

The North Marston & Granborough magazine



November 2021



Village
Gallery

Morning
By Robin Brown

"It's the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings,
and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into
leaves!"

Winnie the Pooh Pooh's Grand Adventure

WELCOME

Thank you for your support of the local community magazine

Welcome to the November edition of the magazine.

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.

Lots of events leading up to Christmas look inside for more.

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

SAMARITANS

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Sunny Churchyard
By Fran Spargo

**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

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. Donation of cakes are welcome.

Granborough Quiz Night: Saturday 13th November at 7:30 in the village hall.

Entrance £8.00 per person for tables of 4. Refreshments and a raffle. Prizes to be won. Please book with Ann Sear 07709415012 or Jo Williams 07731861177

Granborough Christmas Raffle

Tickets will be available soon for this fundraiser (watch this space). Raising funds for St John the Baptist Church, Village Hall & Charter Fayre 2022. Meal for 2 at The Crown, Bottle of Bollinger, Hamper, 3 course set meal for 2 at Prezzo & many more prizes. For tickets contact Karl on 07917 002800. Draw will take place on December 18th.

Granborough Christmas tree lighting

The annual Christmas tree lighting & Carol's evening will be at Granborough Village Hall. Doors open at 5.00pm on Sunday 5th December. With warm Mince pies & mulled wine available (plus squash)! Don't forget your gloves, bobble hat & torch! Donations very much appreciated.

Granborough Retro Disco

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

Forthcoming Events

We have the following events planned, please make a note in your diary and do your best to support these functions:

Beaujolais Nouveau Evening - Saturday 27 November 2021

7.30pm in the NM Village Hall. Numbers are limited at this very popular function, please see the magazine poster for up to date information.

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

HM The Queen's Platinum Anniversary Afternoon Tea - Sunday

6 February 2022 3-5pm in the Wesley Centre. Please note that this event will replace the Quiz Night that was planned on Saturday 5 February 2022.

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.

Whitchurch WI

Meeting beginning 7.30 pm

*St John's Hall, White Horse Lane, Whitchurch
on Tuesday, 2 November 2021*

AGM with elections

followed by Philippa Marsh on



Crafting Christmas Decorations

Visitors welcome

**ST MARY'S NORTH MARSTON
AUTUMN MAINTENANCE DAYS!**



Friday 19th November 10.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday 20th November 10.00am – 1.00pm

If you can spare an hour or two on either or both of these days, to join us in carrying out cleaning and maintenance work in the churchyard and church we would be very grateful.

Refreshments will be provided, including homemade cake! Tools, if you have some, and gloves would be helpful.

Tricia and Aly

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



North Marston Remembrance 2021



To mark Remembrance Sunday in North Marston, a short service will be held at St Mary's Church at **9.30am**, during which prayers will be said for peace, and the names of those from the parish of North Marston who have died in conflict, together with the airmen who died when their plane came down in our fields, will be read out. This will be followed, at **10.15am**, by a parade from the Church to the Memorial Hall, where a Service of Remembrance will take place, and the names will be read again. You are welcome to join us at any point: in Church at 9.30am, outside at 10.15am, ready for the parade, or shortly afterwards, at the Memorial Hall.

Rev. Janet Bayly and Pete York





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 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.

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 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**

North Marston Village Hall Hiring Calendar

Please see www.northmarston.org for



Christmas Gift Fair

11 am - 3pm 20th November 2021

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including Christmas
decorations, jewellery, food,
homeware, skincare and
more...**

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THANK YOU

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thanks to Emily Betts and her team £485=75 was raised for the MacMillan Cancer organisation. A special thank you to all who donated cakes and came along to support us. Also thank you to Karl's Bakery, Franklin's Dairies, The Crown and The Pilgrim for their donations of raffle prizes. Bill McWhirter won the food hamper.

Garage and Table Top Sale

This event was spoilt by terrible weather that kept people indoors. However, £110 was raised for the village hall. Perhaps we will try again in the spring!

