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The Parishes of Marton, Siddington with Capesthorpe, Eaton with Hulme Walfield & Swettenham

FETE SEASON 2025

Eaton Garden Party, Saturday 12th July

The Marton Wakes Fete, Saturday 19th July

Redesmere Fete, Saturday 26th July



Rose Queen Maise-Rose Prest
and King Joel Copestick-Bailey



Rose Queen Zoe Wood
and Oak King Charlie Royall



Water Lily Queen Charlotte Northover
and King of Redesmere George Venables

Fete season arrived with a bang this year, with all our young Royals being crowned at their fetes, congratulations to one and all, here's hoping for a successful reign.



REVD JIM ARRIVES!

Rural Daneside Churches' two-year wait for a vicar came to an end with the licensing and induction of the Rev Jim Cartlidge by the Bishop of Chester, the Rt Rev. Mark Tanner.

Report and more photos inside.

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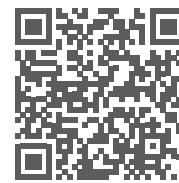
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Over the years, the Church has often been seen—both in popular culture and in how many of us picture it—as a rather stiff institution, wrapped up in strict rituals, sombre ceremonies, and serious practices. While there's some truth to that image, it actually leaves out a deeply rooted and joyful part of faith: the tradition of celebrating together through festivals.

Take Pentecost, for instance. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples wasn't just a random date—it happened during Shavuot, or the Feast of Weeks, which marked the end of the grain harvest and was itself a time of community gathering and celebration.

Then there's Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, which remembered the Israelites living in temporary shelters during their journey through the wilderness and also celebrated the harvest being safely gathered in. And think of that moment in the second book of Samuel (6:14–16) when King David—yes, the same young shepherd boy we've heard so much about in our pageants—danced before the Ark of the Covenant with complete abandon as everyone celebrated its arrival in Jerusalem.

These weren't just dry religious observances; they were full of life, joy, and togetherness. They helped shape a shared identity and created strong bonds within the community. And they reminded people that demonstrating our faith doesn't always have to be formal and reserved. In this respect, variety truly is the “spice of life.”

And historically, many Christian communities have embraced this more joyful, expressive side of faith. Think of the spirituals sung by enslaved Africans in America—songs that were rich with rhythm, hope, and deep emotion—or the lively gospel choirs and Pentecostal services today that fill churches with music, clapping, and

heartfelt praise. Joy and reverence have always had a place side by side.

So really, what better time for me to become part of the Daneside community than now, in the middle of garden parties, wakes, and fetes? Gatherings have shown me just how much love, commitment, and energy you all pour into your communities.

It's truly been a privilege to get to know the few of you I've managed to meet, and I look forward to all the future celebrations and fun we can share together. And although it may have been years since some of you stepped over the threshold of your local church, remember that you are always welcome.

Finally, I'm not naive enough to think that these kinds of celebrations just spontaneously happen, so I would like to personally thank everybody who has been involved in whatever way. Your hard work, dedication and sacrifice, has really been the best welcome gift that any new vicar could receive.

Blessings,

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8.45am	Holy Communion	Siddington
9.45am	All Age Service	Eaton
11.15am	Parish Communion	Marton
6.30pm	Evensong	Swettenham
August 10th	Trinity 8	Altar coverings Green
9.45am	Morning Prayer	Eaton
10.00am	Parish Communion	Siddington
11.30am	Parish Communion	Swettenham
August 17th	Trinity 9	Altar coverings Green
8.45am	Morning Prayer	Siddington
9.45am	Parish Communion	Eaton
11.15am	Morning Prayer	Marton
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Swettenham
August 24th	Trinity 10	Altar coverings Green
9.45 am	Holy Communion	Eaton
10.00am	All Age Service	Siddington
11.30am	Family Communion	Hulme Walfield joint with Swettenham
August 24th	Trinity 11	Altar coverings Green
10.00am	Benefice Communion with Baptism	Eaton

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STORY OF THE MONTH

JIM'S WELCOME



The Rev Jim Cartlidge was formally welcomed into the Rural Daneside Churches at a special service at St. Peter's, Swettenham.

The Bishop of Chester, the Rt. Rev. Mark Tanner led the service in a packed church with representatives of our four parishes coming together with many visitors from the Rev Jim's former Benefice in Stone, Staffs.

Bishop Mark suggested Jim approaches his time with us with a little bit of mischief alongside his deep faith, and encouraged him always to remember 'Anyone, any time, anything, anywhere' in his approach to his ministry.

Wardens from the four parishes within Rural Daneside gave their own welcome, along with representatives from the wider church community, including Marton C of E school.

The Rev Jim was later able to mix with people from his new parishes at a buffet at Swettenham



Club, with refreshments provided by Daisy Bank Catering.

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Once again July has been a busy month in Siddington. The hive of activity started with Auntie Kath's Bowls lunch on 2nd July. The weather stayed fine, and a good number of bowlers enjoyed the competition with a first-class lunch which was also enjoyed by non-bowlers all in the aid of charity.

The Animal Service came next on 13th July. As usual we gathered alongside the new graveyard with the welcome shade from the trees proving a vital added dimension for our four-legged friends. The congregation led service was well attended, added too with over 10 well behaved dogs (large and small), a calf, a chicken and a champion Welsh cob – who were also all well behaved. Many thanks go to all who came along to support our unique service established many years ago by Rev. Archie Douglas.

As our Water Lily Queen Felicity was attending many local fetes being our "village ambassador" preparations were well under way for Redesmere Fete, which this year was to be steeped in family connections. On 26th July our new King of Redesmere – George Venables, whose father and grandfather had both been previous kings (1998 and 1971 respectively), crowned our 82nd Water Lily Queen – Charlotte Northover, whose sister Felicity was the retiring queen. It was great to see so many visiting royal parties supporting our "Royals" this year. After the crowing they all wended their way back to the Village Hall where the afternoon's proceedings were formally opened by the Bishop of Stockport, the Rt Rev. Sam Corley and the afternoon's fun began. The large gathering was entertained by Wychcraft Big Band, The Macclesfield Rock Choir, Snaggers, pony rides and children's sport not to mention a large number of stalls and games with the ever-popular tearoom to recharge your batteries in. The evening program started with the Fun run/

walk where our retiring Water Lily Queen Felicity led the ladies' race and Callum Wain won the men's race. Congratulations go to all who completed the course either running or walking. This was followed by Steve Manford's magic show – a great success with all of the audience young and old. The Tug of War, supported by the local Young Farmers and several teams of willing volunteers including our new vicar Rev Jim Cartlidge, was once again a huge success. Throughout the evening there was a steady queue for hot dogs and burgers at the BBQ.

