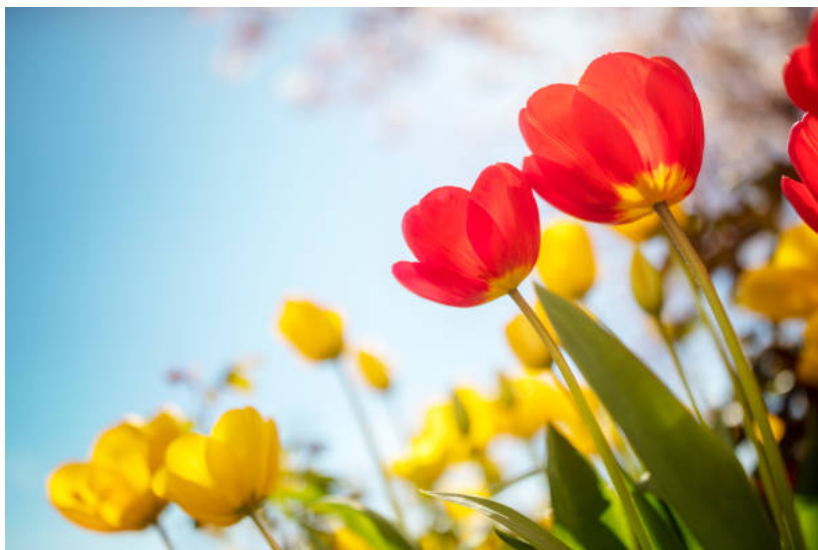


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Village
Gallery

Barrow of Blooms
by John Spargo

You can't go back and change
the beginning, but you can start
where you are and change
the ending.

C.S Lewis

WELCOME

Thank you for your support of the local community magazine

Welcome to the May edition of the magazine.

May 17th sees the beginning of stage 3 of the road map out of lockdown, see inside for details.

This month there is another great walk to try and June 5th is World Environmental Day so come and help with the Great British spring Clean in North Marston.

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

Rules from 17th May

1. Outdoors, most social contact rules will be lifted, but gatherings of more than 30 will be illegal
2. Indoors, the rule of six or a larger group of up to two households will be allowed
3. Indoor hospitality - pubs, restaurants, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, concert halls, children play areas, hotels, B&Bs, indoor exercise classes - will be allowed
4. Advice on social distancing between family and friends, including hugging, will be updated no later than 17 May
5. Large indoor performances and sporting events with a capacity of 1,000 people will be allowed, supported by testing
6. Outdoor large performances and sporting events will have a maximum capacity of 4,000 people or must only be half full, whichever is lower, supported by testing
7. Bigger sports stadiums will be allowed 10,000 people or can only be a quarter full, whichever is lower, supported by testing
8. Weddings, wedding receptions, wakes, funerals and christenings will be allowed with 30 people

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

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

Davina Thorogood 01296 670596 davina.thorogood@googlemail.com

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Petra Elsmore 07557045703 petra.elsmore@gmail.com

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!

EVENTS

JOIN OUR MILLION MILE MISSION

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

HELP TO KEEP NORTH MARSTON CLEAN
OF LITTER!

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE 9.30 – 11.30 AM

COFFEE AND CAKE AFTERWARDS

MEET AT THE VILLAGE HALL WITH YOUR
GARDENING GLOVES. LITTER PICKS &
OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.

SEE YOU THERE!

**Great British Spring Clean
28 MAY - 13 JUNE 2021**

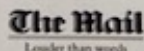
#GBSpringClean

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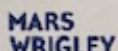


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Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

Big Plant Day Saturday 2 October 2021 from 10am – 12 noon - St Mary's Church Restoration Fund Committee are organising a sponsored bulb planting in North Marston in Autumn 2021 for everyone to take part.

