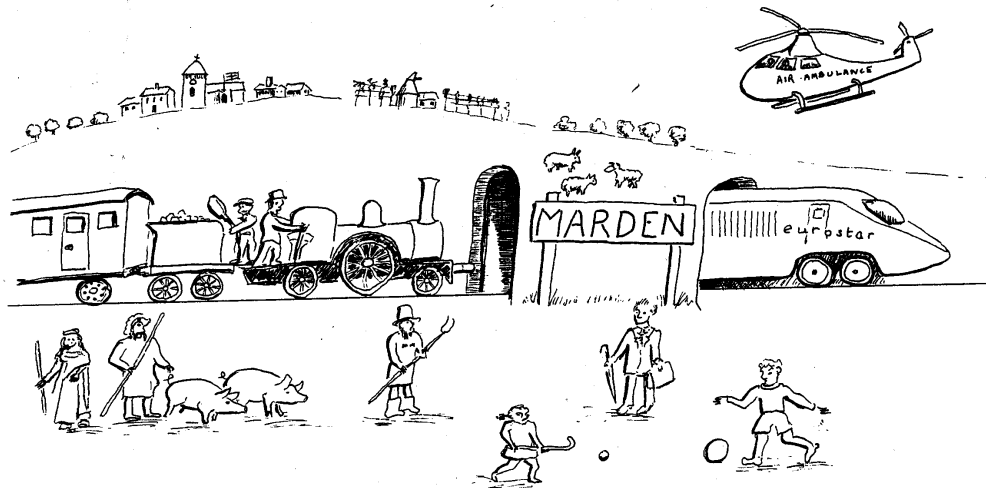




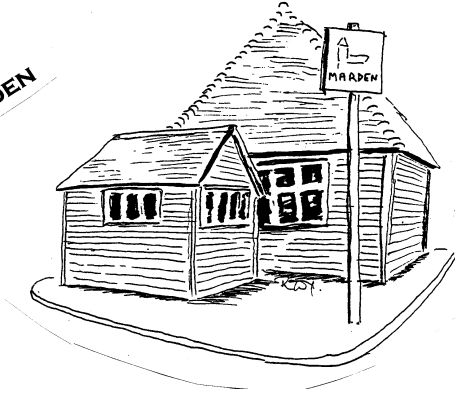
WELCOME TO MARDEN

AN INTRODUCTORY GUIDE TO THE VILLAGE



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This guide provides a short introduction to Marden.

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IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY MOVED IN TO MARDEN welcome to our Village in the lovely Weald of Kent.

We hope you will enjoy living here. This pamphlet contains some facts which we think you would like to know.

Situation

Marden is situated approximately 8 miles south of the County Town of Maidstone with its excellent shopping, educational and recreational facilities.

The Parish of Marden, which includes Chainhurst, consists of mainly mixed farming and has a population of just over 4000. It is in an area renowned for the growing of apples and hops.

The village benefits from local shops including a Post Office, Grocers, Butchers and Bakers. The village boasts three Public Houses, both of which serve good food and the Village Club. There is also a Chinese take-away, fish and chip/kebab shop and two Indian restaurants. The village is well served by its successful Medical Centre and Dentist with a Hairdressers, Barbers and Beauty Salon as well as two Garages and two Veterinary Surgeries. Marden also has a very large business community – the majority of which is in Pattenden Lane. Marden Station offers a regular main line service to London and the South East.

The first settlement in Marden, or Meredenne, is thought to have been before the 9th Century. The densely forested Weald was very wet and swampy, but became used for pig grazing and the clearings providing temporary settlement for herdsmen which were called 'dens' - Marden. The availability of timber as a building material encouraged permanent settlement and Marden had a church by 1085. This church is mentioned in the Domesday Monachorum.

Marden has always been closely linked to the land and it has been from agriculture that the village has derived its prosperity. The Wealden forest provided timber for construction and fuel. This, in addition to water for power and sheep for wool, made Marden an ideal area for cloth production. Migrant Flemish in the 16th Century provided the expertise and mills were sited in Pattenden and Sheephurst Lanes.

