

# **The North Marston & Granborough magazine**



**July 2021**



Village  
Gallery

Favourite Tree  
*by Robin Brown*

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but  
in rising every time we fall."

*-Nelson Mandela*

**Join the North Marston & Granborough Community Group  
Facebook Page.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/151408138823746>

It's a community group created to share and discuss our  
villages. It is not a selling site.

**WELCOME**

## **Thank you for your support of the local community magazine**

Welcome to the July edition of the magazine.

Congratulations to Helena Rowland who has been selected for the GB Ladies Rugby Sevens squad for the Olympics in Japan. Read all about Helena's story.

Events will start shortly which is great news so keep a look out for details and dates. The North Marston Summer Event and the opening of the playground is on September 4th, see details inside.

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](mailto:editornorthmarston@gmail.com)

Thank you for all your support

### **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](mailto:jo@samaritans.org), or you can go to [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) to find details of your nearest branch, where you can talk to one of our

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## COVID-19 Update

### 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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### **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

## EVENTS

Thank you to all those adults, children and dogs that helped keep North Marston Clean. Look out for another date when you can help.

**JOIN OUR MILLION MILE MISSION**

**GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN**

HELP TO KEEP NORTH MARSTON CLEAN OF LITTER!

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 9.30 – 11.30 AM**

COFFEE AND CAKE AFTERWARDS

MEET AT THE VILLAGE HALL WITH YOUR GARDENING GLOVES. LITTER PICKS & OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.

SEE YOU THERE!

**Great British Spring Clean**  
**28 MAY - 13 JUNE 2021**  
**#GBSpringClean**

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Floral Cottage  
by Mark Sheldrake

## **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

**Your Walk. Your Way  
For Your Hospice**



**NOT  
THE Midnight  
WALK**  
2021

**5 miles. 5 am.  
Saturday 10th July**

*In aid of  
Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity*

[www.fnhospice.org.uk](http://www.fnhospice.org.uk)



Village  
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**Village Moon**  
*by John Spargo 2014*

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

## **G'RAN'BOROUGH & NORTH MARS'RUN' 2021.**

Raised over £200.00 for the Sportsfield in 2020 & we hope to go even higher in 2021. This local fun run will be a 5K, 10K or 12K (whichever suits you on the day). Virtual or real we will target August 22nd at 9.00am to meet in the Sportsfield. More details will follow. Tell your friends!





*Enjoy the BBQ*



*Visit the ice  
cream van*



*Bring a picnic*

**Inviting all to come & join in the fun at the**

# **North Marston Summer Picnic & Opening of the playground**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
12 - 3pm**

**MP Greg Smith will officially open the playground at  
1pm**



*Games for all*



*Free bouncy castle*



*Live music*

## CONTRIBUTIONS



@mindful.eco



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 :)

If we all make *small* changes to our lifestyle, together we can make a *big* difference



Try and buy cruelty free products



Get natural floss



Buy compostable cotton buds



Opt for natural or plastic free deodorant



Opt for reef-safe sunscreen



Use soap bars/shampoo bars



Use reusable makeup & face wipes



Get a bamboo toothbrush



Opt for micro-plastic free exfoliators



Buy product in glass

Why not check out @mindful.eco on Instagram or Facebook to see individual posts for each of these toiletries tips? These posts include much more info! :)



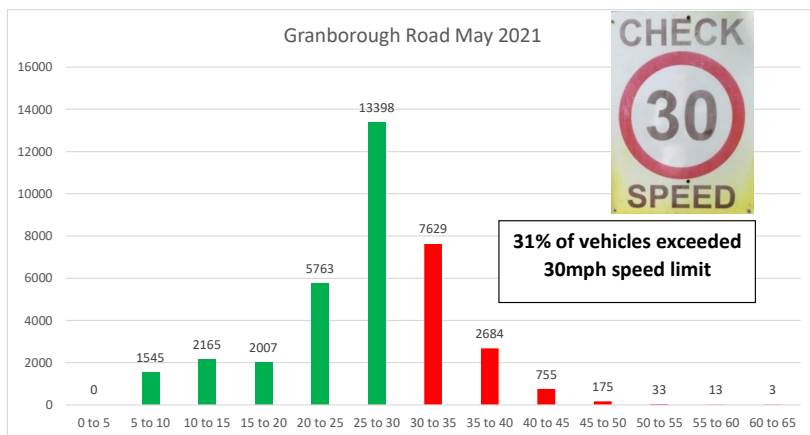
## North Marston Community Speedwatch Group (NMCSWG): MVAS Vehicle Speed Report May 2021: Recorded at Granborough Road (coming into the village)

