

The North Marston & Granborough magazine



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WELCOME

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

Happy New year!

Welcome to the January edition of the magazine.

This year, Christmas has been different for many of us and we hope that you all managed to celebrate with your families safely whether this be in person or via zoom! The news of the vaccines is great and there is light at the end of the tunnel!

The content for this month is slightly reduced due to Tier 4 restrictions preventing any events, but there are still interesting articles and community news to share with you.

Please continue to support local businesses and STAY SAFE!

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

Thank you for all your support

Editor and team

LEARN from **YESTERDAY**

LIVE for **TODAY**

HOPE for **TOMORROW**

Albert Einstein



THE NORTH MARSTON GALLERY



*Sunset by Chrissie
Williams*

January 2010



*Garden in the snow by
Chrissie Williams*

January 2010



*Village Hall
by Alan Williams*

October 2008

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COVID-19 Update

North Marston & Granborough - Tier 4.

Let's keep to the rules and support the NHS who are again at crisis point and protect the people around us.

No household mixing in any indoors setting

Rule of 1 applies outdoors

Do not travel outside of tier 4

Hands Face Space applies all the time!

Residents who need support

Customer Service Centre

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

Online contact form to request support directly with the support hub

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

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

directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/

Safeguarding adults team

01296 383204 or 0800 137915

Emergency Out of Hours - 0800 999 7677

Safeguarding children team - 0845 460 0001

Emergency Out of Hours - 0800 999 7677

Local Emergency Support - 01296 382414

Emergency Out of Hours - 0800 999 7677

STAY SAFE!

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

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

Pete York 670479 or 07969 303 967

Tricia Mc Sweeney 670484 or 07875 085 363

Aly Perrett 670302 or 07814 972629

Rachel Callander 07538 363187

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

Granborough Support Network

Now that life is starting to return to a new normal the need for the support group is no longer required. However in the unlikely event of a local or second lock down then we are still here and please do not hesitate to ask for help. Please continue to stay safe and protect yourselves.

SAMARITANS

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

Do you have any of the following symptoms?



high temperature



new continuous
cough



loss or change in your
sense of taste or smell



Stop the spread!

get tested if you have symptoms, however mild



If you have coronavirus symptoms, no matter how mild, book a test immediately



You can book a test or order a home test for yourself or someone you live with



Go online to www.gov.uk/coronavirus or call 119



[buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)



01296 395000



Buckinghamshire
Council



Stay safe, protect Bucks

#StaySafeProtectBucks

EVENTS

Kilimanjaro Fundraising

As you may be aware, my climb up Kilimanjaro for the dig deep charity has had to be postponed due to COVID-19. The new date for my climb will be in August 2021. New dates for fundraisers which had to be cancelled this year will follow shortly.

Thank you for everyone's support so far, hope to see lots of you at these upcoming events.

Tricia McSweeney

Spring 2021

Heffervescence concert

Isla St Clair concert

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



The Games People Play

Answers pg 36

1. In the UK version of the game of Monopoly, how much money does each player start with?
2. On the Monopoly board, which is the only property south of the Thames?
3. Fleet Street and The Strand are two of the properties marked in red, which one is the third?
4. In the English language version of Scrabble, how many tiles are there?
5. In the current version of the game, what colour is the triple-score square on the board?
6. In Scrabble, how many points does the letter “H” carry?
7. In the game of Cluedo, which of the characters is blue?
8. Four of the weapons in Cluedo are the candlestick, dagger, lead pipe and revolver. What are the other two?
9. On the Cluedo board, which room lies between the Lounge and the Study?
10. In Trivial Pursuit, what colour is associated with Science and Nature?
11. The game of Trivial Pursuit was invented by two Canadians. In what year was it launched on to the market in Canada?
12. How many playing squares are there on a chess-board?
13. How many pawns are there on a chess-board at the start of a game?
14. In a game of Monopoly, how much salary do you collect as you pass “Go”?
15. Name all four stations on the Monopoly board

CONTRIBUTIONS

Homelessness

As the weather turns very cold we are cascading messages on our social media channels in relation to homelessness. The Council is still operating over the winter under 'Everyone In' scheme due to the Covid19 pandemic and so 'SWEP' will effectively operate over the winter until 31 March 2021. As such there is no need for anyone to sleep outside over the winter.

If you see anyone sleeping out on the streets of Buckinghamshire, please contact StreetLink via <http://streetlink.org.uk> or phone 0300 500 0914, who will notify our dedicated Outreach workers. If you see anyone you believe to be under the age of 18 and or are concerned about the health or welfare of anyone that you see sleeping rough please call 999.