Sunday morning 27th July and by 12 noon there was no sign of the previous day's events ... many many thanks go to all those who volunteer to a greater or lesser extent over the months running up to and after the last Saturday in July to ensure a very successful Redesmere Fete. We will know just how successful it has been once our Fete Treasurer, John Smith, has finished all the counting and calculating.

The traditional end to the fete weekend saw our new vicar, Rev. Jim Cartlidge, lead his first service in Siddington. The Royal party ably assisted Rev Jim with readings and prayers which was a very fitting end to the weekend's festivities. Whilst all this activity has been happening locally Lydia Lowe was nominated by the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust to toss the coin at the Wimbledon women's wheelchair single's final. Lydia took all this in her stride as she did with meeting the Princess of Wales afterwards and offering her some wise advice "don't be nervous". Well done Lydia what an achievement!

Best wishes go to all who are not so well and recuperating from various operations you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Janet and Sue

Aunty Kath's Bowls Lunch

The annual Aunty Kath's Bowls Lunch at Siddington raised £600 for the village hall and Christie Hospital. Sandra Wain and Janet Braithwaite emerged as winners, with Eileen Murphy and Vic Massey runners-up.

Andrew Venables thanked everyone for their support before Christine Venables presented the trophy.



The Animal Service

More than 50 humans plus a variety of animals sheltered under the welcome shade of the trees and gazebos in Siddington churchyard while they enjoyed the annual Service of the Blessing of the Animals. Team Siddington stepped up to the mark to deliver the service, led by Andrew Venables supported by Sheila Kent on the keyboard with contributions from Peter Kent, David Billington, Alan Wain and Ed Blood.



Team Siddington members who combined to deliver the service.





Siddington Village Hall Committee

Siddington Village Hall Committee wishes to thank everyone who hosted, helped, donated, baked or just went on safari on Saturday 14th June. A staggering £3000.00 was made and divided between The Christie Hospital and East Cheshire Hospice. Andrew and Patricia Venables would also like to thank everyone who very kindly donated to The Christie when they celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Over £4,500.00 was so very generously given and so much appreciated.

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Another Redesmere Fete to remember

Charlotte Northover took centre stage at this year's Redesmere Fete in Siddington when she was crowned the 82nd Water Lily Queen by the King of Redesmere, George Venables.

Siddington's royal party featured children with well established history in the fete and village, especially the Queen and King. Charlotte's sister Felicity was Queen last year and they are both great-grandchildren of the late Raymond and Hazel Rush; and George is the third member of his immediate family to be King – following in the footsteps of his father Andy and grandfather Andrew, while two of his aunts have been Queen.

In line with a tradition dating back to 1936, Charlotte was rowed across Redesmere to her crowning by George at the lakeside. Alex Rubin was her oarsman, as he has been for Queens over many years. Piper Jonathan Whilock once again led the procession from the Village Hall to the lakeside and back again. This year, our royal party was joined by village royalty from a large number of neighbouring villages, and by pupils of Marton School, with the school banner.

All the fun of a traditional village fete followed back at the Village Hall, featuring a massed Rock Choir of 70 from the Macclesfield and Knutsford choirs and the Wychcraft big band, entertaining the hundreds of visitors, who also had a large array of stalls and games to help them enjoy



Water Lily Queen Charlotte Northover poses by the bulrushes before her journey across Redesmere



The Redesmere swans gather in the background to welcome Queen Charlotte as her trusty boatman Alex Rubin begins his approach to the shore



A swan leads Alex and Charlotte into their jetty where Charlotte will disembark



The new Water Lily Charlotte and the King of Redesmere George Venables with their retinue after the crowning

their afternoon.

The fete was opened by the Rt. Rev. Sam Corley, Bishop of Stockport. The festivities carried on into the evening when entertainer Steve Manford brought a touch of magic which enthralled children and adults alike, and a tug-o-war competition provided a test of strength which proved popular again for adults and children. A barbecue and bar provided sustenance to those who needed it.

The weekend was rounded off by the Water Lily Queen's service to which our new vicar, the Rev Jim brought a touch of drama (see the photo!). At the service both the Rev Jim and Fete chairmen Andrew Venables thanked everyone who had taken part in the weekend in any way, during the setting-up in the week and the day itself, providing another Redesmere Fete to remember.





A massed Rock Choir were in great voice

Rico, with his owner Barrie Nolan, was a winner at the always popular dog show



The Wychcraft big band helped the fete go with a swing



Entertainer Steve Manford added a touch of magic to the evening barbecue



the Bishop of Stockport, the Rt Rev Sam Corley open the fete



The Rev Jim re-told the story of The Wisdom of Solomon during a well-attended Water Lily Service. He enlisted the help of the King of Redesmere and the retiring and new Water Lily Queens in telling the story and brought a light sabre into it to add a modern twist.

SIDDINGTON, ALL SAINTS ROTAS FOR AUGUST 2025

Service times as per the service rota page.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA:



The dates given are the dates of the services and therefore flowers ideally need to be in by the Saturday evening prior

Date	Role: Altar Flowers
August 3rd	Sue Furness
August 10th	Brenda Lowe
August 17th	Brenda Lowe
August 24th	Barbara Tatton
August 31st	Barbara Tatton
September 7th	Sandra Wain

CLEANING ROTA:



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Thought for the month

Look on life with amazement, not shock. The variety, the diversity, the manner of every person, the beauty amidst the mundane, the contrasts, the opportunities, the heroism in the lives of ordinary people, your gifts, your talents, your friends – even just one friend – is all awesome.

Live in awe, and experience wonder, and you will be knocking on the door of true love. Don't kill it with cynicism or criticism, don't sabotage your life with moaning and complaining.

Choose to see the stunning, awesome, diverse beauty of life happening around you right now. Meet it with your heart and you will enrich and be enriched in one single moment.

