

## Marden Chapel Services

Services at 10am every Sunday.

Services last about an hour and are followed by refreshments.

All welcome.



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Editors

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## **VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>January 2020</b>	<b>February 2020</b>	<b>March 2019</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Family Race Night	<b>April 2019</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Gardeners' Spring Show 12 <sup>th</sup> Easter Bingo 15 <sup>th</sup> Quiz Night
<b>May 2019</b> Benefice Sponsored Walk  18 <sup>th</sup> Table Top Sale and Gardeners Ass' Plant Sale	<b>June 2019</b> School Fete 23 <sup>rd</sup> Church and Community Fete 28 <sup>th</sup> Pre-School Bingo 30 <sup>th</sup> Strawberry Fayre	<b>July 2019</b>	<b>August 2019</b>
<b>September 2019</b> Autumn Fayre & Dog show Sponsored Ride & Stride Gardeners' Autumn Show Amberley Harvest Lunch MacMillan Coffee Morning	<b>October 2019</b> Marden Harvest Supper 11 <sup>th</sup> Bags2school 26 <sup>th</sup> Quiz Night	<b>November 2019</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mini Firework display and Halloween Disco Christmas Bazaar 29 <sup>th</sup> Pre School Bazaar & Christmas Bingo	<b>December 2019</b>

It has been suggested that we keep a village calendar by month to show events happening in the village. Dates can be sent to us in the usual way.

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## VILLAGE CLUB NEWS

### **MARDEN WI**

After the business was covered at our May meeting, members considered the two resolutions which will be put to the National Federation Annual Meeting at Bournemouth in June. The first resolution expressed concern over the decline in local bus services urging the government and local authorities to enable an adequate provision of services. The second one was to encourage members to raise awareness of cervical screening and attend routine screening as attendance is at its lowest for a decade. After discussion, a majority of the members voted in favour of both resolutions and our vote will be taken forward to the Annual Meeting.

After this, one of our members, Liz Roberts gave us an illustrated talk on the cruise she and her husband, John, took from Buenos Aires to Santiago to celebrate their golden wedding earlier this year. They visited several places in Argentina but as they travelled south unfortunately the weather worsened and the ship was unable to go to the Falkland Islands as planned. Finally, they reached Cape Horn and sailed around it, and John was able to achieve a boyhood ambition and see the island of Tierra del Fuego. Other sights included whales, fur seals and glaciers. Their trip ended in Santiago, Chile and all the members enjoyed this interesting account of a fascinating holiday. Liz was warmly thanked by Ruth Berisford.

Next month we welcome Kate Hemblade who will talk about and demonstrate reflexology. Visitors are always welcome so please join us on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Community Lounge.

**SB**

### **GUIDES NEWS**

**Marden Guides are Recruiting!** We want more girls to experience Girlguiding and get the most out of life. Guides can get involved in anything from adventure sports to performing arts, travel, outings and taking part in community and worldwide action projects. If you know of any girls who might be interested, please tell them about us.

**We build girl's confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their full potential, face challenges and have fun! Come and join us.**

**Welcome to Marden Brownies, Guides & Rangers – the fun starts here!**

For Brownies (Age 7-10 years) contact Trish on 01432 880859

For Guides (Age 10 – 14 years) and Rangers (Age 14-18 years ) contact Alison on 01432 880094 or email [mardenguides@outlook.com](mailto:mardenguides@outlook.com)

Guiding is fun for adults too! You could help us regularly, or just occasionally if you prefer. Perhaps you have some special skills that you could share with us. If you are interested, please contact Alison.

Alison Thomas – Guide Leader

### **MARDEN GARDENERS CLUB**

On 14<sup>th</sup> May we were entertained by Phil Aubury. He gave a very interesting talk on the subject of propagation. Lots of practical demonstrations and advice on sowing seeds and taking different kinds of cuttings. Phil also bought a good range of plants for sale.

No meeting in June, Instead we will be making a trip to Snowhill Manor on 11<sup>th</sup> June. There are still a few seats available. Tickets for the coach and entrance to the house and garden are £26.50 for garden club members, £28.50 for non-members. If you are a member of the National Trust, entrance to the house and garden is free so the cost will be just £15.00 and £17 respectively for the coach. Please contact June Poole on 880388 for more details.

