

# Butlers Marston Village Newsletter

## August 2019

### Churchyard Teas



**26th August**  
**2:30 –**  
**4:30pm**

BUTLERS MARSTON VILLAGE  
**FETE**  
SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER  
1.00 - 4.00 PM ON THE VILLAGE GREEN  
AMAZING ACTIVITIES & EXTRAORDINARY ENTERTAINMENTS

*See inside for full details and how to get involved!*

### Marston Meet Up



**Friday 6th  
September**  
**7:30pm**

**Pimm's  
O'clock on  
the Village  
Green!**

### Sunday 1st September

**7pm**



### Concert for Four Hands

**Lynn  
Arnold  
Charles  
Matthews**

### Sunday 1st September

We say 'farewell and thank you' to  
**John and Liz Horton**

**10am Alderminster Church  
Benefice Service  
Followed by a picnic lunch**

### Fete Set-up



**Friday 6th  
September**  
**7pm**

## From the Letter of Jude (NIV)

### *Jude's Doxology 24-25*

*<sup>24</sup>To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— <sup>25</sup>to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.*

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### Road Closure

Warwickshire County Council Highways has told Dick Leaper that the road into Kineton will be completely closed at Little Kineton near the new development from 26 August to 7 September. The diversion will be via Pillerton and the Banbury Road then in to Little Kineton, or via Pillerton, the Fosse Way and then past Compton Verney into Kineton. We are waiting for details of the bus service and school buses will be affected. There will also be some other road works at Little Kineton during the period 12 August to 7 September but the road will not be completely closed.



*We would like to thank everyone who came to A Midsummer Night's Dream at Monks Bridge in June. It was a wonderfully entertaining event and the weather was spectacularly kind. As you may know, the proceeds of these events are donated to various charities and this year we have been able - thanks to your participation and generosity - to give £525 to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. We are extremely grateful to everyone who came along and enjoyed the afternoon. Please don't forget to put next year's date in your diaries - Saturday, 27 June - when The Lord Chamberlain's Men will be performing the Scottish play!*



Best wishes,

*Julian and Kim Piercey*, Monks Bridge

## The Green Scene

Our discussion this month focussed, at least initially, on clothing – or at least things made out of some sort of fabric. Most of us seem to have been willing at some point to donate useable clothes to charity on the grounds that it was better than just throwing them away, or even sending them for recycling. However, some felt that the sheer quantity of material disposed of in this way simply reflected the fact that we were buying too much in the first place; and we also agreed that some, at least, of what we do buy could be used for other purposes when it was no longer fit to wear – at least in public! Trousers legs, especially jeans, have apparently been turned into all sorts of useful things and in several homes a lot of dusters and rags had begun life as shirts – or other things!

We also discussed what things were made of, especially in light of the fact that acrylic, and to a lesser extent polyester, throw off significant quantities of microplastics, especially in the washing process. It was pointed out, though, that using a liquid washing agent rather than powder was thought less harmful in this respect. With a view to saving energy, we even discussed whether it was necessary to wash ‘outer’ clothes as often as we do: ‘hanging things out for an airing’ had its advocates – but ‘within reason’ said others!

Natural fabrics – cotton, wool, linen (flax), bamboo etc which don’t shred microplastics – were advocated as the obvious answer to acrylic and polyester but the worrying stories about how cotton in particular is cultivated inevitably led us to consider that, just as some of us opt for organically produced food, so we ought to be seeking out fabrics made without the use of harmful chemicals in the cultivation process. Of course this makes them more expensive – and not easy to find unless you use the internet - but some felt that if less was bought in the first place – including those ‘wear-once’ clothes! – and that what you bought was of a quality to last, then the overall costs might more or less balance out.

We were also reminded that there was always the mending option. On the other hand, I have to confess that when I rushed back to check, from the manufacturers’ labels, what my clothes were made of, I was forced to admit there was room for improvement.

We won’t be meeting in August but watch out for a September date.

**Bob Bearman**



## Butlers Marston Fete Raffle Prizes

**This year we have another wonderful selection of prizes.**

**10 raffle tickets are enclosed, for sale, with your newsletter  
and more tickets can be obtained in advance or  
purchased on the day**

Cream Tea for Two at Four Teas Stratford

2x adult tickets for The Picture House Cinema Stratford

Family entry to Cotswold Farm Park

Bistro voucher for The National Herb Centre

Family entry to Mary Arden's Farm

2 BMCS Concert Tickets

Family Day out at Charlecote Park

Family Day entry to Upton House

Family Day out at Compton Verney

Family Day out at Stratford Butterfly Farm

An adult and a child entry to Cotswold Wildlife Park

A bottle of champagne presented in a champagne cooler

Toiletries, wine and much more besides...