The Real London Marathon

Can you possibly sleep on the night before running the London marathon 2021? Well Mrs Zanker & Mr McWhirter tried & achieve this 26 plus milestone! Both completing this 26.2 mile London course, while raising thousands of pounds for their charities. Thank you all for your support & sponsorship.

An Evening of Poetry, Prose and Song

Our Evening of Poetry, Prose and Song held in the Wesley Centre on Friday 15 October was a huge success that was well supported. The programme included a wide variety of poems, songs and ditties. It was an amazing demonstration of how much hidden talent there is in our villages. Thank you to all the participants and everyone in the audience who helped make this a successful and enjoyable event.



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



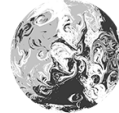
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COP26

31st October - 12th November 2021

What is COP26?



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CHANGE
CONFERENCE
UK 2021

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

COP26 is the 2021 United Nations climate change conference.

It is the 26th annual summit & is taking place in Glasgow. Essentially, it is an event focusing on climate change & how countries are planning to tackle it. Around 200 world leaders will arrive in Scotland, alongside tens of thousands of negotiators, government representatives, businesses and citizens for twelve days of talks.



→ The UN has been bringing together almost every country on Earth, for around three decades, for global climate summits - called COPs (Conference of Parties). However...

COP26 will be the biggest summit the UK has ever hosted. It is being described as the most significant climate event since the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Goals at COP26

Mitigation:

- Secure global net zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees within reach.
- Countries are being asked to come forward with 2030 emissions reductions targets that align with reaching net zero.

Adaption:

- Countries need to protect & restore ecosystems alongside build defences etc to protect communities

Climate finance:

- Developed countries must raise at least \$100bn in climate finance per year

Collaboration:

- Must finalise the Paris Rulebook (rules needed for the Paris Agreement). Turn ambitions into action by accelerating Collaboration between governments, businesses and civil society to deliver on our climate goals faster.

NORTH MARSTON

“SNOWSCENE” CHRISTMAS

CARDS

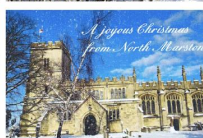
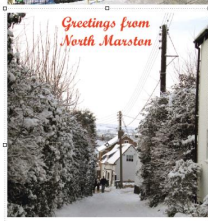
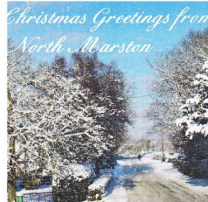
are now on sale in The Shop



***£4.50 a pack of five
6” x 4” with envelopes***



Hurry while stocks last!



Unique and special cards for close friends and family



Very generous donations have continued to pour in every month, for which we are extremely 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.

In October, the Young Farmers attended a special Harvest Service in St Mary's and donated many carrier bags full of food for the Foodbank. Thank you!

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
sauces and jams
tinned fruit
tinned custard and rice pudding
sponge puddings
long life milk and fruit juice
tea bags, especially small boxes
coffee
chocolate
toothbrushes/toothpaste
'Bags for Life'

Christmas Fare (no short 'Use By' dates)

**Please leave your donations in the wheelbarrow at the back of 47 High Street
on Sunday 7th November**



**Thank you!
Aly and Dave Perrett**

Granborough Village Hall Restoration Update

By the time the pew news for November is published the refurbishment to our village hall should be complete! You will have seen the scaffolding in place. This is because the oak front support columns and front doors have been replaced or repaired. This was the biggest single job and entailed removing the frontage. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused although we kept the disruption to a minimum.

We all look forward to enjoying our newly updated hall and of course a grand official reopening!

I don't post anything on Facebook but I quite like looking at it from time to time. Occasionally there will be a posting that strikes home. This popped up a few days ago.

"When a torch grows dim or stops working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. When a person finds themselves in a dark place do you abandon them? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA - Attention and Affection; some need AAA - Attention, Affection and Acceptance; some need C - Compassion and some need D - Direction. And if they still don't seem to shine, simply sit with them quietly and share your light."