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

- 36170 vehicle passes were recorded;
- **31% of vehicles (11292) were recorded violating the 30mph speed limit;**
- **49 vehicles were travelling at 50mph or greater**
- **The fastest recorded vehicles (3) were travelling between 60-65mph.**

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



mph	Vehicle passes		
0 to 5	0	0%	
5 to 10	1545	4%	
10 to 15	2165	6%	
15 to 20	2007	6%	
20 to 25	5763	16%	24878
25 to 30	13398	37%	69%
30 to 35	7629	21%	31%
35 to 40	2684	7%	11292
40 to 45	755	2%	
45 to 50	175	0.5%	
50 to 55	33	0.1%	
55 to 60	13	0.04%	
60 to 65	3	0.01%	
Total	36170		





## **Winslow and District Ramblers**

We are now up and running. New members welcome.

### **Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am North Marston**

Meet in the car park behind the village hall GR773228.

Walking through the village and out along Marstonfields Road. Cutting across two fields and over a stream, turning left on a path leading through several fields to Green Lane. Short walk along the road and then re-entering the fields on the bridleway back towards the village. May be cattle. Dogs on leads please. 5 miles

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am Dunstable Downs**

Meet and park at National Trust Visitor Centre with all facilities on B4541, (Fee non members) Take Tottenhow road from Leighton Buzzard bypass, go through village at top of hill, turn left, then right at the roundabouts signed Dunstable Downs. Walk follows paved path towards wood, then path and bridleway past Sallowspring Wood to Whipsnade Tree Cathedral. Return on Icknield Way trail and Downs escarpment. 4.5 miles

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm Woughton, Milton Keynes**

Meet in the car park on right hand side of Newport Road. GR877382. Turn left off Standing Way, H8 just after crossing canal bridge. Walking Ouzel Valley to Willen Lake returning along canal broadwalk. 4.5 miles

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am Hinton in the Hedges**

Take A421 towards Brackley turning south on to A43 then turning right after 1.5 miles at small roundabout. Follow road into village past green then up rise to park opposite Norris Playing Fields. GR558370. Walking gated roads and quiet tracks skirting airfield with views of sky divers and gliders. Dogs on leads. 5 miles

### **Sunday 25 July 10.30am Buckingham to Radclive**

Start at Cornwalls Meadow car park near Waitrose. Making our way through town towards Stowe. Then through the fields to Radclive. Return to Buckingham through fields and along Railway Walk. Sheep and cattle in fields. No stiles. 5 miles



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:

**Coffee**  
**Soup (not tomato)**  
**sponge puddings**  
**chocolate**  
**powdered milk**  
**powdered mashed potato**  
**long-life milk**  
**fruit juice**  
**toothbrushes/toothpaste/handwash**

At the moment the food bank does **NOT** need: pasta, breakfast cereals, tea, 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 July**



**Thank you!**  
**Aly and Dave Perrett**

## **General knowledge Quiz (answers on page 38)**

- 1 What was Frank Sinatra's middle name?
  - 2 Who was the British motorcycle rider who won 9 World Championships between 1961 & 1967?
  - 3 What was the name of the wood where Winnie the Pooh lived?
  - 4 What was the name of the sauce promoted by Levi Roots on Dragon's Den in 2006 & still sold today?
  - 5 How many letters of the alphabet are used as Roman numerals?
  - 6 What do Americans call a baby buggy?
  - 7 What was the name of Inspector Clouseau's manservant?
  - 8 Aladdin, Sinbad & Ali Baba all first appeared in which collection of folk stories?
  - 9 What does the "H" stand for in the magazine name FHM?
  - 10 The fir tree logo of Spar supermarkets was chosen because spar means fir in Dutch – true or false?
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## **WINSLOW & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS**

[www.winslowbus.com](http://www.winslowbus.com)

We are now running our Wednesday Winslow Market Service and our Friday & Saturday Aylesbury Market Service.

