

The North Marston & Granborough magazine



March 2021



“By being yourself, you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before.”

Edwin Elliot

WELCOME

Thank you for your support of the local community magazine

Welcome to the March edition of the magazine.

March 8th, the first stage of the road map out of lockdown, is fast approaching and we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel! Look out for the summary inside this edition.

There are events being planned including some for Easter, take a look at these and get involved. New articles this month include 'This months Walk' and Rolling Oats, a refill shop.

There is a fantastic feel of support amongst the communities which is so important at this time - thank you!

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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COVID-19 Update

Help is at hand

Falcon Taxis

All over 65s!

Call 01296-247247 to get a free cab to your local vaccination hub

Community Transport Hub operated by Community Impact Bucks. Cll -1296-841026. Line manned 9-12.30 Monday-Friday

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!

Lockdown rules for England from 8 March



Stay home - only leave for work, essential shopping, exercise or medical appointments



Exercise allowed outdoors once a day, in your local area. You can exercise with your household, support bubble, or one other person



All schools open, with outdoor after-school sports and activities allowed.



Two people can meet outdoors to socialise eg to sit down for a coffee, drink or picnic



Care home residents are allowed one regular visitor, with whom they can hold hands



No household mixing indoors or outdoors unless in your support or childcare bubble



Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues closed



Pubs and restaurants closed, but takeaway food permitted

Please be alert to scammers too; sadly there are some people trying to take advantage of this situation. The NHS will:

NEVER ask for payment – the vaccine is free

NEVER ask for bank details

NEVER arrive at your home unannounced to give you a vaccine

NEVER ask you to prove your identity by asking you to send documents like your passport

A little Light entertainment

BREAKING NEWS...

There's been a fight in the
biscuit tin, a lad called Rocky
hit a Penguin over the head
with a Club, tied him to a
Wagon Wheel with a Blue
Ribbon and made his
Breakaway in a Taxi.
Police say Rocky was last
seen just After Eight in
Maryland with
a Ginger Nut known to
police as Rich T.
They didn't leave a crumb of
evidence so the Jammi
Dodger got away with it!!!!

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)



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Buckinghamshire
Council



Stay safe, protect Bucks
#StaySafeProtectBucks

Helping Hand

Grants currently available

Heart of Bucks Emergency Assistance Grant for up to £1,00 (but can be higher) to support people adversely affected by Covid-19

Discretionary Housing Payments top up for people who pay rent and have shortfall with Housing Benefit

Council Tax Support top up for people on Council Tax Reduction with a shortfall

Covid-19 Council Tax Hardship Fund £250 one off payment for payers experiencing hardship due to covid-19

Better Housing, Better Health £49 fuel voucher for those with pre-payment meters, plus free impartial advice on keeping warm

Citizens Advice Fuel Grant voucher for those with Direct Debits for fuel

Heart of Bucks Winter Warmth Grant up to £500 for fuel bills, warm bedding, boiler repairs, winter clothing etc.

The Fuel Bank Foundation £49 fuel vouchers via Aylesbury foodbank, plus works with utility companies to support vulnerable residents

Charis Grants 'Let's Talk' Warm Home Scheme £140 credit towards electricity bill and gas bills

British Gas Energy Trust to pay off fuel debt via a grant, supporting the resident to have a sustainable position moving forward

Support Hub Service 01296 395000

Helping Hand Service 01296 531151

Website contact us form [buckinghamshire.gov.uk](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

Bucks Online Directory directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Email for officers helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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

The Granborough Support Network has many volunteers willing and able to help you. As before, collection of prescriptions, shopping and dog walking can all be sorted, along with someone to talk to if daytime TV has lost it's sparkle. Please don't hesitate to ask.

Robert Kemp	01296 670204 rookery4@aol.com
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Petra Elsmore	07557045703 petra.elsmore@gmail.com

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.

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Winslow & District



**Inspector
James Davies**



**Sergeant
David Kuttner**



**Police Constable
Ian Carter**



**PCSO
Kate Michalska**



**PCSO
Andrew Piotrowski**

The neighbourhood policing team work with our local communities to make Aylesbury Vale safer

To contact the Winslow Team call
101 or email them on

WinslowandDistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

You can also report an incident on our website:

www.thamesvalley.police.uk

In an emergency always call 999

Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TVPAYlesburyVale



EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

It goes without saying that the following events are being planned in the optimistic view that Covid Restrictions will have been lifted sufficiently for us all to meet face to face.

Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

On 6 February 2022 Queen Elizabeth II will have reigned as our Monarch for 70 years – the first time a British Sovereign will have been on the throne for **seven decades!**

St Mary's Church Restoration Fund Committee are organising a sponsored bulb planting in North Marston in Autumn 2021 for everyone to take part. Hopefully, we will see a swathe of flowers in February 2022 in honour of Our Queen.

More details later but please put **Saturday 2 October 2021 from 10am – 12 noon** in your diary as the BIG PLANT DAY.

To Be or Not To Be? That is the Question

After a quiet 2020, we hope that our Poetry Evening will rise like a Phoenix from the ashes and provide a wonderful evening of entertainment. Please put the date in your diary: **Poetry Evening Friday 15 October 2021 7.30PM**

Beaujolais Nouveau Evening

Remember going out, meeting friends, eating delicious food, drinking good wine – all these ingredients will be contained in this event. Details later, don't miss out, put the date in your diary now! **Beaujolais Nouveau Evening Saturday 27 November 2021 7.30pm**

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

LARGEST SUNFLOWER HEAD COMPETITION 2021



To all under 18 year olds before Saturday 28th August 2021.
Granborough & North Marston will be holding a competition for growing the biggest Sunflower head. Annual trophy up for grabs.
More details to follow, so get prepared & grow the biggest Sunflower head you can (not easy)!

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

St Mary's



EASTER FUN

Create for Easter!

Showcase your artistic skills!

Fun for children and adults!

**Decorate an egg, create an Easter Garden,
bake an Easter Cake or biscuits, or create
some Easter craftwork.**

**Send a photo of your creation to
petra.elsmore@gmail.com
with your name (and age if under 18) by
Wednesday 30 March 2021**

**All entries will be shown at St Mary's Easter Day Zoom Service
at 10.30 on Easter Sunday and in the April edition of the North
Marston and Grandborough Magazine.**

**All children taking part receive an Easter Egg, with prizes for
the most inventive creations by adults!**

LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE THIS EASTER

St Mary's Church, North Marston

Easter Raffle

Great Prizes to include:



Easter Hamper

Chocolate

Wine

Cakes



Home Cooked Family Meal delivered to your door

Meat Voucher

Tickets Only £1 each

Please ring Jennifer 670273 or Val 670479 or email valyork50@gmail.com for tickets or more information.

Payment can be contactless, bank transfer or cash.



All proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund

CHARITY RUBBER DUCK RACE 2021

Out of Hibernation & not long to go (well about 30 foot)! Our 150 x racing rubber ducks are nearly in beak condition. We are praying for strong winds on Saturday 20th March at 3.00pm at our secret pond location! A Hamper to the winning owner. This has been donated & will be delivered by Karl's Bakery. At £2.50 per duck we hope to raise some much needed funds for local good causes:

Granborough funds to NM pre school & St John the Baptist Church. To own a rubber Duck or ducks please contact Hannah Goss on 01296 670646 or Karl 07917 002800. Good Duck!

NM & Granborough funds to NM & G Lions & NM School. To own a rubber Duck or ducks please contact David Williams 07715 337688 or Graham Foster 07768 097881. Good Duck!



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 poster has a dark blue background. It is decorated with stylized Easter eggs in the corners and midpoints of the sides. The eggs feature patterns of yellow polka dots, yellow chevrons, and yellow flowers. The text is centered on the poster.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NORTH
MARSTON

EASTER EGG HUNT

*From 1st - 5th April join in our Easter Egg
Hunt around the village! Find 16 Coloured
Eggs to win a prize!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO STICK TO
CURRENT GOVERNMENT
GUIDLINES AND RULES**

Contact Tricia on 01296 670484 to take part!
Have Fun and Happy Easter!