### **MARDEN BRANCH – HEREFORD WILDLIFE TRUST**

32 people had a wonderful day out to Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust. The weather was kind and we saw many wetland birds and mammals and amphibians.

The next meeting is on **June Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** with a talk on 'Wildlife Gardening' by Ros Bissell

This will be followed by refreshments and a small raffle. (raffle prizes welcome)

HWT members £2 Non members £3

The July meeting will be about 'Wildlife of Finland'

Other information about HWT you can e-mail Jessica Tidball [jessica.tidball@btconnect.com](mailto:jessica.tidball@btconnect.com)

### **MARDEN ARTS & CRAFTS**

At our meeting in June we welcome Revd. Leigh Spicer who will be telling us all about the history of sewing kits. If you have an old sewing kit or work box do bring it as it may be of interest to other members.

If you have not been to MACS before, do come along. You will be given a warm welcome and you will hopefully find some of our talks and demonstrations interesting, even if you are not a particularly 'crafty' person.

We look forward to seeing current members and visitors at the meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45pm in the Community Lounge.

**SB**

## **VILLAGE CLUB NEWS Cont.**

### ***MARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY***

Our meeting in June will not be the usual Monday evening meeting but we will be making an outside visit to Rodd Court near Presteigne on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be travelling by car share arrangements and there will be a charge of £10 each to include a guided tour of both the house and gardens and refreshments. We will leave the Community Centre Car Park at 1pm and plan to be back by 5pm at the latest.

Rodd Court is a 17<sup>th</sup> Century building that was last home to the Australian artist Sidney Nolan and his wife, Mary from the 1980's until their deaths. The property is now held by the Sidney Nolan Trust who are developing it as a cultural centre to enrich the rural areas of the West Midlands and the Mid Wales.

We need to know as soon as possible how many are interested in joining us so that we can finalise the arrangements. Please let myself or Colin know if you are able to come, the trip is open to all, members or not, and we look forward to sharing the experience with as many as possible.

If you would like more information please contact myself or Colin Bates.

I have been reminded that I need to let the wider community know that, after 3 years of making a loss on our calendars, the committee have reluctantly decided that the History Society will not be producing any more calendars. Many thanks to those who have supported us through the years.

GN

### ***CHAPEL CHAT***

Our Friendship Hour on 25th April took place on a typical spring day of sunshine and showers. We enjoyed an "at home" in celebration of the season with poetry, anecdotes, folk songs and a fine tea to follow.

On 30th May we shall be learning about another culture when Sandy Brook talks to us about the Amish community in Pennsylvania. Among their many skills is the art of quilt making and she will be bringing an example to show us.

Sunday morning services continue to flourish and our numbers are increasing. You are welcome to join us at these and at Friendship Hour.

SA

### ***MOTHERS' UNION***

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4 June 2019 in St Ethelbert's room, Marden Church, at 2.30 pm - all welcome. We hope Hazel Gould will be talking about her recent trips to East Africa.

Between 8-10 June the Mothers' Union worldwide remembers our sisters and brothers in the dioceses of Hereford, Yambio South Sudan, Garissa Kenya, Mbamili Nigeria, Willochra Australia, and Thailand.

Thanks to Elizabeth Harris for leading us in a discussion about grandparents. Members shared memories of how their grandparents had influenced their lives and what we should remember to pass on to our grandchildren today.

PG

### ***MARDEN & SUTTON OVER 60'S***

The Anniversary lunch at Burghill Golf Club was good value. 20 members husbands and friends enjoyed the meal. Nothing to report in May. Next meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>. The outing in July will be discussed.

JP

## **MARDEN TENNIS CLUB**

### **JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING 2019**

The Marden Recreation Ground Trust are in the process of progressing a project to replace one of the existing tennis courts with a multi use games area (MUGA) and refurbish the second court by cleaning the surface, re-lining and providing a new net. It is hoped that this work will be completed during the first half of May but as the exact date for completion of the work has not been finalised junior tennis coaching will begin this year on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at a cost of £2 per child per session. One session will start at 10:00 am for children between the ages of 4 and 8 with a second session for those aged between 9 and 14 starting at 11 am. All are welcome so please come along and develop your game. If you would like further information please email [davidclawdd@aol.com](mailto:davidclawdd@aol.com) or phone 07702 582584.