During Office hours you can contact Buckinghamshire Council's housing teams on the following numbers:

Aylesbury Vale: 01296 585168

Chiltern and South Bucks: 01494 732013

Wycombe: 01494 421212

Breathe Easy Winslow and Buckingham!

If you would like to join the British Lung Foundation Zoom meetings, these are held on the **last Wednesday of each month**, from **2.00pm**, please contact the details below

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

Everyone is welcome.

For more information please call Zoe on 07732 867864
be.wnslw_bcknghm@btinternet.com www.blf.org.uk

Charity no.326730
Paula Jenkins



Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas Tree Collection

**We will collect your real trees for recycling, saving
your time and hassle!**

**Collections on Sunday 3rd January
and on the 9th and 10th January**

Raising money for Amy & Matthew's World Challenge
trips to Peru with Waddesdon School and Swaziland with



Aylesbury High School.

Donation of £5 per tree



(Cash on collection or advanced payment link)

Contact **amy.dell28@gmail.com** or **07392 294376**
to book your collection

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

Let's Fight Deforestation



Did you know that globally **55,600** trees are cut down every *minute*?

→ Not only are trees stunning, but they are a vital part of nature. From giving us oxygen, absorbing carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases to providing a home for countless wildlife and helping to maintain the eco balance, trees are SO important :)

The main causes of deforestation are....

- Farming (crops and livestock)
- Mining/drilling for resources
- Land development for homes
- Wood and paper production

So, what can we do to help prevent deforestation

Tips:

❖ **Cut down on how much meat we eat**

-Fewer trees would be deforested to make space for farming.

Did you know if we all went vegetarian that would reduce deforestation by 94%?

❖ **Use less paper or go paperless. Think before you print!**

-Opt for electronic billing. Make notes online, use apps, such as 'notes' on mobile phones.

❖ **Avoid products containing unsustainable palm oil**

-Thousands of acres of forest destroyed to make room for palm oil plantations!

❖ **Buy recycled products & recycle paper and cardboard**

-Most recycled items do not derive from areas that have been cleared of nature and rainforests. One ton (2,000 pounds) of paper recycled saves 17 trees!

If we each take a small step to fight deforestation, together we can make a difference :)

Burglary Prevention During Winter

To ensure your home is not targeted this winter, here are some top community safety tips to follow as the dark and cold evenings approach:

- 1) **Lock your doors and windows** regardless of if you are in the property or not. The point of entry more than 75% of the time is through a door or window.
- 2) **Lock your UPVC doors with the key.** Flipping the handle is not enough to secure your door.
- 3) **Keep valuable items out of view.** Leaving valuables on view is an open invitation for a thief
- 4) **Property mark your valuables with ultra-violet marking kits or Smartwater.** When goods are marked it enables recovered property to be returned and improves the chance of conviction.
- 5) **The security of the rear of the home is integral.** Many burglaries are carried out via entry of a back door or window so make sure your back doors and windows are secure. If you have a side gate leading to your garden make sure it is locked.
- 6) **Make sure your shed/garage is locked and secure.** Don't give thieves the tools to enter your home.
- 7) **User timer switches.** In the winter months when it's dark and nobody is at home a timer switch can be set to activate a lamp on the landing or hallway giving the impression that someone is at home.

Cold Callers and Scammers – Be Aware!

Thames Valley Police are aware of the increased number of scammers and cold callers in the area. A cold caller is an unsolicited visit or telephone call made by someone trying to sell goods or services. Please be vigilant and below is an example of a sticker that are available for you to buy.

Flocks and Fields

Some of you may have spotted us digging up dandelion roots from our verges, rummaging in hedgerows and picking stinging nettles.

Foraging has been part of country life for thousands of years, but more recently associated with food, however foraging for natural dye colours is just as ancient.

Any of you who read our blog regularly will know we are committed to being sustainable and ethical, this extends to how we dye and process the yarn spun from our flock.

The good news is that nature provides the most beautiful pallet of colours and each dye has its own unique quality. The even better news is we can use a number of regularly found plants many consider a weed! With Dandelion root giving a soft yellow, stinging nettles a light shade of green, sloes a dusky pink and one of the holy grail of natural dyers madder giving a beautiful orange. Our range of colours extends with every passing season and part of its beauty is that every batch is unique.

Natural dying resonates with the slow living and slow making concept. It is an organic process that is as much an art as science.