ANIMAL STARS
Answers page 42

- 1, What was the name of the German Shepherd dog that starred in 26 movies and had a long-running TV series?
- 2, What was the name of the wild stallion (owned by Gene Autry) that starred in a TV series named after him?
- 3, What was the name of the collie that starred in several movies and a successful TV series?
- 4, Which Eastern Grey kangaroo starred in 91 episodes of a TV programme named after him in the 1960s?
- 5, Which dolphin starred in a film in 1963 then a TV series from 1964 to 1967?
- 6, Which talking horse was in a TV series which ran from 1961 to 1966?,
- 7, Which 15 hand Palamino which lived from 1932 to 1965 was the mount for Roy Rogers?
- 8, In 1993 this killer whale starred in a film. What was his name?
- 9, What was the name of Rigby's cat in the comedy series "Rising Damp"?,
- 10, In Toy Story, Woody's horse is called what?, BULLSEYE
- 11, What name was Catweazle's toad?,
- 12, What name was Mike Winter's dog?
- 13, Who was the cow on The Magic Roundabout?
- 14, In the childrens' TV programme The Herbs, what was the name of the lion?
- 15, Tin-Tin's dog was called what?



Village
Gallery

Well Underway
by Alison Finnemore



Village
Gallery

Gypsy Stone 2009
by John Spargo



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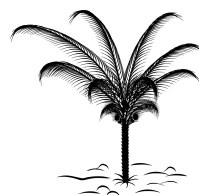


With environmental issues becoming progressively worse, it would be great if we could each do our bit for the environment. So, each month 'mindful eco' will bring you tips, recommendations and information on how you can be more eco-friendly :)

Palm Oil

What is palm oil?

→ An edible plant oil derived from the mesocarp of the fruit of the oil palm. It is cheap and ubiquitous and used in thousands of everyday products.



Common products that contain unsustainable palm oil



- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Instant Noodles
- ☐ Packaged bread
- ☐ Detergent
- ☐ Crisps
- ☐ Chocolate
- ☐ Ice cream

Why is palm oil bad for the environment?

The rapid expansion of palm oil plantations has led to the destruction of huge areas of tropical rainforests- deforestation. This destroys the remaining habitats of already endangered species and releases a dangerous amount of CO₂, which contributes towards global warming and climate change.

SOLUTIONS :) So, what can you do to help?!

- > Avoid products with palm oil in: Have a look at the ingredients list. Sometimes other names may be used to hide the use of palm oil, but the list of alternative names, including Palmitic Acid, can be found online
- > Bake, cook or make your own products
- > Choose products with sustainable palm oil eg: RSPO certified
- > Sign petitions and educate yourself and others about the problems of unsustainable palm oil



Renew 182

A quiet shared space
where it's ok not to be ok

**A Wellbeing Café where all are welcome and valued
Saturdays 10-12**

Well Street United Church

**When we are not able to meet in person due to
Covid Restrictions, we will meet on Zoom**

Please book a place to attend

- A place to share in a cuppa and conversation
- A place to bring a hobby or try one of the activities provided
- A place to learn inner habits of wellbeing
- A place to be supported in good mental health
- A place open to those of any faith or none
- A place, simply, to be.

Well Street United Church, Well St, Buckingham, MK18 1ET

For more information or book your place

Visit our website: www.wellstreetoffice.org.uk

Email: wellstreetoffice@gmail.com telephone 07359 043157

**British Lung Foundation Zoom meetings
last Wednesday of each month, from 2.00pm**

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

A walk from our lovely village of North Marston

chosen by Val Newby with a map by John Spargo

Takes approximately one to one and a half hours.

Start at the village hall and then walk down Quainton Road for about ¼ mile until you see a Public Footpath sign on your right. (1)

Cross the field to the left until you see a stile and bridge (2) over the ditch

Walk diagonally across the next field to a gate (3) in the far hedge
Bear right across this field to another gate in the hedge (4) and another wonky bridge

Bear left up the side of this hedge for about 100 yds. (5)
Now cross the field to another footbridge (6) (heading for the barn)
Cross another field to the barn (7) and cross another bridge (8)
leading to a large open field. Bear left following the way marker and go across this large field with sheep (dogs on leads) towards the pylon (9)