### **Winslow & District Community Bus need Volunteer Drivers**

If you are aged between 30 and 70 years of age, have a D1 on your licence, and have some spare time, please consider becoming a driver for your local Community Bus. We offer certificated training to MIDAS standard, and pay out-of-pocket expenses.

Please call or email for more info!

### **Is your Bus Pass still valid?**

For information on how to apply for and renew visit  
[www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/buses-and-trains/apply-for-or-renew-an-older-persons-bus-pass](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/buses-and-trains/apply-for-or-renew-an-older-persons-bus-pass)<https://>  
or call the automated telephone service on [01296 873 011](tel:01296873011).



## Marston Family Rides by John Spargo

I've been a keen cyclist for over 50 years, and I was lucky to be introduced to the joys of the bike as a child. Nowadays, family cycling is just as much fun and as a bonus we live in one of the best places in the country for two-wheeled adventures. So I thought you might appreciate a few routes for safe (and not too strenuous) family rides from North Marston. Each ride is between 8 and 10 miles long, and there is a refreshment venue on each ride too!

If it's dry and bright, why not dust off your bikes and get some healthy exercise in the fresh air?

**The Quainton Loop via Carters Lane:** (10 miles, with 2 gentle climbs), refreshments at The George & Dragon Tea Shop, Quainton.



Leave North Marston via Quainton Road, and continue down the hill along Carters Lane, watching out for poor road surfaces. At the T-junction at the bottom stop and listen for traffic coming down the hill from Pitchcott to your left, and when safe, turn right. After about half a mile, take the right hand turn towards Quainton. There's a great refreshment stop on The Green in Quainton (The George & Dragon Coffee and Tea Shop). Keep on the road out of Quainton until you reach the T-junction at Shipton Lee. Turn right towards Hogshaw. After a couple of miles, turn right into the gated road signposted for North Marston. At the end of the gated road (opposite Stonehill Farm) turn left and retrace your route into North Marston.

## **History Club Reference Books to Borrow**

The North Marston History Club has a large reference library of books and other written work relating to North Marston, Bucks or general themes in history. These are available for you to borrow, and they would be especially useful for history homework projects, family history research, as background information for articles or simply to gain a better understanding of various aspects of our history.

The books are catalogued and indexed according to one of thirteen topic themes: which makes finding the right book for your subject of interest quite straightforward. We make a notional charge of 50p per week per book to help towards club funds. We aren't able to deliver, so this resource is for people who can collect in person. You can borrow as many as you like at one time. You can see our catalogue of books by clicking

<https://northmarstonhistory.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Reference-Books-Index-Sheet1.pdf>

(You may need to zoom in to read the list). The list also shows the category keys. If you'd like to borrow any of the books please use our on-line contact form to provide us with details and we will be in touch with you to arrange for you to collect.

## North Marston Village Pond: Update July 2021

The village pond is managed as a wildlife pond and has been very successful this summer so far. The following species have been observed in early June:

37 common smooth newts

12 water snails

Common blue damselfly

Small red damselfly

6 Whirligig beetles

4 Waterboatman greater

7 Waterboatman Lesser

Orange tip butterfly

2 Small white butterfly

Woodpigeon

3 Swallows

5 sparrow

Blackbird

Juvenile newts of this season's breeding were seen in late June.

Thanks to Elizabeth Crocker and Hilary King for observations

Because the pond is relatively immature it suffers from blanket-weed and the plan is to increase the number of native submerged oxygenating plants and native surface-covering plants

Pond development:

The following species have been introduced to improve the biodiversity:

- Brandy bottle (*Nuphar luteum*) native
- Bog Bean (*Menyanthes trifoliata*) Native. Marginal.
- Water Starwort (*Callitriche*) native. Oxygenating plant
- Water Violet (*Hottonia palustris*) Native.
- Pink flowering rush (*Butomus umbellatus*) native Marginal
- Floating Heart (*Nymphoides peltata*) native
- Hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*) Native oxygenator
- Common Water Crowfoot (*Ranunculus aquatilis*) Native oxygenating water plant.