To Be or Not To Be? That is the Question

Poetry Evening Friday 15 October 2021 7.30PM

Beaujolais Nouveau Evening

Saturday 27 November 2021 7.30

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

The Future of Granborough Village Hall

Whilst the external restoration of the village hall is not yet complete the good news is that we begin to look forward to some future events in 2021. These occasions will begin with a grand re-opening sometime after the 21st June when all restrictions will hopefully be raised. Maybe also a coffee morning or a table top sale. Look out for future details. The one annual event that we definitely hope to hold on the first Saturday in September (4th) is the Granborough Produce and Handicraft Show. So gardeners begin growing your prize vegetables and flowers! Handicraft people begin planning your work and photographers start clicking! The theme for this year's photography for both adults and children is 'your favourite place in Granborough'. We welcome everyone between the ages of 5 to 105 who live in Granborough to enter, especially the many new residents who have moved in during the past year. If you would like an idea of the criteria for entries then please contact Davina on 670596 for a copy of a previous programme or a chat.

Meanwhile the hall will remain closed under the current COVID 19 restrictions and no new bookings will be accepted at this time.

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

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

St Mary's Church, Easter Raffle

The Church Restoration Fundraising Committee would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who donated prizes, bought tickets and supported the Easter Raffle in any way, very much appreciated. Thanks too to the Easter Bunny! You all helped to raise a magnificent £355 . We had 15 amazing prizes. If the Easter Bunny didn't knock on your door on Easter Saturday lunchtime with a prize, we would like to say better luck next time! Tricia McSweeney won the first prize hamper of assorted goodies and the other prize winners were:

Val Newby
Lisa Mulhall
Carla Duggan
Pam & Andy Keegan
Becks & Clinton Thomas
The Hitchen Family
Les Prentice
Joanna Miller
Des & Jan Quinn
Jenny Morgan
Clare Hurrell
The Heffer Family
Catherine & Ian Hanson
Pat & Clive Robinson





Very generous donations have continued to pour in every month, for which we are very grateful. We are proud to be able to deliver a car boot full of food from North Marston, Dunton and Whitchurch to the Foodbank on the first Monday of every month.

Monetary donations are always welcome too, and we have received these from the villages. One of the ways money is spent is to top up food where stocks of certain items are running low.

The following dry and/or tinned foods are in **VERY SHORT SUPPLY** and would be welcome this month:

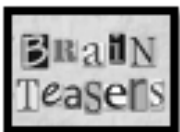
Chocolate, suitable for individuals, couples and families
jam
powdered milk
powdered mashed potato
tinned fruit
sponge puddings
long-life milk
fruit juice

At the moment the food bank does **NOT** need: pasta, breakfast cereals, tinned tomatoes, tomato soup, baked beans, biscuits, fish, or meat.



**Please leave your donations in the
wheelbarrow at the back of 47 High Street
on Sunday 2nd May**

Thank you!
Aly and Dave Perrett



Action Heroes Quiz

Answers on page 38

- 1 What nationality is Jean-Claud Van Damme?
- 2 In the 1988 film Bloodsport what was the name of the character he played?
- 3 In what year was Universal Soldier released?
- 4 John McClane has been brought to our screens by which actor?
- 5 In what year was the first of the series of films featuring John McClane released?
- 6 What was the name of the 1994 film that featured this actor as well as John Travolta?
- 7 Who starred in the 1982 film Blade Runner?
- 8 In a later film, Sean Connery played this actor's father, what was the film?
- 9 Sylvester Stallone directed and co-wrote which 1983 film starring John Travolta?
- 10 Stallone's 2008 film, Rambo, is set in which country?
- 11 Which action hero played the role of Dr Wesley McClaren in the 1998 film "The Patriot"?
- 12 Which film was Steve McQueen's last?
- 13 The first Terminator film was released in what year?
- 14 Which action hero became the 38th Governor of California?
- 15 The long-running TV show "Moonlighting" starred Cybil Shepherd and which action hero actor?

Children's Society Box Collection

Hello

I've been given the go ahead by the Children's Society to now collect the coin boxes and count the donations for this year. I am the registered collector for St Mary's Church group. The collection and drop off of the boxes needs to be socially distanced.

If you are able to drop your box off to me at [21 School Hill, North Marston](#), I would be very grateful. Please leave your box in my enclosed front porch. I will return the box to you as soon as it's ready. If you would prefer me to come and collect your box in person, it's no trouble at all, please phone me on 01296 670183 and we can agree a time.

If anyone would like to start collecting and would like a box please let me know!

Thank you for supporting The Children's Society.

