



Marwood School

An exciting time of year and a busy one at school as children rehearse for our Christmas performances. Please see below for details

Sporting Success

All of the children in Class 4 took part in an interschool Tag Rugby tournament in Braunton in November. They were in three teams and every team made their final with Marwood 2 winning the plate and everyone else as a runner up. On behalf of the children I would like to thank Martin Beck for giving his time and coaching the teams over the last few months.

Admission to school – September 2014

Parents who wish their children to start at Marwood School in September 2014 need to apply for a place at <http://new.devon.gov.uk/admissions/> Applications open on 14th November 2013 and close 15th January 2014.

If there are members of the Marwood community who would like to volunteer and help children learn, please contact the school office 01271 850395. We are seeking people who are interested in leading / coaching a sporting activity with children. The government has given funding for training. A free disclosure and barring check would be undertaken.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 1st December

Marwood Parish Church Christingle Service 4.00 p.m.
Families from Marwood School invited to attend. Children will have made Christingles in the week before.

Tuesday 10th December in the afternoon

Class 1 and 2 Nativity at Guineaford Methodist Church

Wednesday 11th December 1.15 p.m.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch – please book via the school office.

Thursday 19th December 2.00 p.m.

School Christmas Carol Service led by the children at Marwood Parish Church – all welcome.

Friday 20th December – Autumn term ends

Monday 6th January 2014 – Spring term begins A.Dobson



children's hospice
SOUTH WEST

CRAFT TIME 3

Monday 9th December,
7 - 9pm, at Muddiford URC

Come and Create a Christmas Table Decoration with Lesley Loader and learn how to wire cones and tie bows. - bring your own dish/saucer/container. There will be foliage to share but bring any flowers, cones, ribbons etc that you want to use as well as a sharp cutting tool.
£5 including materials, a donation to CHSW & tea/coffee

CRAFT TIME 4

Wednesday 8th January, 7-9pm

Make and bake at Violet's—Orchard Cottage, Marwood—by the Church

Learn how to bake (and taste) some of Violet's fabulous biscuits, chat and /or carry on with any craft you want to bring. (£4)

For more information ring June T 01271 850801

Marwood Ladies

December meeting Thursday 5th December

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AFTERNOON

January meeting Thursday 2nd January

Speaker from the Society for the Protection & Rehoming of Animals—for more details ring

Margaret on 01271 344433

Christmas Concert featuring

South Molton Town Band

At Marwood Parish Church

Friday 13th December, 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 including mince pies and mulled wine, on the door or from June (346435), Kate (269753) or Lorraine (342556)



Marwood Church Christmas Fair
Saturday 7th December
from 2.30pm at Marwood Church Hall

ALL THE TRADITIONAL ATTRACTIONS
including a visit by **FATHER CHRISTMAS!**

Sale of CHSW Christmas cards & other items

Please bring any contributions of Cakes, Preserves, Fancy Goods & Raffle prizes between 10 am & 12 noon on the day.



Marwood Church Hall on Monday
23rd December from 7.45 for 8pm

Carols and Christmas songs, with spirited accompaniment from 'The Bobsleighs', and by popular request the evening will also feature the return of "Two Skirts and a Sporrán".

Sausage rolls and mince pies will be provided but BYOD & glass. It wouldn't be Marwood without a raffle so if you can donate a prize please bring it along on the night.

Tickets £5 (£7 at the door) from Caroline calstucker@hotmail.co.uk or Angela 376744.
Everyone Welcome.



