

The North Marston & Granborough magazine



April 2021

HAPPY EASTER!



“You've gotta dance like there's nobody
watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth.”

William W. Purkey

WELCOME

Thank you for your support of the local community magazine

Welcome to the April edition of the magazine.

March 29th saw the beginning of stage 2 of the road map out of lockdown, see inside for details.

This month there is another great walk to try along with lots of news, events and more! Two new advertisers this month are ExemplaCare and Musical Theatre for 4-11 year olds.

There is a fantastic feel of support amongst the communities which is so important at this time - thank you!

Please continue to support local businesses and STAY SAFE!

If you would like to volunteer to support the magazine, there are a few roles, please let us know at editornorthmarston@gmail.com

Thank you for all your support

Editor and team



Village
Gallery

*The Gurner, 2011
by John Spargo*

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COVID-19 Update

Rules from 29th March

Social contact

Outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed.

Business and activities

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

Travel

The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29 March but many restrictions will remain in place.

People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes.

Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons.

Holidays abroad will not be allowed.



Residents who need support

Customer Service Centre

01296 395000 (Monday – Thursday 9-5.30pm and Friday 9-5pm)

Online contact form to request support directly with the support hub

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/your-council/contact-us/

Bucks Online Directory (enter a postcode to see ALL local community support organisations)

directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/

Safeguarding adults team

01296 383204 or 0800 137915

Emergency Out of Hours - 0800 999 7677

Safeguarding children team - 0845 460 0001

Emergency Out of Hours - 0800 999 7677

Local Emergency Support - 01296 382414

Emergency Out of Hours - 0800 999 7677

SAMARITANS

Anyone can contact Samaritans. Talk to us any time you like, in your own way and off the record. We offer emotional support any time for free from any phone on 116 123 - This number won't show up on your phone bill. Or email jo@samaritans.org, or you can go to www.samaritans.org to find details of your nearest branch, where you can talk to one of our trained volunteers face to face.

The North Marston Village Support Network still wants to help YOU!

If you still need help with shopping, prescriptions or a friendly voice on the phone, please contact Pete, Tricia, Aly or Rachel; they will coordinate a volunteer to provide the help you need:

Pete York 670479 or 07969 303 967

Tricia Mc Sweeney 670484 or 07875 085 363

Aly Perrett 670302 or 07814 972629

Rachel Callander 07538 363187

Thank you to all the volunteers during the last 9 months the village has really come together. Thank you!

Granborough Support Network

The Granborough Support Network has many volunteers willing and able to help you. As before, collection of prescriptions, shopping and dog walking can all be sorted, along with someone to talk to if daytime TV has lost it's sparkle. Please don't hesitate to ask.

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EVENTS

Subject to Covid Restrictions being lifted:

Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

Big Plant Day Saturday 2 October 2021 from 10am – 12 noon - St Mary's Church Restoration Fund Committee are organising a sponsored bulb planting in North Marston in Autumn 2021 for everyone to take part.

To Be or Not To Be? That is the Question

Poetry Evening Friday 15 October 2021 7.30PM

Beaujolais Nouveau Evening

Saturday 27 November 2021 7.30

If you have any questions about the events above, please ring Jennifer on 670273 or Val on 670479



LARGEST SUNFLOWER HEAD COMPETITION 2021



To all under 18 year olds before Saturday 28th August 2021.
Granborough & North Marston will be holding a competition for growing the biggest Sunflower head. Annual trophy up for grabs.
More details to follow, so get prepared & grow the biggest Sunflower head you can (not easy)!

You said we should do another one....
so here's a date for your diary

Saturday 9th October 2021

The Big  World
Challenge

**QUIZ
NIGHT**
...and Raffle!

Wesley Centre, North Marston

£10 Quiz Night Ticket

to include Curry/Chilli & Rice

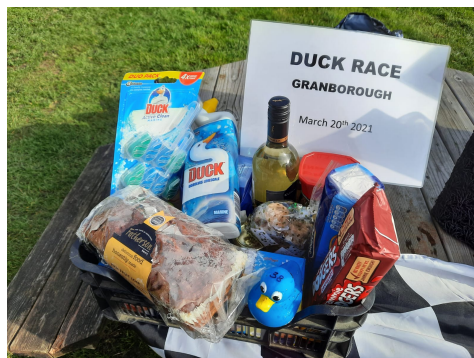
To reserve tickets—tables of 6 or 8

amy.dell28@gmail.com or 07392 294376

Raising money for Amy & Matthew's World Challenge trips to Peru
with Waddesdon School & Swaziland with Aylesbury High School,
postponed until July 2022

CHARITY RUBBER DUCK RACE 2021

The calm before the storm! Well maybe no storm, just a slight breeze allowing our social distance supporters the joy to cheer on the 150 x plastic ducks. Big thank you to Bill McWhirter (VAR), Karl McWhirter (duck trainer), Hannah Goss & family (chief duck seller)! Duck 38 was number one paddler, owned by Carolyn Stanton who won the Hamper. Over £300.00 was raised & will be shared between St John the Baptist Church & Shorne preschool. Many thanks to all who owned a duck(s) & obviously we will get the ducks fit for a Winter event.



While there may not be events during the unforeseeable future, please share with us any news, and self-isolation activities to keep us all jolly. Contact: editornorthmarston@gmail.com with your updates.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH NORTH
MARSTON

EASTER EGG HUNT

*From 1st - 5th April join in our Easter Egg
Hunt around the village! Find 16 Coloured
Eggs to win a prize!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO STICK TO
CURRENT GOVERNMENT
GUIDLINES AND RULES**

Contact Tricia on 01296 670484 to take part!
Have Fun and Happy Easter!