I thought that these words are particularly appropriate as we enter the month of remembering. We recently visited the site of the Battle of Culloden situated outside Inverness. Going round the exhibition and reading about the build up to this battle between government forces and the Jacobites on 16th April 1746, the huge loss of life and the suffering of families reminds us of the terrible cost of war. There are no gravestones outside, just empty grassland. But somehow that was just as poignant and sad.

May we always be Peacekeepers and Peacemakers as we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. We also give thanks for Jesus Christ who was named as the Prince of Peace.

Janet

North Marston Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Steering Group intends to publish the Plan and its associated background documents in late November or early December.

We are still awaiting formal permissions to proceed from Buckinghamshire Council and other outside statutory bodies, but the Plan itself has been forwarded to the Parish Council prior to endorsement, and work on all the background documents will be completed very soon, enabling us to prepare them for publication.

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

After the Plan has been placed in the public domain, a “pre-submission consultation” period lasting until at least the end of January 2022 will begin during which all parishioners and other interested parties can become involved by commenting on the proposed Plan before a final North Marston Neighbourhood Plan is completed and sent to an approved Inspector for independent assessment.

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

To try and encourage maximum participation, the Steering Group will be holding 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.

Please look out for more details of the Plan’s publication, the consultation process, and the Open House meetings in the Magazine and on noticeboards during the coming few weeks.

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

The Shop

Hello I am writing to introduce myself as the new Chair of the committee for The Shop. At the AGM we were given a warning that the shorter opening hours and rising costs were impacting income to the extent The Shop could be in jeopardy of closing in 3 - 4 years. The new committee have been working with Eddie to recruit new and bring back former volunteers to enable an expansion of hours so that from mid October we have been able to open 7-5 Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings. We hope to be able to continue and even increase those hours if we can add to the pool of volunteers to cover shifts of one to two hours throughout opening times. If you can help by doing a regular slot or be available on an ad hoc basis please contact Eddie at The Shop or Peter Docwra on 07710013081, peter.docwra@btinternet.com

The past couple of years have been difficult for retail in general. I am so proud that we were able to keep The Shop open during the lockdowns and to keep supplies available. Remember the queues round the carpark and the socially distanced camaraderie? We need your continued usage of this facility.

Moving forward the new committee is proactively addressing the current problems: seeking additional volunteer support; progressing funding for expanding storage capacity and to give Eddie office space; and seeking additional financial support from the communities we serve to ensure the future security of such an important asset to our neighbourhoods. We welcome new local suppliers to add to the variety of our offering. Please speak to Eddie.

Call in and see the new ranges; buy from The Shop and keep this wonderful facility available.

Jane Docwra 07989690044

North Marston C of E School

We are all really pleased to be back at school and learning together.

In Year 5/6 we are learning all about World War II in our history lessons. There`s so much to learn and we have had a couple of visitors to come and talk to us about their experiences.

In Year 3/4 they are learning about the Romans in history. Having brought in shields and spears that they had made at home, they spent an afternoon reenacting Roman marches and battles.

In Year 1/2 they are learning about the local village. They went for a walk around the village, discussing local landmarks and the amazing variety of buildings.

Reception class have just read “The Enormous Turnip” and in our weekly celebration assembly they shared their learning. We were all very impressed as they retold the story by signing it to all of us.

We are looking forward to an equally exciting second half term.

Ben and Charlotte

Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl and all the staff and pupils at North Marston C of E School.



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Say something

Do something

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in our community from abuse and neglect

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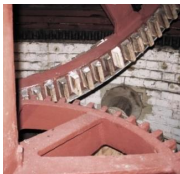


On the Third Floor

Enjoy the best view of Quainton, you will get a close up understanding of how the miller controlled the production of flour. Discover what the 'governor' did.

On the Fourth Floor

Understand how the grain was ground into flour between the upper millstone that moves at great speed and the bottom stone that never moves. Discover the 'chattering damsel'.



On the Fifth Floor

Marvel at the large machinery in the cap, all original from 189 years ago; it converts the movement of the sails outside into power to grind the corn. Discover the benefits of 'fruit wood'.