Tam Butterworth

01296 670183 (Evenings and weekends)

07591 056097 (Mobile, texts are welcome)

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

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 & information on how you can be more eco-friendly :)



The truth about fishing

Did you know that the Marine Stewardship Council estimates that 90% of world fish stocks are fully, or over exploited?

→ The fishing industry ranges from village canoes to huge trawlers out to sea. Roughly ½ of all production is industrialised trawling & farming.

Problems within the fishing industry

Plastic pollution:

- Discarded nets, lines & ropes now make up about 46% of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Extinction:

- Overfishing has led to fish populations declining to near extinction. Could have fishless oceans by 2048.

Bycatch:

- 40% of all marine life caught is thrown overboard as bycatch (the capture of unwanted sea life).

Damage to coral reefs:

- 90% of coral reef is expected to die by 2050.

So, what can we do?

❖ **Cut down on fish consumption**

- Switch to a plant based diet or...
- Cut down on how much fish you eat; treat fish as a treat

❖ **Be open to different species**

- This includes obscure and rare varieties of fish & seafood

❖ **Find a fishmonger**

- Knows where the fish is from & how overfishing + by-catch has been minimised

❖ **Watch Seaspiracy to gain a deeper understanding of everything :)**

- Check my instagram page @mindful.eco for a review!

Sources for each statistic found at <https://www.seaspiracy.org/facts>

Thought for the month

Dear friends

During Lent a number of us looked at the book of Psalms. Many of us know Psalm 23 and maybe a few more. But looking at the different types of Psalms was very interesting. Some are full of praise, others of sadness or anger. We had the challenge from Petra to write our own Psalm. So here is mine which I've called Psalm 151. Blessings. Janet

Majesty, power and glory are yours O Lord
Hills and valleys, seas and forests sing your praises
Birds and animals, trees and plants bow before you
All your people honour your holy name.

Forgive us when we stray from truth and honesty
Forgive us our lack of care for creation
Forgive us for our selfishness and arrogance
All your people honour your holy name.

Remember those who suffer and are sad
Remember those who struggle with loss
Remember those who need love and friendship
All your people honour your holy name.

Make us guardians of your world
Make us mindful of others' needs
Make us mindful of your steadfast love and care
All your people honour your holy name.

All creation offers you, Lord most high
Praise and thanksgiving, obedience and worship
Forgive, remember and restore your people
Majesty, power and glory are yours O Lord.

Janet Bayly

Walk of the month May 2021. Created by Val Newby, map by John Spargo

This walk starts as before from the village hall. From there head up the High Street and turn left up Church Street. Stop to admire the village pond which is currently full of lively newts and I am hoping one day some ducks will join them. Carry on past the church into Townsend and then into Marston Fields Road. After a few metres go right into the driveway of 2A (Ref 1) and then left through the wooden gate. At the bottom of the garden pass through a metal kissing gate and turn sharp left along the boundary to a field to a wooden stile. Cross the driveway to a grassy path about 75 metres long. (*Note this is not a public right of way, please keep close to the field boundary*) This leads to a stile. Go over this and turn left (Ref 2) and go down the field for about 200 metres to a three-barred stile. (Ref 3) Turn left to a kissing gate, over the ditch and half right into the copse. Now cross the field to Marston Fields Road (Ref 4) and carry straight on through the kissing gate opposite and up the slope past Owls Oak Stables, ignoring the footpath that goes to the left. Now pass through another kissing gate and turn left down the field towards the cattle trough. At the gap in the hedge (Ref 5) adjacent to Widows Pond, follow a path which leads back down the hill to the Granborough Road. (Ref 6) Now turn left and walk 100 metres back to the village hall. If you keep walking a further 150 metres up the High Street you can reach The Pilgrim for a well deserved pint!