## Butlers Marston Church Fete – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Preparations for the fete are well underway! There will be all sorts of fun and games taking place including pony rides, races, maypole dancing, Daisybell (folk music) performance, barbecue, tug-of-war, cake decorating and much, much more! We really hope to have as many people coming along to have fun as possible from the village and beyond. Join us for lunch with burgers, sausages and veggie options available, or tea and cake! We are grateful to Sheldon Bosley Knight for supporting the 2019 Butlers Marston Fete.





### Your Village Fete Needs You!

#### RAFFLE TICKETS

Enclosed with your newsletter this month are two books of raffle tickets. Why not ask your friends and family if they would like to win any of our amazing prizes? Alan Stimson will pop round to collect any sold tickets on the weekend before the fete, or alternatively, bring the stubs and monies along with you on the day to be sure to be in with a chance of winning!

#### DONATE A RAFFLE PRIZE OR A BOTTLE FOR THE TOMBOLA OR BAKE A CAKE!

Please deliver them to the appropriate person as soon as possible


	<p><b>Raffle prizes</b> e.g. scented candles, smellies, gift sets, chocolates</p>	<p><b>Jenny Mitchell-Hilton</b></p>
	<p><b>Wine Donations for water and wine stall</b></p>	<p>Brookdale (please leave in log store if not in)</p>
	<p><b>Bottles for the tombola</b> - From bubble bath to beer - as long as they are full!</p>	<p><b>Debbie Cadd</b></p> <p>Town Ground</p>
	<p><b>Cakes</b></p>	<p><b>Linda Nevill</b></p> <p>2, Town Ground</p>

#### TAKE PART IN ONE OF OUR COMPETITIONS!

 As is tradition, there will be a **baking competition**, so start planning your recipe now! To take part this year, adults should prepare a ginger cake according to the enclosed recipe. Cakes will be judged on appearance, taste and texture.

 Or, why not try your hand at making a **red fruit jam**?  
Entries should be brought along by 1:30pm on the day.

 **SUNFLOWERS** Entries will be judged on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to have your sunflower measured, please email [MissJSMitch@googlemail.com](mailto:MissJSMitch@googlemail.com) with your address.

 **TUG OF WAR** This year, we are looking for people to enter teams, or as individuals, before the event. If you would like to enter, please email Marie-Louise Bennett in advance of the event at [MLADB7@gmail.com](mailto:MLADB7@gmail.com)

Please do get in touch with Jenny Mitchell-Hilton at Brookdale or [missjsmith@googlemail.com](mailto:missjsmith@googlemail.com) if you can help.



Having read the content so far, there is no doubt that we are nearing the fete! The preparations are well underway thanks to Jenny and the fete committee. There are lots of ways that we can all get involved, and some super raffle prizes. Enclosed are ten raffle tickets; may we please ask you to offer these to your friends and family to buy to take part? If you would like any more, please do get in touch! Alan Stimson has kindly agreed to collect stubs and monies ahead of the fete or you can bring them along to the raffle stall at the fete.

July was a month of (rather warm!) fun, as the schools drew to a close. We continued to enjoy the re-launch of Chat in Church, now Marston Meet Up, with a gin and tonic evening on the first Friday of the month. Marston Meet Up will resume in September – on tour at the village green! This will also coincide with setting up the tents and stalls for the fete; as ever, the more hands there are, the lighter work there is! All help is always gratefully appreciated – thank you.

BMCS celebrated its tenth birthday, with four of the five musicians each having performed in the 2009 season. The church was, once again, buzzing with people. I would like to offer my personal thanks to the brilliant committee: Matthew Arnold, Jan Bunyan, John Read, Belinda Roberts, and former committee members Venetia Cooper & Simon Holmes. Belinda has produced every single poster and programme (over forty, we

think!) and her iconic artwork has become synonymous with BMCS. Thanks also to Su and Dick Leaper for supporting the concert society so fully and readily over the ten years. Over ten years, BMCS has seen over 37 programmes, over 50 individual musicians, 3 choirs, and one a capella men's group. We have welcomed thousands of people through the doors of the Church of St Peter of St Paul, Butlers Marston, bringing a community of music-lovers coming together. Financially, the piano now belongs to the church, and indeed more than £13,000 has been raised for church funds ...and we continue to strive to 'bring outstanding classical music to Butlers Marston'! A big 'thank you' to our audience – and if you haven't yet popped along to our concerts, the next one is on 1st September! BMCS is very grateful to this year's sponsors: Loxton Developments, ROC Associates, Shukurs Brasserie and Retirement Security Ltd.