Merry Christmas to all our readers from the Marwood Matters Team

<p align="center">MARWOOD PARISH CHURCH</p> <p>Priest in Charge: Revd Iain Robertson 817448 Churchwarden: Margaret Greenslade 372065</p>	<p align="center">MARWOOD METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p>Minister: Revd Robert Manning 01271 812574</p>	<p align="center">MUDDIFORD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH</p>
<p>Services in December</p> <p>1st 4pm Christingle 8th 9.30am Holy Communion 15th 4pm Carol Service 19th 2pm Marwood School Carol Service 22nd 9.30am Crib Service 24th 11.30pm Midnight Communion 25th 9.30am Christmas Praise 29th 10.30am VMC All Age Communion</p> <p>Services in January</p> <p>5th 9.30am Christmas Songs of Praise 12th 9.30am Holy Communion 19th 10am MCC at Muddiford 26th 9.30am Morning Worship</p> <p>Housegroup's words: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests' Luke 2:14</p> <p>The collection following the MCC service in November raised £94.85 for the Philippines Disaster Appeal. This will go to the Shelterbox Charity.</p> <p><i>Rev. Iain, David & the Church Family wish all readers joy & peace this Christmas</i></p>	<p>Services in December</p> <p>1st 11am Rev Robert Manning 8th 11am Rev Alan Telfer 15th 4pm Mr Martin Reardon 22nd 6.30pm Carol Service by Candlelight Rev Robert Manning 25th 9.30am Christmas Day Service Rev Robert Manning 29th 1am Rev Tony Coates</p> <p>The Junior Church will be taking part in the Carol Service on 22nd December and refreshments will follow the service. <i>The get-together is on 12th December. Mrs Richards will lead this meeting on a Christmas theme with Christmas refreshments. All welcome</i></p> <p>Services in January</p> <p>5th TBA 12th TBA 19th 10am MCC at Muddiford 26th TBA</p> <p>The Get-together on January 9th will be led by Carol and Sid Delve of Loxhore with slides of their trip to Ethiopia with Send a Cow and a collection will be taken. All welcome. <i>Marwood Methodist Church wish all readers a Happy Christmas and New Year.</i></p>	<p>Services in December</p> <p>1st 10am Rev Sue Macbeth 10.00am 8th 10am Rev Ruth Whitehead Moderator of the SW Synod & Jan Murphy the Synod Children's Officer 15th 10am All Age Worship 22nd 6pm Carol Service followed by refreshments</p> <p>At the Carol Service a collection will be taken for the Salvation Army</p> <p>25th 10am Christmas Day Service conducted by Mr John Symons 29th 10am Sabrina Groeschel - 10.00am</p> <p>Services in January</p> <p>5th 10am Rev Sue Macbeth 12th 10am Rev Tony Coates 19th 10am Mr Jeremy Bishopp (MCC United Service) 26th 10am Mr Peter Edwardson</p> <p>We would love to see you at any of these services & wish everyone a very happy Christmas & a peaceful & healthy New Year!</p>

Report of the Marwood Parish Council Meeting
14th November 2013

Before the meeting, members of the public met with Councillors to discuss traffic/speeding problems in the Parish. June Tamlyn read some comments from residents and Cllr Andrea Davis said she will investigate what can be achieved. **

Present: Cllrs. Mrs S Darling, M Darling, G Tamlyn, C Wallis, C Spear, J Glanville, R May, C Latham, T Bigge
In Attendance: Cllr Mrs A Davis, Cllr F J Tucker, fifteen members of the public, M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting 12 September 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record with one name correction

County Councillor and District Councillor Reports: Cllr Mrs Davis gave Members a copy of her report and emphasised the costs of highways maintenance; waste management proposals for 2014/17. She will investigate what is possible from DCC for the traffic/speeding matters discussed earlier.

Cllr Mrs Davis left the meeting at 19.48 to attend another meeting at Shirwell

Cllr Tucker commented on the Devon Community Oil Scheme and said he is now a member of the Torridge, North Devon and Mid Devon Citizens Advice Bureau.

He commented on the increase in the amount of deer poaching and urged everyone to be alert and report any incidents to the police.

Correspondence: DCC information regarding winter salt/gritting and also the introduction of part-night lighting. The Clerk read a letter from a member of the public concerning the need for a raised footpath on the hill near the school.

Planning: 56256 - Erection of 500kw wind turbine (amended plans and description) at land at Middle Field Marwood. Recommend: REFUSAL
56341 - Conversion of barn to form one unit of holiday accommodation at the barn opposite Greenhill Bungalow Middle Marwood. Recommend: APPROVAL
56552 - Removal of condition 1 (holiday occupancy) to allow occupation as a permanent dwelling at The Old Mill Blakewell. Recommend: APPROVAL

Finance: Grants of £250.00 were agreed for Marwood

Methodist Church and St Michaels and All Saints Church for cemetery maintenance; £30.00 for the Poppy Appeal. Balance at 14 November 2013 is £10,242.94 (this includes the half-year precept and NDC grant).

The Clerk had sent each Member a copy of the e-mail received from Pete Silveston requesting a grant from the Parish Council towards the new Community Hall.

Cllr May said the Fullabrook CIC has promised up to £200,000. The e-mail stated there is a short-fall of about £15,300 although Cllr May said the figure is nearer £20,000. Cllr Tamlyn asked if financial support has been asked from all the groups who say they will be using the Hall. Members emphasised their continued support for the scheme and it was agreed that the decision of the contribution by the Parish Council, should be deferred until such time as the precept and grants have been agreed by NDC.

The Clerk informed Members that he has been advised the grant from NDC for 2014/15 has been reduced by 35% to £822.