## THE WILDSIDE OF MARDEN

The last HWT talk at the beginning of May was about Herefordshire butterflies and their conservation. The main focus was on the Woolhope Dome that includes Haugh woods as well as many other woods, heaths and pastures nearby. The rarest butterfly in the area is the wood white and much work has been done to save these beautiful butterflies that are slowly making a comeback. One area of conservation is to clear along the rides providing a wide verge that is then left to regenerate with natural flora. The butterflies love these open spaces where they can collect the nectar from the flowers and then find the right plants onto which they lay their eggs. I was surprised on how many different species of caterpillars thrive on dog violet plants. I was pleased to comment that we have had more wild violets growing on our garden this year than ever before. On our Marden bridleways they have been made more open and as I ride along on sunny days I certainly do notice more butterflies and have seen, brimstone, orange tips and speckled wood just this week.

On the mammal side I have observed an increasing number of badgers dead near the roads. Some of them quite large. Good news is that I have had many reports of hedgehogs in many gardens all over the Marden parish. Some being quite large and we have had our own visitor too who we welcome to come and eat the slugs of which we have an abundance.

I first heard the cuckoo on 20<sup>th</sup> April and have seen him twice. He is quiet some days but on other ones he is shouting the odds. One of our wildlife watchers heard him first on the 19<sup>th</sup> and another told me that they had heard the burbling female near Sutton Walls too. The owls are quiet too but I was delighted to see the little ball of feathers on the wire near the Burmarsh turn. The little owl is still here hurray! Then whilst in church last week I had an excited report on a red kite near to the church so when I left there it was still swooping and diving over the fields south of the church. Other than the birds on the feeders, lawns and in flight most can only be heard now due to the canvass of leaves on the trees and hedges. Some songs I know and others elude me. The RSPB have a CD of birdsong out that they are encouraging people to buy so that it will be in the charts. At Slimbridge on the Severn estuary we wandered around looking at the collections of birds. Not so many Hawaiian geese as I remember but plenty of pink footed geese and their goslings. We spent quite a while watching 2 parent ones watching and guarding their 7 tiny balls of yellow fluff while they fed on the grain we threw them. The gander spent most of his time chasing off moorhens, pigeons and other geese from his brood but he took little notice of us. Out on the estuary we were delighted to see greylag geese, loads of shell duck, tufted duck, mallard as well as avocets, lapwings and one spoonbill. In the collection we were delighted to watch a water vole washing its face, 3 North American female otters being fed as well as many species of newts, frogs, toads and axolotl. Axolotl are creatures that are still in the larval stage of a salamander a type of amphibian. They can live for many years in this state and never develop further. They originate from a specific lake near to Mexico City and are endangered mainly due to man's use of the lake for pleasure and fishing as well as pollution. Something we have all be hearing about in the media on how we are teetering on the brink of causing extinction of millions of species of wildlife because of the way we have used this planet and that with the rapidly expanding population of people is becoming more difficult to balance nature. We are being warned to act now as if we don't it will be too late to save the earth, seas and ourselves too. We can all help by improving our use of resources, minimising waste and conserving and providing habitat for our local flora and fauna. Education is paramount and the message is seeping through to all parts of the world. JT May 2019.

### FRED CLEMANTS

The family would like to thank everyone for their condolence messages at the death of Fred, who with his wife Jean moved here about 30 years ago. Fred was someone who enjoyed working with wood and made a lovely table for Marden Church and several pieces for the Cathedral.

He also rewrote the church guide and did work with Mappa Mundy.

Both Jean and Fred hosted the Macmillan coffee morning for many years until Jean died about 8 years ago.

I have been involved with Fred and Jean for over 25 years and when Jean died I became more involved and making sure Fred was OK until he had a fall at home. Unfortunately he didn't recover after several weeks in hospital and passed away on 17 April.

Sandra Gladwyn

Pam and Rex would like to thank everyone who came to her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, you all made the day memorable, it was so lovely to see everyone all together.

Pam and Rex

## **Herefordshire Councillor's Report**

### **Re: Council Elections**

I am delighted to be returned to office and very much look forward to continuing the work for Sutton Walls Ward again for a further four years. Many thanks to all those who supported me. The new Council will meet next on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 when Members will be assigned to Council Committees. I will report back next month with an update accordingly.

### **Re: Highways Matters**

A number of highways matters within the Ward area have been brought to my attention and I hope to arrange a drive around at the end of the month with our Locality Steward to action defects/potholes and to review ongoing issues.

