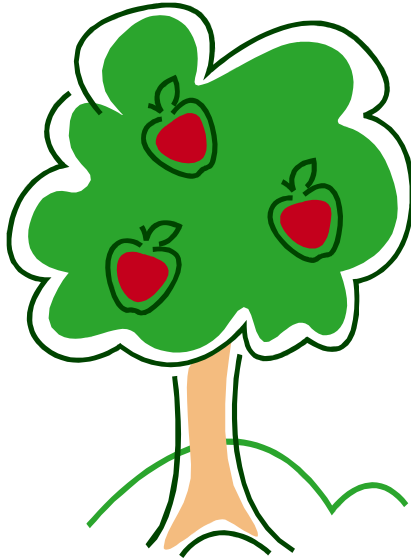


Tower & Tap

September 2010



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Dear Friends

All the statistics show that people respond to a personal touch. We become aware of this ourselves when we go into shops or restaurants and staff treat us as special. But.....

Personal relationships always take a bit of effort, be it our loved ones or our friends. It means giving something of ourselves. Experiencing true friendship it isn't all one way—our efforts are often returned many times over and we receive so much. I was surprised by how much I got from writing a letter to my new sponsor child Brian—when I signed up I thought about what I was giving but didn't realise how much I would get back.

God made us to be in relationship—living in isolation brings us right down. We know from experiments that have been done in the past that a baby who is just fed and changed but receives no other attention fails to thrive. Adults are the same. We need each other and we need to know we are loved, respected and wanted. I wonder is there an isolated, housebound person near you that you could drop into every so often and give a little of your time? And what a difference a smile makes! Just acknowledging people with a smile can make a big impact. Its so sad when people cannot acknowledge the existence of another human being as they walk by.

God loves each one of us as we are—he waits longingly for us to relate to him. His love knows no boundaries, its endures all things and it is there for everyone. When we have a personal relationship with him, we find ourselves filled with peace and joy bringing a confidence that enables to face life's ups and downs just because we know, deep down in our innermost being, that we are loved and wanted. He will never reject us.

Have you drifted away from him? Perhaps you would like to take the opportunity of using the national campaign 'Back to Church Sunday' on Sunday 26th September and to come to church. Or if you would like to find out more about this God of love then why not join our Alpha course on Monday 27th September? More details for both these events can be found in this magazine.

God Bless you with the knowledge of his love,
Rev. Vicky Fleming

Church News

BackToChurchSunday



Come as you are....

We are taking part in the national campaign 'Back to Church Sunday' which is on Sunday 26th September 2010. If its been a while since you last came to church and somehow one thing has led to the other and you have got out of the habit, then why not take this opportunity to come and be with us on this special Sunday? We would love to see you and as all our parishioners have been asked to invite people to come, you won't be alone. We'd love to see you and you will receive a warm welcome.

The Service times are:

- | | |
|--------|--|
| 8.00am | Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer |
| 9.30am | Morning Praise |



Alpha

The Alpha Course Starts on Monday 27th September at St. Margaret's Centre, Kenwin Close, Stratton St. Margaret's at 7pm

The Alpha course is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. It's a place where people can come and ask questions, delve into issues and look for answers together.

The Alpha course evenings start with a meal, followed by a talk and an opportunity for discussion in small groups. It is for everyone, especially those wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, newcomers to the church and those who want to brush up on the basics.

There is no charge but please book a place for catering purposes by contacting Vicky Fleming on 827021 or by email: revs.fleming@tiscali.co.uk



The next High Five service for children up to 5 years will be on **Friday 10th September at 10am**

Saturday Scene meets again on **25th September at 4pm** in the Village Hall. A time of fun for young families! Contact Donald Page on 825693



‘Craft Company’ Last month we ‘played’ with paper and encaustic wax and it inspired us with ideas for Christmas. We meet in Mary Cooper’s house, Dryden House **Wednesday 15th September at 2pm**. Do come and join us.

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

31st July Alexis Louise Allen
15th August Josca Albert Frederick Sear-Watkins

Weddings:

7th August Vincent Conte and Holly Jones
14th August Andrew David Potter and Kate Jane Hartland

Funerals:

12th August ‘Winnie’ Winifred Mary Smith

The Meeting Point

(Please book your table by contacting Vicky Fleming before 6th September. Fee: £5 for people who live in the village, £10 for others)



Saturday 11th September

from 9.30 –12 noon In the Village Hall
Refreshments provided by South Marston Church
We look forward to seeing you

Church Services

(at South Marston Church unless otherwise stated)

5th September	11.00am	Family Service
12th September	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	TEAM SERVICE Stratton
19th September	9.30am	Holy Communion
26th September	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Morning Praise
3rd October	11.00am	Family Service
10th October	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion
17th October	10.00am	TEAM SERVICE South Marston
24th October	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Worship
31st October	9.30am	Morning Worship

Church Office

South Marston Church is part of Stratton Team Ministry. The office is located at St. Margaret's Centre, Kenwin Close, Stratton St. Margaret and it is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 12 noon. Email: stmargaretsoffice@tiscali.co.uk or tel: 826505.