CONTRIBUTIONS



ChickFlick Quiz

Answers on 44

1. Name the 1990 film in which Julia Roberts plays a character called Vivian Ward.
2. Who wrote and directed "Love Actually"?
3. In the 1990 film "Ghost", which soundtrack is used in the famous potters wheel scene?
4. Staying with Patrick Swayze, in 1987 he starred in a film set in a resort in the Catskill Mountains in 1963. What was the film?
5. Thelma and Louise is a 1991 road movie featuring two women and a car. What model of car was it?
6. Tom Hanks played a lonely architect in which 1993 film?
7. Which film, released in 2001, featured both Hugh Grant and Colin Firth as love interests?
8. In Four Weddings and a Funeral, who played Carrie?
9. The lead character in this 1994 film was called Muriel Heslop. What was the film?
10. And in that film, the backbone of the soundtrack is music from which group?
11. Which 2008 film also relies heavily on their music?
12. In the 1999 film Notting Hill, who plays Spike?
13. In Shirley Valentine, which actress plays her friend Jane?
14. The 1997 film Titanic was written and directed by whom?
15. Bill Nighy appears as rock legend Billy Mack in Love Actually. In it, he records a Christmas version of which song?

Whitchurch WI

Open meeting on Zoom

7.30 pm, Tuesday 6 April 2020

'A Taste of Yorkshire in Food & Traditions'

Speaker: Peter Hague

We invite you to join us at a 'taster' meeting, free of charge.

To book a place, contact:

Linda Nicholls on lindanicholls2016@gmail.com



Village
Gallery

Autumn Fruits
by John Spargo



Village
Gallery

Frozen Manor
by John Spargo

With environmental issues becoming progressively worse, it would be great if we could each do our bit for the environment. So, each month 'mindful eco' will bring you tips, recommendations and information on how you can be more eco-friendly :)

Whilst being at home a lot during lockdown, why not take this opportunity to be more eco friendly!



Renew 182

A quiet shared space
where it's ok not to be ok

**A Wellbeing Café where all are welcome and valued
Saturdays 10-12**

Well Street United Church

**When we are not able to meet in person due to
Covid Restrictions, we will meet on Zoom**

Please book a place to attend

- A place to share in a cuppa and conversation
- A place to bring a hobby or try one of the activities provided
- A place to learn inner habits of wellbeing
- A place to be supported in good mental health
- A place open to those of any faith or none
- A place, simply, to be.

Well Street United Church, Well St, Buckingham, MK18 1ET

For more information or book your place

Visit our website: www.wellstreetoffice.org.uk

Email: wellstreetoffice@gmail.com telephone 07359 043157

**British Lung Foundation Zoom meetings
last Wednesday of each month, from 2.00pm**

Breathe Easy groups are a patient led voluntary organisation that aims to support and provide information to patients affected by respiratory conditions, their friends, carers, and family.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information please call Zoe on 07732 867864

