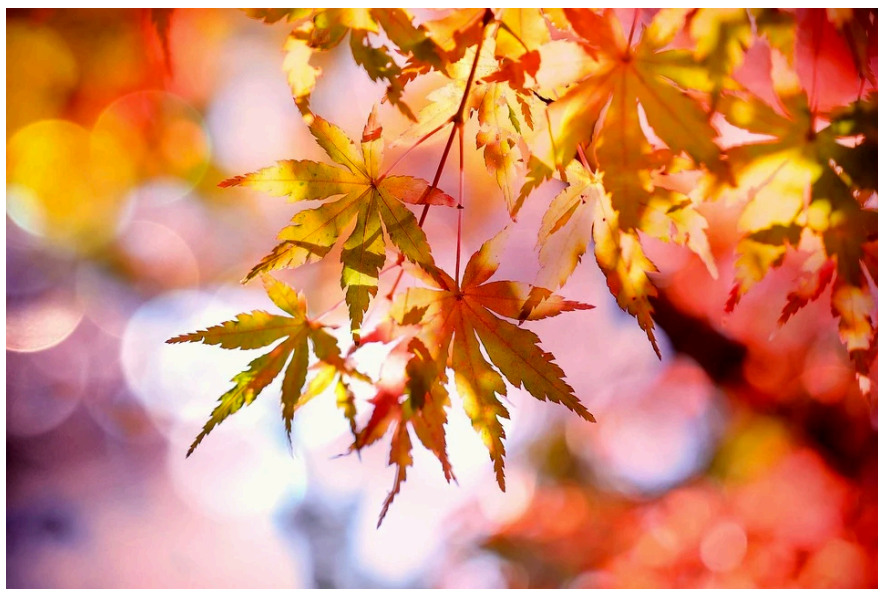
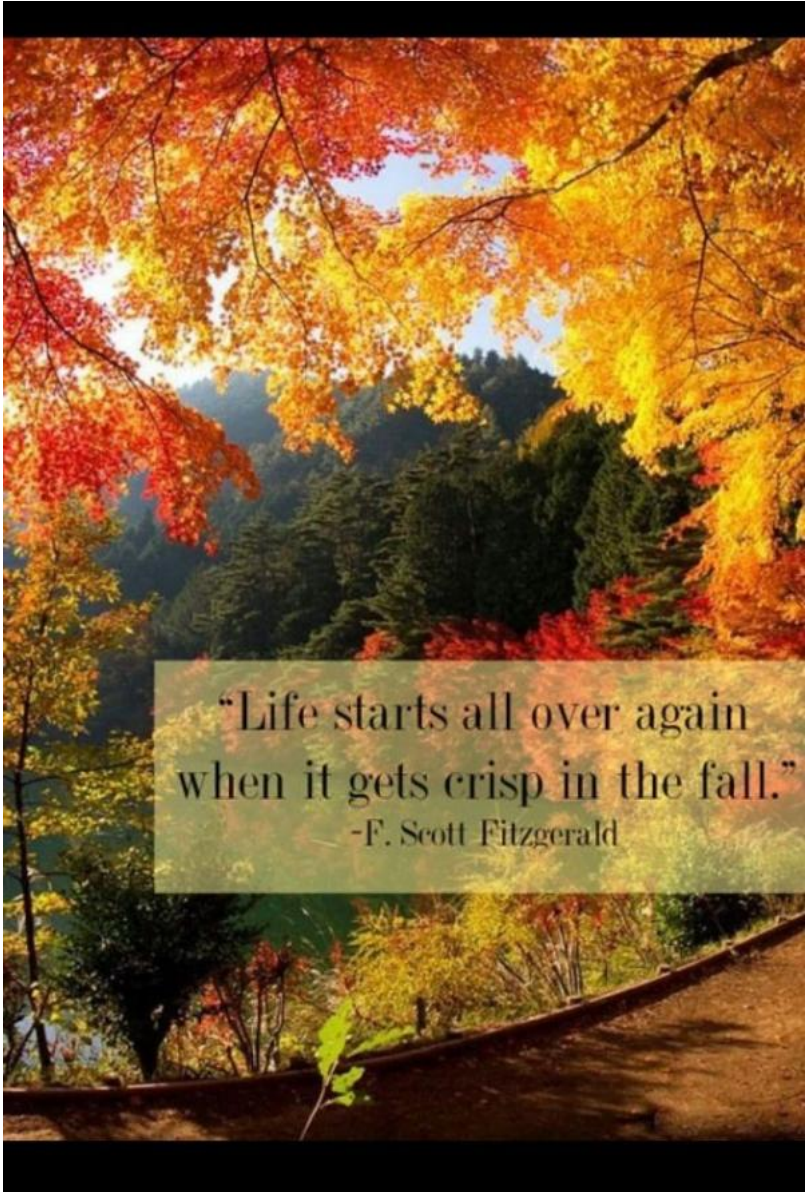


The North Marston & Granborough magazine



October 2021



“Life starts all over again
when it gets crisp in the fall.”
-F. Scott Fitzgerald

WELCOME

Thank you for your support of the local community magazine

Welcome to the October edition of the magazine.