First it starts by making the dye bath from the foraged plants, this can take days to weeks until the desired depth of colour is reached. Next the wool is mordanted to help the dye to fix. After mordanting the wool is immersed in the dye bath and again left for hours to days until the wool has taken on colour. Finally it is gently and carefully washed and dried and the beautiful tones that nature has provided can be admired. At this point it is over to you to create something beautiful with our yarn! Our first knitter has finished their first hat ready for Christmas with our pure Lleyn DK yarn and we can't wait to see it in wear!

As always to keep up to date with our flock check out the website www.flocksandfields.co.uk and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Wishing all our friends, family and neighbours a happy and healthy 2021!

Beauty is in the Eye of the beholder! Of course it is.... But there is such a thing as the “Golden Ratio”

A mathematical equation devised by the Greeks to measure beauty.

In nature things that are most pleasing to the eye have a specific measurement that falls into certain proportions. 1.68 is the golden ratio or Phi. This can also be used in architecture, mathematics and photography.

When looking at a face what do we look for to apply these ideals, or what proportions are considered to be the ideal? There are several rules of proportion that are applied in aesthetics.

1.6 Rule – a beautiful face is one that is 1 and a half times longer than it is wide.

The rule of thirds – Our faces from top to bottom should be equally divided into 3, Top third is hairline to top of brows, middle third is top of brows to bottom of the nose, bottom third is bottom of the nose to the chin. These should all be equal distance.

Rule of fifths – divide the face vertically into five, and each fifth should be the same as the width between the 2 inner corners of the eyes.

Ricketts line – take a pencil and hold it against your nose and chin, this can determine how well your lips are proportioned. There should be a gap of approximately 4mm from the top lip to the pencil; there should be a gap of approximately 2mm from the bottom lip to the pencil.

By understanding these proportions as aesthetic practitioners we can keep people looking natural and not overly enhanced or even strange. Its when people have had treatments done that have taken them outside of these proportions that they will begin to look unnatural.

As a responsible practitioner I will work with these measurements. You won't know who my patients are because they wont look as if they have had “work” done they will just look good for their age.

As usual if you would like a free consultation to explore options for treatment please get in touch

info@alchemyskinclinic.co.uk 07375547478

Take care and remember to wash your hands Mel.

Thought for the month

Dear Friends,

As we begin this new year I wonder what it has in store for us. We are currently still facing a pandemic and sadly we have recently moved in to Tier 4 (though by the time you read this it may be a little better). So what does God ask of us during this difficult time. I found this wonderful prayer which I share with you below and hope you will pray it with me.

Holy God of Heaven and Earth,

I know that a thousand years are as a day to you, but we humans are bound up in time. As a new year is about to begin, please teach me to...

- care more about people and less about things,
- enjoy my work but not let it enslave me,
- and laugh more easily than I did last year.

As I get ready for 2021, help me to remember things that are easy to forget...

- that it might well be my last year,
- that some people are counting on me,
- and that you have things for me to do.

Lord, with the things I have accumulated over the years, please let me...

- shake off the monotony of life,
- try some new things in this new year,
- and mend some broken fences.

And, Father of Mercies, please teach me in this new and unspoiled year to...

- lighten up and enjoy children, sunsets, reading, and long walks,
- avoid quarrels and work at being a peacemaker in this world,
- and start next year with fewer regrets than I bring to 2021.

I cannot know what this year will bring, and I am grateful for that! But help me...

- eat less junk food,
- exercise and take better care of my body,
- and learn to enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

Above all other things, Father, I want to be your instrument for...

- easing somebody's too-heavy load,
- relieving some sad person's misery,
- and introducing some lost soul to Jesus.

Come what may in the year about to begin, may we live it for your glory, within your will, and to your delight.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Grace and peace to you

Keith



**Donations from North
Marston, Dunton and**

Whitchurch:

April: 55.5kgs

May: 128.7kgs

June: 138.1kgs

July: 115.1kgs

August: 82.25kgs

September: 59.7kgs

October: 123kgs

November: 67kgs

December: Over 300kgs

The usual dry and/or tinned foods will be welcome, such as

Powdered milk

Sponge puddings

Table sauces, eg ketchup

Long-life juice

Tinned fruit

Tinned meat and fish

Please leave your donations in the wheelbarrow at the back of 47

High Street

on Sunday 3rd January

Thank you! Aly and Dave Perrett



HEROES OF THE SNOW

Bucks Advertiser February 1945:

“There were many heroes and heroines of the snowfall. Some of the postmen walked miles and grappled with many difficulties. Signaller Rogers walked from North Marston to Verney Junction at 4 o’clock in the morning when the snow was at its thickest in order to take up his railway duty and there were other railway men who deserved decorations —and many farm workers too. There were a good many staff difficulties. Mr. Tofield, of Winslow, after making the bus journey to Buckingham Food Office had a few minutes later to return by bus to the place from which he had come to man the Winslow Food Office whose representative was prevented by the snow from arriving. Despite the conditions arranged events appeared to be carried out, to a large extent, according to plan.” The Whaddon Chase meet at Winslow was cancelled ; but sufficient members arrived for the annual meeting to be held. Some really good work was performed by many of the bus drivers and the conductorettes and the buses were in many cases no more than a few minutes behind their scheduled times. Winter sports included tobogganing on Radclive Hill—and even down Elm-street, Buckingham—and on other eminences and snowballing was in full tilt.”

SPORTSFIELD 100 CLUB PRIZE DRAW

Thank you to all players of the 100 Club prize draw over the past few years. To date over £5,000 has been raised towards the upkeep of the sports field.

For those that do not participate these are the details:

Each individual pays £15 a year for a number between 1 and 100. Players can buy as many numbers as they wish but when all 100 numbers are allocated they are gone. Each month there is a prize draw. 3 numbers are drawn winning £30, £20 and £10. The December draw prizes are doubled to £60, £40 and £20.

The renewal is February 2021 for the year to January 2022.

Thanks you to everyone who has already renewed for 2021. Please will existing number holders contact gordon.bowden@qhfp.co.uk or 07813351998 to confirm that they wish to participate again. £15 per number payment is to be made to:

Account: North Marston Parish Council - Sportsfield

Sort code: 30 99 74 Account no: 00587128

Please use 100 Club and your surname as the reference.

Alternatively payment can be made by cheque payable to North Marston Parish Council – Sports Field. Drop your cheque into any member of the sports field committee.

The most convenient way to pay is by annual Standing Order.

Please set this up at your bank and confirm to gordon.bowden@qhfp.co.uk that you have done it.

Please ensure that you renew promptly to avoid your number being offered to new participants.

There are currently some numbers available for new participants. If you want to participate please let me know.

Thanks and good luck in the draws!

Gordon Bowden On behalf of the Sportsfield Committee

gordon.bowden@qhfp.co.uk

07813351998

COMMUNITY ROUND UP & VOLUNTEERING

Winslow & District Community Bus

Scheduled Service Update for 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Excursions and hires remain suspended for the foreseeable future.

GVH COVID 19 Status

Granborough Village Hall remains closed until Spring 2021 and no new bookings will be accepted at this time. The internal refurbishment of the village hall should be completed by the end of November. These include insulation, redecoration, installation of oil fired central heating, replacement of damaged windows, reconfiguration of toilets to include disabled facilities, an updated kitchen, new doors and flooring.

Granborough Christmas Lights

There is nothing a short stroll around Granborough can't do to make a person feel inadequate about their own Christmas light display.

We really went all out this year; a second set of outdoor lights, stars for the window, a new set of decorations for the tree. We needn't have bothered. We appear to be rank amateurs amongst a village of professional lighting enthusiasts.

If you find yourself with a spare 10 minutes this side of twelfth night, you need walk no further than St Mark's Orchard. Property prices have been collectively increased by the sheer wealth of ornaments, inflatable Santas and dazzling light displays.

We've been so impressed that we've taken the kids out after dark on a walking tour twice, just to take it all in. Thank you Granborough, you've outdone yourself again.

Granborough Christmas Tree



Our Christmas tree is a Wonderful feature at Granborough Village Hall. With Robert & Dan Kemp, Brian Sear & Bill McWhirter making this happen. A big thank you to the team. Happy New year to you all.

CHARITY HAMPER RESULT 2020

A Big thank you to all who entered Karl's Bakery Hamper raffle. The Luxury Hamper was won by Mrs H Hobbs, East Claydon ticket 65. A cheque for £215.00 was sent to Cancer Research UK. Happy New year to you all.

Regards Karl and team

BIG THANK YOU

The Granborough 101 Club has now been going for 5 years. This has given the village some funds to help improve our Village & give a few prizes to some lucky members. Bill McWhirter has been our leader in this venture. Your support is paramount in the success of the club. Fingers crossed it could be you in 2021.