A SHORT SUMMARY OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Local affairs in the Parish are governed by a PARISH COUNCIL of eleven Councillors, elected every four years; the next election being May 2020.

The office of Marden Parish Council is situated to the front of Marden Memorial Hall, Goudhurst Road, Marden and is open to the public Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12noon – appointments outside of these times are welcome but please ring beforehand to ensure someone is in the office to assist you. However you can always contact the Parish Clerk, Alison Hooker, by telephone (01622 832305) or email (clerk@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk) *(Please note the Parish Office is closed on Wednesdays and any phone or email messages left on this day will be answered the following morning)*

The Parish Council has its own website www.mardenkent-pc.gov.uk – this is updated on a regular basis and contain information regarding the Parish Council including agendas, copies of previous minutes, meeting dates, Council policies and procedures, quarterly newsletters, village welcome pack, contact details along with a lot of other useful information. There is also a Parish Events section which allows organisations from the village to advertise their upcoming events together with a section for organisations/ groups to have their own site page. Just contact Alison for further details. We also now have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MardenParishCouncil> which gives details of the Parish Council meetings and events plus any useful information about Marden.

The Parish Council Newsletter is produced three times a year and is delivered to all households in Marden. It can also be downloaded from the website. Alternatively if you wish an electronic copy to be sent to you please inform Alison. The newsletter provides the village with details of what the Parish Council has been doing and what is happening in the future along with other relevant information. This Welcome Pack is available to all new residents to give them a brief introduction to Marden. So if you know of anyone else new to the village contact Alison.

The Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of every month for a full council meeting and this is held at The Allens, Albion Road, Marden. All other meetings ie Planning, Amenities or Finance are held on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Council Meeting Room (access via the Parish Council office), Goudhurst Road. All meetings commence at 7.30pm and agendas can be viewed prior to the meeting via the website or notice boards at the Parish Office, Library, Highwood Green and Chainhurst. They are also available to be downloaded from the Parish Council website.

Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the Parish Council meetings and there is an opportunity to speak at the beginning of the Full Council meeting or at the end of all other meetings.

If you wish to raise an issue at these meetings you should contact the Chairman or Clerk, or approach one of the Councillors at least a week prior to the meeting. At the beginning of our monthly Meetings we have an Open Session for members of the Public to express their views.

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is normally held in April or May at Marden Memorial Hall. In 2019 it will be held on Tuesday 9th April and a copy of various Village Societies and Organisations reports will be available on the Parish Council website on the day of the meeting. 2018 reports can still be viewed on the website.

The main event in the Parish Council diary is the “Marden at Christmas” celebrations held on the 1st or 2nd Saturday in December - this involves Morris Dancing and carol singing at The Allens with a visit to Father Christmas in his Grotto and a craft fayre at the Memorial Hall. Thanks are expressed to all who helped in previous years celebrations and for those, particularly the Marden Business Forum, who have donated towards the Grotto presents. Hopefully we can continue with the event for many years to come.

PARISH COUNCIL:

<u>Chairman & Finance Ch.</u>	Cllr Kate Tippen	01622 832305 kate.tippen1@gmail.com
<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	Cllr Richard Adam	831673 richard@tn12.uk
<u>Amenities Cmt V-Chairman</u>	Cllr Anne Boswell	833351 / 07808 868703
	Cllr Maria Brown	832305
	Cllr Ian Newton	831832
<u>Planning Cmt Chairman</u>	Cllr Lesley Mannington	07802 720069
	Cllr Sean Harvey	832305
	Cllr Mick Jones	832305
<u>Amenities Cmt Chairman</u>	Cllr Jean Robertson	831331 / 07950 816370
<u>Planning Cmt & Finance</u>		
<u>Cmt V-Chairman</u>	Cllr Tom Stevens	832305
<u>Neighbourhood Plan Ch.</u>	Cllr Andy Turner	07803 598813
<u>Parish Clerk</u>	Alison Hooker	832305 / 07376 287981

Address: Parish Office, Marden Memorial Hall, Goudhurst Road, Marden TN12 9JX

Parish Clerk Email: clerk@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk

Marden Parish Council Website: www.mardenkent-pc.gov.uk

Office opening times: Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 10.00am to 12noon