Supporting your local community enables facilities to keep running.
Please help if you can.

October 16th is the yearly Autumn Clear-Up at the Sportsfield at 10am.
Both communities use this fantastic facility so it would be great to see
you all there to help maintain the area. Lots of jobs big and small!

The Shop is looking for volunteers to enable it to have longer opening
hours. Currently, due to the shortage of volunteers this prevents
supporting young volunteers, Duke of Edinburgh's award students and
those from Furzedown School who came to do work experience at the
shop. Please pop in and see Eddie if you can help.

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

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to find details of your nearest branch, where you can talk to one of our
trained volunteers face to face.

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Village
Gallery

School Hill
by Paul Gillett

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.



Le
'Beaujolais'
North Marston
est arrivé

Saturday 27th November, 7.30pm

'Beaujolais' Evening!

*Fabulous 4 course Dinner incl wine**

Only £22.50 per person

North Marston Village Hall

Tables of 6 or 8 are available on request

For Tickets call now:- Jenny 670800 Jane 670883

**½ bottle per person. Vegetarian/Gluten meal option on prior request.*

Additional 'Beaujolais' will be available to purchase.

French Style dress optional!

Proceeds to St Mary's Church and the Wesley Centre

Granborough Village Hall Future Events

Granborough Garage and Table Top sale: Saturday 2nd October in Village Hall and resident's garages between 10:00 and 14:00. There will be residents selling from tables in the hall and from their garages. Information about the location of participating garages will be available at the village hall from 10.00. Refreshments will also be available in the hall. Remember, 'One Man's Rubbish is another Man's Treasure'! You might find a bargain!

Coffee Morning: Saturday 6th November in village hall between 10.00 and 12.00. Please come and join us for coffee and cakes. This is an opportunity to meet up again with old friends and for new residents to enjoy a warm and friendly occasion. There will be a cake stall, bonus ball competition and raffle.



GRANBOROUGH RETRO DISCO 2021

The last Saturday in November & tickets are like Gold dust as limited tickets available. Hunt out your large collar shirt, tight mini, crazy wigs etc for a fun night of disco dancing. Please bring your own refreshments. £15.00 per ticket, raffle. Gates open 7.30pm. Contact Karl on 07917 002800 or karlsbakery@gmail.com



Big Plant Day North Marston

Commemorative Tree Planting in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II:

Saturday 2nd October 2021

10 am-12 noon



The Tree will be planted on the Village Green at 10 am by a “Mystery Guest”.

Crown making competition. Please wear or bring your crown to be judged at 11.30 am.

Join us for brunch with coffee and bacon butties on sale in the Village Hall

Raffle

Plant gifts for sale



All proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund



North Marston & Granborough Sportsfield

Autumn Clear-up

Saturday 16th October 2021 from 10am

Every year we like to invite all users of the Sportsfield to help us maintain the field, its surroundings and the nature trail. Whether you use it for walking your dog or playing sport or just enjoying the peaceful open space, this is your opportunity to help us keep it the great facility that it is.

Adults and children, clubs and societies are all welcome to offer as much time as they are able – an hour would be great. If you are doing a DoF or looking to contribute to your companies “help in the community “ or just fancy helping out , all are welcome.

If you'd like to help please send an email to Pete Butler at pbswanbourne@aol.com and further details will be sent out. It promises to be both rewarding and fun!

Christmas shoebox appeal

If anyone would like to fill a Christmas shoebox I have the forms ,It is a very worth while cause and much appreciated by those who receive them. Thank you Jennifer Heffer 670273

Whitchurch WI: meeting 7.30, St John's Hall, White Horse Lane,

on Tuesday, 7 October 2021

Arctic Experience

Speaker Sarah Dean Kelly

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



A Fun Evening at the Wesley Centre

Poetry, Prose & Song

Friday 15th October 2021 @ 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 include Cheese & Drinks, a bargain night out!

Our Chief Poet, Trevor Jenkins, 670633, is looking for poets, readers,
singers and raconteurs!

Everyone Welcome!

Tickets from Val York 670479 or Jennifer Heffer 670273

Raffle

Proceeds to Church Restoration Funds





Hopefully on August 16th 2022 I will finally be able to do my charity climb of Kilimanjaro for Dig Deep. I have £1600 left to raise to be able to do this, so I have arranged some charity events in the village of North Marston in 2022 to reach my target, that were cancelled over last eighteen months.

Dates for your diary in 2022!

11th February Quiz with chilli meal at Wesley centre 7pm £10 each.

12th March Race night at village hall 7pm, £5 each

30th April Pilates and Prosecco in Wesley Centre £15

21st May Cream teas in the paddock 3pm £10 each

Thank you to everyone for their support, Tricia McSweeney.