If you would like to talk to a priest or book a Christening or Wedding please contact Rev Vicky Fleming on 827021 between 6 and 7pm any evening except Thursdays or Sundays.

Members of the team:

	Team Rector to be appointed	
Team Vicar	Rev. Vicky Fleming	827021
Hon Curate	Rev. Phil Ashby	759008
Asst. Priest	Rev. George Fleming	827021
Asst. Priest	Rev. Richard Burston	822403
Lay Minister	Mrs Christine Burston	822403
Lay Minister	Mr Dan Read	763016

Gardening Club

Recent Events



B.B.Q - on Monday 5th July Eric Barnes very kindly allowed us to use his facilities at Catsbrain Farm for our annual B.B.Q. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment by Jean and Barry Kitgariff along with the excellent food and good company.

On Saturday 16th August we held our Flower Show. Despite the weather (gardeners always complain) there were plenty of exhibits for all to admire.

Here are the results:-

- Challenge Cup for vegetables - Ashley New
- Bill Smith Trophy for dahlias - Sheila Lavender
- Geoff Sansum Trophy for a standard fuchsia - Richard Sansum
- Flower Arrangers Cup - Rita Smith and Sheila Lavender
- Cookery Trophy - Rosemary New
- Photography Cup - Gill King
- Childrens Cup - Lulu Case
- Hanging Basket Cup - Josie Manners



Future Events

Our next meeting will be on Monday 6th September at 7.30pm. We will be having a talk by Bob Browning on "Celebration of Wood."

TOTS 'n' TODDLERS

We are a Parent & Toddler group that meets up for a play session, craft table, coffee and chat.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS (term time only)

9.00am - 11.00am

0 - 4 years

South Marston Village Hall

For further details feel free to call in

and see us at the group or contact us:

Rachel Case on 01793 832719

or Mary Case on 01793 826038

or email: totsntoddlers@sky.com



South Marston Parish Council News

Wind Turbines

As many of you will know, Honda has submitted a planning application for 3 no. 120m high wind turbines. Following a lengthy evaluation at its meeting on 17th August 2010, South Marston Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to the development of three wind turbines at Honda's South Marston site.

The Parish Council meeting, which was also attended by members of the public, heard that the turbines would be over half as high again as the Watchfield turbines and agreed to object to the application for the following reasons:

- The 120 metre tall turbines will dominate the village.
- The nearest turbine will only be 600 metres from houses in the village. Some local councils, including Lincoln, as well as the Scottish Government, have stipulated a minimum separation distance of 2km. The Parish Council believes this should be the case in Swindon due to concerns about noise and possible health issues.
- There will be significant nuisance caused by flicker/strobing from the turbines. The council is concerned that the height of the masts has not been taken into consideration.

We will be asking that the Parish Council is given the opportunity to speak at the Swindon Borough Council Planning Meeting .

New Parish Clerk

After a positive response to the advertisement of Clerk to the Parish Council, the appointment of Gemma Cheal was made at the Parish Council meeting on 20th July 2010. The Parish Council gave a fond farewell to Roger Powell who has served the Council for 6 years. Gemma is currently in the process of taking over the role from Roger. The new Clerk can be contacted on 01793 820529. The email address for the Clerk remains the same: clerksmpc@aol.com.

Village Development

The change to government policy may mean that local authorities get more say in how much development takes place in their area, but it does not mean that the pressure to build more houses has gone away.

So far as South Marston is concerned, this probably results in us having more influence over what is built and removes us from the straight jacket of the Eastern Development Area numbers. Having said this, most of the land to the immediate South of the village is under option to developers, who have paid good money for first refusal to buy the land for development if planning permission is granted.

Therefore both they and the landowners are keen to make a profit by obtaining permission to build. It is still Swindon's policy to expand and this area has already been earmarked. We cannot sit back and hope that nothing will happen. We would like to thank all those who came to the 'Place Making' meetings organised by NEW Master Planning in May.