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Annabelle Blackmore 01622 833299 / annabelleblackmore@maidstone.gov.uk

David Burton 07590 229910 / david.burton@burtons.uk.com

Steve McLoughlin 01622 820551 / stevemcloughlin@tiscali.co.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Eric Hotson 01580 892312 / eric.hotson@kent.gov.uk

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

PCSO Nicola Morris 101
Email: nicola.morris@kent.pnn.police.uk

COMMUNITY WARDEN

Mira Martin 07969 584179 (mobile)
Email: mira.martin@kent.gov.uk

CONTACTS

ORGANISATIONS & SOCIETIES

Organisation	Contact details:
AA	c/o Marden Memorial Hall 07562 625626 Mon 8.00pm-9.30pm
Art Classes	Carole Robson 0845 606 5606 Thurs 9.30 am – 12.00noon – Vestry Hall
Badminton (Adult)	Sheila Wright 01622 831618 Weds 7.30pm-9.30pm Main Hall (Sept to May)
Ballet	Lynda Wood 01634 670405 Wed 3.00pm – 7.00pm Main Hall (term time only)
Barre & Pilates	Victoria Bristow 07810 551715 victoriabristow@btinternet.com Congregational Chapel Thursdays Beginners Barre: 6.45pm – 7.30pm Pilates: 7.35pm – 8.35pm
Bell Ringing	Jane Higgs bellringers@mardenchurch.org.uk
Blue House Cricket Club	Steven Waite 07810 444231
Bowls Club	Michael Collins 01580 892398 collins-m18@sky.com
Brownies Ann Thompson Emma Ballard	Please contact the Memorial Hall in the first instance, pop along to their meeting Mon 5.30pm-7.00pm Main Hall (term time only) or visit their website: www.girlguiding.org.uk
Children Centre	The School House, Goudhurst Road (next to Primary School) 01622 831503
Citizens Advice Bureau	Old School Room, Marden Memorial Hall, Goudhurst Road Third Tuesday each month 2pm-4pm
Community Lunches	Janet McIntosh 01622 831256
Cricket & Hockey Club	Pavilion (not continuously manned) 01622 831475
Fitness Classes (includes Kettlebells, Park + Buggy Fitness, Mature & Chair)	Annie's Fitness 07828 868703 / 01622 833351 Anne.boswell@ymail.com

Organisation	Contact details:
Friends of Marden's Heritage	Steve McArragher (Chairman) 01622 831007 Steve.mcarragher@btinternet.com
	Carol Hogg (Secretary) 01622 832900 Carol.hogg@hotmail.com
Friends of Marden Medical Centre	01622 831257
Heritage Centre (at Marden Library)	David McFarland 01622 832295
History Group	David McFarland (Chairman) 01622 832295 history@mardenhistory.org.uk
	Eunice Doswell (Deputy Chairman) 01622 831388 history@mardenhistory.org.uk
Horticultural Society	Jill Nichols 01622 831411 www.mardenhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Karate	Chris Simpson 07801 639052 Fri (Term time only) 6.00pm-7.00pm John Banks Hall
Library	01622 831619 Tues/Thurs 1.15pm-6pm : Fri 9am-1.30pm : Sat 10am-2pm
Living Memories	Rachel livingmemories@mardenchurch.org.uk 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday of each month 10.30am to 12.30pm Vestry Hall
Marden Business Forum	David Burton (Chairman) david.burton@burtons.uk.com
	Liz Stanley (Vice-Chairman) committee@mardenbusinessforum.com
Marden In Bloom	Anne Boswell anne.boswell@ymail.com
Marden Minors Football Club	Chris Price (Chairman) 07799 419743 chrispriceprice@outlook.com
Marden Society	Maureen Clayton (Chairman) Tillergirl2913@aol.com 01622 831529
	Steve McArragher (Secretary) Steve.mcarragher@btinternet.com 01622 831007
Memorial Hall	Hannah Cale (Bookings) 07562 625626 mardenmemorialhall@yahoo.co.uk