Eaton with Hulme Walfield Garden Party

Will it, won't it rain on our parade? The question that hangs over us as we prepare for the annual Garden Party, the highlight of the villages' year. We had not a drop on 12th July, this hottest day of the year so far.

The magnificent Audley Brass led the royal procession to the church grounds and hats off to them for carrying heavy instruments, playing them, and marching in the heat. Following on were members of the 1st Eaton and Hulme Walfield Brownies, pupils from Marton School, the retiring Rose Queen, Georgia Harrison, and Rose King, George Farrall, "Royalty" from Bosley, Brereton, Lower Withington, Marton, Redesmere, Smallwood and Warmingham, and the 2025 Rose Queen, Maisie-Rose Prest, and Rose King, Joel Copestick-Bailey. Maisie was supported by Mathilda, with Joel supported by Harry Prest.

Master of Ceremonies, Steve Purdham, greeted everyone and invited the retiring Rose Queen and King to crown the new Rose Queen and King. Georgia and George said how much they had enjoyed representing the villages through their year of office and thanked everyone for their encouragement. Queen Maisie-Rose and King Joel thanked everyone for coming and spoke about how they were pleased to be asked to

take on the roles for the year and how they are looking forward to everything they'll be involved in. Steve then thanked everyone for coming to support the Garden Party and the church, and invited Revd Jim Cartlidge to open the event.

Audley Brass played two rousing sets of tunes, and the Beartown Singers sang a beautiful medley of well-known songs. As usual, there were delicious cakes available, bric a brac, plants and produce, the fabulous tombola and grand raffle. Many people were very glad of the ice creams, beer, supplied by the Beartown Brewery, and Pimms to help keep cool. The afternoon teas went down a storm, and everyone enjoyed the many games and activities available, particularly those located under the trees! In the interest of safety, the Brownies dance routine, the dog show and the pony rides had to be cancelled.

The steering group are very grateful to all those businesses, organisations and individuals who donated money, goods or time to help the afternoon go so well. These include: Tarmac; Chris Hamriding estate agent; the Waggon and Horses; La Popote; Marton Meadows Golf Club; Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths Parish Council; Alan Finneron, funeral director; Dennis and Alison Clowes; the Plough Inn, Eaton; The Davenport Arms Marton; the Old Barn, Marton; W H Frost Butchers; Friely's Flowers; Beartown Brewery; and Barclays at Knutsford. They would also very much like to thank Steve Purdham for his energetic and enthusiastic compèring of the afternoon.

Reverend Jim welcomes Eaton with Hulme Walfield Royalty

After his induction on 7th July, Rev'd Jim was straight into summer garden party season, opening the Eaton with Hulme Walfield Garden party on Saturday 12th July. His first church service as the new vicar for the Rural Daneside benefice was held the following morning where Rev'd Jim was welcomed to Christ Church Eaton by Church Warden, Debbie Moores and the congregation and even received a round of applause after the uplifting service which included a very funny story about the Pope!



Thanks were conveyed to retiring King George Farrall and Queen Georgia Harrison for their dedication to the role during their reign and for the excellent fund raising effort in aid of British Heart Foundation and the East Cheshire Hospice.

Newly crowned royalty Maisie – Rose Prest and Joel Copestick-Bailey represented themselves beautifully and promised to be admirable ambassadors of the village.

The service was very well attended by the royal party and their families and regular worshippers who came to welcome Jim and his wife Andrea to Christ Church Eaton.

We wish Rev'd Jim, Andrea and their children many happy years in the Rural Daneside benefice.



Retiring Rose King, George Farrall, attendant Mathilda, Rose Queen Maisie-Rose Prest, Retiring Rose Queen, Georgia Harrison, Rose King Joel Copestick-Bailey, watched over by our new vicar, Revd Jim Cartlidge.

The handing over of the role of Churchwarden

We give thanks for the faithful service given by John. We thank him for his leadership, dedication, commitment and patience through the time of Covid and the interregnum. We ask for God's continued blessing upon him as he retires, granting him peace, joy and good health in the years to come. May he always know God's love and presence.



We pray for Debbie, our incoming Churchwarden. We acknowledge her dedication and willingness to take on the responsibilities of this important role. We ask for God's blessing upon her and her family. Grant her wisdom to make sound decisions, strength to persevere through challenges, and a spirit of love and compassion as she serves our 2 parishes. May she be a source of encouragement and support to the community.

Very many thanks to John and Carrie

At the All Ages service at Eaton on 6th July, John and Carrie were thanked for all they have done for Christ Church, Eaton and St Michael's Church, Hulme Walfield, and were presented with beautiful flowers.



Welcome to Debbie Moores

... and here's another job! Church Warden of Eaton with Hulme Walfield Parish

On 25th June, I had the pleasure of jumping into Debbie's car with Linda and taking the journey to Rock Ferry to be part of Debbie's Visitation Service at St Peter's Church.

It was a very uplifting event, the lead host being Michael Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester. The church was packed with clergy, other budding Church Wardens and Sides Persons, and beautiful singing voices.

Congratulations Debbie!
Caron Godfrey

Eaton Parish Council report

At the end of June, on a very hot day, residents of the village were invited to attend the TARMAC quarry for a short tour. This was hosted by Steve Williams, Operations Manager and Adam Worsley, Site Manager, TARMAC – Steve and Adam meet twice a year with representatives from Eaton and Marton Parish Councils, Eaton Volunteer Amenities Fund and Christ Church, Eaton to discuss how TARMAC can assist the local community.

Attendees asked a full range of questions covering the quarry's future expansion plans, the wildlife living on the old quarry site and questions about TARMAC's day to day operations. There are early plans to repeat the event next summer – if you live in Eaton and are interested in attending next year, please contact the Parish Council Clerk (clerkeaton@gmail.com).

The Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to TARMAC for their hard work in reopening the (previously flooded) permissive path. The path has now been formally re-opened by Cheshire Rights of

Way and is passable on foot, and by four legged friends as well. The path is slightly overgrown, due to lack of use, but some increased footfall will help!

The Parish Council would also like to extend thanks to Michael Cohen. After 9 years on the Parish Council, Mike has made the decision to step down as a Councillor. As such, the Parish Council now have a vacancy – if you would like more information on this, please speak to any of the Councillors or contact the Clerk.



