

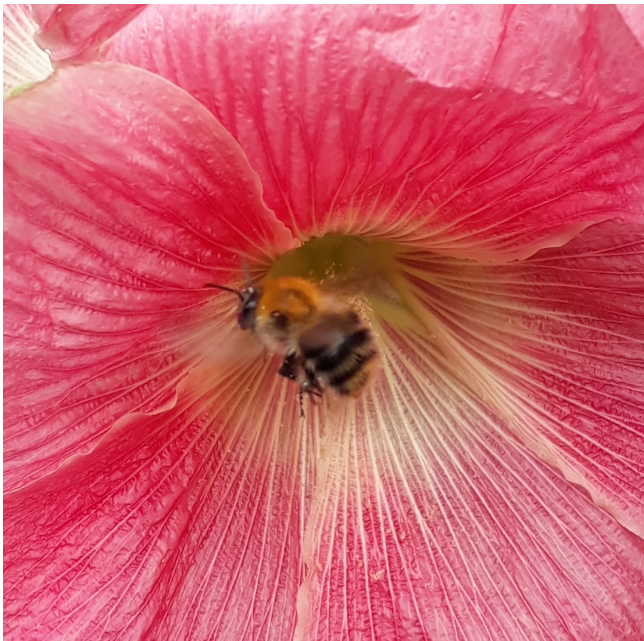
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Do you have a bee in your bonnet?



In June members of the St Nic's congregation were asked to write about a bee in their bonnet. Here are a few of the thoughts they came up with.

The Bee in my Bonnet is about One: I mean the one dark sock, which emerges from the washing machine after the subsequent white wash. Then there's the one piece of matching cutlery which liberates itself after a picnic, never to be seen again; the one item which requires a trip to the supermarket but which is nevertheless forgotten, obliterated by tempting reductions and BOGOFFs. But is then bought on at least three following trips *just in case*.

Litter I fail to comprehend why this nation drops so much detritus on our green (most of the year) and pleasant land. Every day I walk the dog down the village and through the underpass, picking up bottles, cigarette packets and sweet wrappers as I go. I pass four bins in Old Marston and two more on the far side of the crossing, so why aren't they used more?

Some rubbish is undoubtedly thrown from cars; still more is dropped by local teenagers in adolescent acts of defiance, but I've also picked up that quintessential symbol of grown-up-ness: a dog poop bag. It somehow hadn't quite reached the bin it was intended for and sat a metre short, in the surrounding grass. Good enough? I don't think so..

Incorrect information annoys me: so-called facts actually written in books! Clarendon Palace is *not* 'just outside Oxford' (it's actually 2 miles east of Salisbury). Coniston Old Man is *not* named for its appearance; you cannot see the Yorkshire Moors from Cross Fell; High Force is *not* near Dufton. Medieval armies were *not* mostly composed of mercenaries. Richard III was *not* a hunchback. Macbeth was a very good, successful King. People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do..

But let's give Tessa Hennessy the final word (buzz?)... It's about bees, or rather the lack of them. Bees and other flying insects play a vital role as pollinators for plants, including those we rely on for food, but with numbers in steep decline, they need help. So what can we do here in Marston to reverse this trend?

Grow bee-friendly plants such as lavender, buddleia, foxglove, hollyhock, marjoram, sunflower, in pots on a sunny patio if you don't have a garden. Don't use pesticides, which harm bees and other pollinators as well as to other forms of wildlife. Set aside a part of your garden to grow wildflowers or leave an area wild; you can buy wildflower seeds at most garden centres. Put out water – a large dish or tray, lined with a few stones so bees have a safe place to drink from. Birds and visiting hedgehogs will welcome the water too. Buy British honey. There are lots of amateur and professional bee-keepers in the UK, even one or two here in Marston. Consider keeping bees in your garden or on an allotment (with the allotment association's permission). So let's all get buzzy and help Marston's bees!

Parish Calendar for August 2018

St Nicholas Marston

1 Wednesday

9.30am Morning Prayers.....Geoff Hale

5 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) ..Revd Elaine Bardwell

10am All Age ServiceGeoff & Gill Hale

6pm Healing ServiceDavid Blair

8 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Skye Denno

12 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Skye Denno

10am Parish Communion (CW) Revd Skye Denno

6pm Evensong (BCP) Revd Skye Denno

Preacher: Neil Barker

followed by Pints of View

15 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Skye Denno

19 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Skye Denno

10am Parish Communion (CW) Revd Skye Denno

Preacher: David Cranston

6pm Eat, Pray, LoveNeil Barker & Ali Angus

22 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Skye Denno

26 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Stephanie

Bullock

10am Parish Communion (CW) Revd Stephanie

Bullock

6pm Evensong (BCP)

29 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Skye Denno

Bible Readings for Parish Communion

12 2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Eph 4:25-5:2;

John 6:35, 41-51

19 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

26 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Eph 6:10-20; John 6: 56-69

St Thomas of Canterbury, Elsfield

26 Sunday

10am MatinsDavid Blair

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Your support for this project will be very much appreciated.

Miss Parsons' Parish - An Oxfordshire Idyll is available to buy (£6.50) and proceeds will be donated to the stonework repair. Buy a copy from Revd Skye, at 1 Salford Road, Marston or from the author at 2 Red Cottage in Elsfield.

Quiet Together

If you like spending time in quiet contemplation alongside others, then join us between 3.30 and 4.30 on Thursdays in St Nicholas Church.

Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot is a monthly, informal gathering to which you would be most welcome, whether you are new to the Parish or not! We meet next in St Nicholas' Church Hall on Mon 6 Aug 10.30-1.30, with light lunch available. Contact Eileen (725423) or David (246959) if you would like to know more or if you need a lift.

WI meeting

The next W.I. meeting will be Tuesday 14 Aug at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will be Ian Scott-Hunter. His talk will be *Memoirs of a Royal Footman*. All are welcome to join our summer cream tea party on Sat 4 Aug from 2.30 – 4 in the Church Hall.

OHCT sponsored ride and stride

This year's sponsored ride and stride takes place on Sat 8 Sept. Volunteers will be cycling or walking around Oxford, visiting as many churches as they can between 10am and 6pm. Sponsorship forms are now available from Linda. Get your list of participating churches and start planning your route. For more information contact Linda Inness on 247956.

Painting Day at United Reform Church

Come and have a go at painting! All paints, brushes and paper supplied free. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Refreshments – tea, lunch and coffee at small cost. Browse our bric-a-brac and card stalls. Proceeds to British Heart Foundation and Headway, Oxford. Sat 11 August from 11am to 3pm at 352 Marston Road OX3 0JB. For further information ring Val on 246157 or Carolyn on 768443.

Bellringers' Notes

An annual event known as the Oxford City Branch Striking Competition has recently taken place at St. Andrew's Headington. A number of tower bands (this year seven) take turns to ring for a few minutes. A judge sitting outside the tower will assess their performance for consistently strong rhythm or faults. This is a traditional practice but nowadays controversial in these times of struggling towers and the feeling that ringing should not be a competitive sport. Be that as it may, we were delighted when St. Nicholas Marston band became the winners. Well done everyone and especially Hugh for getting us fired up and organized! The trophy has now been engraved.

Hugh rang in a quarter peal for a special evening service at Church Hanborough at which Curate Emma, having been ordained that morning in Dorchester Abbey, presided at Holy Communion for the first time.

Hugh, Judy and Donna went to Wolvercote church fete and helped many brave teddy bears down to safety on the zipwire from the tower, to the delight of their owners.

Do join us! Ring Anthony on 244570.



Holiday Club for ages 5-12

9.30am-1.00pm

Tue 28 Aug to Fri 31 Aug



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Old Marston Parish Council

At the July Parish Council meeting the Council considered planning applications from 40-42 Oxford Road (The Red Lion), 76 Arlington Drive, The Victoria Arms, 10 Cromwell Close and 22 Elms Drive, to which the Council had no objections. There were also planning applications from 20 Raymund Road, to which the Council had concerns with over-development and 38 Mortimer Drive to which the Council had concerns regarding over-development and access.

The Council looked at various proposals put to them from the Marston Community Garden Group.

The Council also decided to invite the two newly formed local organisations; Protect Old Marston & Elsfield (POME) and the Residents Association for Oxford Road & Elsfield Road to the next Council meeting to give a brief presentation. The Council have tried for many years to get something done about parking and traffic throughout the Parish with little joy. The County Council has always been adamant that they have no funds for any parking system in Old Marston. It has always been the view of the Parish Council that it would be pointless having restricted parking in one part of the Parish and not others as all this would do would be to push the problem into the unrestricted area. Although the potential Christ Church development would not be in the Parish, it would still have an effect on all the surrounding area, including Old Marston. It is with this in mind that the Council decided to write again to the South Oxfordshire District Council reminding them of the Parish Council's concerns.

The Family Fun Day & Fete held at the Victoria Arms was well attended and had stalls from the church, FOSNS and the Parish Council, to name a few. There were also activities such as a dog show, a falconry display as well as Punch & Judy and a clown.

Each year the Parish Council budgets for a firework display and family fun day/fete as these are seen as a benefit to the Community. The Council would like to thank the Victoria Arms not only for hosting but doing much of the organising for the Family Fun day/Fete. We look forward to the Firework Display at the Red Lion in November.

The Parish Council will meet again on Monday 3 Sept at 7.30pm in the Mortimer Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend meetings.

Parish Clerk: Tim Cann – 01865 203139

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Vice-Chairman: Tony Greenfield - 07876 205200

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Parish Organisations

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Treasurer Dr David Bullock 07902 805784
Secretary Christine Mitchell 07789 991051

Baby and Toddler Club

Gill Hale, 64 Arlington Drive 01865 248260

Bellringers:

Practice Friday 7.30pm Learners welcome
Anthony Hughes, 2, Oxford Road 01865 244570

Choirs and Musicians at St Nicholas

Junior Choir, SATB Choir, Music Group
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Neil Barker 01865 604617 or 07774 050056

Coffee Pot

Coffee morning, monthly, Monday
David Blair 01865 246959 or 07917 298408
Eileen Palayiwa, 27 Ouseley Close 01865 725423

Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Units

Evenings throughout the week. Adult volunteers as well as girls welcomed!
District Commissioner, Lesley Dentry, 01865 07765 418067

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Thursday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm
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Alternate Mondays, 2.30 pm in Church Hall.
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Mark Lygo 07765 665 726

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Group Leaders, Rob & Lisa Pocock
07841 577567 lisapocock@hotmail.co.uk
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Scouts Leader, Linda Phillips 07804 925705

St. Nicholas Church Hall and Committee Room

Gill Hale, 64 Arlington Drive 01865 248260

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