Forthcoming Events

At last, restrictions are OFF and our hopes are raised of life returning to normal! We have the following events planned, please make a note in your diary and do your best to support these functions:

Big Plant Day - **Saturday 2nd October 2021 10 am-12 Noon.**

To commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, a "Mystery Guest" will be planting a tree on the Village Green. Join us for brunch afterwards, with coffee and bacon butties on sale in the Village Hall. See poster for more detail.

An Evening of Poetry and Song - **Friday 15 October 2021 7.30pm** in the Wesley Centre. Dig out those inner entertainer talents for an evening of home-made fun. See poster for more detail.

Beaujolais Nouveau Evening - **Saturday 27 November 2021 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Numbers are limited at this very popular function, further information and tickets released in September.

Stewkley Singers- **Friday 10 December 2021 7.30pm** in St Mary's Church, details to follow.

Quiz Night - **Saturday 5 February 2022 7.30pm** details to follow.

A Right Royal Scarecrow Competition

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June 2022 (National Celebration dates).

All village households are invited to take part in this event in honour of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Details to follow early next year so get your thinking caps on.

Questions?

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



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 3rd October 11.00am

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness... (John Keats)

The Harvest Festival Service is always a very special family event in the Church Calendar and this year will be no exception, as it will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our return to Church after the long periods of lockdown. St Mary's Church will be decorated especially for the occasion. The service will be led by David Heffer and young people of North Marston, beginning at 11.00am. Donations of non-perishable foods will go to support the Trussell Trust Food Bank in Aylesbury.

A lively auction of donated perishable food will follow the service in Church, so please come along prepared to bid!

We will then move to the Churchyard or the Wesley Centre, depending on the weather, for a **Picnic Lunch** at about **12.30pm**. As we still remain cautious, you are invited to bring along your own picnic, picnic rug etc. Drinks will be provided by the Church. The Service and picnic are open to everyone, especially children, and you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

*We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered by God's Almighty hand*

Largest Sunflower Head Competition 2021 result.

Congratulations to winner Charlie Campbell age 6. Head Judge Mr Malcolm Newman declared the winning Sunflower head measuring 270mm. Very well done to all entries & bragging rights to Granborough in 2021. Best of luck in 2022.



Wesley Centre Monthly Lunches

Monthly lunches are now available in Wesley Centre. Everyone is welcome to join us for a wholesome 2 course lunch followed by tea or coffee that will be served from 12 noon until 2pm on the dates shown below. We don't charge but we welcome donations, which support St Mary's Church funds. No need to book in advance, just bring yourself, your friends and a smile. Hope to see you there!

Covid permitting, we hope to run these lunches on the second Wednesday of each month until further notice, so **for the rest of 2021, the lunch dates will be 13 Oct, 10 Nov and 8 Dec.**

Wesley Centre Coffee Mornings

Friday morning coffee mornings have also restarted in the Wesley Centre. Come and join for a coffee or tea, a piece of cake and a chat. Again, there's no charge but we welcome voluntary contributions to support Church funds.

These coffee mornings will run every Friday 10am-12 noon until further notice.

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

What is happening at The Wesley Centre?

For anyone who has a reason to meet, or is looking for a place to meet up, The Wesley Centre is the stylish venue which you can be proud of. It is easy to find – turn off the main street which runs through the length of North Marston into Church Street and then slide right at the fork in the road into Schorne Lane to find The Wesley Centre on the left.

Less than 5 years ago this historic Chapel was transformed to spacious and welcoming rooms, (with a swish kitchen), to hold meetings, celebrations and a host of other events.

Access is easy for all, as the sloping ramp invites pushchairs, buggies and any type or size of mobility chairs or aids, while energetic folk can bound up the 4 steps of the front courtyard. The wide doorway is accessible for all types of equipment too.

If you have never been before – now is the time to investigate! Come along for... Quiz Night – 9th October, Poetry Evening 15th October ,

Baby Massage some Saturday afternoons (pre-book)

Monday evening Brownie group

Coffee mornings each Friday between 10am to 12 noon,
Monthly community lunch Wednesday 13th October

Check the Church timetable for details of

Thursday Morning Prayers Children's Messy-play dates

& other special Church events such as Harvest Festival picnic

Lots more community events invite you to join them – dates soon

If you are looking for a special meeting place, The Wesley Centre is well equipped to satisfy needs. Business Meetings, Birthday gatherings, Club meetings, Christening celebrations, Committee meetings... if you have an event needing a place, then The Wesley Centre is the place to be!

For details, information or to view: call us on 07984 791364 or email bookings@wesleycentre.org.

Carbon Literacy Project



Carbon Literacy Training for the Local Community

This 'Carbon Literacy Project' accredited course is aimed at local community residents.

About this event:

Climate change, zero carbon and global warming. What does it all mean and how does it affect me? What can I do to start my journey to low carbon living?

This course will give you the knowledge and tools to help reduce your and your community's carbon footprint.

