

MARSTON TIMES

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30p

It's lunchtime at Carlisle station and the six of us – five Elsfield residents and me – are poring over Tim's map. We're planning the first of four days walking on Hadrian's Wall and Tim must be concerned about the journey we took to meet him at the station. He's plotted a 6-mile route for us from Corbridge, where our adventure begins, to Newbrough, where we plan to spend our first night: a nice gentle start, as we leave Corbridge at two in the afternoon. However, Tim's route doesn't go via The Wall, and we all want to see The Wall today. After a hastily redrawn itinerary, we decide on a nine-mile walk that takes us north to Hadrian's Wall, west along it and then south to Newbrough. Tim is concerned.



We decided to walk a portion of Hadrian's Wall a few months earlier when Peter, James and I were in the pub discussing how we could raise money to renovate an outer wall at St Thomas of Canterbury church in Elsfield. We needed a good strap line and plumped for 'Walking a Wall for a Wall'. As The

Great Wall of China was too far away, we decided to walk Hadrian's Wall instead. Tim, Fraser and Bernard joined our team: some of us made a few practice hikes, but apparently none of us had practiced map-reading.

Our first day of walking, therefore ended up as a twelve-mile trek. But at least at the end of it, there was a pub, a meal and a bunkhouse. Well, there was a bunkhouse for four of us. Peter and I were camping and so we pitched up in some woods nearby. Notwithstanding a tougher start than we had planned, our four days of walking were a great success. There was the scenery for starters, but also good fun, moments of bonding and a deal of hard walking. Blisters, aching muscles and heavy backpacks may have slowed us down, but they also gave us moments of solidarity and the feeling of



being a team. And as well as this we were sponsored by a host of incredible people, so that that our trials on the trail raised a significant sum towards the wall in Elsfield.

Although our first day was longer than planned it provided me with an unanticipated moment of reflection. Having reached Hadrian's Wall we came upon St Oswald's church in the centre of a field. St Oswald was a 7th century Christian king of Northumbria. There I found a postcard, on which was written a Pilgrim Prayer.



I love walking: it resonates with the Christian journey and this prayer perfectly summed up what I felt about our Wall walk.

'We give thanks for our life's pilgrimage embraced by your eternal love. We pray for those with whom we share adventure and companionship. Travel with us Lord, through the uncertainties and expectations of our journey from brokenness through penitence, to resurrection. May the voyage bring vision and our homecoming bring healing. May renewed faith help us to bring hope to those whom we meet, as you bless us God of life, Christ of love, Spirit of grace. Amen.'

If you would like to contribute towards the renovation of the wall at St Thomas in Elsfield, it isn't too late to sponsor us.

Please visit the Virgin Money Giving site: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/HadriansWalkers> and thank you in advance for being part of our journey.

Joel Denno

Parish Calendar for May 2019

St Nicholas, Marston

1 Wednesday

9.30am Holy CommunionRevd S Bullock

5 Third Sunday after Easter

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

10am All Age Service.....

6pm Healing Service with HC.....Revd Skye Denno

8 Wednesday

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

12 Fourth Sunday after Easter

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

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

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

15 Wednesday

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

19 Fifth Sunday after Easter

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

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

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

22 Wednesday

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

26 Sixth Sunday after Easter

8am Holy Communion.....Revd Skye Denno

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

6pm Evensong (BCP)..... Revd Skye Denno

29 Wednesday

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

St Thomas of Canterbury, Elsfield

26 Sunday

10am Matins Revd Skye Denno

Vicar

Revd Skye Denno202988

Churchwardens

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COFFEE POT

April's meeting will be on Mon 6 May in the Parish Hall from 10.30 - 12pm: do come and join us! For lifts, please phone Eileen Palayiwa 725423 or David Blair 246959. Further dates for 2019 are 3 June and 1 July.

OVER 50s CLUB

On 13 May Liz Woolley will give a talk entitled *The Victorian and Edwardian development of East Oxford*. On (Tue) 28 May there will be a trip to Lechlade Garden Centre through the Cotswolds: pick-up from 10am.

WI MEETING

Our next meeting will be on 14 May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The topic under discussion will be *Resolutions and Mandates*. Come along and see how we resolve them!

