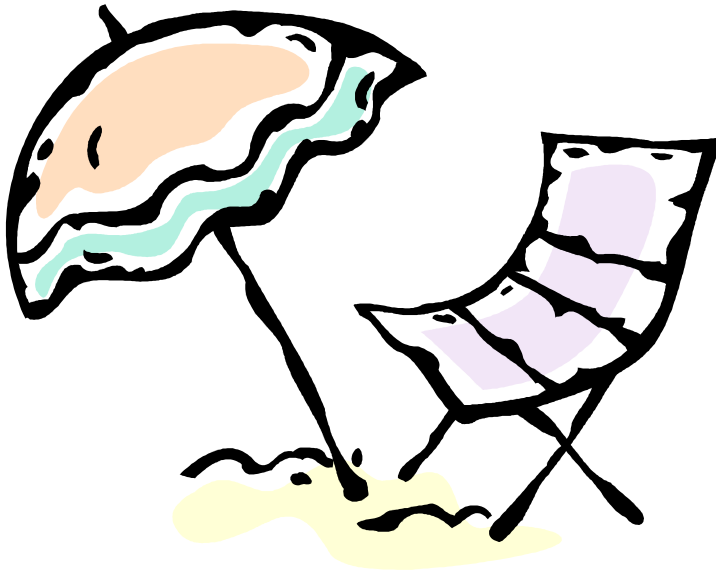


Tower & Tap

SUMMER FETE - 9th JULY
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July/August 2011

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Dear Friends,

We are grateful for the gifts we have recently received towards our guttering appeal. Every gift counts or as our 'Drainpipe' collecting boxes every little drop helps! It means such a great deal to us in this economic climate,

We are all hearing about 'the cuts' and we are experiencing the economic squeeze. If we have savings, we are not getting much of a return; if we are in debt, we are having to pay more interest; and if we are on a fixed income it just doesn't go as far as it did this time last year. Yet even in this 'squeeze' we are all better off than people were 40 years ago but research shows that we are not so happy!

The Bible says more about money and possessions than many other issues. I am told—no I haven't counted them myself—there are more than 2,000 verses about this subject! Behind money there is a spiritual issue. I have heard it said 'Money does not make a man, money unmasks him.' Our attitude to money says a great deal about us.

Most people agree that money can't actually make you happy. Recent research has shown that people who have won the lottery are less optimistic about their future than people who have been paralysed by an accident six month's after the event! It's what's in our hearts that makes us happy or sad. Debt brings its own consequences —King Solomon wrote: "The rich rule over the poor and the borrower becomes the lender's slave."

The Bible encourages us to put a right perspective on the value of possessions. We need to continually learn to be grateful for what we do have—there are always others less fortunate than ourselves. The Bible also reminds us that 'God loves a cheerful giver' because our basis for giving should be love. God loved us so much and our giving is to be a response to that love. Thank you again for your generosity.

God Bless,
Vicky Fleming

Church News

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The next **High Five** service for children up to 5 years will be on Friday 1st July at 10am There will be no service in August .

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'Craft Company' we are meeting again at Mary Cooper's house (Dryden House) 2pm Wednesday 13th July and 10th August, More details form Mary or Vicky Fleming.



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Saturday Scene will be back in **September.**

Contact Donald Page on 825693

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Thank you

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Mr Tony Harris has given our 'Guttering Fund' a gift of £500 —we are so grateful for this gift. Each gift is a step towards ensuring our ancient church is maintained and not lost to future generations. It is a place of quiet and peace where many of our village friends and family have been laid to rest. It is a place that people use to come and think, to reflect and meditate. Not all those who use this sacred place are Christians, or come to church, it is used by many who just value the atmosphere and history. Do you value it? Do you want to preserve it? If so, any gift you can give will help towards its preservation. Thank you for your generosity.

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POLITE NOTICE

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Have you noticed how tidy the church grounds are now? A huge thank you to Colin and Jenny McEwen for cutting the Glebe grass and Richard Sansum and William Hiscocks for working hard in the churchyard. PLEASE help us to keep it tidy by disposing of non-biodegradable things in the bin provided and compost the rest in the designated area. Thank you.

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From the Registers:

Baptism: 11th June Laila Grace Enstone

The 7.30 Club

for 10 to 16 year olds from Stratton, Stanton & South Marston



Held on alternate Sunday Evenings
7.30pm to 8.45pm at St Margaret's Centre
Please call the St. Margaret's Church Office
for more information

The Meeting Point

Coffee morning with table top sales

(Please book a table early: £2.50 for people who live in the village,
£5 for those outside and free to village organisations)



9th July and 13th August
from 9.30 –12 noon
In the Village Hall

**Come and meet your friends, chat and enjoy
catching up on the latest news.**

Refreshments provided by South Marston Church

We look forward to seeing you

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 Vicar	Rev. Vicky Fleming	827021
Asst. Priest	Rev. George Fleming	827021
Asst. Priest	Rev. Richard Burston	822403
Lay Minister	Mrs Christine Burston	822403
Lay Minister	Mr Dan Read	763016

