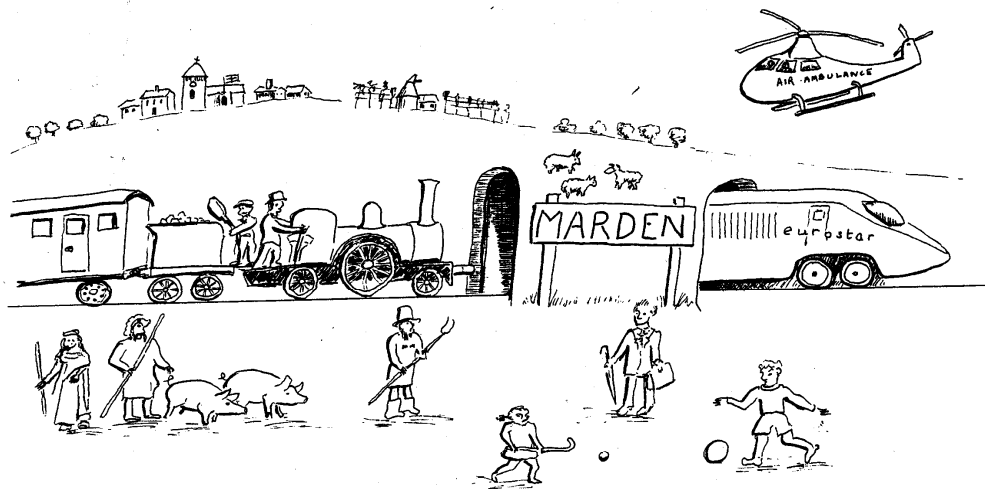


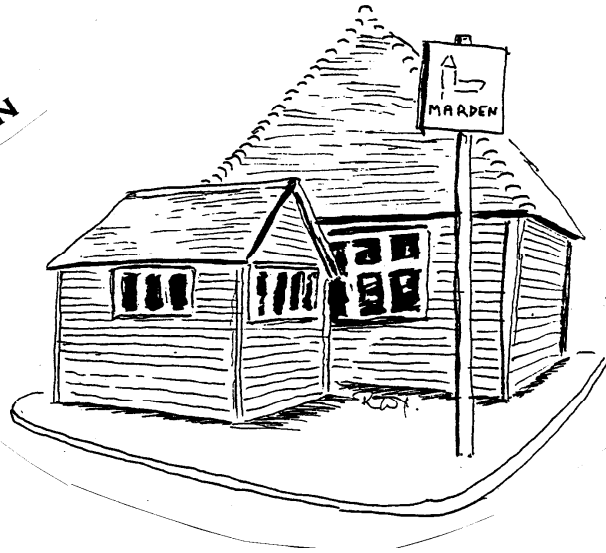
WELCOME TO MARDEN

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.

Local affairs in the Parish are governed by a PARISH COUNCIL of eleven Councillors, elected every four years; the next Election being in 2012.

The Council meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at The Allens, Albion Road, Marden and any resident in the Parish is welcome to come and listen to the Meeting, although not allowed to speak except by express invitation of the Chairman. The subjects dealt with include street lighting, public footpaths, the playing field, Maidstone Road Cemetery, improvements to the amenities of the Parish and any other matters which it is felt affect the Village or Parish.

Although Planning decisions are made by Maidstone Borough Council, we are consulted beforehand and we try to guide the planners in the way we think best for our Village.

Anyone who wants a subject discussed at these meetings should contact the Chairman or Clerk, or approach one of the Councillors. At the conclusion of our monthly Meetings we have an Open Session for members of the Public to express their views.

At the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in either April or May each year any voter is entitled to express his or her views on any subject concerning the Parish.

At that Meeting we also encourage the various Village Societies and Organisations to give a brief report of their activities.

Agendas for the Meetings of the Parish Council are placed in the Public Library and on Notice Boards outside the Parish Office, Post Office, Library, the Church Porch and in the Memorial Hall Lobby. They are also available to be downloaded from the Parish Council website (www.mardenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk) or the Marden Website (www.marden.org.uk).

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.

The village benefits from local shops including a Post Office, Bank, Grocers, Chemist, Butchers, Bakers, Fast Food outlets and Main Line Railway station for London and the South Coast.

