the details below - we are always happy to help.

Cllr Matthew Vallender (Conservative), 01793 295171, MVallender@swindon.gov.uk, Facebook - [@cllrmatthewvallender](https://www.facebook.com/cllrmatthewvallender)

Cllr Tom Butcher (Labour), 07795 070254, TButcher@swindon.gov.uk

Cllr Simon Shelley (Labour), 07584 042161, SShelley@swindon.gov.uk

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Every week brings joys and challenges.

As a foundation governor at South Marston School, I attend the meetings of the governing board. I am also inspired by the insight into the life of this relatively small school, and by the staff's dedication to supporting the children in all aspects of their lives. I also lead assemblies in school, often alongside Rev Elveen.

I lead Sunday services, take funerals, and have the joy of baptising children. I also visit people who are housebound or in hospital – a privilege. I attend regular ongoing training in Bristol.

On the 5th of July I will be ordained a priest in Bristol Cathedral. What will change? Priests are able to perform extra duties including celebrating Holy Communion. I look forward to doing so for the first time at St Margaret's Stratton on the 6th of July at 11am – all are welcome!

As I approach my ordination as priest, I am more aware than ever that no one can follow the way of Jesus Christ trusting only in themselves, but only through God's help.

I am so grateful to God for bringing me to come and work here, and look forward to continuing to live and work in these communities over the next months.

Blessings,

Rev Charlotte





Stratton Team Ministry

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

6th of July

No service at South Marston

11am Team Holy Communion at *St Margaret's Church, Stratton* followed by buffet lunch at *St Margaret's Centre* to celebrate Charlotte's licensing. All Welcome

13th of July

9.30am Holy Communion

20th of July

10am Team Service

6pm BCP Holy Communion Service at *St Margaret's Church*

27th of July

11am Holy Communion at *Coleview Community Centre*

3rd of August

10am Service of Hymns of Praise and Blessings

10th of August

9.30am Holy Communion

6pm Prosecco & Praise at *St Margaret's Church*

17th of August

11am Team Service at *St Margaret's Church*

1st of September

10am All Age Worship

8th of September

9.30am Holy Communion

Getting in touch: We are very happy to hear from you with any questions about the church, our timetable of services and events, or if you need support. St Mary Magdalene's Church is open daily and you are welcome to visit.

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If you can help out please get in touch with Rachel Case on 07545 923021.

Well Done Winners!

Congratulations from South Marston Recreation Association to our MAY and JUNE winners.



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£10 No. 58 Richard Sansum

£10 No. 51 Brian Bell

£10 No. 3 Michelle Paige Harvey

JUNE

£30 No. 112 Pat Knight

£10 No. 66 Alan McElroy

£10 No. 26 John Woodward

£10 No. 16 Gary O'Doherty

£10 No. 73 Barbara Rudnik

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.

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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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BARNES COACHES

Summer day trips, by coach!



Weston Super Mare
Sat 12th &
Tue 22nd July 2025
Adult: £27 | Child: £15



**Chenies Manor House
Plant Show & Artisan
Food Market**
Sun 20th July 2025
Adult: £30 Child: £15



Legoland Windsor
Wed 23rd July 2025
Adult: £29 | Child: £15
coach only



Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thu 24th July 2025
Adult: £37*
Child: £27*



**London: Camden
Market, Park Lane OR
Kensington**
Sun 27th July 2025
Adult: £32 | Child: £15



Kensington Palace
Mon 28th July 2025
Adult: £56*
Child: £27*



Weymouth
Tue 29th July 2025
Adult: £32 | Child: £15



Barry Island OR Cardiff
Wed 30th July 2025
Adult: £29 | Child: £15



**Black Country Living
Museum**
Thu 31st July 2025
Adult: £56*
Child: £53*



**Blists Hill Victorian
Town & Ironbridge**
Thu 31st July 2025
Adult: £55*
Child: £34*



**Horse Drawn Boat
Ride & Newbury**
Thu 31st July 2025
Adult: £44*
Child: £38*



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Harry Potter**
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