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Nature Update

We have had a good hatching of swallows at News Bank and now we have a drop of rain, it's lovely to see them flying low to catch their food.

Gardener's Corner

August is the time to enjoy the fruits of your labours, lots of vegetables and soft fruits, tomatoes, pepper, cucumbers and melons. Keep sowing salad crops to enjoy later.

EATON, CHRIST CHURCH ROTAS FOR AUGUST 2025

All services @9.45am unless otherwise stated.

CHURCH ROTA:



Date	Role: Verger	Role: Chalice
August 3rd	Helen	
August 10th	Debbie	
August 17th	Caron	Helen
August 24th	John	John
August 31st Inc Baptism	Caron	

CHURCH ROTA:



Date	Role: Reader 1	Role: Reader 2	Intercessions
August 3rd		Dani or Ethan	Jennie
August 10th	Caron	John	Helen
August 17th	Helen	Debbie	Sara B
August 24th	Debbie	Paul	Carrie
August 31st Inc Baptism	John	Kate	Carrie

CHURCH ROTA:



Date	Role: Sides Person	Role: Altar Flowers
August 3rd	Rebecca	Mary Rowbotham
August 10th	Joy	Mary Rowbotham
August 17th	Debbie	Lyn McHugh
August 24th	Carrie	Lyn McHugh
August 31st Inc Baptism	Arti	Carrie Yuen-Stenton

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St Petertide art exhibition

This year to celebrate our patron St Peter we held an art exhibition, with work from Joyce Horrocks who lives in the Parish. There was a great selection of paintings and prints showing Joyces talent. Church was open Friday, Saturday and Sunday for anyone to come and admire and purchase a picture or print. There were various subjects from Dartmoor to the Lake District, and several of the village and church. It was lovely to see people's reaction when they saw places that they had visited and recognised.

Thankyou to Joyce and Tony for donating £475.00, half the proceeds of the exhibition and to the volunteer stewards who sat and welcomed visitors to our church.

On Sunday 29th we held our Petertide service, a joint service with Hulme Walfield, the Rev Graham Joyce from Alsager took the service which was followed by coffee, cake and chatter.

Induction of Rev Jim

On 7th July we hosted the induction of Rev Jim Cartlidge to our benefice. The Bishop of Chester performed the induction assisted the acting Rural Dean.

A representative from each parish, Nevin Deakin, headmistress of Marton C of E and Laura, manageress of the Swettenham Arms came forward to introduce themselves and welcome Rev Jim and his family to the Parish.

Following the service everyone was invited to the Swettenham Club for light refreshments. Thankyou to Judith and everyone who helped organise the event and to George, Colin and Chris and Ian from the Arms who managed to get everyone parked up safely.

New arrival

Congratulations to Jodie and Tristan Dale on the arrival of baby Betsie Ruth on 2nd July, the first grandchild for Karen and Steve, and great grandchild for Marion.



Rowley house garden

On Sunday 13th July, the gardens were open at Rowley Hall in aid of Cheshire Wildlife, even though it was one of the hottest days of the year, the visitors flocked in to admire the borders and wildlife meadow. Tim and Juliet Foden invited St Peters to run the refreshment stall which was very popular.

Thankyou to all who provided the delicious cakes and time and to Tim and Juliet and Roly

the dog for inviting us in to admire all their hard work in getting the gardens ready.

The magnificent sum of £548.50 was made for church funds.



Just a small selection of delicious cakes on offer.

Sad News

On Friday 27th June, we heard the sad news that Norman Smith had passed away, Norman was born in the village 95 years ago. His wife Dorothy, had been in a nursing home for seven months and also passed away on July 9th to be reunited with Norman. They had spent over 70 years of married life in Swettenham. It is a very sad time for their daughter Margaret, grandson Steven and their family who hopefully will feel our love and sympathy at this time of sorrow.

SAVE THE DATE

Swettenham Parish Council are arranging a village social gathering

on October 31st in the Lovell Suite, at the Swettenham Arms, 6.30pm till late

Evening includes, freshly prepared hot supper, drinks to purchase from the bar

Raffle

Tickets will be £25.00 per person

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Tour by our Church Archivist

On the 24th June twelve members of the Holmes Chapel Local History Society came to Saint Peters Church at Swettenham to look around our beautiful building. John Gregory met the Group and gave them a tour of the Church pointing out the Baptismal Role which dates back to 1933, the two Commandment Boards and the Mainwaring Chapel where the console of our Manders Organ is situated. There was interest when John mentioned that Sir Bernard Lovell was once the Church Organist. There was



discussion about those that fought in the two World Wars as John moved the Group through to the newest part of the Church the Tipping Chapel, built in about 1850 which contains the oldest artifact, a Saxon Cross. Over the Victorian Font is the up to date Baptismal Role and moving into the Nave John pointed out the Norman Font which is now used for Baptisms. Our visitors thoroughly enjoyed the morning