In July Coir Rolls will be introduced at the end of the pond and these come preplanted with a mix of well established British native plants including *Carex acutiformis* (Lesser Pond Sedge) *Juncus effusus* (Soft Rush) *Lythrum salicaria* (Purple Loosestrife) *Iris pseudacorus* (Yellow Flag Iris) *Phalaris arundinacea* (Reed Canary Grass). The planted area will also be backfilled behind the Coir Rolls to support the vegetation.

Trevor Jenkins

June 2021

### **Children's Society Box Collection**

The Children's Society box collection for June 2021 has now been completed and we raised £695.97. This is up more than £100 on last year! Thank you very much to all those in the village who have a box and donate. The next collection is due in June 2021.

I have completed 5 years as the local box co-ordinator and would like to hand over to a new volunteer. If anyone would like to take on the role please let me know. I'm happy to provide support with next year's collection as needed. The role comprises collecting and counting the donations, banking the coins and a small amount of paperwork.

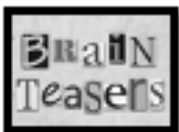
If anyone would like to start collecting and would like a box please let me know!

Thank you for supporting The Children's Society.

Tam Butterworth

01296 670183 (Evenings and weekends)

07591 056097 (Mobile, texts are welcome)



## British Trivia Quiz

Answers on page 38

- 1, Which wealthy twins owned the Channel island of Sark from the mid-1990s?
- 2, In metres, how high is Ben Nevis?
- 3, Who was appointed Poet Laureate in 1999?
- 4, What was the name of the sheep that was cloned in Edinburgh in 1997?
- 5, In which English town is the world's largest inhabited castle?
- 6, Which British girl band reformed in 2007?
- 7, In which London cemetery is Karl Marx buried?
- 8, In 1928, who discovered penicillin?
- 9, By what name is the comedian Jim Moir better known?
- 10, What is the name of the Welsh village where The Prisoner was filmed?
- 11, Who was named "the face of 1966" and later modelled for M&S?
- 12, In what year was the death penalty abolished in England?
- 13, At 220 miles, what is Britain's longest river?
- 14, Which one of The Beatles narrated Thomas The Tank Engine?
- 15, On which Scottish island is Portree?



### LIVESTOCK WORRYING IS A CRIME

**Your dog MUST be on a lead  
from 1st of March - 31st of  
July and at ALL TIMES when  
livestock present** 🐑🐑



## Thought for the month

Dear Friends,

Our world seemingly revolves around digital communication. There is the television, Facebook, twitter, emails and text messages. Something that we may not be aware of though, is that much of this communication is filtered by complex algorithms that filter out the stuff that we might not want to see, the junk or the “spam”. However, the algorithms also filter stuff to send us things that advertisers or sellers might want us to see. So we see life through a set of filters.

Now all of this is background for an idea I would like to share with you. In Galatians 2:20, the apostle Paul said he no longer lived, but Christ was the one living in him. He was basically saying that everything in his life was now seen through the filter of Jesus. Everything that happened to him, every relationship he had and every hardship and blessing he experienced, was filtered through Jesus. Every wrong that was done to him, every cruel word or action was filtered through the algorithm of Jesus.

I wonder how different our lives would be, especially having endured this pandemic, if we filter everything through Jesus! When we remember his sacrifice, his pain, his suffering, his love and apply those to the happenings and relationships in our own lives, then perhaps our world will take on a different appearance. Our relationships will take on a different feel and closeness because our feelings and words first pass through the filter of Jesus.

In Philippians 2:5 Paul is writing from experience when he encourages the people of Philippi with these words: *"in your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus ...."* He had done that personally. He understood what it meant to look at things through the mind and eyes of Christ. He was willing to give up his own self-interest, his own rights, and his very own life.