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www.blf.org.uk

Charity no.326730

Paula Jenkins

A walk from our lovely village of North Marston

chosen by Val Newby with a map by John Spargo

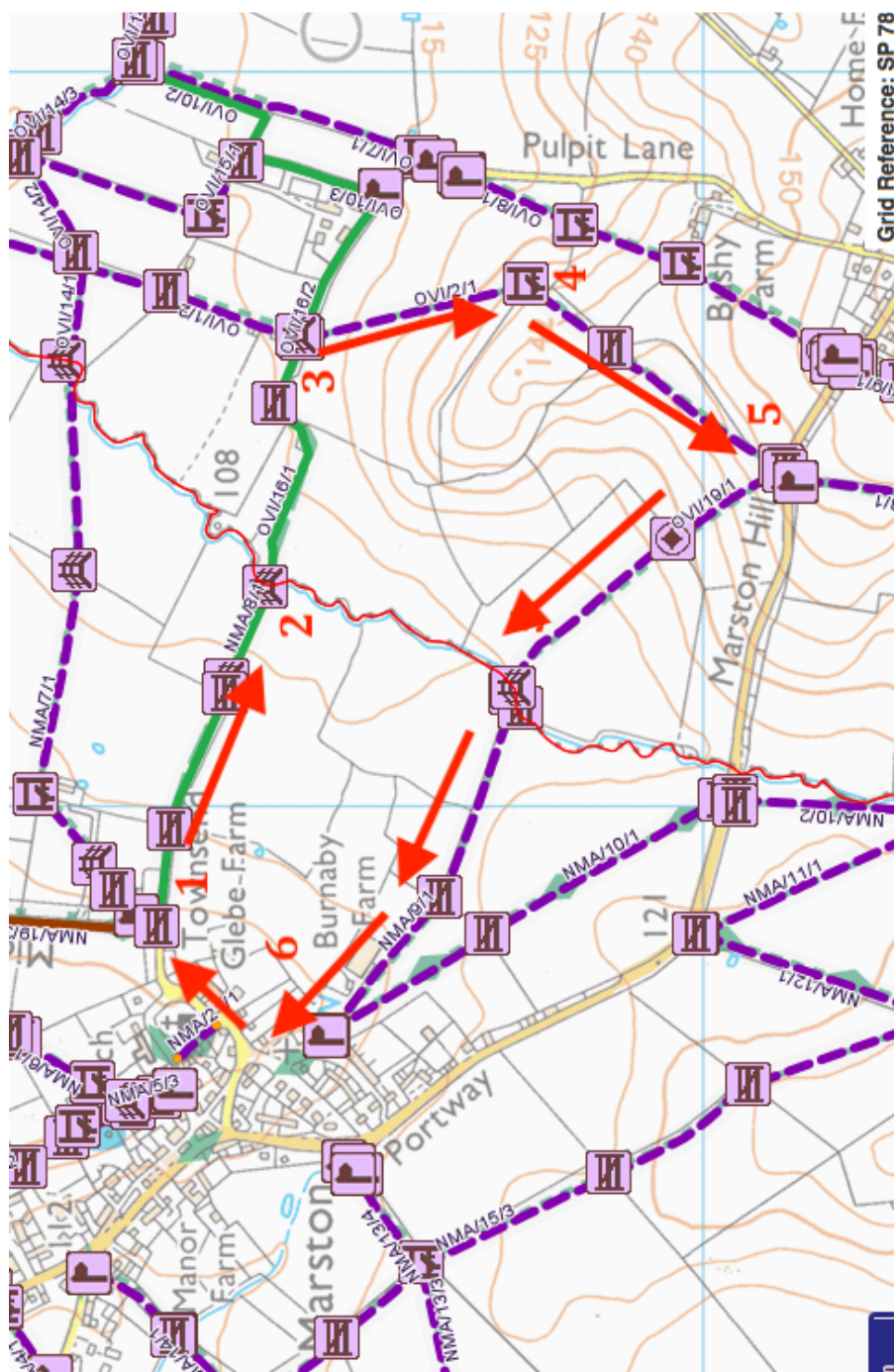
NORTH MARSTON VILLAGE WALK TWO

Starting at the village hall walk up the High Street, pass the pub and turn left into Church Street. Pass the church and walk straight on to Marstonfields Road. At the first sharp corner take the signposted bridleway to the right **(1)** : you will need to open the gate. Follow the bridleway across two fields, (Home Close and Fallow Close). Halfway across the second field you will cross a brook **(2)**.....marking the boundary between the parishes of North Marston and Oving.....until you reach Pulpit Lane. Instead of continuing up Pulpit Lane towards Oving, take the footpath on the right **(3)** passing through a gap in the hedge. Now continue up the hill and through a further field until you reach a metal gate **(4)**. Do stop here to admire the lovely view! Make your way down through this next field, following waymarks through a further two fields until you reach the bottom of the hill **(5)**. Continue in the direction of the village passing Burnaby Farm and John Schorne's Holy well **(6)**. You are following in the footsteps of hundreds of pilgrims who followed this route from Oving to the Holy Well and then to John Schorne's shrine in St Mary's church. At the end of Schorne Lane, turn left in to Church Street and at the end turn right into the High Street returning to the village hall, passing the pub en route.

Approximately 3 miles

Hope you enjoy it.

	Footpath		Bridge
	Restricted Byway		Gate
	Bridleway		Other
	Byway		Sign
	Promoted Path		Steps
			Stile



Thought for the month

Dear Friends,

Easter is upon us. On 4th April we will celebrate Easter and in several of our churches it will be "in-person" worship. But, there is much more to Easter than a one Sunday celebration.

Easter declares what happened in history; Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. Easter invites us into new creation; the same power that raised Jesus now heals our brokenness and empowers our righteousness. Easter bears witness to the world; the Spirit's power is free to all who will receive it.

We can argue till the cows come home about the historical event of resurrection. There will still be people who say, "All the tests and measures we know deny it." There is no arguing, however, with joy and gentleness, kindness and patience, concern and generosity. The church is God's embodied apologetic to the world. It announces and models new life... or at least it should.

The world needs to be made whole and by that I mean that all of us want a better life, a sense of genuine peace, and courage to deal with painful realities. We have lots of technology and gadgets. We live longer and are generally healthier. Yet our hearts yearn for something more than 80 years, the Internet, hip replacements, and binge watching television.

We want to be connected with people by mutual respect and concern. More so under the shadow of this pandemic. We all want to love and be loved. We want an authentically spiritual life. The Bible has a couple of words to describe it. In the Hebrew, it is shalom; in the language of Jesus, it is eternal life.

When we celebrate Easter we tell the story of a little band of Jesus' followers who were, as one writer put it, "gathered at the place of impossibility, the tomb." But the Holy Spirit moved, and he was alive again. The world has never been the same.

Now we live the reality of resurrection. Jesus did not triumph over death so the church could have a set of doctrines to declare. He defeated death for the sake of the human race in its hopelessness and despair. When Easter Sunday is past, we are part of God's purpose to put hope on display. And that is a lifestyle, not just an annual day to circle on the calendar.

Grace and Peace to you - Keith

The Cutting Garden in April

Looking forward to a month of spring as its late this year!

A few jobs for April

Direct sow hardy annuals in prepared seed beds - poppies, cerinthe, cornflowers, nigella, marigolds. Can also sow quick growing salad crops, courgettes, squash, cucumbers, French beans, leafy greens to aid your summer supplies.

Harden off seedlings that have been planted indoors – bring them outside for the day but pop back in the late afternoon or put in a cold frame if you have one. Takes about a week to harden them off and then towards the end of the month you can plant out half hardy plants eg cosmos, amaranthus and summer vegetables eg courgettes, beans, cucumbers etc

Prick out half hardy flower seedlings as they develop two leaves best to move them quickly to ensure they keep growing well... if left too long in the seed tray they will stagnate and not produce strong plants.

Plant out sweet peas in a well mucked trench – they need a lot of feed and moisture to produce a good crop.

Pot on cuttings of tender perennials – eg scented pelargonium, penstemon, verbenas – pot into fresh compost to allow further root formation before planting in their summer position.

Finish planting summer flowering bulbs.

Don't forget to leave water dishes and bird baths for the bees and the birds. They all need lots of water.

Any questions by all means email me and I will do my best to answer rosie@wildroseflowercompany.co.uk

Follow us @wildroseflowercompany



Very generous donations have continued to pour in every month, for which we are very grateful. We are proud to be able to deliver a car boot full of food from North Marston, Dunton and Whitchurch to the Foodbank on the first Monday of every month.

Monetary donations are always welcome too, and we have received these from the villages. One of the ways money is spent is to top up food where stocks of certain items are running low.

The following dry and/or tinned foods are in **very short supply** and would be welcome this month:

jam
powdered milk
powdered mashed potato
tinned fruit
tinned custard
long-life milk
fruit juice

At the moment the food bank does **NOT** need: pasta, breakfast cereals, tinned tomatoes, tomato soup, baked beans, biscuits, fish, or meat.



**Please leave your donations in the
wheelbarrow at the back of 47 High Street
on Sunday 4th April**

Thank you!
Aly and Dave Perrett



Quiz (answers on page 39)

- 1 MG Cars is a well-known car maker but what does MG stand for?
- 2 In a standard Monopoly board which property is the only one you can buy for £320?
- 3 Which 5 countries have a land border with Myanmar (Burma)?
- 4 Which athletics throwing event world record is 243 ft ½ inch?
- 5 What is the surname of Archie, Harry & Meghan's son?
- 6 Who were the enemies of these heroes – Dan Dare, Flash Gordon, He-Man?
- 7 What number you get by adding the number of hurdles in a 110m hurdles race with the number of laps in a 10000m race?
- 8 A Royal courtier who assisted the Monarch at his or her toilet was known as the Groom of thewhat?
- 9 Audrey Hepburn starred as Eliza Doolittle in the film My Fair Lady but who made the part famous on the Broadway stage?
- 10 What home-made substance for kids can be made from PVA glue, contact lens solution & bicarbonate of soda?