No previous knowledge is needed.

Carbon Literacy is: "An awareness of the carbon dioxide costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis."

Over 20,000 citizens and 57 organisations have already been certified Carbon Literate so far, with over 1,760 organisations being engaged.

By the end of the course, you will:

- Understand and explain the science around climate change and how it affects us globally and locally
- Have the tools and knowledge to reduce your carbon impact and that of your local community.
- Build your own climate pledges to take action on climate change

You will also be able to:

- Build a network of like-minded people
- Start collaborations

Training will be delivered online via Zoom through 3 X 2 hour sessions, and some homework. It will consist of a mixture of presentations, group activities, videos, quizzes and games.

Please ensure you have a WiFi/internet connection and adequate equipment that enables you to fully participate in the training (it is not recommended to do the course via iPhone/Smartphone). You will get the best out of the training if you use a laptop or PC (with a camera).

There is a £10 administration fee payable in advance which will enable you to apply for Carbon Literacy certification. Your certificate will be awarded after you have submitted an assessment form to the Carbon Literacy Project you will need to submit an assessment form at the end of the course with a £10 administration fee, which will be checked by the Carbon Literacy Project.

More information can be found here: <https://carbonliteracy.com/about-us/>

Training dates and times are as follows:

- Thursday November 11th 2021: 19:00 – 21:00
- Thursday November 18th 2021: 19:00 – 21:00
- Thursday November 25th 2021: 19:00 – 21:00

For any questions about the course do not hesitate to contact Joey Coombs at: joeymcoombs@gmail.com

Granborough & North Marston virtual run.

We are pleased to announce that £465.00 has been split into two for Florence Nightingale House & our Village Sportsfield. Well done to all who achieved their distance & received the limited edition medal. Also those who kindly donated to both good causes, we very much appreciated all the support on this event. We will host this fundraising fun run in 2022, hope to see you there? Thank you so much Christina, Jason & Karl

A HUGE THANK YOU!

Summer Picnic and Opening of the Playground



On behalf of the whole of North Marston, we would like to thank the Parish Council, and all involved in the organisation of this wonderful village event on 4th September!

The playground and park looked stunning, and it seemed as if the whole village had turned out to meet up with friends and family and celebrate the regeneration of our playground and park. A magnificent £1,455 was raised for St Mary's Church.

WELL DONE TO ALL!

Annual Produce and Handicraft Show held on Saturday 4th September was a huge success and well supported by both our old friends and some new residents. The standard was high and the prizes well deserved. Thank you to all those people who helped with judging, supplying refreshments, presenting the prizes and auctioning off the produce. A special thank you to Malcolm our Auctioneer who ably assisted by Karl helped raise a magnificent record £550 on the day.

CONTRIBUTIONS

North Marston C of E School

The new term has got off to a fantastic start.

We welcomed 15 new pupils to Reception class and they all settled in straight away – in fact, they were seated in the hall for whole school worship by 9.15 on their very first day!

All other pupils have returned keen and eager to learn; ready to get back into all the routines of school life - some of which we weren't able to maintain during the last academic year.

Last Monday, six brave Year 6 pupils stood in front of the whole school to deliver their presentations for the roles of Head Boy and Girl. As with every good democracy, every pupil and adult in the school voted and the results were that Ben and Harry were voted Head Boy and Deputy respectively and Ava and Charlotte were voted Head Girl and Deputy respectively. All candidates delivered excellent speeches and we look forward to them all having some level of responsibility and input into life at North Marston School.

As always, we encourage the children to consider issues wider than the school community and Friday 17th Sept we supported Jeans for Genes by wearing jeans for the day and donating £1. Friday 24th saw us holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan cancer support.

We look forward to being able to maintain all our regular learning and activities throughout the academic year. Keep an eye out for our monthly updates.

Mrs. Lucy Kent, Mrs. Catherine Gouldstone and all the staff at North Marston C of E School.

Granborough Village Hall Restoration Update

We are on the home straight! The scaffolding goes up at the front at the end of September and work will begin on restoring the main supports and the front doors. During this time the hall cannot be hired out for health and safety reasons and anyone who has hired the hall during this time will be contacted. Hopefully the work should last no longer than 2 weeks provided no major problems arise (we are not expecting any!). The hall will then be finished and we can plan our official reopening.

New Bus Timetable

Red Rose have introduced a new bus timetable. This is good news for residents who use the bus regularly as they now run once an hour. Look out for the new timetable on the bus stop and on the Granborough parish council notice board.

I am running an ALPHA Course at the George Pub in Quainton for 6 weeks on Thursday evenings from Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm. Good food, wine, video and chatter around tables. I did the ALPHA Course for the first time during lockdown (online). I found it inspiring, hopeful, thought provoking and fun. I have a few places left. Need to know quickly for catering purposes.

Our recent Deanery Service in Waddesdon was very popular and people asked if we could have a similar service open for all. So we are having a "repeat" worship and praise service with Holy Communion (Behold The Lamb setting) at Quainton Church on Sunday 10th October at 6.00pm.