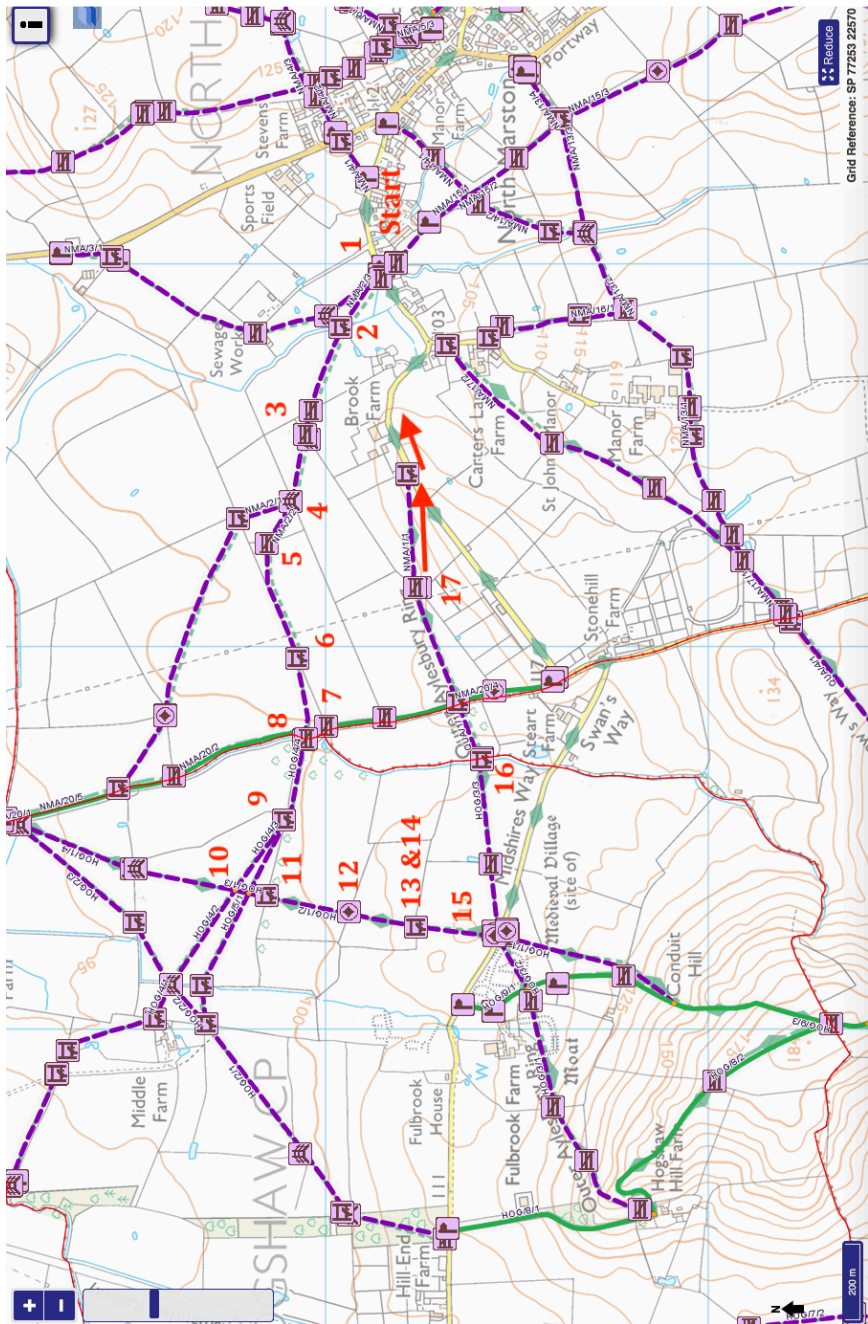
Go diagonally across the field to another stile (10) and the bridleway
Turn left through a gate (11) into the field and then straight ahead with the wood (12) to your right.

Go through two more gates (13 & 14) making sure you shut them properly.

At a third gate (15) turn left along the grassy path by the hedge.
The footpath turns right into a field (16) with a steepish walk up the hill back to the road. (17) Stay on the road until you get back to the Village Hall.

Hope you enjoy it.





Thought for the month

Through Lent with the Psalms

This year our Lent Course of study is a weekly dive into the richness of the book of Psalms.