Absolute Scoundrel

Bucks Herald April 1905

“Considerable interest and curiosity has been felt in North Marston of late concerning a love affair in the village, which ultimately found its denouement at the Winslow Petty Sessions... a consummation which could be foreseen plainly enough by onlookers, but apparently not by those concerned. A travelling tailor went to lodge in a house in the village, and had not been there long before he discovered that in addition to her other charms the daughter of the house possessed a nest-egg in the Post Office Savings Bank. This Knight of the Needle made love to the lady with such good effect that he had only been there about three weeks when he proposed marriage, was accepted, and the wedding day fixed for Easter Monday From the lady’s own statement, she was induced to accept by his glowing account of his land and her future prospects .

She drew £10 out of the Bank and they had good time of it in driving about to places of amusement and paying visits to the lady’s friends, for all of which she paid because the gentleman could not get a cheque cashed without going to Bedford. The young lady’s brother too was to share in the rosy future. He was to settle down at Bedford with them and look after five nags horses, milk some cows, and look after some pigs and poultry, for which services he was to be amply remunerated. On the strength of this he gave up his situation in the village. In order that he might become acquainted with his new home and duties, it was arranged that he should go to Bedford with his prospective brother in law, and accordingly the pair set off one afternoon. They got as far as Bletchley Station, and there the confiding young man was put in a waiting room and told to await the arrival of the father-in-law, who would duly escort him to Bedford. Unfortunately, however, this gentleman did not turn up and after waiting for six hours the young man came to the conclusion

that if he did not wish to be between two towns at bedtime he had better make tracks for home where he arrived at a not very early hour. It was then found that not only was the prospective bridegroom missing but also an overcoat, and it was put in the hands of the police, with the result that the gentleman was traced to Dunstable, where he was found to be wearing the missing coat also a hat and trousers he had purchased with the lady's money. The result of all this was that he was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and I told that if he had gone before a judge he would, in all probability, have been sentenced to six months."

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Winslow & District Community Bus

Scheduled Service Update for March 2021

We are now running our Wednesday Winslow Market Service.

Due to government restrictions, and the need to keep yourselves and our drivers safe, we have put in place strict guidelines for our drivers and passengers.

To comply with current 1 metre + social distancing, we have removed some seats as we are only able to transport 6 passengers at any one time. It will also be impossible to use the tail lift while maintaining a socially safe distance, so you will need to be able to board the bus unaided using the main door. The bus has been professionally cleaned ahead of resuming our service and we will ensure that the bus will be cleaned by our drivers between each scheduled journey, using alcohol-based cleaning products.

We are providing this limited service on the strict understanding that passengers travel entirely at their own risk. While we have made every effort to make the bus as safe as possible to travel in, we ask that all passengers follow the below guidelines:

- Your place on the journey must be pre-booked by calling the WDCB Coordinator on
07483 336440
- We will not accept cash on the bus, so any payment must be organised prior to the journey with the WDCB Coordinator
- You must complete a Contact Form prior to the journey and give it to the driver (you will only need to do this for your first journey). This will only be used as part of the track and trace process.
- Face coverings must be worn whilst boarding and travelling on the bus
- Hand sanitiser must be used before boarding the bus and when leaving your seat to exit the bus (sanitiser supplied on the bus)
- You must take the rear-most available seat when boarding the bus
- You must exit the bus one at a time, with the front seats exiting first

Passengers are not to travel on the bus if they or any member of their household are displaying any signs of the COVID-19 virus.

Should you develop COVID-19 symptoms in the days following your journey on the bus, you must let the WDCB Coordinator know.

Our aim is to restart all of our scheduled routes over the coming months.

Excursions and hires remain suspended for the foreseeable future.

Some additional local news

Harrys of Winslow is due to reopen 1st April
Co-op is due to reopen on 16th April

Sadly, the TSB Bank is due to close on April 21st



North Marston History Club

"protecting the future of the past"



Our quarterly Newsletter will not be possible this month because our printers are temporarily out of action due to flooding, so we thought an insert into the parish magazine was the next best thing.

Although our programme of events has been radically reduced by Covid restrictions, we have made good use of the time to continue to enhance the heritage assets of the village.

Some of you who use Facebook will have seen our promotion for a film we have just added to our website that we've titled "**Mona Looks Back**". This is a series of pictures of village events, people and buildings spanning the past 70 years or so. The narrative you hear is Mona Dumbleton, the oldest Marstonian, assisted by her niece, Jayne Springer (nee Holden). It is a delightful look at the village of Mona's childhood and early years and you can watch it by clicking

<https://northmarstonhistory.org.uk/mona-looks-back/>

Turning the clock back eighty years, this village provided a safe refuge to hundreds of children evacuated from towns and cities during the second world war. One of these evacuees was **George Brocklebank** who stayed at Burnaby Farm in Church Street during the war. His son, Mark, visited the village a few weeks ago and through Mark we have been able to provide George with lots of reminders about his

wartime childhood here in the village. We are hoping that in warmer weather George will be able to journey back to Marston from his home in Essex and see in person the place he remembers clearly and with much fondness.

Our secretary, Sue Chaplin, has just completed the mammoth task of sorting and cataloguing our huge **archive of Marston-related material** that we have acquired over the past ten years or so. To put this in context, the archive includes over 4,500 photographs; 950 documents such as wills, deeds, certificates etc; 450 newspaper articles; 150 maps and plans; 50 magazine articles; 640 pages of "The Schornian" village magazine and 900 pages from the School Logs (1899-1986). People wanting us to search the archive on their behalf can use our website's "Contact Us" facility. A small charge will be levied.

Forthcoming projects include the expansion of The Heritage Trail the creation of new storyboards at the Wesley Centre, and the creation of podcasts from some of the oral history recordings in our sound archives.

Later in the year we will start preparing for the creation of the 2022 North Marston calendar and a unique set of North Marston Christmas Cards. You can keep up to date with the club and club activities on www.northmarstonhistory.org.uk.