All are welcome. Please spread the word.

Blessings

Revd Steve
07950 000910



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Say something

Do something

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in our community from abuse and neglect**



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Council**



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, Whitchurch and Dunton 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:

tinned vegetables, especially large tins
tinned meat and fish
tinned soup
tinned fruit
tinned custard and rice pudding
long life milk and fruit juice
tea bags, especially small boxes
coffee
chocolate
toothbrushes/toothpaste
'Bags for Life'

**Please leave your donations in the wheelbarrow at the back of 47
High Street
on Sunday 3rd October**



**Thank you!
Aly and Dave Perrett**

North Marston Community Shop Association Ltd

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR ELEVENTH AGM HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER 2021

GENERAL

The Shop has experienced many setbacks during the year. These were mainly due to the effects of Covid regulations which deterred many volunteers and shoppers. The Shop Committee made safety regulations to protect staff and customers from catching or passing-on Covid. The Manager, plus a number of resolute volunteers valiantly managed to keep The Shop open, although on a reduction of opening hours. They deserve high praise for their kindness in taking action to help the business to continue serving the North Marston community and communities around despite the very difficult circumstances and, at that time, unknown details of Covid transfer in, and outdoors.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

During Covid lockdowns The Shop came under financial difficulties due to less footfall and many people taking advantage of supermarkets' home deliveries. A grant of £1500 was applied for from Bucks County Council .A second grant of £5000 from The Heart of Bucks bought £500 worth of Covid protective equipment and also helped to keep The Shop from failing. We are very grateful for this emergency support.

STOCK AND SUPPLIES

There have been difficulties with accessing stock due to a shortage of lorry drivers. I wrote to our MP, Greg Smith, about this and he passed it on to Baroness Wallersteiner. However, I don't think that MPs appreciate how difficult things have been for small food businesses. The Shop Manager and some volunteer drivers kindly took action by visiting Bookers to collect stock to keep the shop supplied. This is an ongoing necessity.

A number of small suppliers of local food have retired so the shop is looking for new ones to provide locally made products which, besides being delicious, and made of natural ingredients, (without unnecessary additives) help to cut down on carbon emissions and climate change. The Shop is currently looking for jam, marmalade and chutney makers.

Delicious, frozen beef from a local farmer is now stocked in The Shop. The farmer raises his stock on grass only and does not feed soya-based feeds because they affect climate change due to forestry destruction. Some individual customers think the packs are currently too large for them but in future there will be a mix of large and small sized packs. Prices are similar to supermarket ones.

With climate change a huge item on the world agenda The Shop aims to reduce its carbon footprint by stocking as much local produce as possible, (thus cutting down on carbon emissions) cutting down on waste and ordering larger amounts of fresh and longer life items from its suppliers. This, does, of course, depend on the amount of stock sold.

The Shop is still aiming to reduce climate change by sourcing more re-usable bags and containers and has successfully found some this year but is still looking for re-usable or compostable carrier bags.

RE-OPENING

The Shop re-opened to customers entering the premises after adding a protective screen to the counter, providing hand gel and asking shoppers to wear masks inside the shop. Sadly the shop cannot open for all the hours it originally did until more volunteers are available. Lack of extended opening hours at the shop, and home deliveries by the large supermarkets, have contributed to a loss of footfall and profit. If this were to continue the worst scenario would be that The Shop would maybe be unable to continue trading. This would be a total disaster for the village particularly in adverse winter weather such as heavy snow or floods.

Other difficulties included:

- One of the freezers needed to be replaced
- Replacing the mains water distributor in The Shop.
- Loss of business due to road closures and diversions.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

To continue to be a successful social enterprise and business, despite having suffered loss of business as described above, the Shop Committee is looking into reviving the plans for an extension to provide extra stock space, especially for fruit, vegetables and salad items and a seating area inside, plus a verandah to enable customers to sit overlooking the park while consuming hot or cold drinks or ice-creams.

As well as seeking grants for an extension The Committee is seeking additional funding for solar panels to reduce the cost of electricity and hopefully to receive some payments for surplus generation.

Our MP, Greg Smith, supports this venture.

STAFF

Many thanks to the Manager, Eddie Parsley, for keeping the shop stocked and operational in these difficult times. We hope he will get some extra volunteers to assist in keeping the shop open for longer hours during the day. Opening hours from 07.00 to 17.00 would help everyone, particularly school children, school staff, workmen and parents.

The Shop has been very lucky to have some reliable, kind and capable part-time Managers: Lou Addison, Sheila Squire, Kathryn Hanson and Matilda Phillips who looked after The Shop with some super volunteers, while the Manager, Eddie Parsley, was away on holiday. Thank you all for your help and kindness which has been much appreciated by everyone. You ALL make our community shop very special.