Organisation	Contact details:
Men's Breakfast	Geoff Burr 07973 118241 geoffreyburr@btinternet.com
Mothers Union	Rosemary McArragher 01622 831007
Motor Club	Colin Addison (Secretary) 01622 831471 Caddison1950@gmail.com
Parent Teacher Association	c/o Marden Primary School office@marden.kent.sch.uk
Parent & Toddler Group	mardenvillagebabyandtoddler@gmail.com Weds 9.15am – 11.45am Congregational Chapel
Parent & Toddler Group Music Time	mardenvillagebabyandtoddler@gmail.com Tues 9.15am – 10.15am Congregational Chapel
Parish Church Office	Judith Noakes 01622 831890 office@mardenchurch.org.uk
Parish Magazine	01622 831890 (parish church office) advert@mazine.mardenchurch.org.uk
	01622 831890 (parish church office) editor@mazine.mardenchurch.org.uk
Parochial Church Council	Ali Bonney (Secretary) 01580 891787
Pilates Classes	Lisa Reilly 07512 932415 Mondays and Thursdays 9.30-12noon John Banks Hall
Pilates & Barre	Victoria Bristow 07810 551715 victoriabristow@btinternet.com Congregational Chapel Thursdays Beginners Barre: 6.45pm – 7.30pm Pilates: 7.35pm – 8.35pm
Pre-School Playgroup	Hayley Schlosser (Manager) 01622 832857 Marden Memorial Hall - term time only Mon, Weds & Fri 8.45am – 11.45am Tues & Thurs 8.45am – 2.45pm
Reading Group	Maureen Clayton 01622 831529
San Fairy Ann Cycling Club	Ron Lee 01622 752334

Organisation	Contact details:
Scout Group	Beavers – Mondays 6.00pm -7.00pm Cubs – Wednesdays 6.30pm – 8.00pm Scouts – Fridays 7.30pm – 9.00pm Explorer Group – Ragstones, Loose Fridays 7.30pm – 9.00 pm www.mardenscouts.org.uk mardenscouts@hotmail.com contact@mardenscouts.org.uk
Short Mat Bowls	Dorothy Reed (Chairman) 01622 831280 Dreed129@btinternet.com Shirley Collinson (Bookings) 01622 831755 Mons & Fri 7.30pm-10pm Main Hall
Sunday Club Children aged 3-11	Kathy Young Youthandchildren@mardenchurch.org.uk Sundays 10.30am – 11.45am Vestry Hall
Tennis Club	Jane Frankel (Secretary) 01622 831870
Theatre Group	Mo Gillis-Coates (Chairman) info@mardentheatre.org.uk
Thursday Club For the Over 55s	Dorothy Reed 01622 831280 Dreed129@btinternet.com Alt Thurs 2pm-4pm Village Club
Vestry Hall	Mrs Barbara Judd 01622 831609 vestryhall@mardenchurch.org.uk
Village Club	01622 831427
Village Voices	Rachel Gillis-Coates 01622 831733 thevillagevoices@outlook.com
Walking Group	Catherine Alderson 01622 832455
WI	Moira Ensoll 01622 820568 1 st Thurs in Month – 7.45 pm – Vestry Hall
Youth Club	Natalie Penfold 07915 246555 Wed 6.00pm–8.15pm – John Banks Hall
Zumba	Amanda Hindley 07792 785311 Tues 7.30pm-8.30pm – Main Hall Thurs 8.00pm-9.00pm – Main Hall

List of Businesses can be found in the Local Business Directory of
Marden Parish Church Magazine

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Chemist	High Street Marden 01622 831495
Churches	St Michael & All Angels (CofE) Vicar: Revd Ali Duguid 01622 831379
	Congregation Chapel West End, Marden
Dentist	BUPA Church Green Marden 01622 831556
	Forge House Dental Practice High Street Staplehurst TN12 0AH 01580 892509
Doctors	Marden Medical Centre Church Green Marden 01622 831257
Funeral Directors	Doves High Street Staplehurst 01580 892125
	J Perigoe & Sons Bardens Bank Street Cranbrook 01580 713636
	K B Sills Kenwood High Street Cranbrook 01580 712284
	Sears 22 Church Road Paddock Wood 01892 836663
	Viners & Sons 54 High Street West Malling 01732 842485