Winners of the first Buckinghamshire Women in Charity Awards

Announced today by local charity Community Impact Bucks (communityimpactbucks.org.uk) during an online award ceremony marking International Women's Day (8th March).

Established to raise awareness of the many inspirational initiatives led by and involving women in the county, the *Women in Charity Awards* recognised outstanding work and effort in four categories: Outstanding Leadership, Trailblazer, Outstanding Volunteer and Young Charity Woman of the Year.

Outstanding Leadership in the Charity Sector – *awarded to a woman who has made an outstanding contribution in her organisation, demonstrating inspiring leadership and the ability to motivate others to strive for excellence.*

Winner – April Benson, Director of Services, Aylesbury Women's Aid: April has led the development and delivery of innovative programmes for women and girls, raising awareness of domestic abuse and leading AWAID as CEO since 2019. She has continued to inspire in this role, leading the charity through the pandemic and lockdowns with determination and expertise.

Highly commended – Caroline Bennett, Director of Fundraising and Communications, Pace

Highly commended – Charlie Powell, Co-Founder & General Manager, Lindengate Mental Health Charity

Trailblazer in the Charity Sector – *awarded to an individual who has stepped up and personally achieved or contributed to huge impact and results, through enterprising, innovative and ground-breaking initiatives.*

Winner – Hannah Asquith, Chief Executive, Youth

Concern: Hannah has demonstrated a real pioneering spirit and great courage to drive innovation in her first year as CEO of Youth Concern. Joining in March 2020, she faced two challenges; how to do things differently in order to deliver our vital person-centric service in the face

of COVID restrictions and, as a brand new CEO, how to establish the effective working relationships needed to take stakeholders with her on that journey.

Highly commended – Sheila Bees, Director, Grow Together

Highly commended – Rebecca Bennett, Volunteer Director, Open House Micklefield CIC & Hills Café

Outstanding Volunteer – *awarded to an individual who has displayed great commitment and whose volunteering efforts have made a significant difference to people's lives.*

Winner – Shanthi Priyalatha-Wortmann, Director, Women's

Cultural Arena: Shanthi is the powerhouse behind the Community Fridge in High Wycombe which supports families to access to food.

She also coordinates the community allotments that supply additional fresh produce to the fridge guests weekly.

Highly commended – Fiona Phimester, Volunteer Fundraiser, MacMillan Cancer Care

Highly commended – Sue Severn, Chairman, Watermead Parish Council

Young Charity Woman of the Year – *awarded to an individual (25 years or below) who demonstrates exceptional talent and potential, displaying the skills and capabilities required to deliver great work and make a significant impact.*

Winner – Georgia Grou, Health Delivery Officer, Wycombe

Wanderers and Sports Education Trust (23 years old): Gee's

passion is for mental health and empowering people to achieve their potential; she also coaches the charity's disability sessions and voluntarily leads a local women's football team.

Highly commended – Charlotte Lawrence, Attain Project Manager, Transitions UK (23 years old)

Highly commended – Vaibhavi Shah, DreamSai Milton Keynes (14 years old)

communityimpactbucks.org.uk

COMMUNITY ROUND UP & VOLUNTEERING

Granborough Village Hall Needs You

Granborough village hall is a registered charity run by a group of Trustees who are responsible for maintaining the hall and grounds. The hall is for everyone to use and is hired regularly by many age groups for meetings, classes, parties and other events. The Church use it as a hall and the Parish Council meets there. We should have a minimum of eleven Trustees who include the Vicar, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. We would welcome more residents to join us. The only qualifications required are that you live(ed) in Granborough and have an interest in the future of the village hall. We are approaching exciting times as we plan to re-open a fully restored hall in Summer 2021 with a new calendar of exciting events.

We meet between 6 and 8 times a year and organise several social events during the year. We also support other village events such as the Charter Fayre.

Granborough residents have told us how important the village is to all of us! Please consider becoming a Trustee and helping to maintain our historic and rather lovely village hall.

For further information please contact any Trustee or the acting Secretary, Davina Thorogood on 670596.



Thank you

A big thank-you to all who gave donations in lieu of Lent Lunches and Palm Sunday Breakfast for the work of Water Aid. I am delighted to be able to send a cheque for £275 for this work, thank-you so much. Jennifer Heffer

Grass cutting on the Sports Field

At this time of year we begin cutting the outfield and open spaces on the Sports Field. This is done weekly during April, May, June & July. After this the grass growth usually slows down and the frequency of cuts is generally not as regular.

With up to 25 grass cuts during the season (April – September) we try to get as many people as possible to volunteer for one of these cuts. It spreads the load. To cut the whole field takes around 3 hours so it's not unduly time consuming and on a warm summer's day/evening it can indeed be an enjoyable way to spend a few hours.

We have a ride-on mower which is easy to use and all new volunteers will be given a short demo on how to operate the mowing machine. This can be done beforehand, usually on one evening with a group of others new volunteers.

If you use the Sports Field in any capacity, I'm sure you will appreciate how much effort and goodwill goes into the upkeep. If you would like to contribute to its upkeep this is one way that you can help us. We always find it difficult to fill our mowing rota and often 3 or 4 of the stalwarts end up having to do 2, 3 or 4 grass cuts to fill in the weeks where we are short of volunteers.

We operate a rota for the mowing and this is filled on a weekly basis as volunteers respond. There are 25 weeks to choose from. Some have already been filled but we have many more weeks still to fill.

If you would be interested in helping us maintain this wonderful facility by taking a turn on the mower (or in some other way) please reply to me asap. Contact details as follows.

Trevor Lane 07768 625550
tlane@lanelandscaping.co.uk

North Marston & Granborough Community Sports Field

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME NOW OPEN

Granborough Parish Council has opened the small grants scheme for applications to groups and charities directly benefiting residents of Granborough. The Council has set aside a total budget of £2,500.

Application forms are available on the website (www.granborough.org) under the Parish Council's Finance page, or please email the Clerk for a copy of the form (clerk@granborough.org).

Applications must be received by the Clerk before 12th June 2021.

Grants will be considered at the meeting on 22nd June 2021.