Also in July, the church went on tour to the village green, with our much loved Family Service on the Green followed by a bring-and-share picnic. Rev Sharon Goble led us in worship, exploring the Lord's Prayer through explanation and actions – and Teddy Grange began the prayers from up in a tree!

There was also some sad news in July, as well, which I must report. Our former incumbent here, Rev. Derek Ching, passed away suddenly on holiday, leaving his widow and two daughters. Rev. Ching's funeral was in mid-July, and there is a copy of the

order of service in our church. Also, a dear friend and bell-ringer who was a familiar face at Chat in Church, Sue Marshall, succumbed to cancer and passed away peacefully on 7th July. Her funeral was held in Kineton at the end of July – an uplifting service, especially in view of her young age.

Perhaps now is a good point to consider Jude's doxology which opens our parish newsletter. I am aware of friends in pain at the moment – whether that be physical, emotional or psychological. Jude's blessing, or doxology (presumably the etymology of this is from the Latin, *doxa*, which means to radiate, or glory) is one of great comfort and joy. Some Biblical translations write "To him who can keep you standing on your feet" or "To him who is able to keep you from falling." Matthew and I attended a service yesterday evening, where this idea was expanded upon – this joyful exclamation of praise, where God is by our side, if we dare to look, ask and above all, trust that we may lean on Him. Jude writes of 'His glorious presence' – living here, as we do, I feel very fortunate to be bathed in the golden sunlight, the beautiful countryside and the warmth of friends, neighbours and community spirit.

We enjoyed some of this community spirit yesterday afternoon in the form of cake appreciation at Pillerton Church. Indeed, the Butlers Marston churchyard teas take place on August Bank Holiday Monday from 2.30pm. Please do come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of tea, coffee, cake and general catching up. Volunteers are

needed to help run the tea and cake stall and to bake cakes; if you can help, please do get in touch with me on 642076 or [lynn@lynnarnold.co.uk](mailto:lynn@lynnarnold.co.uk). Thank you!

You may well hear the church bells ringing on Saturday to celebrate the wedding of Charlotte Coyne and David Cowling – we look forward to their marriage and send congratulations to them both!

Finally, as you will read in John Horton's note, the time is coming that he and Liz will be retiring. John's final service in Butlers Marston is the Family Service in August (25th at 11.15, preceded by cake!). John's final service in the Benefice is his Farewell Service on Sunday 1st September at Alderminster Church. John and Liz will be sorely missed – but no doubt we will see them both at our Churchyard Teas later this month!

I think that that is all for now. So, I wish you a happy August, and for those that are going away – safe travels, and a wonderful time of rest.

See you soon,

Best wishes,

*Lynn* Lynn Arnold - Treasurer



Liz and I are about to go away for a week and then it is back to work until our final service in Alderminster on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September after which we are to retire having spent eight very happy years here in the Stourdene Benefice. The first time that I came to this area I was about twenty and spent two weeks working on a farm near Long Compton in order to gain some practical experience to help with a course I was doing in general agriculture. I liked the area but I never dreamt that I might return here just over forty years later as a vicar!

After four years as curate in a largely urban parish of eleven thousand people, plus a very large industrial estate, it was good to return to the countryside. The congregations are smaller, the baptisms, weddings and funerals fewer, the buildings colder and the extremes of wealth and poverty are less obvious but the countryside around is beautiful even if many of the problems faced by people here are the same.

For us it has been a very real privilege to accompany people through times of great joy and deep sorrow and pain but it has also been good to be here through some relatively normal times – there have been some! The festivals of Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and Rogation are special but busy times and the agricultural festivals assume a much greater significance in the countryside.

Even in the twenty first century, being closer to where food is produced, one becomes more aware of our dependence on God for our survival – something that is too easily forgotten in our urban areas. Rural living may have its disadvantages but it can keep us closer to nature and to God who is the ultimate source of all life. Further, it can help us to learn to respect creation more and give us an increased awareness of how vital it is to pass the land on in good heart to those who follow us.

Our churches, at the centre of our communities, are also there to serve as a reminder to all of our daily need for God. The buildings may be costly and hard work to maintain, the congregations may be small and fragile but we are still Christ in the community as his Holy Spirit works in and through each of us. It may be easy to despair and feel beleaguered but the words of the hymn sum our task up well, “Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you”.

For both of us it has been a great joy and privilege to try to be part of that for a few short years. It is our prayer that Christ will continue to be at the heart of each of our Stourdene communities for many years to come!