THIS IS THE DAY

An Ecumenical Service will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, starting in May, from 2.30 - 4pm at Marston URC, 352 Marston Road. All welcome. The service will be particularly suitable for those living with dementia, memory problems or any kind of special need and will be followed by a time for refreshments, activities and fellowship. For further information or offers of help please contact Val Stolton (246157) or Revd Pauline Main (513581).

ECUMENICAL QUIET DAY

will be on Thur 16 May from 12noon to 4pm at Marston URC, 352 Marston Road, to be led by Revd Elaine Bardwell. All welcome. Bring lunch!

YOGA

Wed evenings in Parish Hall from 7 - 8.30pm. Ring Jackie 07747 070111 or jackieyogaflow@gmail.com

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

By popular request, our annual holiday club for children aged 5 to 12 years will take place at St Nicholas Church each morning from Tue 27 to Fri 30 Aug. For more details and to book a place, visit our website: www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk or contact Gill and Geoff Hale 248260.

MARSTON COMMUNITY GARDENING

Let us know if you want a free tree, maybe oak, beech, or silver birch, to plant in your garden. Also, tell us about surplus fruit and veg you might have later in the season to distribute to other Marston residents, and village groups. We will collect/deliver: just ring 724081.

FREE CELLO CONCERT

..on Sat 11 May at St Nicholas Church from 6pm to 7pm by Benjamin Dry. He is an international musician and will be playing a recital of Bach suites. Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection for the artist and church. Come and enjoy!



COURT PLACE ALLOTMENTS OPEN AFTERNOON

On Sat 18 May between 2 and 4pm Court Place Farm Allotment Association is holding an Open Afternoon. Anyone interested in seeing what happens on an allotment, perhaps with a view to taking a whole or part plot, is warmly invited! There will be a barbecue, refreshments and tours. Entrances via Oxford Road or Boults Lane Recreation Ground.

HEADINGTON OPEN GARDENS

On Sun 19 May between 2 and 6pm nine gardens in Headington will be on view to visitors: they range from a well-established garden brimming with exotic planting, a Regency house with a large park-like setting to a small town garden with mixed borders and a recently planted garden in its third full season. Teas at Ruskin College: £6 entry.



OPEN GARDENS

Put 16 June in your diaries and take this unique opportunity to visit some of Marston's gardens, some modest, others on a bigger scale, but all much loved. Proceeds will go to Divya Shanthi and St Nicholas' church re-wiring and heating project.

HOMESHARE AT OXFORDSHIRE AGEUK

Homeshare personally and carefully matches older people living in Oxfordshire and looking for help, companionship or reassurance at home with people seeking affordable accommodation. Information from <http://www.homeshareoxford.org.uk>

PARISH COUNCIL MARCH MEETING NOTES

At the April meeting a planning application for 2 Haynes Road gave the PC concerns about the effect on neighbouring properties.

OCC approved the application for 24 Ashlong Road.

A representative from Galliford Try gave an update on the Swan School project. He apologised for the issues raised and advised that road signs will soon be in place and all construction vehicle drivers have been told of the designated route to the site on the Marston Ferry Road.

A representative from the OFA attended the meeting: before play equipment can be installed clarification is needed about the agreement with the Football Foundation, who gave a grant of £26,500 in 2007 for the underground drainage system. The Recreation Grounds and Pavilion Committees will meet to put recommendations to the PCC about its location and what play equipment to acquire.

The PCC is considering what transport is available within the Parish to those without their own who may find it difficult to get to a bus stop or who live in an area where there is no bus service, such as Bradlands/Mill Lane.

Road closures will take place from 7pm to 6am, between 10 and 22 June, on a section at the junction with Oxford Road, Cherwell Drive and Marston Ferry Road and between 17 and 22 June on Marsh Lane while resurfacing work is done.

The APM takes place on Mon 13 May in the Mortimer Hall at 7pm. This is a unique opportunity for parishioners to discuss parish affairs without the constraints of a Council structure. Any decisions are not binding, but the PCC can hear views expressed. All parishioners are welcome.

The monthly Council meeting follows at 7.30pm. All Parishioners are welcome to attend meetings.

The Clerk can be contacted by phone Mon to Wed 9am -1pm; otherwise 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 tracycateer@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

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