Eligibility and conditions are listed on the application form.



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**Your dog MUST be on a lead
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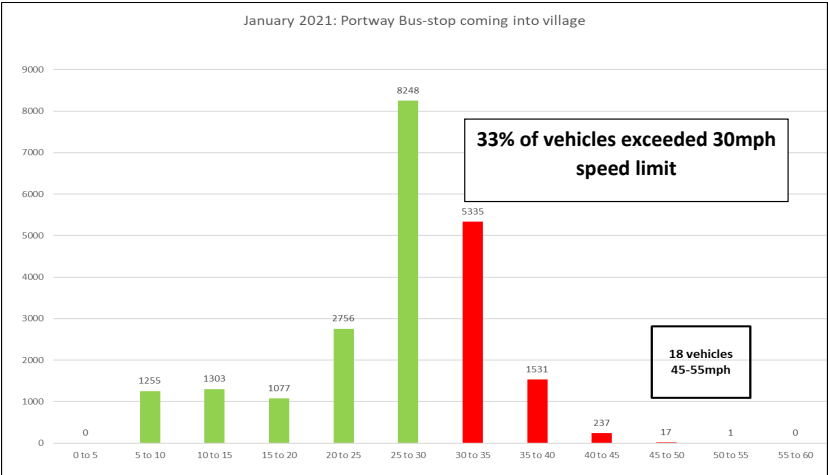
North Marston Community Speedwatch Group (NMCSWG):
MVAS Vehicle Speed Report
January 2021: Recorded at Portway-Bus Stop (coming into the village)

The MVAS (Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign) device is pole-mounted at variable points in the village. MVAS logs data on vehicles' speed, date and time coming into the village and flashes up a speed limit reminder to violators travelling faster than 30mph, the legal speed limit in North Marston.

Results

- 21760 vehicle passes were recorded,
- **33% of vehicles (7121) were recorded violating the 30mph speed limit.**
- **The fastest recorded vehicles (18) were travelling between 45-55mph;**

- **Speeding increases risks of injury and death to pedestrians, dog walkers, cyclists, riders and their horses and residents' pets, and risk of prosecution**



mph	No vehicles	
0 to 5	0	0%
5 to 10	1255	6%
10 to 15	1303	6%
15 to 20	1077	5%
20 to 25	2756	13%
25 to 30	8248	38%
30 to 35	5335	25%
35 to 40	1531	7%
40 to 45	237	1%
45 to 50	17	0.1%
50 to 55	1	0.005%
55 to 60	0	0%
	21760	100%

14639

67%

7121

33%

100%

21760



Gatherings, Clubs & Groups

Football

If you have a child who wants to play please contact the following coaches:

Under 8: Nick Thompson, nickasjt@hotmail.co.uk

Under 9: Dave Williams, daveivorwilliams@hotmail.co.uk

Under 10: Graeme Foster, graeme@crackerjack.co.uk

Thank you

1st Granborough Scout Group

WE ARE BACK AGAIN.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are back.

Having spent the last three months on zoom we are back face to face.

It has been a fun time on zoom and now the leaders and the children are going to have to get off their sofas and be outside in the sunshine and fresh air. So if you see us around the village on your walks do give us a wave!

Beavers (6-8 year old); Cubs (8-10.5 year old); Scouts (10.5-14 year old), Explorers (14 +)

If you are interested in your child joining please do e mail us on the below address.

1stgranborough@gmail.com

Adults (18+)

We would still love to hear from any adults (anyone above the age of 18) who have a bit of free time to help. We are an amazing and incredible collection of leaders and you would have "such fun" with us and our remarkable and wonderful beavers, cubs and scouts.

If you have an interest you could share as a one-off please let us know too. Examples of people who have come along to our meetings include: talks on sleep, charity work, first aid learning, making bird boxes out of wood.

Still waiting to hear from someone!!!! Thank you.

1stgranborough@gmail.com

Oving Tennis Club – your local club

As we have not contributed to the magazine for a little while as our courts have been closed due to lockdown it is probably useful to remind you about us. Oving Tennis Club serves several villages that do not have a club of their own, including North Marston and Granborough – we already have several members from both villages. We have two hard courts next to Oving Village Hall both of which were resurfaced early last year and we have just installed floodlights! We have around 90 members and offer a range of services from using the courts to play with friends and family, playing for one of the league teams, social tennis at our club sessions, club competitions and even Wimbledon tickets. Our LTA-accredited coach runs group and individual sessions, including popular children's sessions on a Saturday morning. If you would like to know more contact Paul Hobday at paulhobday@tiscali.co.uk or call on 07967 514081.

By the time you read this the courts will have reopened after lockdown and we will be playing doubles and singles as well as our club sessions. These are currently 18.30 on Wednesdays (under floodlights later in the evening) and 10.30 on Sunday mornings with 'Rusty Racquets' on Tuesday afternoons at 14.00. Despite improving our facilities significantly in the past year or so our fees remain well below the average for clubs in our area and people considering joining are very welcome to come along for a trial session. If you are interested please contact Gary Paul on 07599 478295 or visit our web site [Oving Tennis Club - Welcome to Oving Tennis Club](#).

We hope to see you on court soon.



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Starting 9th April

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This season we will be running 4 sides:

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Under 13's – school years 7 & 8

Under 15's – school years 9 & 10



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North Marston and Granborough Cricket Club



The Sportsfield are continually improving safety & security - We have added special grips to the steps on the Sportsfield plus a notice to remind the last user of the field to close the gate behind them

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KIDS & PARENTS

North Marston school has fully reopened!!!!

North Marston school has now opened fully and everyone is very glad to be back. They are all happy seeing their friends and teachers. Pupils have all missed school very much. They all find it easier working at school than home. They couldn't wait until it all went back to normal.

In the last school council meeting we were talking about how everyone found coming back to school here are some of their responses:

Ben in year 5 said, "its nice to see all of our friends again."

Ava H in year 1 said, "it is nice being back together."

Martha in year 6 said, " doing the work better in school."

Roni in year 6 also said, "its easier to do work in school than home."

Everyone is all so glad schools are open again.