Church Services

(at South Marston Church unless otherwise stated)

3rd July	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	11.00am	Family Service & Baptism	
10th July	9.30am	Holy Communion	
17th July	10.00am	TEAM SERVICE	St Margaret's
24th July	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
31st July	9.30am	Morning Worship	
7th August	11.00am	Family Service	
14th August	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
21st August	10.00am	TEAM SERVICE	St Margaret's
28th August	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	9.30am	Holy Communion	

South Marston Parish Council News

Parish Councillor Vacancy

South Marston Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Applicants should put their request for consideration in writing with a summary about themselves including: reasons for wishing to be a councillor; previous community/council work; any other skills they can bring to the Council, their interests and recent career history.

The closing date for applications is Thursday 7th July 2011.

All candidates will be invited to an interview.

Please send applications to the Parish Clerk, Mrs Gemma Cheal at 75 Stratton Road, Lower Stratton, Swindon, SN1 2PN
or email: clerksmpc@aol.com

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk on 820529.

Parish Council Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There is an "Open 10 Minutes" section at the start of the meeting where you are invited to ask questions or discuss an agenda item. It would be helpful if you could inform the Chairman at the start of the meeting of any items that you wish to raise or discuss. All agendas are published on the village website and on the village notice boards, prior to the meetings.

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.

Watch out for the Fun Fair on the Rec again this July



With a **CAR BOOT** on the Saturday 23rd

from 2.00pm onwards

to book a car boot please call Rachel on 832719

South Marston C of E School News

We have again been busy...



Last term Class 2 went on a fantastic trip to Windsor Castle. What made it even more exciting was the fact that The Queen was actually in residence at the time! They saw the state apartments and the room with all the coats of arms. This was especially interesting as Class 2 have been learning about their own family's coat of arms. One child from the village even spotted his family's coat of arms on the wall! They were also able to take part in a learning session about the castle and had the chance to dress up as knights in armour and learn what they did in the past. Everyone had a great day.

Also last term Class 3 had a special Viking visitor as part of their topic. Thor the Viking was very friendly and informative about the Viking way of life. Amongst other things the pupils learned about how they dressed, worked, cooked, enjoyed music and fought. The children and staff had an amazing day.



This term we have taken part in Fathers' Story week and the children have loved having their Dads come in to school to join in with our fun. Amongst other things they have joined in with house building, gardening, PE, ICT and storytelling. Many Dads from the village have taken part and we would like to thank all the Dads for their continued support.

South Marston Youth Club

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

July dates (no meetings in August):



DAY	DATE	VENUE
Mon	4 & 18 July	Village Hall
Fri	1, 15 & 29 July	Village Hall

Extra events:

Watersports Day Sat 2 July - Friday Group

Watersports day Sun 3 July - Monday group

Youth Club Stall at South Marston Fete 9 July. Tombola, Tuck shop, Stocks, Games.

ILL WIND Update

Honda/Ecotricity Wind Turbine Application

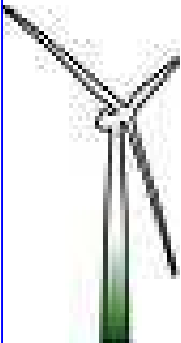
THE FINAL PLANNING MEETING IS LOOMING!

Look out for the next illwind leaflet which we will deliver when the date and time of the meeting is confirmed by Swindon Borough Council.

At this meeting the Planning Committee will decide whether or not to allow three giant industrial wind turbines to be built near your home.

Despite massive public opposition Swindon Planning Officers will recommend once again that the application be APPROVED.

A huge public attendance is crucial to demonstrating the strength of feeling against the turbine plans.



IF YOU DON'T WANT 3 MASSIVE INDUSTRIAL TURBINES LOOMING OVER THE VILLAGE, ATTEND THE MEETING - IT REALLY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE DECISION AND TO THE FUTURE OF SOUTH MARSTON AND YOUR WAY OF LIFE.

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SOUTH MARSTON SUMMER FETE

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JULY 9TH - 2.00PM IN THE ARENA



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VILLAGE
SUMMER
FETE**

**SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2.00PM - 5.00PM
SOUTH MARSTON RECREATION FIELD**

**CAR BOOT - CRAFT STALLS - FANCY DRESS
COMPETITION - REFRESHMENT'S - BEER TENT -
HIGHWORTH SILVERBAND - DANCING - BOUNCY
CASTLE & LOTS MORE!!..**

**PARTY IN THE PARK!!.. 7.00PM TILL LATE!!
BBQ & BEER TENT**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN
GATES OPEN AT 1PM FOR SET UP
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RACHEL ON: (01793) 832719**



POLICE NEWS & INFORMATION

Police Advice from our Crime Beat Manager, Marc Jackson:

During the summer months, more people tend to venture out and about to enjoy the local country side and good weather. Please can I remind residents to ensure that when they attend local beauty spots, such as Nightingale Woods, that they ensure their vehicle is secured and no valuables are left on view.