North Marston 2020 Poppy Appeal Collection

Thank you for giving to the Poppy Appeal via The Shop, The School, The Church and The Pilgrim this unusual year with no house to house collections.



THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S
POPPY APPEAL

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to:

NORTH MARSTON

Amount raised:

£311 - 40

Your contribution helps us to support the Armed Forces community,
past and present.

EVERY POPPY COUNTS

Registered charity number: 219279

Gatherings, Clubs & Groups

North Marston Monday Club

We have decided that it's in everyone's best interest to suspend Monday Club meetings for the time being. We will let you know as soon as the situation changes and hope to see you all before too long.

Best wishes, The Committee

End of year update from Oving Tennis Club

It has been a strange year for all of us and the Tennis Club is no exception – there have been times when we were not allowed to play at all but we also resurfaced both the courts and maintained our membership numbers.

In keeping with the rest of 2020 it has been a very mixed end of the year for your local tennis club. The bad news is that now we are in Tier 4 we are limited to playing singles for the time being; doubles are only allowed between members of the same household.

The good news is that we have finally been given a grant by Sport England and that means we will be installing floodlights, hopefully early in the New Year. We will then have both recently resurfaced courts and floodlights, all for around half the average membership fee of other clubs in the area. If you are thinking of joining please look at our website ovingtennisclub.co.uk or call Peter Docwra on 07710 013081.

To try and offer some support to the community we operate in at this difficult time we are offering heavily reduced membership to unemployed people. For only £15 you will have all the benefits of membership, including being able to play as often as you like at no additional cost from now until 1 July 2021. After this you will only pay our standard concession membership – currently £30 a year. If you would like to know more please call Peter Docwra on 07710 013081.

We wish all of you our very best wishes and hopes for the New Year.

CHURCH NOTICES

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



**St John
the Baptist
Church,**



St Mary's Church, North Marston and

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In the current fluid circumstances, our programme for services is liable to change. Of course we look forward to a full return to face-to-face services, but for the foreseeable future we will maintain the pattern of two shared Zoom services a month, and two or three face-to-face services in our individual churches, with safety measures in place. There are those who are unable to access Zoom, or uncomfortable with online services, and those who are still wary of returning to church, at least until the take-up of the vaccines is widespread. In this way, we hope to reach as many people as we can.

The programme of services and for January is:

St Mary's Church, North Marston

Sunday 3rd January: *Zoom* Service at 10.30am, shared with Granborough.

Sunday 10th January: Family Communion at 9.30am in the Church.

Sunday 17th January: *Zoom* Communion Service at 10.30am, shared with Granborough.

Sunday 24th January: Family Communion at 9.30am in the Church.

Sunday 31st January: Family Service at 9.30am in the Church.

St John the Baptist Church, Granborough

Sunday 3rd January: *Zoom* Service at 10.30am, shared with North Marston.

Sunday 10th January: Family Communion at 11.00am in the Church.

Sunday 17th January: *Zoom* Communion Service at 10.30am, shared with North Marston.

Sunday 24th January: Family Service at 11.00am in the Church.

Sunday 31st January: Family Service at 11.00am in the Church.

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

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

Online Services

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

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

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

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

Prayers and Support

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

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

Prayer co-ordinator for North Marston Church:

Anne Nicholson nicholsonanne759@gmail.com

Prayer co-ordinators for Granborough Church:

Jayne Evans jaynegranborough@hotmail.com

Alison Rosser paulandally1979@gmail.com

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

The Future

In the New Year, much caution will still be needed when we meet with others: social distancing and face-covering rules will apply to all of our social interactions outside our homes. This means that loneliness, anxiety and a sense of isolation can be felt by many within our village communities.

It still may not be possible to meet up and see each other in person, but we can keep in touch by phone and email. If you find yourself

struggling and need help, please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Clergy

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

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

Churchwardens North Marston:

Aly Perrett 670302 alysonperrett3@gmail.com

Tricia McSweeney: 670484 tricia.mcsweeney@btinternet.com

Churchwardens Granborough

Peter Evans 670570 petergranborough@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](https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources)

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

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How North Marston School kept the

Christmas Traditions alive

Despite all the problems caused by Coronavirus, we as a school have still kept the Christmas spirit alive!

In the afternoon of Thursday 10th December 2020, Reception, Year1 + 2 were filming their nativity. Due to Covid-19, parents were not allowed to enter the school to watch their children live; so instead, they made a mini movie. The teachers then sent out a disc to the parents so they could watch it whenever they wanted to.