So during the coming months, as we emerge from our restrictions and lockdowns, perhaps think about applying the "filter of Jesus" to your life. It will be a struggle, because there will be times when we don't want to give up our rights to judge, feel hurt, and retaliate. Paul's words are a good reminder to us to *"have the same mindset as Christ Jesus"*

Grace and Peace to you – Keith



Tommy Friday

Extract from Jim Tattam's entry in "Memories Shared, Vol 4"  
published by North Marston History Club.

*"My grand-father, Charles James Tattam (Jim) was a butcher and ran a shop from the house where I now live at 3 High Street. My father, Fred, also worked in the trade for a while. My current kitchen was the site of the original shop and I still have some of the old butcher's steels, meat tickets dating from the 1930s and weighing scales. There was a doorway through to my grand-father's house next door (where Clifford and Anne Cheshire now live) and from those premises my great-grandfather Thomas Ward (known as 'Tommy Friday') had worked as a coffin-maker and carpenter. This house where I now live used to have two stair-cases and Tommy 'Friday' built his coffins in the room up above my present kitchen.*

*The story goes that he acquired his nickname because his wife was a very religious woman who always had her women friends round on Fridays for prayer meetings at their house; Tom became so fed up with this happening every Friday that one day he nailed up the door and secured the windows to shut them all out!"*

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### **Whitchurch WI**

Open meeting on Zoom  
7.30 pm, Tuesday 6th July 2021

BritishSign Language

Speaker: Beth Butcher  
To book a place, contact:

Linda Nicholls on [lindanicholls2016@gmail.com](mailto:lindanicholls2016@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY ROUND UP & VOLUNTEERING

### Hitting Olympic Heights



North Marston villager, Helena Rowland, has been selected for the GB Ladies Rugby Sevens squad to represent us all at the forthcoming Olympic Games in Japan.

Helena tweeted “ *Words cannot describe how proud and excited I am to be part of this squad. The opportunity to represent GB is something I've dreamt of for a long time. This is why we kept working through all the uncertainty, and always remained hopeful.*”

We too are extremely proud and excited for Helena and will be following her and the squads progress through the games. This is the next step in what is already proving to be a successful international career.

At the start of 2018 Helena represented England U20s in three games. She then made her international debut for the senior England 15s team in November 2020 and she played versus Italy as England took the grand slam in the [2020 Women's Six Nations Championship](#). She focused on women's rugby sevens for several years, appearing regularly in the World Rugby Sevens Series and part of the team making a bid for the Great Britain squad at the [2020 Olympic Games](#). In 2021, Helena was contracted for the [2021 Women's Six Nations Championship](#) and started in the opening game against Scotland.

Good luck to Helena and GB team and we will all be sending our best wishes and good luck.

## **Renovation of Granborough Village Hall - update**

I am sure you will have noticed that the Village Hall has been cloaked in scaffolding some while, and I am pleased to tell you that this has allowed us to start the external works. The defective rendering has been removed and replaced, repairs have started to the roof and guttering, the chimney stack has been repaired and the walls and woodwork are being repainted. A new porch has been built over the entrance doors and work will start shortly on providing better drainage around the building. When this is all completed, we will have the scaffold taken down and I am sure this will give you all a much better impression as to how the hall will look in its new black and white. We will then look to the replacement and repair of the timber work at the front of the building. More scaffolding will go up to allow this work to be undertaken once we have a start date. It will involve the removal and replacement of the major elm timbers which have rotted and their replacement in oak. The doors will also be repaired and replaced as necessary including double or secondary glazing to enhance the insulation.

We are hoping the hall will be open for limited usage once the current works are completed, subject to any restrictions relating to Covid, as all the essential internal works are already complete. We will need to review its suitability for use when the major timber and door replacements are taking place.

David Smedley – Chairman of the Trustees



## **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](mailto:tlane@lanelandscaping.co.uk)

North Marston & Granborough Community Sports Field



## **What about The Wesley Centre?**

Part of North Marston heritage, partly an everyday social hub, this attractive modern venue for community and individual events had to close its doors during Covid restrictions.