### **Re: Exhibition - Herefordshire Archive and Records Centre**

There is a very interesting exhibition on Herefordshire's past at the Herefordshire Archive and Records Centre, which features a nostalgic aerial photograph of Hereford Railway station. Included within the exhibition there are many other aerial views of Herefordshire. The exhibition is free and is on from (Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 28<sup>th</sup> June).

Please contact me with any queries you may have on the above issues on: Tel: [01432 830577](tel:01432830577) or email [kguthrie@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:kguthrie@herefordshire.gov.uk)

### **SUTTON WALLS CONSERVATION GROUP**

Please could we ask people not to remove health and safety signs from Sutton Walls. These are put up for the safety of the public.

If you have any concerns please email [suttonwallscg@gmail.com](mailto:suttonwallscg@gmail.com) or ring Sutton Footpaths Officer Mike Darley on 07859917534 or email [mike.darley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mike.darley@hotmail.co.uk).

Jane Keating  
Secretary to Sutton Walls Conservation Group

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### **Marden Parish Council Spring Litter Pick 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Marden Parish Council would like to thank the 11 people who came to the Spring 2019 Litter Pick. There were 6 parishioners and 5 members of staff from S&A Produce. Between us we managed to cover most of the village despite Storm Hannah and we wrapped up in just over an hour and a half. It makes an enormous difference to the appearance of the village and helps make Marden such a beautiful place to live and work.

The next litter pick will be in October. We will confirm a date nearer the time.

Thank you again  
Kate Ryan  
(on behalf of Marden Parish Council)

**LATEST INFORMATION AND ALERTS FROM WEST MERCIA POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

**We are appealing for witnesses to a serious assault in Hereford.**

The incident happened some time between 7.10pm and 7.30pm on Saturday evening (23 March) in the alleyway between Pentwyn Court and Freda Pearce Close in Hereford. The victim, a man in his 70s, was walking down the alleyway when he was approached by two unknown men. The men are then believed to have punched the victim to the face causing him to fall to the floor. They have then kicked and stamped on the victim before leaving the scene. The victim sustained injuries to his face and body and has received treatment for his injuries. They are not believed to be life threatening. The first man is described as white, in his early 20s, around 6' tall, of stocky build with short dark hair and is believed to have been riding a bicycle. The second man is described as white, around 6' tall, of stocky build, with a bald head and is also believed to have been riding a bicycle.

PC Tapsell from West Mercia Police said: "This was a particularly nasty and unprovoked assault that has left the victim both injured and shaken. "We take reports of this nature very seriously and are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the assault to please get in touch."

Enquiries are ongoing and anyone with any information is asked to call police on 101 quoting incident number 225s of 24 March 2019. Alternatively, you can contact independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**Think Bike!**

West Mercia Police Safer Roads Partnership has launched their 2019 'THINK BIKE' campaign - aimed at motorcycle riders and other road users - to help reduce casualties and deaths on roads across Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Worcestershire. Over the past three years (2016-2018) in West Mercia 26 people were killed and 333 seriously injured following collisions involving motorcycles. The campaign is targeting both motorcyclists and car drivers with the aim of increasing general awareness. Roadside posters are being erected along some key routes throughout the region highlighting areas where both motorcyclists and drivers need to take care and be more aware of each other. Part of the campaign will be targeting those bikers who haven't ridden during the winter months and encouraging them to make a few simple safety checks on their bike before getting back on it for the new motorbike season.

For some riders, their bike may have only been off the road for the worst of the winter but for others it can be close to six months. All riders are encouraged to check that their bike is in good working order before getting out on the road again and make a few simple checks on areas such as battery / electrics, tyres, chain, fluids, controls, brakes and chassis.

Supt Mel Crowther, West Mercia Police, said: "West Mercia is popular with bikers and many riders are attracted to the area, particularly at weekends as the weather improves. We're aiming to make motorcyclists and other road users more aware of the risks that are present when they are out on the roads and to help us reduce the amount of collisions that take place. The number of motorcyclists involved in collisions through risk taking by both riders and other motorists is worrying. We will be focusing on various operations throughout the spring and summer months, targeting dangerous or anti-social riders and drivers across the region".