On Friday 11th / Monday 14th December we made Christmas calendars; each class had a different inspiration for their artwork. For example, in year 5/6 we drew a tree on a piece of paper split into 4 sections (to make it look like a window). Each quarter of the window had a different season.

We had Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 16th December and it was exciting to see what everyone's jumper would look like. In the afternoon, the school in their separate class bubbles, watched a movie. In year3/4 they watched the Star and half of the Nativity (the 1st one). Year 5/6 watched Shark Tale.

On Thursday 17th, the whole school attended a Christmas service on our school playground. House captains (Martha, Lacey, Lily, Gayatri, Grace and Octavia) and Heads (Luis: Head Boy, Erin: Head Girl, Roni: Deputy Head Girl and Isaac: Deputy Head Boy) all said speeches.

By Luis and Erin



Football

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

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

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

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COUNCIL UPDATES

Granborough Village Hall Needs You

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Eg: broken stiles; overgrown vegetation or fallen trees; damaged or dangerous path surfaces; damaged or dangerous bridges; damaged or missing signposts and waymarks.

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

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

Village Maintenance

Potholes & Highway Maintenance

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

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Important Links:

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www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

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

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Bin collections dates:

Recycling Bin

Wednesday 6th January

Monday 18th January

Monday 1st February

Waste Bin

Tuesday 12th January

Monday 25th January

Draft Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting held virtually on 'Zoom' Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 8.00pm

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

Attendees: Cllr Symonds, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Boyt, Clerk Rachel Callander & 2 members of the public

100 Club Draw: December double Draw: 1st prize 20 Elizabeth Crocker, 19 Jo Radcliffe, 3rd prize 74 Steve & Tanya Gates

1. Planning Applications

Resolved: No Objections 20/03711/APP 2 Church Street

2. **Neighbourhood Plan:** The writing of an initial draft is expected to begin in January 2021, with the intention of presenting a completed Draft Neighbourhood Plan to the Parish Council for endorsement three months later. Following a required formal parish consultation, the Plan can then be submitted for independent examination prior to a parish referendum. The Parish Council were actioned to provide lists of any aspirations to provide future facilities and improvements in the parish which are outside the strict limitations of the Plan by end January 2021.

3. Winslow and Community Board Update – Cllr Boyt reported:

- Martin Dickman has been elected as the contact between the community and the council
- Funding available:
 - Community Area Priorities Fund: £81,254 (up to 50% can be spent on transport)
 - Health and Wellbeing Fund £20,833
 - Infrastructure Fund: £217,629
- Action groups can be joined which consider funding applications relevant to their area of work

4. Parish Action Plan/Projects:

Playground – Cllr Du Plessis reported that there has been no dry period to lay the pathway and this will be done over the winter. Grass seeding to be done in March. Kompan to be

contacted regarding the grant end date. The quote for the pagoda base £2,600 + VAT was approved. PW Landscapes to be asked if the concrete base for the bike rack can be incorporated in the pagoda base cost. A 4-6 bike rack stand to be looked at. CCTV to be installed over the Christmas period. Agreed Streetscene will install a waste bin at a cost of £117.41 + VAT and a yearly cost of £62.28 + VAT to empty it. The bin will be positioned by the pagoda. The final quote of £1,270 VAT was approved for the main carpark/playground fence & fencing across the back of the shop/BT unit, paving slabs outside the Quainton road gate and levelling of paving slabs inside the gate. **Pond** – Resolved – the quotes for £600 incl VAT were approved for the maintenance of the pond.

Agreed that the source of water to fill the pond will firstly be the well water IF the levels of phosphate and nitrate are within acceptable limits. If they are not Anglian Water will be used as emergency filling. A standpipe license will be sought. **Website** – Cllr Mordue reported the website is using the latest version of Wordpress and that the front template needs upgrading and the calendar needs looking at. Cllr Mordue and Cllr Hogbin-Mills to action. **Traffic Calming** – Agreed Trevor Jenkins will present low cost solutions to the PC in the January meeting.

5. Finance:

- Agreed a budget & precept meeting will take place before the January meeting. Clerk to set a date.
- Acknowledged the approval of the 2020/21 external audit by PKF Littlejohn
- Acknowledged the work Peter Bowden has carried out for NM Parish Council. Roger King to commence as Internal Auditor in March 2021.

6. Next Parish Council meeting:

January 12th 2021 Zoom 8pm

Brain Teaser - Answers

The Games People Play

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4. 100
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6. 4
7. Mrs Peacock
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10. Green
11. 1981
12. 64
13. 16
14. £200
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