Cllr Tucker and all members of the public left the meeting at 20.38

War Memorial: The Clerk had taken photos of the memorial and obtained a quote of £370 for cleaning. The Council agreed that the cleaning could be carried out by Councillors and volunteers. Cllr Latham will look at the memorial to see what needs to be done and to liaise with the Clerk.

Reports from Councillors: Cllr Wallis said new signs will be erected on the footpaths.

Cllr Latham had reported several pot-holes for repair. Cllr May said permission has been obtained from the relevant government department for the use of the land for the new Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.48 M J Measures

**** There was a constructive discussion about the roads in Marwood. We have some signage and Community Speed Watch has been authorised. In October police carried out further speed monitoring checks, which when the data was averaged does not warrant further action. This does not reflect the dangerous situations walkers see regularly on the roads of Marwood and Andrea Davis has taken our suggestions of extra signage/traffic calming to the Highways planning dept. to see what is possible and if we can apply for a grant.—see www.marwoodmatters.com for more information. JT**



SPRINGFIELD NURSERY

'Springfield Annexe' was on the move over the August Bank Holiday.

The cranes worked overnight and successfully transferred the Annexe to further down the field, clearing the way for our new construction to begin.

We are now in the midst of building an eco friendly timber annexe with 'sedum roof'. It's a very exciting time for all of the children and staff watching it all rapidly unfolding. We can't wait to see the finished annexe!



Marwood Poor Lands Charity (including Ackland's Gift)

Applications for Grants

This Charity was established over 100 years ago to provide grants of money to the poor and destitute living in the Parish of Marwood.

Today a small annual income is obtained from the lease of 7.5 acres of land in Marwood. Due to the continual social change, the reasons for applying for grants has also changed but the basics are similar; eg. relieve sudden distress, sickness or infirmity, assistance with special payments.

The increase in Government Social Welfare Payments has seen a large reduction in the number of applicants. Claims for grants are considered by the Charity Trustees, namely, Harold Hopkins, Cllr Sheelagh Darling, Cllr Colin Latham and Malcolm J Measures (Clerk to the Charity). If you wish to apply, or know someone who you think is eligible, please contact the Clerk to the Charity - 9 Kingfisher Drive, Westacott, Barnstaple, EX32 8QW or e-mail: marparco2@live.co.uk.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE MARWOOD COMMUNITY HALL CHARITY

I am pleased to report that Devon County Council (DCC) have now received the consent from the Department of Education, referred to in my September article, to lease a part of the Marwood School site for the building of the proposed joint use community-school hall. However, DCC have now informed us that a further application is required to lease a part of the playing field for the car park extension, under legislation designed to protect school playing fields being developed. Since we would be leasing a relatively insignificant piece of land which does not form part of the actual "level" playing field area this further application should not be a major hurdle.

Fortunately the project is not being delayed as we continue to progress the re-design of the hall to meet the current available funding. We have appointed our project architect and hope to have a quantity surveyor appointed by the end of November.

Pete Silveston

Thank you... to all our contributors, the many people who help produce this newsletter and those who give up their time to deliver it.

Please remember that all items for the February issue need to be submitted by 15th January of the Newsletter Team and *Don't forget to look on our website www.marwoodmatters.com*

Marwood Toddler Group

Marwood Bumps, Tots and Toddlers at Marwood Church Hall

meet on Tuesday mornings 9am – 11am

All are Welcome

For more information Liz on 850903 or Mandy on 850843



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On 8th April 2012 the Ring O'Bells, called final orders closed the doors and ceased trading. Ever since that happened there has been a community group trying to look at ways to reopen the pub. **Please look at the excellent website** for all the updates and take part in the anonymous online poll to judge the interest within the community to buy shares. This will act as a guide to see how much money is likely to be raised.



Thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Hamper for Little Bridge House.

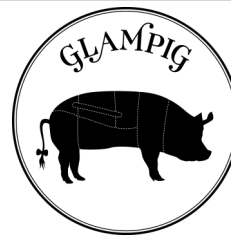
Thank you also to Carol Edwards and Karen Spicer for giving all those who attended the Craft Time last month such an informative and enjoyable time. Practising the soldering was interesting!

Look out for **CRAFT TIME 5** on Wednesday 12th February with Sandra Gouldsmith to Paint and Print at Marwood Church Hall.

CHRIS WALLIS

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preserve the content of the articles submitted.*

*We welcome suggestions and comments that will
lead to the improvement of this newsletter. We would
also like to hear from you if you have any complaints
or grievances in order that we can rectify any problems.*



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