



Fly me to the Moon and let me play among the stars

Fifty years ago saw one of the most momentous events of the twentieth century, the culmination of many years of planning: the first man set foot on the moon on 21 July, 1969 at 02.56.15 (GMT), the Apollo 11 lunar module, having landed the previous day at 20.17. Who can forget those famous words 'The Eagle has landed'. Earlier that month David Bowie had released his album 'Space Oddity':

*For here I am sitting in my tin can,
Far above the world, Planet Earth is blue,
And there's nothing I can do*

The decade began with Prime Minister Macmillan's famous 'Wind of Change' speech made in South Africa in 1960, allowing African colonies to seek independence. Times they were a-changin'. Within 3 years we had the Swinging Sixties, the Beatles ruled the world of pop, England won the World Cup in 1966, the Summer of Love bloomed in 1967. Anything seemed possible. Everyday day something new and exciting seemed to happen. The youth were optimistic and thought they could and should change the world through expressions of peace. By the end of the decade, however, cynicism had crept in and more muscular protests became the norm, with student riots in Paris and London in 1968.



Revolutionary thoughts were perfectly encapsulated in Thunderclap Newman's one-hit wonder in the summer of 1969, 'Something in the air':

*We've got to get together sooner or later,
because the moment will arrive,
and you know it's right,*

However, the whole world could forget domestic and national troubles and focus on the three heroic astronauts' pending attempt at a lunar landing. I remember the day well. As a family we all watched the grainy black and white images on TV; we were in awe, hardly believing what we were seeing. All of a sudden Earth seemed so small. It is history now, of course, but the words of the first man to set foot on the moon, Neil Armstrong, 'one small step for man' will remain in our collective memory for ever. Less known, however, are the words he read from a plaque left on the moon:



Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon. July 1969 AD. We came in peace for all mankind.

The space race between USA and Russia had been won and fulfilled President Kennedy's promise to Congress in 1961 that the US would land a man on the moon by the end of the decade. It is not surprising that Russia's brave lunar attempts were eclipsed and as if to signal they had been beaten, their unmanned Lunar 15 quietly impacted the moon on exactly the same day as the first moon landing.

If all this seems like a history lesson, then let the youth of the time remind us that hope and spirituality defined their outlook. The last flowering of the spirit of the 60s occurred in the month after the lunar landing, the greatest pop festival ever - Woodstock. Although not actually present herself, Joni Mitchell's words resonate over the decades as beautiful testimony of a generation:



*I came upon a child of God
We are stardust, we are golden,
And we've got to get ourselves back to the garden,
Then can I walk beside you...*

Colin Harris

Parish Calendar for July 2019

St Nicholas, Marston

3 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW)...Revd Skye Denno

7 Third Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP).....Revd Skye Denno

10am All Age ServiceRevd Skye Denno

6pm Healing Service with HC.....Revd Andy Gosler

10 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW)...Revd Skye Denno

14 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP).....Revd Andy Gosler

10am Parish Communion (CW).....Revd Skye Denno

6pm Evensong (BCP).....Revd Skye Denno
followed by Pints of View in the Red Lion

17 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion.....Revd S Bullock

21 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP).....Revd Skye Denno

10am Parish Communion (CW).....Revd Skye Denno

6pm Eat, Pray, Love.....Neil Barker

24 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion.....Revd Skye Denno

28 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion.....Revd S Bullock

10am Parish Communion.....Revd S Bullock

6pm Evensong.....Revd Andy Gosler

31 Wednesday

9.30am Morning Prayer.....David Blair

St Thomas of Canterbury, Elsfield

28 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10am Matins (BCP).....David Blair

Bible Readings for Parish Communion

14 Amos 7: 7-end; Col 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37

21 Amos 8: 1-12; Col 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-end

28 Hosea 1: 2-10; Col 2: 6-15 (16-19); Luke 11: 1-13

THIS IS THE DAY

A simple ecumenical service particularly suitable for people living with special needs is held from 2.30 to 4 pm on the second Wednesday of every month at the URC, Marston Road. The next will be on Wed 10 July. Contact Val Stolton 246157 or Pauline Main 513581.

Vicar

Revd Skye Denno202988

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COFFEE POT

Coffee Pot will be held on Mon 1 July in the Church Hall from 10.30 - 12pm. It is an opportunity to meet others and to share news and stories. Please phone Eileen Palayiwa 725423 or David Blair 246959 to arrange a lift. Further dates for 2019:

12 Aug (lunch), 9 Sept, 7 Oct, 4 Nov and 2 Dec.

MARSTON COMMUNITY GARDENING

On 7 July at 10.30 there will be a tour of allotments at Court Place Farm in Old Marston: meet by footpath entrance. On Sun 21 July at 12. 30pm there will be a picnic, nest boxes and compost demonstration at Orchard Triangle, next to St Nicholas' school.