Leaflets have gone out to the whole village asking for volunteers but so far no responses have been received. This is very sad as it also prevents the shop from supporting young volunteers and Duke of Edinburgh's award students and the youngsters from Furzedown School who came to do work experience at the shop. If everyone thought about which hour they could cover in the shop on a weekly basis the shop would be able to open from 07.00 to 17.00 or 18.00 thus allowing youngsters to partake in voluntary sessions as described above.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee has reduced from the requisite eight members, to five, during the current year. A letter went out to residents asking for new members but so far we have received just one application.

It is thirteen and a half years since I first invited all residents to fill in a questionnaire about the provision of a community shop in the village. I received an 89.9% response rate, which was wonderful, and 12 requests to join the first committee!

I feel that it is time for me to retire and for younger residents to take up the places on the Management Committee and do great things to take the shop forward to more successes.

Thank you to everyone who has supported or helped the shop in any way over the last ten years. You have made my dream come true of a shop that cares for each and every customer and member of staff whether from our village and surrounding villages or those just passing through.

I wish the next committee Good Luck and success with the new challenges.

Alison Finnemore



Village
Gallery

Chestnut Tree
by Fran Spargo

Dear Friends,

I have recently had a wonderful 2 weeks camping in The Lake District. Unusually for me, I managed to do a lot of reading including 2 novels by John Grisham. However, looking at stories on the net, I came across this one.

Terry Selwood was fishing off the coast of Australia, just like he had hundreds of times before. Something almost knocked him down and when he turned to see what it was that hit the boat, he realized that a seven foot, 440-pound Great White shark had jumped into his boat. After radioing for help, he jumped overboard and hung onto the side of the boat until he was rescued. He evidently did not think it wise to share his boat with a shark.

It's stories like this that make you think. You never know when life will take an unexpected turn for the worse. It could be a natural disaster that destroys property, an unforeseen layoff at work, or bad news from the Doctor. It can be something evil done to someone, or evil done by someone. It is a hard world, and bad things happen.

As Christians we walk with Jesus throughout our lives to guide us and to comfort us when the unexpected happens and to give us hope. I believe that is why we must take every opportunity to share his story so that others may experience that presence.

Perhaps you have tried to talk to friends and neighbours about Jesus before, and they were not interested. Until something happens in their life that makes them realize they need something bigger than themselves. Until an event happens that leaves them desperate for answers. Sometimes the shark jumps into the boat.

You may be the one they turn to so take a lead from the apostle Peter,

1 Peter 3:15 *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."*

Grace and peace to you

Keith



**Extract from “Memories Shared”
Volume 1: by Ivy Wheeler, born
1910
Pub. by North Marston History Club**

“I lived in the centre cottage at 3, Church Street as a child and we paid rent of 2/6d per week to Henry Anstiss who lived at The Armed Yeoman. He didn't like us children sitting on the wall outside our cottage. He had a brother, Ted, who cut hair in an old caravan down the bottom of the High Street. I loved the 'Eton crop' hairstyle Ted Anstiss used to give me when I was about 14 years old.

We only had an outside toilet up the garden and we got our water from the pump outside Abbott's Cottage. I remember Alice Ward trudging up from the bottom of Quanton Road to get her water every day, carrying two buckets on a yoke. She wore old men's shoes and a long coat. When it was a new moon, Ted Tattam had to go round with a scoop and empty the toilets and put all the stuff in a pit.

My dad was a tailor but he suffered ill health and died from consumption in 1930. He came from Botolph Claydon and Sir Harry Verney paid for him to do an apprenticeship with Holden's the tailor's shop. He was very young when he first went there and they half-starved him. They only gave him bread with grease on it. He ran home back to Claydon but his mother sent him straight back again.

My mother went to work every morning at 6am to Dominion Dairies in Buckingham Road in Aylesbury. She cycled there and back, and, at night, she'd come back with some wooden crates strapped to her cycle which she'd give to my Uncle Bernard Carter to chop up for kindling wood to sell round the village. As children we played with hoops, tops and whips in the road (there weren't any cars about).”

COMMUNITY ROUND UP & VOLUNTEERING

North Marston Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan is now very close to completion, and we currently expect to be in a position to publish the Plan and all associated documents in November.

We are still awaiting formal responses from Buckinghamshire Council and other outside statutory bodies, but the draft Plan has been forwarded to the Parish Council prior to endorsement, and – subject to no surprise last-minute requirements for major amendment in the Plan! – the Steering Group will be able to complete our work on all the background documents during October.

After the Plan has been placed in the public domain, a “pre-submission consultation” period of at least 6 weeks will begin during which all parishioners and other interested parties can become involved by commenting on the published Plan before a finished Plan is sent to an Inspector for independent assessment.

The Steering Group intends to hold two Open House meetings during the consultation period at which anyone attending will be able to discuss the Plan personally with us. Representations will be accepted at these meetings, and online representations will also be possible.

We will welcome comments from all residents to try and ensure that the Plan does represent the views of North Marston as fairly as possible.