This week we had the Great Science Event and we worked with the people on our table, behind and in front of us. They all came up with their own great ideas for their experiment.

Everyone is glad to be back.

Written by Roni and Erin from year 6.



CHURCH NOTICES

**St Mary's
Church,
North
Marston**



**St John
the Baptist
Church,**



St Mary's Church, North Marston and

St John the Baptist Church, Granborough – Notices for April

After such an extended period of restrictions on our communal worship, we are all longing to come together and worship in the way we used to, in our churches and in the Wesley Centre, and to join together for social and fundraising events. But for the time being, with God's grace, we will be continuing with Zoom services until May, when we are planning to open again for face-to-face services. Further details will follow.

The programme of services for both churches for Easter and the rest of April is:

SERVICES THROUGH HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

29th March 7.30pm CELTIC EVENING PRAYER on Zoom

30th March 7.30pm CELTIC EVENING PRAYER on Zoom

31st March 7.30pm CELTIC EVENING PRAYER on Zoom

1st April 7.30pm MAUNDY THURSDAY PASSOVER AGAPE on Zoom

2nd April 12.00noon GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE on Zoom

4th April 10.30am EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE on Zoom

FURTHER SERVICES IN APRIL

11th April 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE on Zoom

18th April 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE on Zoom

25th April 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE on Zoom, immediately followed by Granborough APCM

If you have not joined a Zoom service before, and would like to, please approach Petra directly by email, and she will send you the link in advance.

Together with the regular Sunday Reflections and Candle of Hope, we hope that this will mean there is something for everyone. If you would like to receive the Sunday Reflections, please email Petra. If you would like to receive Candle of Hope, please email Janet.

Online Services

You can access David Meakin's weekly service, livestreamed at 11am, on the Schorne Team Facebook page, or later in the day via YouTube.

You can share a recorded service, produced by Steve and Sarah Flashman, which is downloaded to the Quainton Church website on Mondays (see www.quaintonchurch.com).

The Diocesan 10.00am Sunday morning communion service can be livestreamed directly from the Diocese of Oxford's website, with a downloadable Order of Service to accompany it: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

There are very useful resources on the Church of England website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Prayers and Support

We are keen to offer all the support we can at this time, and even if we can't visit, we are available for pastoral phone conversations. If you have particular concerns that you would like to share and talk through with someone, then please let Petra or Janet know.

In both parishes we have a long-established prayer ministry. To request prayers for family or friends, please contact one of our co-ordinators or either minister directly. Requests for prayers will be dealt with sensitivity and confidentiality.

Prayer co-ordinator for North Marston Church:

Anne Nicholson nicholsonanne759@gmail.com

Prayer co-ordinators for Granborough Church:

Jayne Evans jaynegranborough@hotmail.com

Alison Rosser paulandally1979@gmail.com

Morning Prayers via Zoom and are open to all. These take place on Thursday mornings from 10.00am – 11.00am. Please email Petra if you would like to join us, and she will send you a link to the meeting. You can be an active participant, or just watch and listen.

The Future

Although infection rates have fallen in this area, caution is still needed when we meet with others: social distancing and face-covering rules apply to all of our social interactions outside our homes. This means that loneliness, anxiety and a sense of isolation can be felt by many within our village communities.

It still may not be possible to meet up and see each other in person, but we can keep in touch by phone and email. If you find yourself struggling and need help, please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Clergy

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Rev Janet Bayly: 670245 janet.bayly@gmail.com

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Tricia McSweeney: 670484 tricia.mcsweeney@btinternet.com

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Robert Kemp 670204 rookery4@aol.com

Useful resources on mental health can be found here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources>

For services and organisations that can offer help and support you can check this link:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/your-mental-health/getting-help>

Quiz Answers

- 1 Morris Garages
- 2 Bond Street
- 3 India, China, Laos, Thailand, Bangladesh
- 4 Discus
- 5 Mountbatten-Windsor
- 6 The Mekon, Ming The Merciless, Skeletor
- 7 35 (10 + 25)
- 8 Stool
- 9 Julie Andrews
- 10 Slime

Bonus:: Portugal - Israel - Brazil - Senegal - Nepal

COUNCIL UPDATES

Public Rights of Way (PRoW): Footpaths and Bridleways: Responsibilities for Maintenance

The Parish Council is not responsible for maintaining footpaths, responsibilities are divided between landowners and Buckinghamshire Council (BC). This is a quick guide, detailed information is at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/public-rights-way/>

Trees and hedges: it is the landowner's responsibility to maintain hedges and trees adjacent to PRoWs. BC has powers to require owners to remove overgrowth (Highway Act 1980 section 154). Undergrowth: BC are responsible for clearing any vegetation naturally growing on the surface of a path, and respond to requests for clearance as required.

There is nothing to prevent walkers from clearing PRoWs and Ramblers Association Path Clearing Groups do so in some areas. Leave the landowners vegetation: it is their property.

Autumn cultivation and PRoWs: Legally, a farmer may plough a PRoW only if it is not convenient to avoid disturbing the path, but must reinstate it within 14 days of first disturbance, and the path must be levelled and made visible, and within 24 hours of any subsequent disturbance. Reinstatement must be: at least 1 metre for a cross-field footpath, across the cultivation; 2 metres for a crossfield bridleway across the cultivations.

Report an issue on a public footpath, bridleway or byway online. <https://prow.buckscc.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>
Eg: broken stiles; overgrown vegetation or fallen trees; damaged or dangerous path surfaces; damaged or dangerous bridges; damaged or missing signposts and waymarks.

Or, The Ramblers Association: Report path problems through Pathwatch and they will alert the local highway authority. <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/advice/pathwatch-report-path-features-and-problems.aspx>

The Ramblers have their Pathwatch App you can download and then report problems on your walk as you come across them.

Village Maintenance

Potholes & Highway Maintenance

Potholes and Highway maintenance can be directly reported using the following link <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk> You can ask for a reference number so that progress can be tracked. (please pass this onto the Parish Council). In an emergency, for instance a severe road defect, a flooded road, or a tree in the road, call Transport for Buckinghamshire on 01296 382416 or 486630 (out of hours).