OVER 50S CLUB

Our speaker on 8 July is Alan Charlette who will bring some of his owls. His talk is called *AI, with other Owls*. On 22 July we are having a trip to Wendover Nurseries and shops through the Chilterns. First pick-up is the church at 10am. This is for members but we currently have spaces for new members. Wishing you all a good summer. We meet again on 2 Sept.

WI MEETING

The next meeting of the W.I. will be Tue 9 July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The speaker will be Ann Sharman. She will give a talk on Florence, the birthplace of Renaissance. Please come and join us!

PUBLIC MEETING AT MORTIMER HALL

There will be a Public Meeting on 22 July at 7pm at Mortimer Hall entitled *Threats to the Parish*. See Tim Cann's PC minutes on page 3 for more information.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

By popular request, our annual holiday club for children aged 5 to 12 years will take place at St Nicholas Church from Tue 27 to Fri 30 Aug. Visit our website: www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk or contact Gill & Geoff Hale 248260.

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE & STRIDE

This year the sponsored ride and stride will take place on Sat 14 Sept. We are hoping to field a number of cyclists and walkers from St. Nicholas Church and we will be raising funds particularly for the re-wiring project within the church as well as the Historic Churches Trust.

Participants are sponsored according to the number of churches they visit, travelling by any non-motorised transport. Some riders and striders have, in previous years, set off into the countryside, while others have walked around Oxford, visiting the numerous churches in the city centre. Contact Linda Inness (247956) for more information.

MARSTON PLANNING NEWS

Oxford City's Local Plan 2036 Proposed Submission Draft contains support for all four proposed housing developments in Marston amounting to an estimated 285 houses. 10% of each site should be used for public open space that should be accessible and welcoming for existing residents.

Marston Paddock: the development is to be low density and 'careful design must ensure that development proposals contribute towards the character of the conservation area'. Proposals would need to demonstrate that access arrangements would not be detrimental to highway safety.

Hill View Farm (Green Belt land): Development must be kept low to minimise the effect of encroachment on the perceived openness of the Cherwell valley. Development must be sensitive to both the Green Belt and the character of the Old Marston Conservation area. Relatively low-density and low height residential development will be required. Access to the site will need to be taken from Mill Lane and localised improvements will be required in order to demonstrate that two vehicles can pass each other along the duration of Mill Lane.

Land west of Mill Lane (Green Belt Land): There are currently two points of access to the site from Mill Lane. Localised improvements are likely to be required to Mill Lane in order to demonstrate that two vehicles can pass each other along the duration of Mill Lane. Given the existing pressures in the Gas Network and the increases that the new development proposed would create, upgrades to the network may be required.

Park Farm: Planning permission will only be granted if it can be demonstrated that there would be no adverse impact on the integrity of the New Marston Meadows SSSI. The site is currently accessed via a private road leading from Edgeway Rd, which will require localised widening. Consideration will also need to be given to the Marston Cycle Path, which runs along the site's eastern boundary. A copy of the Plan can be consulted at Old Marston Branch Library. All comments should be sent to our City and County Councillors.

MARSTON OPEN GARDENS AFTERNOON

An ENORMOUS thank-you to everyone at Marston's Open Gardens afternoon on 16 June. The event was imbued with goodwill and much fun was had by all.

From the Registers: Wedding

on 15 June: Gary John Rees to Maria Dawn Lavender

PARISH COUNCIL MAY MEETING NOTES

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 20 May Duncan Hatfield was elected as Chairman of the Council. Councillors decided which committees they wished to serve on and who was to represent the Council at the various organisations.

The police attended an operation in Raymund Road and Arlington Drive to deal with a number of cars parking and blocking pavements.

The Parish Council looked at planning applications from 120 Arlington Drive and 13 Park Way, to which there were no objections.

The Council also looked at various environmental issues, including being stricter when tree work should be done.

At the June Parish Council meeting there were no planning applications to be considered; however, Oxford City Council informed the Parish Council that 1A Mortimer Drive had been approved.

The AGAR (Annual Accountability and Governance Report) was agreed by the Council. This is the official document that all Councils have to complete and submit to an external auditor, by the end of June, so they can verify the Council's finances are correct and comply with current legislation.

At the Annual Parish meeting parishioners had asked if more open meetings could be held so that parishioners can discuss, share ideas and express their opinions on various issues. In response to this, the Parish Council is holding an Open meeting on 22 July in the Mortimer Hall at 7pm to discuss possible threats to the Parish, covering a variety of topics from traffic to potential development on Green Belt land and climate change.