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Tree Planting in North Marston

The North Marston Community planted an Amelanchier Arborea Robin Hill (deciduous broadleaf tree) on the Village Green on 2 October 2021 to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II next year. The tree was sponsored by St Mary's Church and officially planted by David Heffer, who appeared dressed as John Schorne, our very important Rector of St, Mary's some 700 years ago. In his day, John Schorne attracted many pilgrims to the village to take the village's natural spring waters, which were believed to be a cure for gout. The village was regarded as the country's third most important place of pilgrimage after Canterbury and Walsingham and King Henry VIII visited the village twice. John Schorne's remains are buried in St. George's Chapel Windsor.

The tree planting was registered with HM The Queen's Green Canopy initiative, (www.queensgreencanopy.org) and we may have been the first in Buckinghamshire to plant a tree in this way. The Bucks Lord Lieutenant's Office acknowledged our efforts with a virtual plaque. A permanent plaque will be placed by the tree in due course.

The St Mary's Fundraising Committee would like to offer sincere thanks to Trevor Lane for his professional advice, practical help and supply of the tree. The event was followed by bacon butties, tea & coffee and stalls in the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

To mark the occasion, our "stand-in" John Schorne composed and recited the following poem:

I have come back in time you see, to celebrate this Platinum
Jubilee
Many a Monarch has passed this way; each one has had their
part to play
Some were good and some not so; and some behind them left
most woe
By sword and guile, they won their place which often led to their
disgrace

Or others sometimes full of dread were sore afraid to lose their head

And some although they rode so haughty, in secret sure their
tryst was naughty.
Upon these frail souls we will not dwell, for time itself rings their
dread knell.
But here we celebrate a timeless queen, whose duty has been
evergreen
So when her sire passed that unduly, with brave consent and
honour truly
Took the weight of that great crown, and made of it as
thistledown
A mere young lass of tender years, a rising star among her
peers
In such exalted high positions amongst the Lords and
politicians
A mother and Monarch a certain beauty, never did she shirk
her duty
But with an ever-smiling face greeted her subjects with kindly
grace
And when indecorous heads of state their own importance do
inflate
With all goodwill she nods and smiles, no one, it seems that
she reviles.
As the years pass she stalwart stands, as marching by the
many bands
of worthy subjects offer loyal employ; and wish her longest life,
without alloy
So now we plant this little tree as token of her Jubilee.
May this tree like Good Queen Elizabeth flourish through
summer and winter's breath
So all may celebrate our Queen when passing by this merry
scene.

David Heffer (As John Schorne)





**Marston Memories from the 1930s
by Basil Waters**

“North Marston was the village of my childhood and formed a vivid patch on my memory. My father was Vicar from 1929 to 1938, virtually the whole of the final years of peace, and looking back I realise just how happy a village it was despite low wages and a depressed agriculture.

To a large extent it was still a horse-dominated community and Henry White's forge was to me and my brother and sister as well as to many other children a source of wonder. Henry himself was a character, a born humorist and no mean craftsman, I believe that some of his handiwork can be seen in the imposing entrance gates to Waddesdon Manor. Many a carhorse I have watched him shoe and the throaty sound of the bellows rekindling the dying embers of his forge is a sound I vividly recall.

Besides Henry White there were several other businesses in the village; Holden's the Tailors, where hunting pinks and other garments familiar to both the Bicester and Whaddon Chase were on display in the windows. Mathew Holden was one of the churchwardens and Henry Cheshire, a baker of renown, was the other.

The two Miss Bakers and their mother ran a shop nearby which sold everything from chickfood to liquorish whilst Franklin's was a general grocery and butcher's shop. Mr. Franklin owned the slaughterhouse from which the distressing squeals of pigs would sometimes rend the air on a quiet afternoon. The only other shop at that time was along the Quainton road and was a tiny sweet shop run by Mrs. Cox and her daughter who also between them did some dressmaking and gave piano lessons. Other businesses in the village were Ted Anstiss the barber, Carter's the shoe-mender on Portway and the Post Office presided over by Alfred Cheshire, brother of Henry, and his wife.