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 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

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, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12noon. However you can always contact the Parish Clerk, Alison Hooker, by telephone (01622 832305) or email (mardenpc@btconnect.com). Amanda Causer is the Assistant Parish Clerk working part-time and can be contacted on the same telephone number as Alison or by email amanda.mardenpc@btconnect.com. Coffee mornings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Parish Office – please pop along for a coffee and a chat.

The Parish Council has its own website (www.mardenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk) which is updated on a regular basis and contains 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 Noticeboard 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 or Amanda for further details.

The Parish Council Newsletter is produced quarterly and can be found in many outlets around the village and downloadable from the website. Alternatively if you wish an electronic copy to be sent to you please inform the Clerk. 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. The Welcome Pack is available to all new residents to give them a brief introduction to Marden.

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, usually held on the first and third Tuesday of each month and Amenities, usually held on the fourth Tuesday of each month are held 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, Post Office, Library and Memorial Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the Parish Council meetings and there is normally an opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting.

The main event in the Parish Council diary is the “Marden at Christmas” celebrations which in 2012 is taking place on December 8th this involves Morris Dancing and Silver Band 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 who have donated towards the Grotto presents. Hopefully we can continue with the event for many years to come.

PARISH COUNCIL:

<u>Chairman</u>	Cllr Dorothy Reed	831280
<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	Cllr Maria Brown	832305
<u>Councillors</u>	Cllr Richard Adam	831673
	Cllr Fiona Baird	07753 632176
	Cllr Anne Cox	831120
	Cllr Mike Lutener	831385
	Cllr Lesley Mannington	831214
	Cllr Ian Newton	831832
	Cllr Bev Reid	832175
	Cllr Paula Spain	832305
	Cllr Kate Tippen	01892 730978
<u>Parish Clerk</u>	Alison Hooker	832305 / 07904 810549
<u>Assistant Parish Clerk</u>	Amanda Causer	832305

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

Parish Clerk Email: mardenpc@btconnect.com

Assistant Parish Clerk Email: amanda.mardenpc@btconnect.com

Marden Parish Council Website: www.mardenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Annabelle Blackmore Poplar Tree, Milebush Lane, Marden TN12 9AS
01622 833299 / annabelleblackmore@maidstone.gov.uk

Rodd Nelson-Gracie The Firs, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead
01622 814263 / nelsons@aol.com

John Verrall Dairy Lane Farm, Dairy Lane, Chainhurst TN12 9SS
01622 820638 / johnverrall@maidstone.gov.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Paulina Stockell Farthing Green Barn, Farthing Green, New Barn Road,
Hawkenbury TN12 0EE
01622 842508 / paulina.stockell@kent.gov.uk

COMMUNITY POLICEMAN

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

PCSO Nicola Morris 01622 604390 (Office)
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:
Art Classes	Carole Robson 0845 606 5606 (Mondays and Thursdays – Vestry Hall)
Badminton (Adult)	Sheila Wright 01622 831618 Weds 7.30pm-9.30pm Memorial Hall (April to Sept)
Badminton (Junior)	Julie Morgan Thurs 6.00pm-7.30pm Memorial Hall (term time only)
Ballet	Lynda Wood 01634 670405 Wed 3.00pm – 7.00pm Memorial Hall (term time only)
Blue House Cricket Club	Steven Waite 07810 444231
Bowls Club	Michael Collins 01580 892398 michael.collins@btinternet.com
Brownies	Carol Fletcher 01580 713589 andrew@firstmarden52.tiscali.co.uk Mon 5.30pm-7.00pm Memorial Hall (term time only)
Business Forum	Elaine Collins (Chairman) Forum House, Chainhurst TN12 9TA elainedcollins@aol.com
	David Burton (Vice-Chairman) 01622 832919
Citizens Advice Bureau	Parish Office Meeting Room Second Thursday each month 9am-11am
Cricket & Hockey Club	Pavilion (not continuously manned) 01622 831475
	Charlotte Sharp (Hockey Secretary) James Humphrey (Cricket Secretary)
Friends of Marden's Heritage	Steve McArragher 01622 831007 Steve.mcarragher@btinternet.com
	Geoff Burr grrbands@husheath.orangehome.co.uk
Friends of Marden Medical Centre	David Shaw 01622 831257 David.shaw2@nhs.com
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