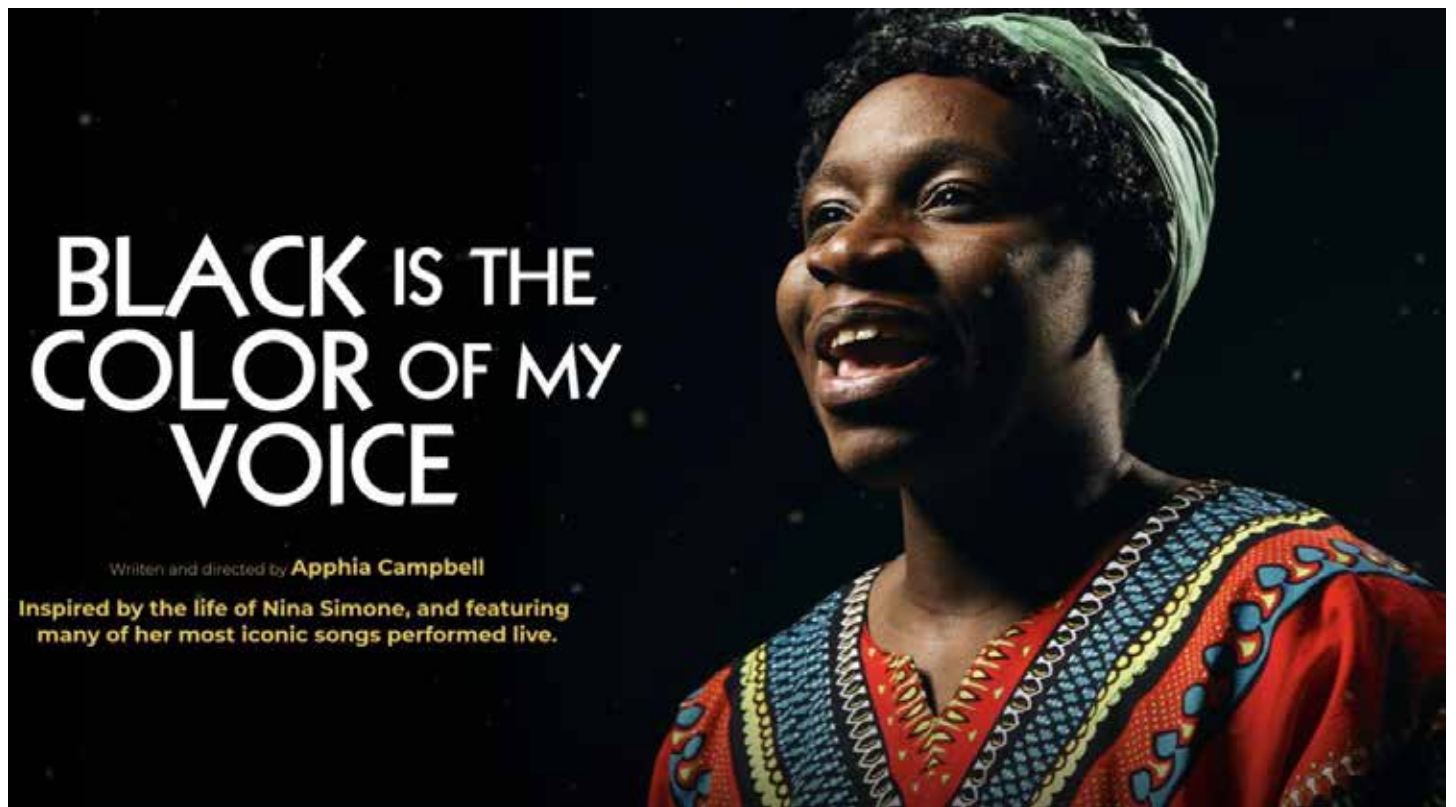
and after a photograph with John moved to the Swettenham Arms for lunch.

And finally...

Ian was volunteering at the local cat sanctuary, but when I saw him he was upset, I asked him "What was the matter?" he replied. "They've cut meowers"

CHURCH ROTA FOR AUGUST 2025

Date	Time	Role: Reader 1	Role: Reader 2	Role: Sidesperson
3rd August	6.30pm	Iris	Bettie	V Constantaine
10th August	11.30am	Alison	Phil	M Padfield
17th August	6.30pm	Monica	Geoff	M Padfield
24th August	11.30am			Joint service at Hulme Walfield
31st August	10.00am			Joint benefice service at Eaton



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MARTON NEWS

Wow, what a month we have just had, its been a busy one. Even by our usual standards.

In some ways the month started with the launch of the new look magazine, 'Village Voices' the team involved in putting it together has tried really hard to make it visually appealing and informative. Change is sometimes difficult, but as you will know, it was necessary to bring all our different magazines together under one roof, so that we have a single point of information that is shared benefice wide.

Events wise it all kicked off in fine style on the 6th with our annual service of Lammas with light lunch afterwards. We celebrated holy communion with a newly baked loaf of bread, Sue Edwards led the service for us and Revd Jim joined us as well, unofficially of course, and read the Gospel. We enjoyed soup and sandwiches after as well as each others company. This being Jims first opportunity to meet the congregation we stayed in Church for quite some time! It really was a brilliant start to the month.

It is also fitting as well, that we say a massive thank you to Sue Edwards who has been with us for many many services throughout the vacancy and has so ably looked after our needs. Without the help and support of Sue and of course our other visiting clergy friends we would have been in a difficult position, but especially at Marton we say thank you to Sue for being our friend and for looking after us all.

Thank you Sue.

The following evening, July 7th was of course Jims official introduction to the benefice with his induction, hosted brilliantly by our friends in Swettenham. The service, led by Bishop Mark was a brilliant mix of humour, official bits,

paperwork being signed and thanksgiving. It is almost exactly two years that we have had a vacancy in the benefice and it has sometimes felt like a long road, but we are all very glad that Jim is now in post and we look forward to working together with him in the years to come, there are of course pictures and a report elsewhere in the magazine, so other than to say welcome and wishing Jim and family all the luck in the world as they join us, we will move on to other news...

Saturday July the 12th, saw us launch the inaugural Gin and Drinks festival at Marton Meadows golf course. The hottest day of the year presented a few challenges, putting the marquees up was especially challenging in the heat, but with perseverance the new car park in front of the new clubhouse was transformed



into a venue to host the event. We had an extra special bit of the day whilst we were working away in the sunshine getting ready for the evening, as the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight passed directly overhead of us at around 1pm, with the Lancaster Bomber announcing its presence as those four Rolls Royce Merlin engines growled their way through the sky. A truly magnificent sight. The evening started at 6.30pm with the first of our free bus service arrivals and gently built up with around 200 people attending.

There was a fantastic atmosphere and as the evening light bathed the scene and the temperature dropped a little as the evening wore on everyone was able to relax and enjoy a convivial time in each others company with some live entertainment thrown in. All the various Bars and the Barbecue did brisk trade through out the evening, with much talk ensuing about the free bus service that we had laid on and the beautiful setting of Marton Meadows. A perfect evening, just look at those skies! Thank goodness we had the tents up to give some shade.

A massive amount of thank you's go out to all those who helped in anyway towards making the evening such a success. But especially to Paul Nixon for being the 'boss' and keeping us all focussed on the task in hand, to our fantastic bus drivers for the service they provided us, (we had planned for a two bus service, but as is typical in Britain, you wait for one and then three turn up!) and to everyone who supported the event. All of the money raised will be put towards the upkeep of Marton Church. After it success this year, I am sure it will now become a permanent fixture in the calendar, kicking off what we hope will become the Marton Festival in future years, with several events throughout the week, culminating in the fete and service the following weekend.