There were three public houses still functioning, the Bell Inn in the middle of the village, the Wheatsheaf near the Memorial Hall and the Sportsman's Arms on the Quainton Road. A former Inn which had been called the Arm'd Yeoman had been turned into a dwelling house and was lived in by Henry Anstiss and his wife and was an attractive thatched house.

The carrier was a man called Joe Gregory who lived near the slaughterhouse and had a four-wheeled wagon. I remember him well collecting the trunks to take to Winslow station when my brother and sister went back to school.

There were other tradesmen who began visiting the village in the 30s whom I remember. Mr. Young the greengrocer from Oving, Mr. Parrott the butcher from Whitchurch and Mr. Culley the coalman from Quainton. All these men had appropriate horse drawn vehicles.

Later came a fishmonger, Mr. Brown, a Steam Laundry and a man who sold cakes from Aylesbury whose name, I think, was Kemp. But these all had motorised transport and must have started coming to the village in the latter part of the decade.

In 1929 a bus service was started run by a Mr. Young and his daughter but they were bought out by Simons Yellow buses from Whitchurch in due course and later the Yellow buses gave way to the Red Rover company. I remember being terrified when the first double decker arrived and refusing for a long time to "go upstairs" as I had heard someone say that it was top heavy!

Hay making in those days still meant making hay, tossing and turning it before making it into ricks. Later these would be thatched and the hay cut with vicious hay knives into trusses on cold winter mornings for the cattle. There were few haycutters and most of the fields were still mown by scythe and the hay loaded on carts and ricked by pitchfork. The few hay elevators that there were were driven by a horse that would walk in endless circles to provide the power to drive the mechanism. Because public transport was still in its infancy there were many people who had never left the village and there was a strong community feeling. Most of this spirit was centred around either the parish church...St. Mary's.... or the two Chapels and their respective organisations.

When my -father was offered the living the old vicarage was in a desperate state and was found to be in an advanced condition of dry rot as well as in a poor structural state and it was decided that it should be pulled down and replaced by a new house.

The old vicarage had stood very close to Glebe Farm and it was decided to re-site the new one in another part of the grounds. While this was being built we lived in Vine Cottage, next to the church and almost opposite the vicarage. Due to some trouble with the builders there was a delay over finishing the building, and one end of the house was roofless for the best part of a year and eventually this part, by the front door, was built with some of the attractive stone of the old house. Far off days, before main water or drainage, before very many houses had electricity and there were few motor cars, now it may sound somewhat primitive but I wonder if in the intervening years the characters and the character of the North Marston of 46 years ago has changed and if there remains something of the old spirit still?"



Village
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Barn
By Robin Brown



COMMUNITY ROUND UP & VOLUNTEERING

***Quiz* What Do You Know About The Wesley Centre?**

Quiz

- 1.Has *The Wesley Centre* got, or ever had, a steeple?
2. In which village and road can *The Wesley Centre* be found?
3. Which historic village landmark is within sight of *The Wesley Centre*?
4. What happens each Friday morning in *The Wesley Centre*?
- 5.The outside of *The Wesley Centre* incorporates a local stone...
is this a) Flint, b) limestone c) Sandstone ?
- 6.Can I arrange a private event or special meetings at *The Wesley Centre*?
- 7.How many windows does *The Wesley Centre* have?
8. How many events can you name which happen in *The Wesley Centre* ?
- 9.Which year is carved into the commemoration stone at *The Wesley Centre* and why?
- 10.What was on the original site where *The Wesley Centre* sits?

Answers and more will be published in next month's North Marston Parish Magazine which also has details of events for you to come along and enjoy.

Meanwhile, to arrange your own special event
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	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
	Non-Resident after 6.00 pm	£100
Weddings:	Resident	£100
	Non-Resident	£200
Wakes etc	Resident	£50
	Non-Resident up to 6.00 pm	£75
	Non-Resident after 6.00 pm	£100

For booking or further information please contact Mrs Ann Sear on 01296 670314

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Do you want to be part of a team?