The Council has also agreed to set up an Environment Committee: as you can imagine, this is a wide and encompassing subject, so its scope is to be discussed at the first Committee meeting and brought back to the Council for the July meeting.

The next Council meeting, which Parishioners are always welcome to attend, will be on Mon 1 Jul in the Mortimer Hall at 7pm: note the earlier time.

The Clerk can be contacted by phone Mon to Wed 9am-1pm or a message can be left or email sent: clerk@oldmarston-pc.gov.uk. For information go to www.oldmarston-pc.gov.uk, Facebook or Twitter.

Parish Clerk: Tim Cann – 01865 203139
Chairman: Duncan Hatfield - 07706 998224
www.oldmarston-pc.gov.uk

Parish Organisations

Allotments Associations
Court Place Farm, Boult's Lane. Secretary: Mr. T. Cann
Sunday mornings 8.30 am – 11.00 am 01865 202104
Mill Lane Chairman: Dr. M. Unkovskaya 07771 702548
Treasurer Dana Vlad 07919 493580
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
Practices at various times.
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

Leisure:
OXSRAD Sports and Leisure Centre,
Court Place Farm, Marsh Lane 01865 741336

Library (next to Mortimer Hall)
Tuesday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Thursday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Saturday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm 01865 726823

Hedena Health Medical Centre 01865 227788

Marston Community Gardening
Alistair Morris 01865 724081
Kate Robinson 01865 766620

Marston Saints Football Club
John Page. www.msfc.org.uk

Mortimer Hall (Village Hall)
Chris Crane, 2 Raymund Road 01865 727995

Over 50's Club
Alternate Mondays, 2.30 pm in Church Hall.
Secretary, Jane Madden 01865 209086

Oxford City Council (Marston Representatives)
Mary Clarkson, 8 Dunstan Road, Oxford OX3 9BY 01865 751493
Mick Haines, 3 Croft Road 01865 421600

Oxfordshire County Council (Marston Representative)
Mark Lygo 07765 665 726

Oxford Preservation Trust, Marston Area
Lucy Hughes, Cross Farm. 01865 244570

Parentline
Confidential helpline for parents 01865 726600

Parish Council
Parish Clerk: Tim Cann, 8 Nicholas Avenue 01865 203139
(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm)
Chairman: Duncan Hatfield 07706 998224

Pre-school at Mortimer Hall
open 9 sessions a week 07818 236348

Royal British Legion Club Hall:
Steward 01865 243991

Schools
Friends of St Nicholas School 01865 242838

Scouts — 43rd Oxford (St. Nicholas) Scout Group, Boult's Lane
Chair, Tracy McAteer 07714 653088 tracymcaateer@hotmail.co.uk
Group Leaders, Rob & Lisa Pocock
07841 577567 lisapocock@hotmail.co.uk
Beaver Scouts Leader, Sue Springett 01865 251515
Cub Scouts Leader, Karen Holliday 01865 760559
Scouts Leader, Linda Phillips 07804 925705

St. Nicholas Church Hall and Committee Room
Alison Heard, Parish Office 01865 580354

Women's Institute
Second Tuesday in month, 7.30 pm in Church Hall.
President, Sue Hawes 01865 247106
Secretary, Mavis Curtis 01865 351325

Trade Directory

Airport transfers
MJM Airport transfers 07983 225474

Architectural services for Planning Permissions/ Building Regulations
Digby Architectural: 4 Broughton Close 07979 756918

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6 Clays Close, Marston OX3 ONX enquiries@craigholloway.co.uk

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including nail cutting and corn/callus removal. We visit you at home.
Appointments 07742 964282

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126 London Road, Headington OX3 9ED www.dlhancock.co.uk.
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14 Cherwell Drive, Marston OX3 4LY 01865 570000

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Salford Road, Old Marston OX3 ORX 01865 241632
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147A Magdalen Rd, Oxford. OX4 1RL 01865 251231

Pharmacy
Northway Pharmacy: 2 Cherwell Drive, OX3 0LY. 01865 763706
Marston Pharmacy: 11 Old Marston Road 01865 243824

Plumbing, Heating & Gas
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Gas Safe Reg. 146337.
76, Arlington Drive. 01865 724037, 07970 470176
Andrew Job Plumbing & Heating Ltd:
Gas Safe Registered Engineer 125206... 01865 761896, 07710 390980

Tree Surgery, Fruit Tree Pruning
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Mark Baldwin, 07765 935767, 01865 769917

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