ORGANISATION	CONTACT DETAILS:
Horticultural Society	Zubeida Roberts (Chairperson) 01622 831163 Zubeida1@hotmail.com
	Sally Fletcher (Secretary) 01622 831446
Karate	07801 639052 Fri – 6.00pm-7.00pm John Banks Hall
Library	01622 831619 Tues/Thurs 1.15pm-6pm : Fri 9am-1.30pm : Sat 10am-2pm
Marden Minors Football Club	David Errey (Chairman) 01892 730749 / 07963 512406 d.errey@btinternet.com
	Hayley Crabb (Secretary) 07814 858882 dhshcrabb@aol.com
Marden Society	Maureen Clayton (Chairman) Tillergirl2913@aol.com 01622 831529
	Steve McArragher (Secretary) Steve.mcarragher@btinternet.com 01622 831007
Memorial Hall	Alison Hooker (Bookings) 01622 832305 Mardenpc@btconnect.com
	Graham Tippen (Chairman) Tippens@sky.com
Mothers Union	Rosemary McArragher 01622 831007
Motor Club	Graham Codling 01622 832622
Parent Teacher Association	Jo Hayes c/o Marden Primary School
Parish Church Office	Judith Noakes 01622 831890 office@mardenchurch.org.uk
Parish Magazine	Sarah Davies (co-ordinator) 01622 831890 (parish church office) adverts@magazine.mardenchurch.org.uk
	Liz Bryant (Editor) 01622 831890 (parish church office) editor@magazine.mardenchurch.org.uk
Parochial Church Council	Ali Bonney (Secretary) 01580 891787
Pilates Classes	Sally Pafford 01622 832158 Weds 9.15am–10.30am John Banks Hall Lisa Reilly 07512 932415 Mondays 9.30 – 10.30am John Banks Hall Thursdays 9.30-12 John Banks Hall

ORGANISATION	CONTACT DETAILS:
Pre-School Playgroup	Julie Warner (Supervisor) 01622 832857
	Denise Pantrey (Supervisor) 01622 832857 Mon-Fri 9am-12noon Memorial Hall (term time only)
Reading Group	Maureen Clayton 01622 831529
San Fairy Ann Cycling Club	Ron Lee 01622 752334
Scout Group	Ian Grimes (Chairman) 01622 831779 Ian.grimes@aspensinsurance.co.uk
Short Mat Bowls	Dorothy Reed (Chairman) 01622 831280 Dreed129@btinternet.com Mons/Fris 7.30pm-10pm Memorial Hall
Tennis Club	Jane Frankel (Secretary) 01622 831870
Theatre Group	Kerry Armstrong (Chairman) 01622 832508 Kerryarmstrong22@btinternet.com
	Peter Myers (Secretary) 01622 832475
Thursday Club	Dorothy Reed 01622 831280 Dreed129@btinternet.com Alt Thurs 2pm-4pm Memorial Hall
Toddlers Club	Katie Keen 01622 832829 / 07986 121841 Katie_keen@hotmail.com Wed am - Vestry Hall
	Carrie Race 01622 326171 / 07767 248029 carrierace@hotmail.com
Vestry Hall	Mrs Barbara Judd 01622 831609 vestryhall@mardenchurch.org.uk
Village Club	Mick Collins 01622 831427 Michael.collins55@btinternet.com
Walking Group	Catherine Alderson 01622 832455
WI	Jean Robertson (Joint President) 01622 831331 1 st Thurs in Month - John Banks Hall
	Kay East (Joint President) 01622 820328

ORGANISATION	CONTACT DETAILS:
Youth Club	07915 246555 Wed 6.30pm-8.30pm - John Banks Hall
Young Players	Kerry Armstrong 01622 832508 Kerryarmstrong22@btinternet.com
Zumba	Amanda Hindley 07792 785311 Tues 7.30pm-8.30pm - Memorial Hall Thurs 8.00pm-9.00pm - Memorial Hall