We tend to see a slight increase in thefts from motor vehicles during the next few months. If anyone sees individuals or vehicles acting suspiciously around beauty spot car parks, please contact Wiltshire Police on 0845 408 7000.

Information from our Police Community Support Officer, Juliet Evans:

PCSO Juliet Evans will be attending the Meeting Point coffee morning at the Village Hall on 13th August between 11.00-12.00, please come and see me if you would like to discuss any police matters.

Also I am currently arranging with the Swindon Community Safety Team, for the Swindon Community Safety Bus to come to the village in mid August. This will promote safer Swindon and local areas, offering advice on various safety topics. I am also planning to do bike marking. Further details will be posted on the web site when this is confirmed.



Tower & Tap

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

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South Marston Enterprise (SME) Group

This small group of villagers has been meeting to talk about and share experiences of being in business for about 18 months. We come from a variety of backgrounds and our experience of being in business varies from a few months to several years; but we all have something to contribute.

In 2010 the group members were able to share knowledge and skills on subjects as diverse as business processes, presenting your business and time management. It's not a formal group – we meet in each other's homes, chat and usually indulge in something good to eat and drink.

We'd like to invite anyone with an interest in business or enterprise (you don't have to run a business) to join us at our meetings. You don't have to commit to every meeting and it costs nothing.

In **July** we will be considering **How we Learn** and how this has an impact on us as individuals and professionals. **We will meet at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th July at Nightingale Farm.**

If you'd like to come please call Hannah Jones on 01793 823035 or e-mail her at hannah@bluekitecoach.com



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Friendly Club

Recent Events

Tuesday 17th May: Our outing to **Madame Tussauds** went well with many opportunities for photographs with the exhibits. You are allowed to get close and personal with them. The 4D show was very enjoyable with some special effects being generated from your seat.

Tuesday 14th June: This was our Annual General Meeting. All existing committee members were re-elected and maintain their same duties. No new nominations were received. Following AGM business, we heard how the **Friends of Angel's Orphanage** was started and the work they and the founder **Angel Shahi** do. Whilst in Nepal on a Medical Mission in Spring 2009 **Ian & Rosa Matheson** met **Angel Shahi**, who had rescued from all over Nepal 22 abandoned, orphaned or 'given-up children. Given-up children are from widowed mothers with no means to keep them. The Nepalese culture due to an archaic belief which is still prevalent today does not wish to help widows of any age. It was a very interesting, moving and informative talk. A collection at the meeting raised £98.35 from members to help support the work at the orphanage. For further information visit www.angelsorphanage.com.

Tuesday 21st June: Our outing to the **Hawk Conservancy Trust** was excellent. The commentaries were very informative and the displays by the birds were a sight to behold. The various displays included heron and vulture feeding, hawks and red kite flights to catch food on the hand and in the air and finally a display by owls. We were also able to feed owls and hawks from a gloved hand. Look out for photographs on the web site.



Future Events

Tuesday 12th July – 2 pm, Village Hall - we will be entertained by **Gillian Monk**, an optician, on the topic '**A room with a view**' which is a comical talk on exploring the eye.



Tuesday 19th July – Outing to Kew Gardens. Pick up time outside the school is 9.00 am and we return to South Marston at approximately 6.30 pm.

Tuesday 23rd August – Outing to Abergavenny and the Wye Valley. Pick up time outside the school is 9.00 am and return to South Marston will be approximately 6.30 pm.

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



Gardening Club



Recent Events

On Monday 16th May many of us were reminded of what life was like years ago with a talk by Pamela Clement on "Life from Victorian times onwards." She commented on the reasons why our ancestors cabbages grew so well (something to do with having no inside toilets) and how everyday products were used as "cure alls" inside the house and in the garden.

Future Events



On Monday 4th July we will hold our annual B.B.Q. at Catsbrain Farm for all our members (the usual bring your own plate etc applies.) Entertainment will be by OK Reunited. Please remember the earlier start time of 7:00pm.

August brings the Annual Flower Show.

On Saturday 20th August is the Flower Show. Any members of the village or the gardening club can show their produce. Whether you have a small or large garden everyone has something to show. Schedules will be available at the B.B.Q. or from Mike on 827807.





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Useful Contacts: South Marston

<http://southmarston.org.uk>

Parish Council Chair	Neil Burchell	T 827009
Parish Council Vice Chair	Stuart Young	T 828775
Clerk to the Parish Council	Gemma Cheal	T 820529
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
Saplings Children's Centre (All Sorts)		T 829996
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
Village Hall Bookings	Alison Charnock	T 762093
St Leonards Church Wardens	Liz Hillman	T 762935
	Sue Mackenzie	T 765538