During the times pre-Covid (remember them, 'The Good Old Days'?) events included:

*coffee and cake mornings, monthly lunches, Brownies, History Club, wildlife & conservation meetings, Pilates, Zumba, the Poetry Evening, play rehearsals... all in-between family gatherings, church services, high powered business meetings and your own private bookings. There were even some folk brave (or barmy) enough to learn Scottish Country Dancing! When looking to find a meeting place for folk to enjoy an occasion, The Wesley Centre offered the answer.*

## **Now it's getting ready again!**

At last, there are some dates for your calendar - some already announced and many more will be advertised soon, with a very warm welcome to all.

The website has unfortunately not yet caught up with current events and so if you would like to know more or to book your own private functions then these are the ways to do so:

Email: [bookings@wesleycentre.com](mailto:bookings@wesleycentre.com)

Telephone: 07984 791364 (Anne Ketteridge)

## GATHERINGS, CLUBS & GROUPS



**North Marston &**



**Granborough Lions FC**

**Are you passionate about football?**

**Do you want to be part of a team?**

**Are you available to play football on Saturday mornings & train on Thursday evenings?**

If your answers are YES, come and join us at NM&GL FC! We are currently looking for new players for under 11s (Year 5 & 6) and under 9s (Year 3 & 4). If you would like further information, please contact our Club chairman, Dave Williams

[daveivorwilliams@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:daveivorwilliams@hotmail.co.uk)



## **1st Granborough Scout Group**

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

We have been back meeting face to face each week for a while now.

The activities in just the last few weeks the children have accomplished include

Water fight, canoeing, helping in the church grave yard, cycle ride round the villages with challenges, marshmallows on the fire, pond dipping, treasure hunt, camp fire building, zip wire down a big hill, bug hotel building, history tour round our village, general fun and games.

We have also just had the green light to say we can camp overnight. This is fantastic news given they have missed out on camping for many months.

The leaders give of so much of their time so a massive thank you to them, and to the parents who support them by helping at meetings.

If you are interested in your child joining, please do e mail us on the below address. [1stgranborough@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### **Junior Cricket Fixtures 2021**

Day	Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Result
Monday	5th July	U13	H	Waddesdon	
Tuesday	6th July	U11	H	Stewkley	
Thursday	8th July	U15	A	Waddesdon	

\*Home fixtures are highlighted in yellow.



North Marston & Granborough Cricket Club  
Fixture List 2021  
Seniors

Showing H/A as per last year's schedule, not the proposed venues

Date	Opposition / Venue	Time
4 July	Cublington (A)	1.30pm
11 July	Marsh (H)	2.00pm
18 July	Maids Moreton (H)	2.00pm
25 July	New Bradwell (H)	2.00pm
	School Holidays	
5 September	Mursley (H)	1.00pm
12 September	Simmons (L Buzzard) (A)	1.00pm
19 September	tbc	

**North Marston School - PGL**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, Mrs. Gouldstone and Mrs. Kent took Year 5 and 6 to PGL. We had a great time doing a wide range of activities each day, including one just before bed! We learned lots of songs to sing on the way to each activity which are now stuck in our heads.

Each room had 3 bunk beds to share with your friends. Some of our favourite activities were: the giant swing, sensory trail, raft building, climbing and ambush. Our main group instructor was Kieran, who was brilliant. The food was delicious and we got to have pudding every evening like toffee muffins. One evening we had a campfire and we collected all the sticks for the fire and then sang more songs around it.

It was the best time ever and we are grateful that Covid didn't stop us for a second year!

We all had so much fun!



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Despite the filthy weather our courts are being well used and our league teams have recommenced matches as things slowly return to normal. Our LTA accredited coach, Paul Hobday, has children's Easter tennis camps scheduled for 1 and 2 June – call him on 07967 514081 if you are interested.

If you think you are interested in joining the club why not come along to one of the club sessions to meet us and see what you think. You have a choice between 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.

Our annual fees for 2021/22, which are just about the lowest in the area, are Adults £80, Families £150 and juniors and unemployed £30. If you are interested in joining please contact Gary Paul on 07599 478295 or visit our web site [Oving Tennis Club - Welcome to Oving Tennis Club](https://www.ovingtennisclub.co.uk).