However, we cannot end this section without acknowledging the help, support and determination of Chad and Lisa at Marton meadows in helping us to get this event off the ground in the first place. I have had the fortune to spend quite a bit of time at the golf course

over the last few weeks, (despite never having picked a golf club up in my life!) getting ready for the gin festival and have witnessed just how fantastically busy the golf course is, the time and energy they invested in welcoming us went above and beyond the call of duty and we are all very grateful for the support they have given us. They truly are friends to Marton Church, the Village and the wider community.



July the 19th of course, was our big one, Marton Wakes, since at least 1611 our fete has been continuing in one form or another, we have had our challenges over the years, weather, pandemics and road closures have not prevented us from continuing this vital village tradition, Our King and Queen, Charlie Royall and Zoe Wood were led from Church farm in procession behind Silk Brass and for the first time this year, our lone piper as well and the Bollington and Macclesfield Sea Cadet Corps.

The day started off with some inclement weather and then cleared up, sadly the rain started again just as we forming up at Church farm, the procession included one of the buses that we had seen the previous weekend as well which was vey welcome for some of those who usually walk with the crowd. The trailer stage was waiting and the marquees were in full swing

by the time the procession arrived and the royals filled the stage at which point our new Vicar Jim made the official welcome and kicked off the festivities.



As the afternoon got in to full swing the rain stopped and other than a very few spots we were extremely lucky to be blessed with warm although cloudy weather and everyone enjoyed the afternoons activities, all the usual bits were there, the games tent, the inflatables (x2) the teas, bar and barbecue all did roaring trade. The Bottle Bola broke its record this year and the afternoon rounded off with the Hog roast as is now traditional and during which we were entertained with professional singing from Ben Tavill who had also entertained us the previous weekend at the drinks festival.



The crowd that joined us seemed to be happy and content despite the initial wetness, but it didn't stop the enjoyment and didn't stop the celebrations lasting all afternoon.

So as always there is a massive thank you to be said to everyone who was involved in the fete and the wider Marton Festival, it is a constant pleasure to know that there are so many willing to give up their time and energy to help make these events a success and to help us build something for the community as well as to raise vital funds towards the upkeep and restoration of our Church, there are too many individuals to name who contribute so much to what we do, but on behalf of Marton Church, thank you each and every one of you.



At the time of writing, takings are well over the £8,000 mark for the fete, final profits will take a little while to work out as we have two events to account for this year, but once final figures are known they will be made available, and finally I write the last part after returning home from a joyful Fete service, where we welcomed our new King and Queen and had our first opportunity to see Jim 'in action'. It really has rounded off the weekend in style, with our retinue receiving medals and thank you's to all who took part in this years fete.

So now for some rest. It will soon be harvest!

MARTON, ST JAMES AND ST PAUL ROTAS FOR AUGUST 2025

All services @ 11.15am unless otherwise stated.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA:



The dates given are the dates of the services and therefore flowers ideally need to be in by the Saturday evening prior

Date	Role: Altar Flowers
August 3rd	Mrs L Harrop
August 17th	Mrs J Hutchinson
September 7th	Mrs C Wain
September 21st	Mrs R Barrow

CLEANING ROTA:



The date of the service is the date that cleaning should be done for

Date	Role: Cleaning	Task
August 3rd	Mrs C Higham	Task A
August 17th	Mr B Nolan & Mrs M Percival	Task A, B
September 7th	Vacant	
September 21st	Mrs J Cooke & Mrs W Shufflebotham	Task A, B
A = HOOVERING B = SWEEPING STEPS, PORCH, BELFRY C = DUSTING, POLISHING, COBWEBBINNG D = CLEAN BRASSES		

SIDESMEN'S ROTA



Date	Role: Sidesmen
August 3rd	Mrs M Percival & Mrs A Trend
August 17th	Mrs S Wright
September 7th	Mr A Shufflebotham & Mrs M Percival
September 21st	Mrs A Trend



SCHOOL NEWS

MARTON & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Friends

As we approach the end of another busy and joyful school year at Marton School, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the highlights from this term and look ahead to what's to come.

This half-term has been filled with exciting opportunities for our children to learn, grow and celebrate together. Our residential trips were a huge success, offering our pupils a chance to build confidence, independence and lasting friendships. Whether climbing, canoeing or simply spending time away from home, they truly embodied the spirit of adventure and community.

Sports Day was another wonderful occasion. It was fantastic to see the whole school come together in a celebration of teamwork, determination and fun. The encouragement and good sportsmanship on display made us incredibly proud.

A real highlight of this term was our Christian Values Day, when children explored what it means to live out values such as compassion, hope, forgiveness and respect — not just in school, but in everyday life. Through stories, creative activities and thoughtful discussion, the day was a meaningful reminder of the importance of our shared values and faith.

We are also delighted to share that Rev. Jim

will be joining the Marton community as our new vicar from September. We look forward to welcoming him into school life and working together to continue strengthening the links between church and school. We know he will be a wonderful presence and support for our pupils and families.

Rehearsals are now well underway for our KS2 summer production, *There's No Place Like Marton*. This original show, inspired by the children's love for their school and village, promises to be full of heart, humour and Marton magic. We can't wait to share it with you.

As always, our school values — Sow, Nurture, Grow — remain at the heart of everything we do. We sow the seeds of curiosity, nurture every child's potential, and watch them grow into kind, confident and capable young people. It has been a joy to see these values in action across all aspects of school life this year.

Thank you to our staff, parents, governors and the wider Marton community for your continued support. We are truly grateful for the partnership we share.

Wishing you all a restful and blessed summer.

Mrs Nevin Deakin
Headteacher

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‘There is No Place like Marton’

Marton School excelled itself with its summer production – ‘There is No Place like Marton’.

Says Head Teacher, Mrs. Nevin Deakin “It's long been a burning ambition of mine for our Year 6 children to perform annual end of year summer production and I was delighted when the staff agreed that we'd perform this year.

“We knew we were in very capable and safe hands after we'd recruited Mrs Cook who is nothing short of an absolute professional and a highly skilled performer! Mrs Cook took on board everyone's suggestions and our love of 'The Wizard of Oz' and set about writing a script that would engage all key stage 2 children with main leads given to Year 6 she more than fulfilled this task!