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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 +)

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are back meeting face to face each week.

The Scouts wrote some poems/songs to promote Scouts

1. Roses are red, Violets are blue,
You should come to Scouts, because it's good for you.

2. On the first day of Scouts, the leaders gave to me
One Neckerchief
2-minute break
3 course meal
4 patrol tents
5 hours of paddling
6 hour walk
7 rounds of rifles
8 marshmallows
9 photos
10 hours of knots
11 badges,
1 Steve!!!

3. Listen to our poem
We have lots of opportunities here
Experiences to attend is a must
And somewhere to go that is near

Educational long-life skills are taught
Develop new friendships and have a laugh
One thing is, a scout shirt must be bought
Join us now and let your kid have a blast

4. Get some cuts, Get some scratches
Come to Scouts, we'll give you matches

Start a fire on the field, for the flames
You'll need a shield
Get a map, don't get lost
Or your life, will be the cost

If the above poems inspire you and if you are interested in your child joining, please do e mail us on the below address.

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Adults (18+)

We would still love to hear from any adults (anyone aged 18 and above) 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.

We do need more leaders please. Do think if you could spare an hour or two occasionally. You do not need to have a child in the group to help.

+



Village
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Reflections
By Paul Gillett

Oving Tennis Club – your friendly local club

It's definitely autumn now but tennis continues all year round now. This will be the first autumn and winter since our floodlights were installed in March so tennis can be part of your fitness regime all year round.

You can take advantage of only paying half the annual fee until renewal next April – that means you only pay £40 for five months unlimited play as an adult (£15 if unemployed) or £75 for a family. If you think you might be 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) and 10.30 on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in joining please contact Peter Docwra on 07710 013081 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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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

7th November: 10.00am Family Service

14th November: 9.30am Service of Remembrance in the Church, followed at **10.15am** by a parade to the Memorial Hall where a second **Service of Remembrance** will be held.

21st November: 9.30am Family Service

28th November: 9.30am Holy Communion

**6.30pm TEAM ADVENT SUNDAY SERVICE AT
WHITCHURCH**

GRANBOROUGH

7th November: 11.00am Family Service

14th November: 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service

21st November: 11.00am Family Service

28th November: 11.0am Advent Sunday Communion Service

**6.30pm TEAM ADVENT SUNDAY SERVICE AT
WHITCHURCH**

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.

MESSY CHURCH IN THE WESLEY CENTRE! SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER AT 4.00PM

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

This month, we will be preparing our Nativity Play, to be performed in Church on 19th December. If you would like to join in, please come along!

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

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 for prayers and lively discussion!

Clergy

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

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

Churchwardens North Marston:

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Tricia McSweeney: 670484 tricia.mcsweeney@btinternet.com

Churchwardens Granborough

Alison Rosser 670504 paulandally1979@gmail.com

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 please check this link:

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



Village
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Sunset on Village Hall
By Fran Spargo

November**NM Church Cleaning Rota**

7 Carol Webb & Jane Docwra

14th Bev Davis & Anne Lane

21 Jenny Morgan + Val York

28 Jo Radcliffe

Church Pedestal Rota

7 Sally Moore

14 Valerie Price (Remembrance)

21 “

28 No Flowers (Advent)

Granborough Church Flower Rota

Saturday 16th October to Friday 5th November Jo Williams

Saturday 6th November to Friday 26th November Jenny Dean

Saturday 27th November to Thursday 23rd December No Flowers –
Advent

Bin collections dates:**Recycling Bin**

Monday 8th November

Monday 22nd November

Monday 6th December

Waste Bin

Monday 1st November

Monday 5th November

Monday 19th November

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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Important Links:

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

Draft Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council
Meeting at the Village Hall
Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 8.00pm

Attendees: Cllr Mordue, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Newman, Cllr Gomm, Clerk Rachel Callander & 4 members of the public

100 Club Draw: March Draw: 1st prize 85 Robert Kemp, 2nd prize 38 Michael Finnemore, 3rd prize 45 Rachel & Trevor Callander

1. Planning Applications:

Resolved: No Objections - 21/02987/APP Potters Farm, Quainton Road

Resolved: No Objections - 21/03814/APP Rear of 25 High Street

2. Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Gomm reported:

Clearing up of 'Gypsy Corner' – ongoing

School Buses – issues have been resolved in other villages but with no councillor follow up from NM this item has been closed.