The Parish Council are hosting another meeting in a similar format particularly designed to pick up on the work done in the first of those meetings, add to it and develop more concrete plans to carry forward to the Borough and developers.

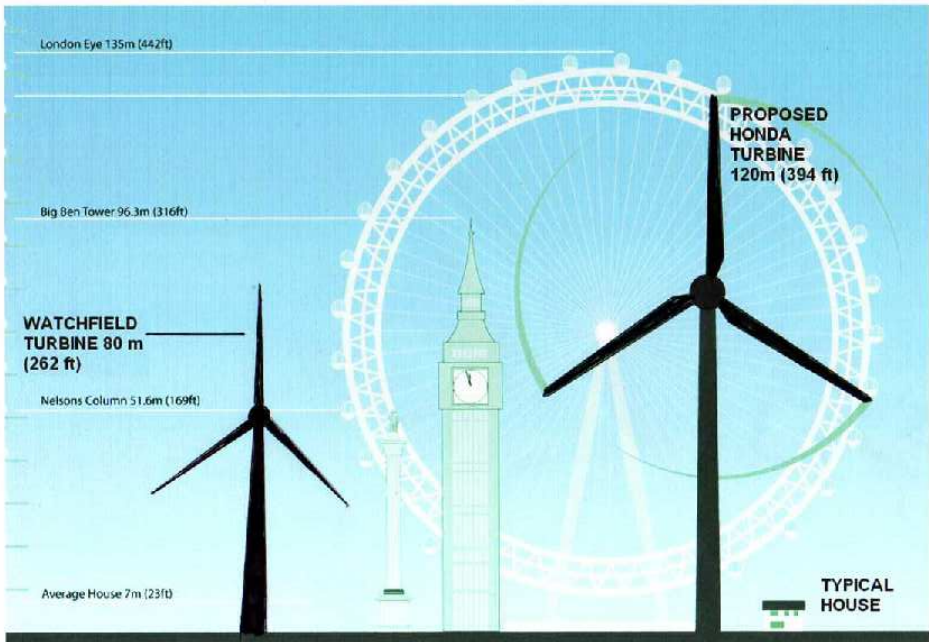
This will be held at:
the South Marston Hotel
on the 15th September at 7.15 for 7.30.

All are welcome, and it would be helpful if you had considered the new material on the website at <http://southmarston.org.uk>, or contact our Clerk on 01793 820529.

To keep informed of all the latest Parish Council news, including minutes of Parish Council meetings, please visit www.southmarston.org.uk and visit the 'Parish Council' section.

ILL WIND Update on the Honda Wind Turbine Application

www.illwind.co.uk



The Honda wind turbines will be half as tall again as the Watchfield turbines and almost as tall as the London Eye.

There is still time to write to the Planning Dept, below is an extract of a letter to residents from Rhian Morris, the Principal Planning Officer handling the application:

As you know we have received the above planning application and a number of you have expressed concerns regarding the length of time which you have been given to respond the planning application.

I can inform you that I am not in a position to extend the statutory consultation period, however any comments we receive before a decision is reached will be taken into account. Specifically, following the end of the 21 days consultation period, I will be on annual leave until the first week of September, so you'll have the opportunity to make any comments until my return. This will give you extra time, which many of you have requested, to look at the extensive information which has been submitted.

If you have any comments/objections you wish to make about the application please write to:

Planning Department (Application No: S/10/1073)
Swindon Borough Council
Wat Tyler House
Beckhampton St or email:
Swindon SN1 2JG sbcdc@swindon.gov.uk

Copies of your letters can be sent to:

Swindon Advertiser
Newspaper House
100 Victoria Rd or email:
Swindon SN1 3BE newsdesk@swindonadvertiser.co.uk

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Swindon Conservative
MP's Constituency Office
1 Milton Road or email:
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THE ONLY GROUNDS FOR OBJECTION ACCEPTED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ARE:

Development Plan Policy
Government Guidance
Highway Safety & Traffic
Design, appearance & layout
Effect on the level of daylight & privacy
Conservation of buildings, trees and open land
Need to safeguard the countryside
Noise disturbance and smells

For more information visit our website: www.illwind.co.uk
or email amanda@aquileia.co.uk or phone 828636

If you would like to receive updates please send us your email address or postal address.

Friendly Club

Recent Events

Tuesday 13th July - a presentation on **Concorde** was given by **Doug Newton** who was one of the team involved in flight testing. He gave us an insight of how the team conducted their tests with a slide show and commentary. The action of competing countries to try to combat **Concorde** success was also talked about. Items of memorabilia were on view for us to examine and discuss.