The psalms contain among them some of the best-known words of scripture:

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? (Psalm 8:3)

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. (Psalm 34:8)

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. (Psalm 127:1)

The Psalms have been called the “Hymn Book” of the Temple in Jerusalem. As with our own hymn books we find many different types of song: Historical Psalms which tell a story, Liturgical Psalms which were used at moments in Temple services, Wisdom Psalms which reflect on how to live well, Praise Psalms which glorify God and, Lament Psalms – 40 of them – which reflect on life’s difficult moments. All human life is here!

Whether or not you join in the course, I hope you have a blessed and fruitful Lent. If you aren’t joining the course, you may nonetheless find blessing in spending a time each week reading a Psalm quietly to yourself. Whatever we are going through in life, be it joy or sorrow, triumph or regret, the Psalms offer us connection to the “still small voice of God” which is within us all.

Every blessing,

Petra



The Cutting Garden in March

I think we are all more grateful than any year we have known to be welcoming spring into your lives and gardens this year!

A few jobs for March

Sow your hardy annual seeds under cover eg greenhouse, conservatory or windowsill. You can also sow perennials and some half hardy annuals but wait until later in the month when there are better light levels.

Pinch out tips of winter sown sweet peas to encourage side shoots. Make sure there are 4 to 8 inches high.

Feed trees, shrubs and hedges with a slow-release fertiliser eg comfrey pellets, chicken manure or fish, blood and bone.

Prune shrub roses to encourage strong new growth.

Order and plant bare root roses – much cheaper and often stronger growers than pot-grown plants.

Cut down old growth of perennials and grasses

Plant herbaceous perennials including those for picking, eg [delphiniums](#).

Take chrysanthemum cuttings

Plant dahlia tubers in pots or shallow trays if you have a lot, under cover so they can grow on happily until the frosts are finished. They'll start to sprout in a few weeks and you can then take cuttings.

Prepare areas in flowerbeds ready for direct sowing hardy annuals in later March through to April.

Check mowers are working, and service if necessary

Keep an eye out for signs of slugs and snails, especially around young vulnerable shoots.

Reactivate your compost heap – take advantage of any warmer, drier weather and turn the whole thing into a new bin and water on a compost activator, such as comfrey juice or seaweed.

Consider buying and hanging a bee nesting box.

Any questions by all means email me and I will do my best to answer
rosie@wildroseflowercompany.co.uk

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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 to the Foodbank on the first Monday of every month.

The need has never been greater among lower income families, and others struggling financially in the current situation. The Foodbank has had its own difficulties, including dealing with the large quantity of food donated at Christmas, with fewer volunteers allowed to work in its centre due to social distancing requirements.

However, when we visit, they seem extremely well organised and are sending out more boxes than ever before to those in need, so we need to keep the donations coming!

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 usual dry and/or tinned foods will be welcome this month, particularly

powdered milk

tinned fruit

tinned custard

Easter eggs, with minimal packaging (storage space is limited!)

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



**Thank you!
Aly and Dave Perrett**



Village
Gallery

Snowy Night at Hill Farm
by Fran Sperry

Quiz (answers on page 42)

- 1 Rope was the first colour film by which film director?
- 2 Ladbaby had the Christmas Number One Single in 2019 – it was called I Love....which food?
- 3 Who murdered Annie Chapman & Elizabeth Stride amongst others?
- 4 Which football team were the last winners of the First Division title in 1992?
- 5 What is the date of Star Wars Day?
- 6 Who played Sir James Bond in the 1967 comedy Casino Royale?
- 7 Framboise is French for which fruit?
- 8 Which Radio 2 DJ has the same name as a brand of whisky?
- 9 Which cut of beef comes from the breast of a cow?
- 10 The African nation known as Niger Delta lasted only 12 d
ays – true or false?



The Bells of North Marston

At North Marston there were originally 5 Bells and a small Sanctus bell

the origin of the five being:

- 1 - James Keene 1627 (Keene was based at Woodstock)
 - 2 - James Keene 1627 (Keene was based at Woodstock)
 - 3 - James Keene 1627 (Keene was based at Woodstock)
 - 4 - Richard Chandler 1699 (Chandler was based at Drayton Parslow)
 - 5 - Lester & Pack 1763 (Lester & Pack was based in London)
- Sanctus - Circa 17 century – Unknown founder

According to one of the church reports, in 1911, the Bell Ringers at North Marston were paid £1 0s 0d per year for their services and £- 14s 6d were spent on the Church flag and bell ropes.

