**Report to North Marston Parish Council Annual General Meeting 2017**

**North Marston Monday Club**

Monday Club is volunteer-run social group for the women of North Marston and the surrounding area. We meet on the first Monday of each month, usually at North Marston Memorial Hall but also at other locations. We currently have 30 members.

Last year we continued with our popular mix of talks from visiting speakers, social evenings and outings. We were informed and entertained both by members of our own community including Dominic Kinnaird and Pamela Gorringe and also enjoyed talks by speakers from further afield. The subjects covered were diverse, including the work of a Customs and Excise Officer, natural skin care products and the vital work done by local and national charities. We were lucky to have a warm and sunny evening, learning about planting in containers at Laker’s Nursery in June but less so for our soggy August ramble.

The club is self-funding with an annual membership fee of £12 which has remained the same for some years. Visitors to our meetings pay £2 on the night. Our largest expense is the payment of speakers but it is worth noting that the majority of those who gave talks and presentations last year donated their fee to their own charity or a cause of their choice.

Although that the club is run for women, we have welcomed visitors to occasional “Open Meetings” where we feel that the subject has a wide appeal. A new initiative earlier this year saw a joint meeting, organised in conjunction with the North Marston History Club, where we heard an interesting talk on the development of Milton Keynes. We are looking forward to another open meeting in October on the subject of Hughenden Manor in World War II.

Our programme is published in North Marston and Granborough Magazine and new members are always welcome.