Look out for more details about the Plan’s publication, the consultation process, and the Open House meetings in the Magazine and on noticeboards during the next 2 or 3 months.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be circulated and published online together with associated documents such as the Design Code. Library copies will also be lodged at facilities throughout the village.

If you have any queries, please contact chair.nmnpsg@gmail.com

Granborough Village Hall Hire Charges 2021/2022

Event	Resident / Non-Resident	Rate	Notes
Events run for the benefit of the Granborough Community:		£10/hr	1
Regular fee charging classes etc		£12/hr	
Day time parties / functions up to 6.00pm	Resident	£12/hr	
	Non-Resident	£18/hr	
Evening parties / functions 6.00 pm to midnight	Resident	£15/hr	2
	Non-Resident	£20/hr	2
Wedding Reception 8.00 am wedding day to 9.00 am following day	Resident	£250	2
	Non-Resident	£350	2
Wake/post funeral	Resident	£100	2
	Non-Resident	£150	2

Note 1: Reduced to £8/hr for existing groups until 1/12/21

Note 2: Event must finish by midnight

Deposits:

Regular groups and classes:		£0
All functions:	Resident	£50
	Non-Resident up to 6.00 pm	£75
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Weddings:	Resident	£100
	Non-Resident	£200
Wakes etc	Resident	£50
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The nights are drawing in now but tennis continues all year round now. This will be the first autumn and winter since the floodlights were installed in March so tennis can be part of your fitness regime all year round.

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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.](#)

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CHURCH NOTICES - October

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We are delighted that our churches continue to be open for services every Sunday. Whilst Government restrictions have been lifted, with infection rates still high, we remain mindful of the safety of congregations. We ask that you continue to wear masks for services, even when singing. Masks can be removed when refreshments are served. When it comes to seating, households may mix, but we can also accommodate those who prefer to maintain social distancing. In Holy Communion services, we will continue to employ scrupulous safety measures, including dipped wafers, rather than the communal cup.

We very much look forward to welcoming you in church!

NORTH MARSTON

3rd October: 11.00am Family Harvest Service, followed by an **Auction** of fresh produce, and a **Picnic Lunch** in the churchyard (weather permitting), or the Wesley Centre.

**For Covid safety, please bring your own picnic.
Refreshments will be provided.**

10th October: 9.30am Holy Communion

17th October: 9.30am Family Service

24th October: 9.30am Holy Communion

31st October: 9.30am Family Service

6.00pm Service of Light and Thanksgiving in Granborough

You are most welcome to join us for this service of quiet reflection and prayer with an opportunity to light a candle in the memory of our loved ones. If you wish the name of your loved one to be read during the service, please contact Petra.

GRANBOROUGH

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SCHORNE TEAM SERVICES

Whitchurch will continue to livestream a Holy Communion Service each Sunday at 11.00am. Log on to Facebook and find The Schorne Team of Parishes page.

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MESSY CHURCH IN THE WESLEY CENTRE!

SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER AT 4.00PM

Families with primary school aged children are welcome for craft activities, fun and games, a short time of reflection and refreshments!

THE CREW

Year 7 upwards, Thursdays at 7.30pm, school term time only – all are welcome! The Crew are members of Urban Saints and Granborough Church but encourage all faiths and none to join together for fun. For more details contact Liz 07805 858338 or Robert 07905 419117

SEASON OF CREATION – FOCUSING ON THE ENVIRONMENT

During the Season of Creation, the Church around the world unites to pray for and protect God's creation. The season starts on 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Individuals and communities are invited to participate through prayer, sustainability projects, or advocacy. Please join us for Sunday services which have been themed around environmental issues during September and continue on the first Sunday in October.

Autumn Trail - Granborough

We've laid out a trail in Granborough village and surrounding fields, to take a closer look at where we live. The trial will go live over half term, from Saturday 23rd October through to Saturday 30th October. The trail can be done over several days with around a dozen search points in total. Each point will have a connection to creation and our environment. On Sunday 31st October, our service in church (11am) will be all about the trail, and there will be a bar of Fairtrade chocolate for all trail entrants. Don't worry if you can't make the service, just let us know and we can deliver after the service. We'll be posting a map and instructions through the doors of houses with children. If you don't receive one by Wednesday the 20th October, then you can download the trail from <https://www.granborough.org/community/> from Thursday the 21st onwards. Or search "Granborough Parish Council", then select "What's On" – "Events". Alternatively, do contact me, Peter Evans, on petergranborough@hotmail.com Hope you enjoy it and are blessed by living in such a special place.

St Mary's Church Eco-Trail

Look out for our exciting new initiative for half term! Designed by young people of North Marston, for everyone to enjoy exploring our village and learning more about protecting our beautiful world. More details to follow!

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

Alison Rosser paulandally1979@gmail.com

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Thursday Morning Prayers (9.30am – 10.30am) are open to all. We are pleased that we will be returning to the Wesley Centre in September. You are very welcome to join us!