Tuesday 20th July - Visit to the Black Country Museum

The trip included a boat trip through the Dudley Tunnel. It was an insight to find out the extent of tunnels that are in the area from the mining era. Some more sections of the old tunnels may be worked on to open them to the public. We had a few showers but this did not effect the meandering around the museum and feedback was that it was an enjoyable day out.



Tuesday 10th August - Mystery Tour

We started with a tour through Bath to see the many Georgian properties in the city. The driver, who used to live and drive buses in Bath, told us how most people are under the impression that it is a city influenced by Roman occupation. The only roman influence is the baths. The city is predominantly Georgian. Our onward journey took us through the Chew Valley to Western-Super-Mare. When the trip was planned the new pier was scheduled to be open for our visit, as it is still not open we shortened our time there and went on to the Cadbury Garden centre. The trip back took us through Cheddar Gorge and passed the Chew valley Lake with views of the Mendip Hills.

Future Events

Tuesday 14th September – Village Hall, 2.00pm. A talk will be given by **Jan Blankenstein**, Chiropractor, on how to maintain a healthy back.

Annual Holiday

This year the annual holiday is at the Manor Hotel Exmouth from **Monday 4th October to 8th October** inclusive. The cost for members and non members is **£229.00** per person. This includes bed, breakfast and evening meal and outings by coach. No single supplement will be required.

If you are over 50 years old and would like to join us on any of our trips or come on the holiday with us you will be most welcome.

To book a place or for more details contact Brian 826243 or Josie 828080.

Bell Ringing in South Marston

If you would like to find out more about bell ringing or are interested in learning to ring, then please contact Darran Ricks on 832999 or e-mail darranricks@yahoo.co.uk



South Marston Tower Bells – A Brief History

The current peal of six bells were installed in 1926 by Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel, London. Bells 1 to 5 were cast by them that year whilst the tenor (heaviest) bell was retained from the previous ring of three bells. The tenor bell weighs about 2/3 of a tonne. The fifth bell has the following inscription:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
THESE BELLS WERE AUGMENTED FROM 3 TO 6
BY SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM THE PARISHIONERS
& FRIENDS, ASSISTED BY THE REV: A. MACDONALD
THE FORMER VICAR OF THIS PARISH.
FRANCIS GEORGE VERNON ILES, VICAR
MINNIE ILES.
JOHN JAMES SANSUM. CHURCHWARDENS

The sixth / tenor bell was cast in 1616 by the founder John Wallis and bears the following inscription:

BE JOYFUL IN THE LORD
IN 1616



One other bell hangs in the tower. It is hung 'dead', which means it is not hung for 'full circle' ringing, but can still be rung with a chiming hammer. This bell was cast in about 1470 by Robert Hendley and was also one of the three bells that hung in the tower prior to 1926.

Tower & Tap Submissions - Please email items for Tower & Tap to kaylong@btinternet.com or drop any article in to The Maples, South Marston (next to the Vicarage). The deadline for October 2010 issue is 15 September 2010.

South Marston Youth Club



For more details please contact Julie or Steve Hatherall, e-mail:
hatherall24@yahoo.co.uk tel: 07923 441 296. Sept/Oct dates:

DAY	DATE	VENUE
Mon	13 September	Village Hall
Fri	17 September	Village Hall
Mon	27 September	Village Hall
Fri	1 October	Village Hall
Mon	11 October	Village Hall
Fri	15 October	Village Hall
Mon	25 October	Village Hall
Fri	29 October	Village Hall

For more information please visit <http://southmarston.org.uk>

SMAWL

South Marston Assisting Wildlife



Conservation and the environment were major features at this year's fete with both the village conservation group (SMAWL) and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust having stands.

'We have been overwhelmed at the number of entries we had to our conservation area design competition and wanted to show some of them to the village' said Barry Thunder, chairman of SMAWL. 'People were really impressed by the creativity and thought that had been put into them. We also took the opportunity to show people pictures of some of the work we have been doing and answer their questions about the site.'

Several residents in the village contributed prizes to SMAWL, so that they could hold a prize draw at the fete. Top prize of a wicker hamper of bath products from local company Aquileia was won by Kirsty Jones.

Other prize winners were: Roy and Carol Chambers, Amanda Hancock, April Stoneham, Thomas Skey, Hazel Beaver, Tony Heath, Alex, April Chambers, J Tomlinson



POLICE SURGERIES

The next Police Surgeries are being held on

Tues 21st September
& Tues 26th October

7 - 8 pm,

Meadow Room,

South Marston Hotel

If there is anything in your area you would like to talk to your local Police Officer about then please come along.