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

**St John the Baptist Church, Granborough – Notices for  
July**

We are delighted that our churches are now open for services every Sunday, after so many months of restrictions on our communal worship. Current Government and Diocesan restrictions, for example on mask-wearing and social distancing, still apply, though these rules may change later in the month. We look forward to welcoming you in church!

**Services for July:**

### **North Marston**

**4th July 10.00am Family Service**

**11th July 9.30am Family Communion**

**18th July 9.30am Family Service**

**25th July 9.30am Holy Communion**

### **Granborough**

**4th July 11.00am Family Service**

**11th July 11.00am Family Communion**

**18th July 11.00am Family Service**

**25th July 11.00am Holy Communion**

## **Prayers and Support**

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 the Granborough co-ordinators or either minister directly. Requests for prayers will be dealt with sensitivity and confidentiality.

### **Prayer co-ordinators for Granborough Church:**

Jayne Evans [jaynegranborough@hotmail.com](mailto:jaynegranborough@hotmail.com)

Alison Rosser [paulandally1979@gmail.com](mailto:paulandally1979@gmail.com)

**Morning Prayers** are open to all. These take place on Thursday mornings from 10.00am – 11.00am in The Wesley Centre, North Marston.

### **Clergy**

Rev Petra Elsmore: 07557045703 [petra.elsmore@gmail.com](mailto:petra.elsmore@gmail.com)

Rev Janet Bayly: 670245 [janet.bayly@gmail.com](mailto:janet.bayly@gmail.com)

### **Churchwardens North Marston:**

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### **Churchwardens Granborough**

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Robert Kemp 670204 [rookery4@aol.com](mailto: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

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

## **Granborough Church Flower Rota**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Jenny Dean

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> July

May Bradbury

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> August

Davina Thorogood

### **NM Church Cleaning Rota 2021**

#### **July**

4 Valerie Price & Gill Warner

11 Penny Anderson

18 Carol Webb & Jane Docwra

25 Bev Davis & Anne Lane

#### **August**

1 Jenny Morgan + Val York

8 Jo Radcliffe

15 Jan Quinn + Pip Hitchen

22 Jean Wright

29 Valerie Price & Gill Warner

### **Church Pedestal Rota 2021**

#### **July**

4 Helen Shotton

11 Linda Rowett

18 Angela Martin

25 Paul Ketteridge

#### **August**

1 Averil Wilkinson

8 Penny Anderson

15 Elizabeth Crocker

22 Alison Still

29 Angela Martin

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/HRC)

SCRAP Fly tipping, advice on disposing of waste responsibly - [www.buckscc.gov.uk/fly-tipping](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/fly-tipping)

Apply for a waste permit – [www.buckscc.gov.uk/wastepermit](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/wastepermit)

Potholes and Highway maintenance - [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk)

Planned Roadworks and diversions – [www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads) and waste guide – [www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/section/recycling-and-waste](http://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/section/recycling-and-waste)

### **Bin collections dates:**

#### **Recycling Bin**

Monday 5th July

Monday 19th July

Monday 2nd August

#### **Waste Bin**

Monday 12th July

Monday 26th July

### **North Marston Village Hall Hiring Calendar**

*Please also see [northmarston.org](http://northmarston.org) for calendar*

Please contact [northmarston@gmail.com](mailto:northmarston@gmail.com) for 'Zoom' ID & password for parish Council meetings



## **Draft Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall 8th June 2021 at 8.00pm**

Attendees: Cllr Mordue, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Newman, Cllr Gomm, Clerk Rachel Callander & 3 members of the public

100 Club Draw: March Draw: 1<sup>st</sup> prize 54 Karen Bunyan, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 98 Robert & Pauline Hardman, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 22 Julie Cresswell

1. **Buckinghamshire Council** – Cllr Gomm updated the PC: The new Bucks Council cabinet is now in place. Looking for a Community Board representative from the NM Parish Council. Covid - There are now covid units and covid stations rather than using the GP resources for vaccinations. Quainton Road - this is in the hands of flood management and a map of the ownership of the land has been sourced. Discussions on going. School Buses - Bucks Council are having a briefing on Monday 14th June and will update the PC. Cllr Hogbin-Mills asked for 2 questions to be answered:

- a. To resolve the immediate impact of Bucks Council stopping the school buses through NM and the impact this will have on people who live in the villages.
- b. longer term - what is the long term infrastructure for rural communities?