Between 1911 and 1924, the bells at North Marston had fallen into disrepair: 3 of the bells were cracked and all five of them were out of tune.(The bells are tuned to the key of F). Experts were called in and recommended that all five of the bells were recast and a new treble should be added to make a ring of six bells.

In 1924, the church launched the Bell repair fund, it's committee being: The Vicar, T.B. Biggs, H.W. Cheshire, A.E. Cheshire and F.M. Holden. They started with a sum amount of £180. By 1925, £450 had been raised for the bells, but the church still needed £150, the bells were taken away to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, owned by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank where they were recast and the new treble was also cast. The lightest 4 of the old five bells had some extra weight added to them to put them in harmony with the tenor. After the bells had been rehung, Rev'd A. H. James said that the bells have beauty of "music and beauty of tone." A local newspaper said; "The village now boasts of a peal, second to none in beauty of tone and ease of

manipulation”

They were rehung in a Cast Iron frame with modern fittings and the Second bell is hung in the Second tier of the Bell Frame. The Sanctus bell is hung up high in the belfry on an old beam of the original Bell frame. The bells were not rung regularly for a number of years. most probably due to a lack in number of ringers. The bells were overhauled in 2010 by Whites of Appleton, Church Bell Hangers.

Ryan Noble

STOP PRESS! Compelling local history on film. The village’s oldest resident, Mona Dumpleton (b1925) shares her memories on film, triggered by photographs from the History Club’s picture archive. This fascinating insight into life in the village up to eighty years ago is a truly one-off opportunity to experience a quieter and less complex life-style. You can see the film by clicking on <https://youtu.be/loNJeuTfTQI>.

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COMMUNITY ROUND UP & VOLUNTEERING

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 Summer 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.



GVH Restoration Update

The internal refurbishment of the village hall has now been completed and it is looking good! The new central heating is up and running in time for this cold weather. All we need now are some chairs! The external work is now our priority and we plan to begin work in the Spring. The restoration includes structural repairs to the oak beams and doors at the front of the hall, re-rendering the walls and chimney where necessary, inspecting and replacing the guttering, roof tiles and painting. The good news is that we have received confirmation of a large grant from the FCC Communities Foundation that enables us to complete the external work and buy new chairs.

The plan is to hold a grand reopening of the village hall in early summer.



Love Your Countryside

North Marston and Granborough are wonderful rural farming village, thank you kindly for treating it all with compassion and care.

The Countryside Code:

- Respect- Protect- Enjoy-
- Keep dogs under control.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Be considerate of the local community.
- Leave no trace of your visit; dispose of rubbish responsibly

Enjoy Walking your dog:

- Please consider your dog is an unfamiliar animal to the livestock, please don't spook or stress any animals. Livestock worrying is a criminal offence.
- If you ever feel threatened by cattle, release your dog. Do not protect it. You can then get to safety, and your dog can escape through small gaps.
- Did you know dog poo can spread disease to livestock? This occurs when the livestock eat the grass grown through and around the dog poo. It is a common occurrence and unfortunately results in death.
- Bag It & Bin It. Any waste bin can be used for dog poo. Please do not leave it in a bag anywhere, as bagged poo has resulted in livestock and wildlife deaths in the area. North Marston has 8 red dog poo bins and 6 green general waste bins, dog poo can go in any of these.

On Farmland:

- If ever you are attacked by a Bull or Cow, remove a piece of clothing and throw towards the animal as a distraction, to allow yourself to retreat to safety.
- Please stick to the footpaths. Please do not wonder on private land. Please do not broaden paths Please do not destroy crop or wildlife by walking on them.

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

1st Granborough Scout Group

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

If you are interested in your child joining please do email us on the below address.

Adults (18+)

With more people working from home, perhaps you are thinking,

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

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Under10: Graeme Foster, graeme@crackerjack.couk

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CHURCH NOTICES

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St Mary's Church, North Marston and

St John the Baptist Church, Granborough – Notices for March

After such an extended period of restrictions on our communal worship, we are all longing to come together and worship in the way we used to, in our churches and in the Wesley Centre, and to join together for social and fundraising events. But for the time being, with God's grace, we will be continuing with Zoom services at least until after Easter.