*John & Liz Horton*

Rev. John Horton





**A date for your diary:**

**Harvest Supper on the  
Green**

**Saturday 28th September**

**6.30pm**

**Details to follow next  
month**

**A date for your diary:**

**Harvest Festival**

**Sunday 22nd September**

**10.30am**



10TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
YEAR

Butlers Marston  
Concert Society

SEPTEMBER CONCERT 2019

# FOUR HANDS

Lynn Arnold & Charles Matthews



MOZART: Sonata in F

GLOVER: World Premiere

BLISS: Rout

GLAZUNOV: Symphony in C minor  
(transcribed by RACHMANINOV)

WALTON: Crown Imperial

**Sunday 1st September 7pm**

**Butlers Marston Church**

ButlersMusic@hotmail.co.uk  
or (01926) 642076

Concert Tickets: £12.50  
Children: £5.00

## Mary Berry's ginger and treacle spiced traybake recipe

### INGREDIENTS

225g (8oz) softened butter  
175g (6oz) light muscovado sugar  
200g (7oz) black treacle  
300g (11oz) self-raising flour  
2 level teaspoons baking powder  
1 level teaspoon ground mixed spice  
1 level teaspoon ground allspice  
4 large eggs  
4 tablespoons milk  
3 finely chopped bulbs of stem ginger from a jar

### For the icing

75g (3oz) icing sugar  
3 tablespoons stem ginger syrup from the jar  
3 finely chopped bulbs of stem ginger from a jar

### METHOD

- Pre-heat the oven to 180C/Fan 160C/Gas 4. Grease a 30x23 cm (12x9in) traybake or roasting tin, then line the base with baking parchment.
- Put all the ingredients for the traybake into a large bowl and beat until well blended. Turn the mixture into the prepared tin, scraping the bowl with a plastic spatula to remove all the mixture. Level the top gently with the back of the spatula.
- Bake in the pre-heated oven for 35–40 minutes, or until the cake has shrunk from the sides of the tin and springs back when pressed in the centre with your fingertips. Leave to cool in the tin for a few minutes then turn out, peel off the parchment and finish cooling on a wire rack.
- To make the icing, sift the icing sugar into a bowl, add the ginger syrup and mix until the icing is smooth and has a spreading consistency. Pour the icing over the cake, spread it gently to the edges with a small palette knife and sprinkle with the chopped stem ginger to decorate. Allow the icing to set before slicing the traybake into 15–20 pieces.

### Tips

Treacle can be difficult to weigh accurately, as it tends to stick to the scale pan. Weighing it on top of the sugar overcomes this problem. This traybake freezes very well un-iced, and in fact improves with freezing.

Taken from the internet: Telegraph online 21/03/2014 which sources:  
'Mary Berry's Baking Bible' by Mary Berry (BBC Books, hardback £25).

## Dates for Your Diary

### Church Services & Worship

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|---|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | 10:00 – 11:00                  | <b>Common Worship<br/>Holy Communion</b>              |
| Led by Rev. Sharon Goble  |                                |   |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | 09:00                          | <b>Morning Prayer</b>                                 |
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | 09:00 – 10:00                  | <b>Book of Common Prayer<br/>Holy Communion</b>       |
| Led by Rev. John Horton   |                                |   |
| <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | 19:00 – 20:00                  | <b>Evensong</b>                                       |
| Led by the members of our congregation  |                                |   |
| <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | 10:45 – 11:15<br>11:15 – 12:00 | <b>Coffee &amp; Cake preceding<br/>Family Service</b> |
| Led by Rev. John Horton   |                                |   |
| <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>  | 10:00 – 11:00                  | <b>Benefice Service @<br/>Alderminster</b>            |
| Led by Rev. John Horton – a farewell to Rev. John & Liz Horton<br>Followed by a picnic lunch in the churchyard / village hall.                |                                |   |
| <b>Every Friday</b>   | 07.00 – 07.30                  | <b>Morning Prayer</b>                                 |
| An early morning service led by members of our community; please note that the service will be held at No. 5 Verney Close – all very welcome. |                                |   |

### Fellowship & Village Events

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| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | 14:30 – 16:30 | <b>Churchyard Teas</b> |
| <i>Come and enjoy a cup of tea and choose from a variety of home baked cakes!</i>                        |               |                        |
| <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>   | 19:00         | <b>BMCS Concert</b>    |
| <i>International pianists Lynn Arnold and Charles Matthews join forces for a concert of piano duets!</i> |               |                        |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | 19:30         | <b>Marston Meet-Up</b> |
| Meet on the Green Garden Party - Pimms O'Clock on the village green!                                     |               |                        |
| <b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | 13:00 – 16:00 | <b>Village Fete</b>    |
| <i>Activities, competitions, stalls and entertainments on the village green</i>                          |               |                        |