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Garage - petrol	Stanleys Albion Road Marden 01622 831278 / 831420
Halls (to hire)	Marden Memorial Hall Hannah Cale 07562 625626 mardenmemorialhall@yahoo.co.uk
	Vestry Hall Barbara Judd 01622 831609 vestryhall@mardenchurch.org.uk
	Marden Village Club 01622 831427
	Cricket & Hockey Club Ian Farmer gm.mardensportsclub@gmail.com
Hospitals	Maidstone Hospital Hermitage Lane Maidstone 01622 729000
	Pembury Hospital Pembury 01892 823535
	Preston Hall London Road Aylesford 01622 710161
Library	Opening hours Tues 1.15pm to 6.00pm Thurs 1.15pm to 6.00pm Fri 9.00am to 1.30pm Sat 10.00am to 2.00pm 01622 831619 www.kent.gov.uk/libraries
Local Authority	Maidstone Borough Council Maidstone House King Street Maidstone 01622 602000
Local Newspapers	Downs Mail
	Kent Messenger
	Kent & Sussex Courier
	Wealden Advertiser
Golding Homes	Whatman House, St Leonards Road Allington 01622 212600

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Maidstone Registry Office	Archbishops Palace Maidstone 08458 247 400
Nurseries/Playgroups	Marden Pre-School Playgroup Marden Memorial Hall Goudhurst Road Marden 01622 832857 Harpers Day Nursery Harpers Farm Summerhill Goudhurst TN17 1JU 01580 211236 Poppy's Day Nursery Headcorn Road Staplehurst 01580 892600
Opticians	Elaine Yorwath 70 Commercial Road Paddock Wood 01892 833017
	Peter Jones Church Hill Staplehurst 01580 892269
Post Office	Crowhurst & Tompsetts High Street Marden 01622 831212
Primary School	Marden Primary School Goudhurst Road Marden 01622 831393 headteacher@marden.kent.sch.uk
Public Houses (food)	West End Tavern West End Marden 01622 831956
	The Unicorn High Street Marden 01622 831426
	Stilebridge A229 – Maidstone Road Marden 01622 831236

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Public Transport	Bus Services 01622 69700 - www.Arrivabus.co.uk 01622 882288 - www.nu-venture.co.uk
	Train Services 03457 494950 - www.Nationalrail.co.uk
Secondary Schools	New Line Learning (Cornwallis) Hubbards Lane Linton 01622 743152 High Weald Academy (Anglely) Anglely Road Cranbrook 01580 712754 Mascalls Maidstone Road Paddock Wood TN12 6LT 01892 835366 Maidstone Grammar School for Girls 01622 752103 Maidstone Grammar School for Boys 01622 752101 Invicta Girls School 01622 755856 Oakwood Park Grammar School for Boys 01622 726683
Shops	Ballards Butchers Church Green Marden 01622 831285 Crowhurst & Tompsett High Street Marden 01622 831212 Farm Shop High Street Marden 01622 831504 Green Door (Beauticians) High Street Marden Kent Mart Church Green Marden No 47 (Gift Shop) The Old Post Office High Street Marden

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Shops (contd)	West End Stores West End Marden 01622 831570
Take Aways/Restaurants	Kebab Fish Knight Church Green 01622 832831 (fish & chips / kebabs / burgers takeaway)
	Hong Kong Kitchen Maidstone Road 01622 832030 (Chinese takeaway)
	Marden Tandoori Albion Road Marden 01622 832184 (Indian sit down and takeaway)
	Munchies High Street Marden 01622 831667 (bakery/sandwiches/jacket potatoes)
	Taj of Kent Church Green Marden 01622 833339 / 833393 (Indian sit down and takeaway)
Taxi Services	MTC Headcorn 01622 890003
	Streamline West Station Approach Maidstone 01622 752978
Utilities	Electricity Emergency 0800 783 8866
	Gas Emergency Services 0800 111 999
	South East Water 0444 000 0002
	Southern Water 0330 303 0368 / 0800 820 999
	Environmental Agency Floodline 0345 988 1188