The programme of services for both churches in March is:

7th March 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE on *Zoom*

14th March 10.30am MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE on *Zoom*

21st March 10.30am FAMILY COMMUNION on *Zoom*

28th March 10.30am PALM SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE on *Zoom*

SERVICES THROUGH HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

29th March 7.30pm CELTIC EVENING PRAYER on *Zoom*

30th March 7.30pm CELTIC EVENING PRAYER on *Zoom*

31st March 7.30pm CELTIC EVENING PRAYER on *Zoom*

1st April 7.30pm MAUNDY THURSDAY PASSOVER AGAPE on *Zoom*

2nd April 12.00noon GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE on *Zoom*

4th April 10.30am EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE on *Zoom*

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:

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Prayer co-ordinators for Granborough Church:

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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

With infection rates still very high in this area, much caution is needed when we meet with others: social distancing and face-covering rules 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

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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 you can check this link:

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LENT COURSE

During Lent, we will be looking together at the book of Psalms.

In difficult times, such as those we are experiencing today, people often turn to poetry or music as expressions of human experience. When we contemplate the Psalms, we stand in solidarity with those who experience joy and anguish, faith and doubt, consolation and desolation. The Psalms are an extraordinary collection of songs-poems-prayers through which God's people have drawn close to him personally and communally. These ancient words are still relevant today.

We will meet over *Zoom* on Tuesday evenings, for five weeks, starting on 23rd of February at 7.30pm.

Each session will run for about an hour, and include some study and discussion of a psalm, concluding with prayers. All are welcome to join us.

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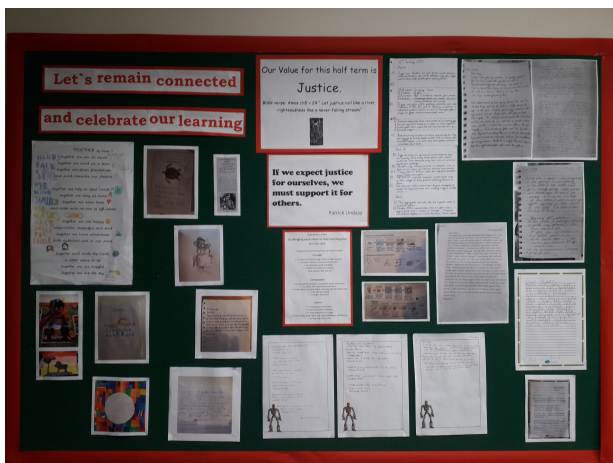
Despite the Lockdown restrictions, pupils at North Marston School are resolved to remain connected. Cut out decorations of their hands and local families, are linked across the front of the school as a symbol of unity. Displays in school reflect the hard work pupils are doing both at home and those in school. We have all got our fingers crossed for a full reopening of school again very soon!



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COUNCIL UPDATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Village Maintenance

Potholes & Highway Maintenance

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

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In the event that you see a light not working or is broken please email the clerk (editornorthmarston@gmail.com) with the following information: Road Name, Light Number (will be displayed on the column) OR nearest House Name/Number. Your Contact Details

Important Links:

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

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Monday 29th March

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Monday 8th March

Monday 22nd March

Monday 6th April

North Marston Village Hall Hiring Calendar

Please also see northmarston.org for calendar

Please contact northmarston@gmail.com for 'Zoom' ID & password for parish Council meetings

Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting held virtually on 'Zoom' Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 8.00pm

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

Attendees: Cllr Mordue, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Boyt, Clerk Rachel Callander & 5 members of the public
100 Club Draw: February Draw: 1st prize 76 Pete Butler, 2nd prize 92 Kevin Ludlow, 3rd prize 93 Sarah Forsyth