BUSINESSES AND OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Animal/Pet Care (homeboarding / day care / walking / feeding)	Sharon Rowe 01622 831425
Antique Furniture Restorer	Mrs Joanne Mills 07711 948072
Bank	Nat West High Street Marden (opening times: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 10.00am-2.30pm)
Barbers	John's High Street Marden 01622 831402
Beautician	The Green Door High Street Marden 01622 832413
Bed & Breakfast	Kathy Banbury Kiln Farm, Maidstone Road, Marden (dogs welcome) email B+B@kiln-farm.co.uk 01622 831300
	Mrs I Dodson Little Chantry Church Green Marden 01622 831417
	Mrs Mannington Tanner Farm Goudhurst Road Marden 01622 831214
	Mrs Laurie Williams Tudorhurst Pagehurst Rd Staplehurst 01580 891564
Builders	Alter Image Thorn Road Marden 01622 832806 <i>(also decoration, plumbing, electrical, shop fitting and commercial works)</i>
	Bridgehurst Homes Bridgehurst Farmhouse Howland Road Marden <i>(building, listed building renovation, barn conversions, loft conversions)</i> Bridgehursthomes@aol.com 01622 831392

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Builders (contd)	Stanleys Albion Road Marden 01622 831666 / 07889 045184
Caravan Park	Tanner Farm Goudhurst Road Marden 01622 832399
Chemist	High Street Marden 01622 831495
Churches	St Michael & All Angels (CofE) Vicar: Revd James Robertson 01622 831379
	Congregation Chapel Pastor Bill Harrow 01622 832989
Dentist	K H K Dhutia Church Green Marden 01622 831556
Design	Custom Marketing Resources Prospect House Hunton Road Marden 01622 820841 creative@cmr-group.co.uk www.cmr-group.co.uk <i>(also printing, marketing and website)</i>
Doctors	Marden Medical Centre Church Green Marden Practice Manager: David Shaw 01622 831257 David.shaw2@nhs.com
Driving Instructor	Roger Mills 01622 833279
Estate Agents	Radfords 3 High Street Marden 01622 833412 (Tel) 01622 833305 (Fax) radfordsmarden@btconnect.com
Engineering, Maintenance, Stainless Steel catering equipment	K & G Engineering Underlyn Farm Underlyn Lane Marden 01622 831008 (Tel) 01622 833360 (Fax) www.kandgtotalengineering.com
Farmers Market	Yalding High Street (every 3 rd Sat 10.00am to 1.00pm) 01622 814109

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Flooring	John Banbury Flooring Kiln Farm Maidstone Road Marden 07774 160352
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
Garage (petrol / car servicing etc)	Stanleys Albion Road Marden 01622 831278 / 831420
Gardening Services	Kathy Hooke Garden Design 4 Green Lane Collier Street 01892 730793 07787 122958 Kath@bertis.fsnet.co.uk
	Fletchers Gardening Service Ltd 01580 713589
	Greeneaves 01580 891108 07787 122958
Hairdressers	Little Eden Church Green Marden 01622 833088
Halls (to hire)	Marden Memorial Hall Alison Hooker 01622 832305 mardenpc@btconnect.com
	Vestry Hall Barbara Judd 01622 831609 vestryhall@mardenchurch.org.uk
	Marden Village Club Mick Collins 01580 892393 Michael.collins55@btinternet.com

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Hospitals	Maidstone Hospital Hermitage Lane Maidstone 01622 729000
	Kent & Sussex Hospital Tunbridge Wells 01892 526111
	Pembury Hospital Pembury 01892 823535
	Preston Hall London Road Aylesford 01622 710161
Insurance	NFU Mutual Thorn Road Marden 01622 831128
IT Solutions / Training/ E-learning / Websites & Databases	Onclick Ltd Mow Cop Plain Road Marden 01622 831463 info@onclick.ltd.uk
Library	Opening hours Tues 1.15pm to 6.00pm Thurs 1.15pm to 6.00pm Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm 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
Locksmith	Aragon Locksmith 10 Roundel Way Marden 01622 833278
Golding Homes	20/20 Estate London Road Allington 01622 212600
Maidstone Registry Office	08458 247 400