“The title, ‘There is no place like Marton', was agreed at a pre-production meeting after I had

used this to describe ourselves. Since then, all staff have taken an active part in making sure the show would be the very best we could produce and it has been a delight to see the whole team coming together.

“We pride ourselves on being just a little bit different and our beautiful rural location enhances this. We know our amazing families choose to send their children to Marton and we relish the opportunity to help them Sow, Nurture and Grow, as we do this for our staff team too.

“I have loved hearing the excitement around school and want to thank everyone who has made this possible; Heidi Cook, Kate McLean, KS2 set design team and children, F & F, all KS2 classes and staff, our wonderful, talented Year 6 children and everyone else who has helped in so many ways.

I have repeated to myself daily 'There's no place like Marton' and never felt more proud!”



MARTON FRIENDS AND FAMILIES





Swettenham WI

Swettenham WI were up bright and early for their members day outing to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas. We had a fabulous day; the weather was perfect for walking around the Memorial's. We started the morning with tea, coffee and biscuits, after which we boarded the land train for a tour of the 150-acre site. Each memorial had its own commentary explaining about it. We were treated to the RAF passing out parade, with drummers and pipers playing. The young RAF men all looked very smart in their uniforms. Marching behind were the veterans wearing their medals. Lunch was served in the events room.

Lots of free time afterwards to look round, taking time for your own thoughts and quiet reflection. A beautiful and inspiring place and home to more than 400 memorials, and 25,000 maturing trees and gardens. Many thanks to Sue Bullen, Judith Leech, Sonia Bailey, Jane Butler and Joanna Cooper organisers and drivers.



A garden meeting was held on Tuesday 24th June at Tim and Juliet Foden's home and gardens. We had a lovely evening walking round the beautiful courtyard garden, which is a blend of ancient and modern, wildlife grounds,

meadows and fields. These gardens are a haven for butterfly's insects and bees. Tim gave a talk and conducted a tour pointing out various tress and unique sculptures. Afterwards the ladies enjoyed a buffet supper at the home of Alison Gregory the President. Many thanks to Tim and Juliet Foden for a lovely evening.



A bouquet of flowers presented to Josie Andow for her special O birthday by Alison Gregory at a WI bowls match against Astbury. We sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed homemade cakes by Josie.

We are having a WI stall at Clonter Car Boot on Sunday 7th September. We are promoting Swettenham WI and what the WI stands for. On the day we will be selling homemade items.

A Christmas Meal is booked for Wednesday 17th December 12.30pm at The Red Lion, Lr. Withington.

Sonia Bailey visited Marton School regarding Dental Health Matters. More details to follow.

Happy Birthday to Janet Goate, best wishes for a lovely day from all your WI friends.

August speaker is Ged Ryan talking on Bats.

Swettenham WI meet on the first Wednesday in the month at The Swettenham Club. All welcome phone Alison Gregory President 01260 224900 for more details.



Tim, keeping his beady eye on everything.

Eaton WI

Following the last issue, we welcomed 53 guests to our afternoon tea and we thanked them all for their support. Judging by the number of goody bags given out we did serve a generous tea and the team did a fantastic job keeping the tea stands coming out and the teapot making dozens of refills. A good raffle was well supported also.

We had our traditional stall at the Garden Party, this time with preserves, plants and pots and raised just over £200 for church funds. Luckily we had a shady spot in the marquee and the four 'man' team did a super job of selling. Several of our members were also on duty in the kitchen and the hall.

On our programme, we welcomed back our past treasurer, Sue Tyers, who had moved to Buxton and came back to visit us and talk on her time at Gawsorth Hall. Lots of interesting memories to share. Looking forward we are joining fellow

Save the date !even better get your tickets now

Sunday 14th September

Swettenham WI

are holding their annual

Afternoon Tea at Swettenham club, Swettenham Rd.

1pm - 4pm

£10 per person

Reduced price for children

Raising funds for local charities & Swettenham WI



member Susan Bullock at her home for a Garden Tea Party with members providing savoury items by way of the competition. Our August get together is a speaker on the history of folk music.

If you met some of us at the garden party you might wish to come along to any one of our meetings, and maybe think of joining us. It costs nothing to come and try! We meet on the last Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the summer and at 1.30 from October to March.

Following a busy time with the above events, we look forward to enjoying our upcoming speakers and hopefully welcoming those who might think of coming along to a meeting to see us again.

Eaton W.I. Committee

Capesthorpe with Siddington WI

Meeting Tuesday July 8th 2025

Learning to Fly at Fifty

We were joined by Jane to talk to us about her experience of learning to fly at a more mature age. Jane had always loved visiting airshows with her husband, and six years ago whilst at a show in Duxford, Cambridgeshire she saw 20-minute flights advertised.

Thinking this was an ideal opportunity to see what flying was all about, she handed over her money (well her husband's credit card), was told to make sure all her pockets were done up tightly, strap in and was she happy if the pilot did some acrobatics? Jane (as we learnt during her talk) was willing to try anything so agreed and this short flight began her love of flying.

Jane started to take lessons at a flying school in Derbyshire, and soon realised all that learning to fly involved – checking the plane inside and out, tyres, brakes, oil, fuel to name a few. Then there were the medical checks, checking maps, being able to work out the best route following landmarks such as canals or motorways. (apparently the M6 is a good one to follow!)

Jane was very enthusiastic about her training, and wanted to try everything, even though a lot of things appeared very scary – taking off and landing for the first time involved a lot of precision of positioning the plane correctly so as not to nosedive.

Eventually after many hours, she started taking longer flights to Leicester, and Gloucestershire, a welcome change from just flying around the airfield in Derbyshire. Once she was happy with doing this it was suggested she was ready for her test!

Of course, Jane passed with flying colours and has since gone on to flying further distances, as far as Scotland, is now qualified in a different type of plane and her most proud achievement is working for a charity Aerobility.

This is a UK charity that changes people's lives by providing the disabled community access to flying. It was a pleasure to hear Jane talking so enthusiastically about something she is so proud to do, and she encouraged the braver amongst us to give it a try!