The Safer Roads Partnership also offers a subsidised 'Take Control' motorcycle skills enhancement course for bikers who want to brush up on their skills, gain more confidence on their bike or become a better rider in preparation for their full test. Courses are highly subsidised with one day courses being offered for only £50 (normal training price of £150). For more information visit @rmtmotorcycletraining or RMT Motorcycle Training on Facebook and request a Take Control course.

**RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR USERS OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (FOOTPATHS)**

1. Your legal right is to "pass and repass along the way". You may stop to rest or admire the view, or to consume refreshments, **providing you stay on the path** and do not cause an obstruction.
2. You can also take with you a "natural accompaniment" which includes a pram or pushchair.
3. You can also legally take a manual or powered wheelchair (mobility scooter) provided you follow the regulations for taking these vehicles on ordinary roads.
4. However, there is no guarantee that the surface of the path will be suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.
5. You can take a dog with you, but you must ensure it is under **close control**. Note that there is no requirement for stiles to be suitable for use by dogs.
6. You have a legal responsibility to **clear up after your dog and dispose of its poo correctly**.
7. You have no right to go off the path – for example climbing fences/gates and going along the line of the path but not on the path.
8. **A person who strays from a right of way**, or uses it other than for passing and repassing, **commits trespass** against the landowner.
9. In most cases, trespass is a civil rather than a criminal matter. A landowner may use "reasonable force" to compel a trespasser to leave, but not more than is reasonably necessary.
10. Unless injury to the property can be proven, a landowner could probably only recover nominal damages by suing for trespass. But of course you might have to meet the landowner's legal costs.
11. Criminal prosecution could only arise if you trespass and damage property. However, under public order law, trespassing with an intention to reside may be a criminal offence under some circumstances.

## MARDEN FLAG COMPETITION – SHORTLIST SELECTED!



### Marden Flag Competition Sponsors:

**Stellar:** Jill and Steve Williams, Rose Villa Farm, Marden.

**Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze:** Neon Heating and Boiler Services Ltd., Marden.

**Platinum and Bronze:** Marden Chiropody; Marden Women's Institute; Marden History Society.

**Platinum:** Berrington Water, Marden; John Ashcroft, Colin Bates and Bill Wright of Marden; Mrs Sue Chilcott of Hundon in Suffolk.

**Silver:** A Marden resident; Mrs Sue Price of Marden.

### Competition Update:

By the time you read this, the Competition has closed, judging has taken place and the selected shortlist of designs are being prepared for public voting at the Marden Church and Community Fete on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Anyone attending the Fete can vote to select the winning design so please come and vote for the one that you would most like to become our official flag. The design with the most votes will then go forward to the Flag Institute for registration as the official flag of Marden and then our flag will be made up professionally. Plans are being made for a flag raising ceremony later in the year.

Meanwhile, since the last update in News and Views, Marden Flag Competition is delighted to report that *Marden Women's Institute* has sponsored the competition at *Platinum and Bronze* level and *Marden History Society* very kindly offered *Platinum and Bronze* sponsorship too. "A *Marden resident*" and *Mrs Sue Price* have become *Silver* sponsors. Grateful thanks to all our Sponsors; without their generous financial support the competition could not take place.

Also since then, *Marden Brownies* entered several designs and more in the *Over 60's* category came in. *Marden Primary Academy* held its own competition as part of its "What we love about Marden" theme. The school's winning design (awarded a special judges' prize) went forward into the main competition for judging with the other entries.

**All Flag Competition entries will be on display at the Church and Community Fete on Sunday 23 June with the shortlisted designs for public voting.**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

### Sutton Walls Conservation Group

Despite having to postpone the scheduled guided walks because of high winds and flooding, Sutton Walls Conservation Group held an extremely successful Coffee Morning and Exhibition on the 28th of April. The event was organised to celebrate the launch of the Sutton Walls Historical Trail Guide. Approximately 60 people attended and overall donated £124 to the groups funds. We were especially pleased to welcome Miss Elizabeth Gwynne the landowner of Sutton Walls, and Georgia Riley who wrote and designed the Trail Guide for us.

Copies of the Trail Guide can be obtained from the Golden Cross pub. We would recommend a suggested donation of £2.00. Even if you enjoy regular walks or runs around the Walls we hope the Guide will enhance your understanding of the past history and importance of this particular Iron Age Hillfort. Our thanks to all who supported this event.