Lighting

In the event that you see a light not working or is broken please email the clerk (editornorthmarston@gmail.com) with the following information: Road Name, Light Number (will be displayed on the column) OR nearest House Name/Number. Your Contact Details

Important Links:

BCC waste webpages – www.buckscc.gov.uk/HRC

SCRAP Fly tipping, advice on disposing of waste responsibly - www.buckscc.gov.uk/fly-tipping

Apply for a waste permit – www.buckscc.gov.uk/wastepermit

Potholes and Highway maintenance - www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

Planned Roadworks and diversions – www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads and waste guide – www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/section/recycling-and-waste

Bin collections dates:

Recycling Bin

Monday 12th April

Monday 26th April

Waste Bin

Tuesday 6th April

Monday 19th April

Tuesday 4th May

North Marston Village Hall Hiring Calendar

Please also see northmarston.org for calendar

Please contact northmarston@gmail.com for 'Zoom' ID & password for parish Council meetings

Draft Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting held virtually on 'Zoom' Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 8.00pm

Due to the coronavirus meetings cannot be held in a public place NALC briefing dated 3rd April 2020

Attendees: Cllr Mordue, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Boyt, Clerk Rachel Callander & 6 members of the public

100 Club Draw: March Draw: 1st prize 6 Alan Still, 2nd prize 21 Jon & Angie Martin, 3rd prize 9 Jayne Dancer

1. Planning applications:

- a. 21/00198/APP North Marston Pub - No objection on the basis that 1. It is infill and 2. A heritage report required due to the application being in a Conservation area.
- b. 21/00154/APP 2 High Street, Wheatsheaf Farm – No objection on the basis that the footpath is not moved

2. Buckinghamshire Council – Cllr Scott reported:-

a. **Covid Testing:** Secondary school pupils – testing will be arranged by schools. Primary and secondary school staff – twice-weekly tests, members of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test

b. **May Elections:** The Cabinet Office have published guidance on the Government's approach to elections and referendums during COVID-19. In summary: From 8 March, one-to-one campaigning outdoors, such as leafleting and canvassing, will be allowed. From 29 March, the planned provision for six people or two households to meet outdoors will support further outside campaigning, such as activists campaigning in a group along a local street.

c. **Call for Brownfield Sites:** In order to reduce the amount of greenfield land required for development, we want to identify potentially suitable brownfield sites for housing and commercial development. The types of site we are looking for include land that was previously used for any kind of employment and is now vacant or underused; empty retail units and garage sites. We are also interested in any of these types of site that will become vacant over the next 5-10 years. Please visit Your Voice Bucks to find out more and to submit a brownfield site for consideration.

- d. **The Budget:** National government absolved much of the Council's costs from the Covid-19 crisis – the rest was covered through existing Council's savings (£43million spent on Covid-19 response, £42.8million support from national government). Extra funding has been given towards flood prevention and gully clearing this year, but there is no great investment in social care.
3. **Neighbourhood Plan:** An initial draft will be completed end March and hopefully a final plan ready for the NPSG May meeting. The plan will then be presented to the PC prior to going to a referendum. The PC aspirations are to be given to the Steering Group asap – Cllr Mordue
4. **Hedges/Village Upkeep;** Village classification for the hedge cutting & mowing and wildflower verges – Cllr Hogbin-Mills and Cllr Du Plessis to finalise proposal with a map by end March to circulate to contractors. Agreed a 'We are watching you' campaign for dog mess will be produced in A5 size.
5. **Parish Action Plan/Projects:**
- a. **Bucks Local Plan:** Statement of Community Involvement & Brownfield call for sites (email sent 16th Feb 2021) was covered by Cllr Raven under 026/21.
- b. **Playground** – Kompan have finished the path between the 2 playgrounds, placed the boulders and will re-do the grass matting underneath the swings. The FCC grant will be fulfilled by end March. W/c 15th March the base for the pagoda and the thermographics for the basketball area will be completed. The seeding of the area will commence soon, weather depending, and the pagoda delivered by end March. Agreed the playground would be open by end March but the grass areas will be fenced off to allow the seeding to become accomplished. A Summer opening of the full playground will take place. It was discussed that an accident had occurred on the 9th March and the Parish Council have been in touch with the family. The piece of equipment in question was removed to prevent others from using it, whilst why this happened is looked into. All the equipment had been signed off by Rospa Play Safety in August. Agreed the CCTV will be installed asap – Cllr Mordue

- c. **Village Hall** – Resolved: Signed off P.R.A Randles quote for £220.00 for the meter cupboard and £30.00 for the missing skirting in the Village Hall. Agreed no action was needed for a. the Churches Fire remedial works. Cllr Mordue to check all signage.
- d. **Land opposite 29 Quanton Road** – Cllr Martin and Cllr Mordue to look at the boundary between the barn and the adjacent land and a decision to be made in the April meeting.
- Cllr Mordue has been informed by the people who erected the fence that they are aware that residents are unhappy with the fence and that the fence would be removed by the next meeting. No fixed dates were given. NB: *The fence is not the responsibility of the PC and therefore the communication from Ian is as a representative of a group of neighbours and not the PC*
6. **Finance:** Resolved: 2 community applications for the 2021/22 NMPC £800.00 donation fund were received. £300.00 was awarded to the ECC and £500.00 to the 1st Granborough scouts.

Brain Teaser ChickFlick answers

1. Pretty Woman
2. Richard Curtis
3. Unchained Melody
4. Dirty Dancing
5. 1966 Ford Thunderbird Convertible
6. Sleepless in Seattle
7. Bridget Jones's Diary
8. Andie MacDowell
9. Muriel's Wedding
10. Abba
11. Mamma Mia
12. Rhys Ifans
13. Alison Steadman
14. James Cameron
15. Love Is All Around

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Date	Event	Where	Time
3rd April	Eater Raffle		11am
1-5th April	Easter Egg Hunt	Contact Tricia	
24th April	Cream Tea	8 Carters Meadow	tbc
28th August	Sunflower Comp	deadline 28th Aug	
2nd October	Big Plant Day	tbc	10-12
9th October	World Challenge quiz	Wesley Centre	tbc
15th October	Poetry Eve	Wesley Centre	19.30

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