As usual the meeting finished off with delicious cakes and tea provided by Liz and Fiona.

The next meeting is on the 12th August 2025

This will be a Talk and Demonstration on the subject of REIKI.

Helen Cox



the WI
INSPIRING WOMEN



Hello everyone,

I hope that you are all well and are coping with what is supposedly our fourth heat wave. Once again, I feel that we have 'got away' with it a little with the hottest air only reaching us for short periods of time compared with the South of England. This is shown in the aerial photo below which shows how the dry conditions have 'browned off' Southern England. Incidentally, this photo mirrors some long-term forecasts which suggest a hotter and drier South and east, but a warmer and wetter North and West.



Not so green and pleasant: Satellite image shows Britain looking quite brown

<https://studyfinds.org/england-not-green-and-pleasant-nasa-image/>

Nevertheless, climate predictions continue to suggest that longer spells 30 degrees C plus (86F) look set to become normal in summer together with shorter periods of heavy rain. As we think back 1976 stands out in my memory as a remarkably hot summer, but I never imagined that we would see temperatures of 30C plus regularly in summer. I wonder if it is time to start thinking about how we make our homes more adapted to these conditions?

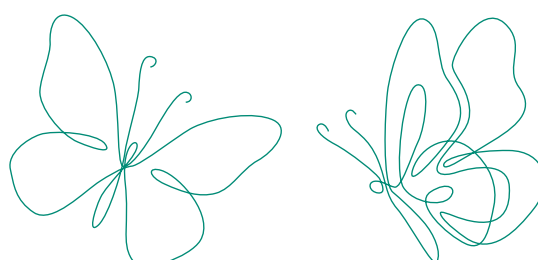
The summer does however seem to have provided good conditions for butterflies, which struggled with last year's warm but wet summer. Butterfly numbers are influenced by weather but also food plant availability for both adults and caterpillars and these requirements can be very specific. Here are a few butterflies that we might see in our area.

The Brimstone butterfly is one of our earliest Butterflies as they can hibernate all winter. The caterpillars feed on Buckthorn and alder buckthorn, with the adults favouring Knapweed and scabious—reinforcing the argument for maintaining some areas of meadow and rougher grassland.



UK Butterflies - Brimstone - Gonepteryx rhamni Brimstone Butterfly feeding on knapweed.

<https://www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/species.php?species=rhamni>





Another early butterfly is the Orange Tip.

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<https://butterfly-conservation.org/sites/default/files/styles/large/public/2019-04/40534566473-anthocharis-cardamines.jpg>

This striking butterfly is dependent on spring flowers with caterpillars feeding on cuckoo flower and hedge garlic. Similarly, nectar plants are spring flowers such as red campion and ragged robin.

In midsummer, most people's favourite butterflies can be seen in the garden. These include the red admiral, peacock and tortoiseshell. Interestingly the caterpillars of all three species feed on nettles-possibly an argument for not cutting or spraying ALL nettles. These three species feed on a range of plants, many of which are common garden plants such as buddleia, Michael mass daisy and phlox. They will also feed on fallen fruit. Interestingly many Red Admiral are migrants flying into the UK from Europe or even North Africa!



Red admiral.

Red Admiral | Butterfly Conservation

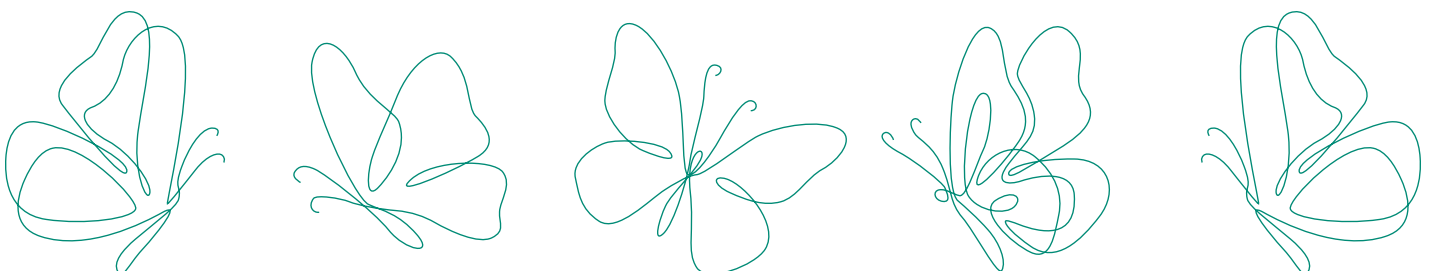
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Peacock

Peacock | Butterfly Conservation

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/butterflies/peacock>





Small tortoiseshell.

Small Tortoiseshell | Butterfly Conservation

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/butterflies/small-tortoiseshell>

Two other species that are similar to the above butterflies are the Comma and Painted lady. Commas are a striking orange and brown butterfly that can be mistaken for tortoise shells, but close inspection reveals ragged wing edges and a more cryptic pattern of colours though to be camouflage in fallen leaves. Comma are another nettle feeder and unlike many species are expanding their range after a significant decline in the last century. This is thought to be due to a flexible life cycle that allows them to adapt quickly to favourable spells of weather.



Comma.

Comma | Butterfly Conservation

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/butterflies/comma>

The painted lady is a true migrant following the summer across Europe and into the UK, numbers vary but every so often we get a major painted lady year with vast numbers flying into the UK. Caterpillars feed on a range of 'weed' species including (inevitably) nettles and thistles. The butterfly itself feeds on a range of garden plants including buddleia.



Painted Lady.

Painted Lady | Butterfly Conservation

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/butterflies/painted-lady>

What can we do to increase butterfly numbers? Well, the answer is twofold—Firstly try not to be too tidy and leave some areas for weeds such as nettles and thistles. Secondly, provide a range of nectar species such as buddleia, echinacea and oregano. The following websites offer more advice:

Best plants for butterflies: 16 nectar-rich options | Gardeningetc Home page | Butterfly Conservation

<https://www.gardeningetc.com/advice/best-plants-for-butterflies>

Best wishes, John Percival

VILLAGE VIEWS



**We Three Kings -
Redesmere King
George with his father
Andy and grandfather
Andrew at the fete**



**The Avro Lancaster from the
Battle of Britain Memorial
flight, over Marton, what a
fantastic sight**



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