### **2. Planning Applications**

No Objections - 21/01716/APP – 3 Quainton Road – 2 storey side ext & front porch

Resolved - 21/00198/APP – The AVDC Planning Department acknowledged that the heritage report was pre dated prior to the PC date of submission and that this was an error.

### **3. Neighbourhood Plan:**

The Chair of NPSG outlined that the text of the plan had been agreed by the group and the PC would be invited to the next NPSG meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July via Zoom to discuss the draft plan.

#### 4. Environment :

Hedges/Village Upkeep: Resolved: 3 quotes were received from Lynch Garden Services, GTS-Commercial and Tree Solutions. Tree Solutions quoted £900.00 inc VAT and will remove the trees in September. Resolved: Cllr Hogbin-Mills and Cllr Du Plessis will walk around with Terry Lynch to clarify the hedges to be cut for a reviewed quote. A new quote for digging the ditch on Quainton road by the playground will be sought. Resolved: The Marstonfields sign by the small pond will be renewed, Streetscene to be contacted for a quote.

#### 5. Parish Action Plan/Projects:

**Playground Maintenance Group:** Cllr Mordue to contact ROSPA/Kompan regarding the roundabout height. Cllr Mordue to contact Sheds Direct regarding the water damage on the pagoda edge. Cllr Mordue to remove the excess swing chain and mend basketball backing as per ROSPA report. Cllr Du Plessis to source a quote for the paving at the Quainton Road side of the playground path. Cllr Du Plessis to source a quote for the playground grass cutting. Cllr Du Plessis to arrange to change the lock on the car park gate to the other side for safety and to ask for the gate at the Quainton Road end to be adjusted as it does not swing shut.

**Playground opening** – 4<sup>th</sup> September 12.00-15.00. If possible the Summer Event will take place on the playground area and car park with access to the VH through the back as well as the front for refreshments. The Way Marker Story to be produced A3 size and then be fixed to a slanting post

**Councillor responsibilities** – Resolved – Cllr Martin will take on MVAS and Cllr Boyt the Planning Application process. Cllr Boyt to talk to Cllr Symonds to produce a Planning Application Compliance Policy that will be used for all planning applications.

**Pond** – Aqua gravel and new plants have been added to the pond. Coil Matting will be added at the end of June. The level of blanket weed is at a good level and will disappear over time. A survey of the pond showed that there is considerable life in the pond and that the pond should not be disturbed. Cllr Mordue to contact Cllr Symonds to discuss testing the well water and accessing the pump.

6. **Finance:** Approved the BHIB Insurance for a 3 year contract with Aviva at £1225/yr. Signed the 2020/21 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

Next Parish Council meeting: July 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 Parish Council at the Village Hall

**Full minutes can be found on [www.northmarston.org](http://www.northmarston.org)**

Brain Teaser Answers	General Knowledge Quiz Answers
1. The Barclays	1 Albert
2. 1344	2 Mike Hailwood
3. Andrew Motion	3 Hundred Acre Wood
4. Dolly	4 Reggae Reggae Sauce
5. Windsor	5 Seven (I V X L C D M)
6. The Spice Girls	6 Stroller
7. Highgate	7 Cato
8. Sir Alexander Fleming	8 1001 Nights or Arabian Nights
9. Vic Reeves	9 For Him Magazine
10. Portmeirion	
11. Twiggy	
12. 1965	
13. The Severn	
14. Ringo Starr	
15. Skye	

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## North Marston & Granborough Calendar

Date	Event	Where	Time
22nd August	G'Ran'Borough & North Mars'run SF		9.00
28th August	Sunflower Comp		deadline 28th Aug
4th September	Produce & Handicraft Show	GVH	tbc
4th September	NM Summer Event & Playground official opening 12-3		
2nd October	Big Plant Day	tbc	10-12
9th October	World Challenge quiz	Wesley Centre	tbc
15th October	Poetry Eve	Wesley Centre	19.30
27th Nov	Beaujolais Eve	VH	19.30

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