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Marketing	Custom Marketing Resources Prospect House Hunton Road Marden 01622 820841 creative@cmr-group.co.uk www.cmr-group.co.uk <i>(also design, printing and website)</i>
Mower Repairs	Small Engine Services Maidstone Road Marden 01622 832279
Nurseries/Playgroups	Marden Pre-School Playgroup Marden Memorial Hall Goudhurst Road Marden 01622 832857
	Poppys Day Nursery Staplehurst Baby Unit: 01580 890480 Day Nursery: 01580 892600 info@poppysdaynursery.com
Opticians	Elaine Yorwath 70 Commercial Road Paddock Wood 01892 833017
	Peter Jones Church Hill Staplehurst 01580 892269
Painter & Decorator	Mick Freeman 01622 832675
	Terry Savage 01622 831926 07752 169207 <i>(also Handyman Services)</i>
	David Bishop 01622 831702 07792 515169 <i>(also Property Maintenance)</i>
Photography/Video	Belmont Photographic 01622 822049 07900 181914 paul@betmontphoto.co.uk
Physiotherapist	Sandra Wickham 01580 211462
Plant Hire	R M Vidler Marden 01622 832654 rmvidler@aol.com <i>(plant hire, site clearance and demolition)</i>
Post Office	High Street Marden 01622 831277

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Primary School	Marden Primary School Goudhurst Road Marden 01622 831393 Rowena Lynn – Headteacher headteacher@marden.kent.sch.uk
Printers	The Hop Press Sheephurst Lane Marden 01622 833455
	Custom Marketing Resources Prospect House Hunton Road Marden 01622 820841 creative@cmr-group.co.uk www.cmr-group.co.uk <i>(also design, marketing and website)</i>
Private Schools	Bethany School Curtisden Green 01580 211273
	Dulwich Preparatory School Cranbrook 01580 712179
	Sutton Valence School Sutton Valence 01622 842128
Property Maintenance	David Bishop 01622 831702 07792 515169 <i>(also painter & decorator)</i>
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
	The White Hart Claygate Marden 01892 730313
Public Transport	Bus Services 0870 608 2608
	Train Services 08457 484950

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Publishing & Graphic Design Services	Green Arrow Publishing 2 Chambers Cotts Underlyn Lane Marden 01622 832485 07967 315270
Reflexology	Geoff Bartram 01622 831842
Rodent Control	Greybird Environmental Services Ltd John Nabb 01622 832190
Secondary Schools	The Cornwallis Hubbards Lane Linton 01622 743152
	Angley School Angley Road Cranbrook 01580 712754
	Maidstone Grammar School for Girls 01622 752103
	Maidstone Grammar School for Boys 01622 752101
	Invicta Girls School 01622 755856
Shops	Ballards Butchers Church Green Marden 01622 831285
	Crowhurst & Tompsett High Street Marden 01622 831212
	Farm Shop High Street Marden 01622 831504
	Kent Mart Church Green Marden
	Scats Pattenden Lane Marden 01622 831685
	West End Stores West End Marden 01622 831570
	Take Aways/Restaurants
Hong Kong Kitchen Maidstone Road 01622 832030 (Chinese takeaway)	

COMPANY DESCRIPTION	CONTACT DETAILS
Take Aways / Restaurants (contd)	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	Richard's Private Car Hire Widehurst Marden Thorn Marden 01622 832252 / 833230
	MTC Headcorn 01622 890003
	Streamline West Station Approach Maidstone 01622 752978
Utilities	Seeboard 0800 783 8866
	Transco Gas Emergency Services 0800 111 999
	Mid Kent Water 01634 878111
	Southern Water 0845 278 0845 / 0800 820 999
	Environmental Agency Floodline 0845 988 1188
Veterinary Surgery	Pierson Stewart & Partners South Lodge Church Green Marden 01622 831357 contactus@pspvets.co.uk www.pspvets.co.uk Opening times: Mons 9am-9.30am / 6-7pm Tues-Fri 9am-9.30am / 5-6pm 24 hour Emergency Number 01580 713382
Websites	Custom Marketing Resources Prospect House Hunton Road Marden 01622 820841 creative@cmr-group.co.uk www.cmr-group.co.uk (also design, marketing and printing)

If you wish your business to be added to this list please contact the Parish Clerk on 01622 832305.

A full list of all Marden businesses is available in the Marden Business Forum Directory (copy attached with this Welcome Pack) *if you have downloaded this Welcome Pack please contact the Business Forum or the Parish Council to obtain a copy of the directory..*