- 1. Planning application: 21/00198/APP** – agreed to ask for an extension of close date until 12th March
- 2. Buckinghamshire Council:** Rapid COVID-19 testing is now available in Buckinghamshire for public-facing staff and volunteers. Buckinghamshire Council Growth & Recovery proposal to address post-covid economic recovery and growth across Buckinghamshire has been submitted. Buckinghamshire Council opposed the new Grendon Underwood prison. Elections will take place on the 6th May 2021. Restrictions Grant Funding open until 25th February. 2500 businesses have benefitted.
- 3. Neighbourhood Plan:** The plan is on course with a draft expected end February to present to the PC prior to the PC April meeting. A detailed formal submission of aspirations from the Parish Council is required asap. Consultation period – a database of all contacts connected to the village will be required.
- 4. Village Upkeep:** Village classification for the hedge cutting & mowing – plan of 7 Parish hedges were identified that should not be cut between March – September. One of these, the Village Hall hedge can be cut **IF** it becomes a safety issue for the users of the VH or from a road safety aspect. Finalise proposal with a map by end February to circulate to contractors. Agreed the Wildflower verge project will be extended to the 2 verges inside the NM gates from Oving direction as well as the verge opposite the Sportsfield. A timeline plan to be written and circulated. Agreed that the idea of a Parish Care Plan between the Parish Council and the village is a good idea. This includes items such as dog fouling/hedge cutting/potholes and grants for example. These will form part of the aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan. The village will be asked

what is important to them for example picking up litter/dog mess. Agreed a 'We are watching you' campaign for dog mess will be explored to encourage people to pick up after their dogs or be reported.

5. **Parish Action Plan/Projects: Playground** – The project has been delayed due to the weather and Kompan are booked in for 1st March weather permitting. Cllr Du Plessis to follow up the grant claim with FCC. Agreed the CCTV will be installed by end February – Cllr Mordue. **Traffic Calming** – Agreed proposals from NMCSW for low costs speed solutions will be presented in the March meeting – NMCSW Team. Resolved – Identified companies speeding in the village will receive a letter. Updated the councillors with information from the Road & Transport Action Group meeting. TVP/Bucks Council will be asked why MVAS data is not taken into consideration with speeding problems. An application for another speeding device will be applied for from the Road and Transport Group this financial year. **Land opposite 29 Quainton Road** – Ownership of the land - The PC are waiting for Highways/AVDC to respond to an email sent 13th January and subsequent emails requesting help with the ownership of the land. PC boundary - The PC are waiting for clarification on the PC boundary between the PC Barn and the neighbouring land, based on advice from Bucks Council. Fence - Ian sent a letter to the ladies solicitor seeking to find a resolution to the fence. To date there has been no correspondence from the ladies or the solicitor despite following up. Please note: *The fence is not the responsibility of the PC and therefore the communication from Ian is as a representative of a group of neighbours and not the PC.* **Notice Board (top of school hill).** Agreed to ask PRA Randles to look at a solution for the notice board
6. **Finance:** Agreed to transfer the EEC £300 request for 2020/21. Acknowledged the transfer of £150 for the history grant & the SF confirmation of grant spend will follow (2020/21 spend). Agreed the 100 club winners will be paid by cheque.
7. **Next Parish Council meeting:** March 9th 2021 Zoom

Full minutes can be found on northmarston.org

Brain Teaser - Answers

- 1 RIN TIN TIN
- 2 CHAMPION THE WONDERHORSE
- 3 LASSIE
- 4 SKIPPY
- 5 FLIPPER
- 6 MR. ED
- 7 TRIGGER
- 8 WILLY
- 9 VIENNA
- 10 BULLSEYE
- 11 TOUCHWOOD
- 12 SCHNORBITZ
- 13 ERMINTRUDE
- 14 PARSLEY
- 15 SNOWY

Quiz Answers

- 1 Alfred Hitchcock
- 2 Sausage Rolls
- 3 Jack the Ripper
- 4 Leeds United
- 5 May the 4th
- 6 David Niven
- 7 Raspberry
- 8 Johnny Walker
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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
20th March	Charity Duck Race	NM Pond	3pm
30th March	Create for Easter		
3rd April	Eater Raffle		11am
1-5th April	Easter Egg Hunt	Contact Tricia	
24th April	Cream Tea	8 Carters Meadow	tbc
28th August	Sunflower Comp	deadline 28th Aug	
2nd October	Big Plant Day	tbc	10-12

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