Clergy

Rev Petra Elsmore: 07557045703 petra.elsmore@gmail.com

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

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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 please check this link:

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October
NM Church Cleaning Rota 2021

3 Jo Radcliffe
10 Jan Quinn + Pip Hitchen
17 Jean Wright
24 Valerie Price & Gill Warner
31 Penny Anderson

Church Pedestal Rota
2021

3 Helen Shotton (Harvest)
10 “
17 Elizabeth Crocker
24 “
31 Sally Moore

Granborough Church Flower Rota

Saturday 25th September to Friday 15th October

Freda Graham

Saturday 16th October to Friday 5th November

Jo Williams



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St Mary's from the north
by Robin Brown

COUNCIL UPDATES

Public Rights of Way (PRoW): Footpaths and Bridleways:

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/>

Report an issue on a public footpath, bridleway or byway online. <https://prow.buckscc.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>

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>

Village Maintenance

Potholes & Highway Maintenance can be directly on <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).

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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.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/recycling-and-waste

Draft Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall

Tuesday 14th September 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: 1st prize 29 Rachel Callander, 2nd prize 10 Lisa & Bradley Simmons, 3rd prize 20 Elizabeth Crocker

1. Buckinghamshire Council – Cllr Gomm

Buckinghamshire vote on VALP 15th September 2021

Clearing up of 'Gypsy Corner' – no action yet

Animal Antiks – The hedges have been trimmed, taxis to be discussed end September

School Buses – issues have been resolved in other villages, Cllr Hogbin-Mills to contact Cllr Gomm to discuss immediate issues in NM

Community Board – Health & Wellbeing event at Waddesdon in October

Transport – looking into speeding in rural areas eg ideas on how to improve enforcement

Gully clearing programme starts October/November 2021

Quinton Road land discussions ongoing

Cllr Boyt to meet Cllr Gomm to discuss Infrastructure delivery plan

2. Neighbourhood Plan:

The plan is written and the final draft sent to Buckinghamshire council on 06/08/21 for comments. The draft plan will be forward to the Parish Council 18th September and comments to be fed back by 1st October. NP team completing a design code which will be ready for the October meeting. A new grant will be applied for, for the design code. Public consultations/open houses will be set up early November.

Webb Development and Laxton Properties have requested meetings with the Neighbourhood Plan Team and the parish Council. At this time there are no site allocations in the plan, as per the original VALP, and therefore it is inappropriate to speak to developers until the plan is finished and then a copy will be sent to developers.

- 3. Parish Action Plan/Projects: Playground** - The opening of the playground was a great success with Greg Smith officially opening The Park and Cllr Gomm attending too. The joint event with the Church worked well and the format of putting all activities on the playground field was a good idea. Thanks go to Angie Martin & Val York for their organisation and Katherine Du Plessis who led the Playground rejuvenation project. The roundabout height complies with the ROSPA report – Cllr Mordue to write to ROSPA. Cllr Mordue to contact Kompan regarding the maintenance of the Zip wire
- 4. Kerbing around Church** – TfB are creating a PID for the Parish Council to discuss. Funding to come from the Bucks Community Grant Funds.
- 5. Finance:** Acknowledged the 2020/21 External Audit has been signed off as complete
- 6. Next Parish Council meeting:** October 12th at 8pm in the Village Hall

Full minutes can be found on www.northmarston.org

Bin collections dates:

Recycling Bin

Monday 11th October

Monday 25th October

Waste Bin

Monday 4th October

Monday 18th October

North Marston Village Hall Hiring Calendar

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North Marston Church Wardens	Alyson Perrett/Trisha McSweeny	07814 972629	670484
North Marston Methodist Church	David Heffer	01296	670273
North Marston Parish Council	Rachel Callander	01296	670393
North Marston School	Reception	01296	670286
North Marston Shop		01296	670374
Schorne Pre School	Main line	07703	754397
Village Drama Group (MADS)	Peter Docwra	01296	670567
The Pilgrim	Public House	01296	670969
The Crown	Public House	01296	670216
The Black Boy	Public House	01296	641258
Oving Tennis Club	Peter Docwra	01296	670567
Winslow Surgery	Reception	01296	713434
Whitchurch Surgery	Reception	01296	641203
Police	Call Centre	101	
Police	Crimestoppers	0800	555111
RSPCA	Command Centre	03001	234999
Samaritans	Call Centre	08457	909090
Traveline	Bus/Train Timetables	08706	082608

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North Marston & Granborough Calendar

Date	Event	Where	Time
2nd October	Garage & table top sale		10 -14.00
2nd October	Big Plant Day	village green	10-12
9th October	World Challenge quiz	Wesley Centre	tbc
12th October	NM Harvest Festival (see details in mag)		
15th October	Poetry Eve	Wesley Centre	19.30
6th Nov	G'borough coffee morning		10-12
27th Nov	Beaujolais Eve	VH	19.30
27th Nov	G'ran Retro disco		19.30

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