Calling all Swindon Businesses

We all know that these are tough times, for businesses and their customers. So how do you keep one step ahead of the competition, making sure you're doing the best by both your customer and your profit margin? Join Buy With Confidence!

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To become a member you have to pass an audit carried out by Trading Standards Officers, to maintain the highest possible standards for the scheme, but once your application has been successful, you can join the Buy With Confidence family where you will be featured on the national website, be part of a scheme promoted by Swindon Borough Council, and have use of the Buy With Confidence - "Trading Standards Approved" logo for your vehicles, premises and stationery.

If this sounds like something your business needs, contact the Buy With Confidence Project Officers Lara Hill or Michael Voss on 01793 466155. Or you can e-mail them at buywithconfidence@swindon.gov.uk. More information about the scheme can be found if you go to www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk.

We look forward to working with you to make your business a success, and to help protect the consumers of Swindon.



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The South Marston Hotel & Leisure Club**

Festive Party Nights

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3 course meal followed by coffee & mints, disco & dancing

Senior Citizens Festive Lunch

Wednesday 15th December 2010

A set 3 course meal followed by entertainment

£12.00 per person

Sunday Lunch with Santa

Every Sunday throughout December

From **£12.95** per adult, **£6.95** per child 5-12 years, under 5's FREE

Christmas Day Lunch

4 course meal followed by coffee & mince pie

Served 12.00pm - 3.00pm.

Adults **£59.50**, children under 12 **£29.50**

Boxing Day Lunch

3 course carvery followed by coffee & mints

Adults **£24.50**, children under 12 **£12.50**

New Years Eve Gala Buffet & Disco

Party with us into the early hours!

£49.50 per Adult, **£25.00** per child under 12

**For more information on any of the above events,
to request a brochure or to make a booking please
contact our events team on (01793) 833700 ext. 270 or
events@southmarstonhotel.com**



Christmas Craft & Gift Fair



on Friday 19th November
from 7.00pm until 9.00pm
at South Marston Primary School.



If you feel you have suitable products to sell
and would like to book a table please contact
Mandy on 01793 831090
or email mandyhancock@virginmedia.com

Organised by South Marston Parents' Association to benefit school funds.

BOURTON ART PROGRAMME 2010/11

10-week Art Classes - Monday morning sessions
continue in Autumn Term

All sessions are suitable for complete beginners
and leisure artists of all levels.



This session will run each Monday from 27th September
until 29th November 2010 from 10.00am until 12.00 midday.

Information about the Winter Term will be provided
at a later date. For further information (and booking form)
please contact Margaret on 01793 782927 or email
mcintyre.malcolm@btinternet.com

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Useful Contacts: South Marston

<http://southmarston.org.uk>

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Parish Council Vice Chair	Stuart Young	T 828775
Clerk to the Parish Council	Gemma Cheal	T 820529
Parish Council Project Co-ord'r	TBA	
SMRA Chair	Mary Case	T 826038
SMRA Secretary	Julie Hatherall	T 826028
Village Hall Bookings	Julie Hatherall	T 07857 310624
Football Field Bookings	Chris Maull	T 824505
Tots & Toddlers	Rachel Case	T 832719
Youth Club	Julie & Steve	T 07923 441296
Gardening Club	Mike New	T 827807
Friendly Club	Brian McGlone	T 826243
History Society	Darren Cook	T 832999
Marston Minstrels	Maureen Withers	T 825660
SM Football Club	Nigel Franklin	T 766590
Spitfires Football Club	Bev Maull	T 824505
South Marston School	Alison Lowe	T 823379
Pre-School	Pre-School Staff	T 07847 590601
Swindon Borough Councillor	Doreen Dart	T 762033
Member of Parliament	Justin Tomlinson	T 522123
Team Rector	<i>to be appointed</i>	
Team Vicar	Vicky Fleming	T 827021
Church Wardens	Richard Sansum	T 831473
	Donald Page	T 825693

Useful Contacts Stanton Fitzwarren

Some useful contact numbers for Stanton Fitzwarren are shown below, which our readers may find useful:

Clerk to the Parish Council	Zena May	T 702869
WI President	Margaret Parker	T 762065
Village Hall Bookings	Alison Charnock	T 762093
St Leonards Church Wardens	Liz Hillman	T 762935
	Sue Mackenzie	T 765538