Transport – looking into speeding in rural areas on how to improve enforcement and a rural crime task force has been set up.

Gully clearing programme has commenced and NM drains have been cleared w/c 11th October

Quainton Road land discussions ongoing

Cllr Boyt to meet Cllr Gomm to discuss Infrastructure delivery plan

Adult safeguarding Campaign, See Something, Say Something, Do Something, has been launched to help stop Adult Abuse and neglect of an adult living in Bucks

Winslow & Villages Community Board have funds available for applications for Improving the environment, Health and wellbeing, Economic recovery, Transport and highways

3. Neighbourhood Plan: Chairman Michael Lane reported:

The draft plan is being updated with councillors' comments received and waiting for a response from outside bodies. On the 21st October the final version will be agreed and passed back to the Parish Council. The design codes are near completion and will be sent to PC end October and endorsed by the NP committee in the November meeting. Aiming for November 20th for the publication of the final plan. Public consultations to be planned for December and end of January 2022

4. Parish Action Plan/Projects:

Playground - Roundabout height (ROSPA report) – Cllr Mordue waiting for Kompan to put the modification in writing. Kompan to be made aware that the surface around the roundabout is failing. Zip wire - Cllr Mordue to apply silicon compound. Water damage on the pagoda (Sheds Direct) - Cllr Mordue waiting for a date to review. Paving on Quanton Road - Cllr Du Plessis to present 2 quotes to be available at the November meeting. **Village Hall**: Approved JR Plumbing quote of £90 + VAT for new kitchen taps & labour. **Village pond and Small Village pond** – No proposed plan.

Winnowa machine – Stored in David Heffers Barn until further notice. **Dog Fouling** – Signs to be placed on stakes around village – Cllr Mordue. Cllr Gomm to update PC on the reporting procedure. A village dog warden was suggested. **Shop** - The Shop chairperson discussed the initial feedback from the PC and outlined that the shop is losing £6K/year due to reduced volunteers leading to a reduction in opening hours. There are plans to recruit volunteers and extend membership as well as open until 5pm initially and Saturday mornings. The 3 areas of the plan agreed are increased shop & storage space and an office. The veranda and meeting room were thought to be surplus to requirements. Ideas discussed were a side extension to allow minimal disruption to the disabled toilet access, a front extension or a back extension encroaching a small amount onto The Park. The BT building next door is not an option as will not be empty until 2024. A short term solution for storage was discussed using the back area of the Schorne Room. The shop Committee will re look at the plans with the support of the Parish Council and apply to Winslow & Villages Community Board for a Health and wellbeing grant.

5. Finance:

Acknowledged the refund of the existing Groundworks grant of £825.50 NPG-12198 and the receipt of a new design code grant of £4,730 NPG-12442 to finish the neighbourhood Plan.

Next Parish Council meeting: November 9th at 8pm
Full minutes can be found at www.northmarston.org

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Granborough Village Hall Secretary	Emily D'Espaign		
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North Marston & Granborough Calendar

Date	Event	Time
6th Nov	G'borough coffee morning	10-12
10th Nov & 8th Dec	Wesley Centre lunches	12--14.00
	Wesley Centre coffee mornings e ery Friday	10-12
13th November	G'borough quiz	19.30
19 & 20 Nov	St Mary's Maintenance days	start 10.00
27th Nov	Beaujolais Eve NMVH	19.30
27th Nov	G'ran Retro disco	19.30
5th Dec	G'borough Tree Lighting	17.00
10th Dec	Stewkley Singers St Mary's	19.30

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