Footpath



Restricted Byway



Bridleway



Byway



Promoted Path



Bridge



Gate



Other



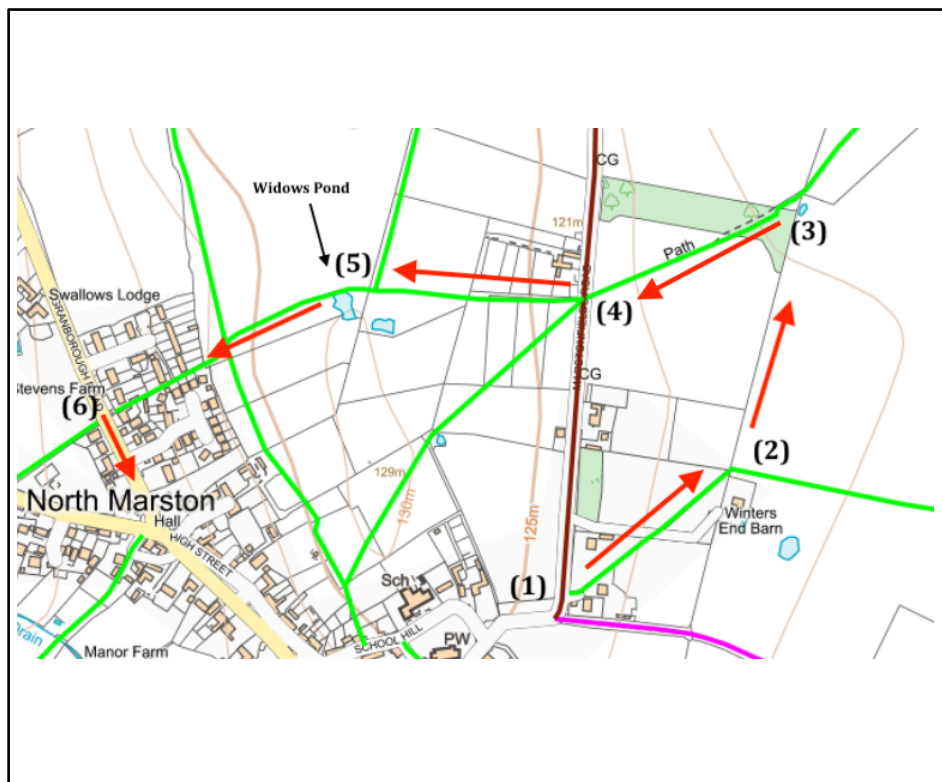
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Steps



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Whitchurch WI

Open meeting on Zoom
7.30 pm, Tuesday 64 May 2021
'Highwaymen and women'

Speaker: Paul Heley
To book a place, contact:

Linda Nicholls on lindanicholls2016@gmail.com



Local Ghost Stories

Source: *The County Book: Buckinghamshire*, pp252-253 by Alison Uttley, published in 1950

“ A short distance away is lower Hogshaw Farm, which is marked Fulbrook Farm on the map now the village has gone, This good farm, with its haystacks and corn ricks all within old red brick walls all lichened and mossy, is the remnant of the once populous village. The font from Hogshaw Church, is said to be there. The poppy heads from the stalls of the church are at Doddershall manor house on the staircase.

The site of the village is close to the farmhouse, in a meadow called Ram Close. It is traditionally haunted and the ghosts of the dead can be seen by certain people. There is a duck-pond on the field which always has ducks on it according to an old tale. This is one of those odd little legends of bird-hauntings, either wild or tame ducks are there.

We went through this by the grassy track, along Steart Lane and it joins Deadman's Lane.

A countryman told us legends of this place, authentic tales handed down to him by old relations and villagers. His uncle worked for some years at Crandon Farm, and he saw strange happenings in the Hogshaw district. A bright light shone before him, several yards ahead, one pitch-black morning when never a star was out. This occurred in a field known as Dick Tarn. He saw this light on seven different occasions. Others had seen it and they referred to it as the “Old Man with the Lantern” for the light had the clarity and flooding of lantern-light. Nobody was there, nor was any source of light found.

This tale of lantern-light is akin to ghost tales in the north and it has nothing to do with will-o'-the-wisp, which is jack o' the lantern moving, and darting over marshy lands, a natural phenomenon of marsh gas."

If you'd like to read more about the abandoned medieval village at Hogshaw/Fulbrook read Chapter 26 of The North Marston Story available from The Shop, North Marston. The history of the deserted village also figures prominently in one of the History Club's films (Handlebar Histories: Carters Lane) which you can see on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qN8Pesm1BuE>

Quiz (answers on page 38)

All the answers contain a colour of the rainbow.

- 1 What colour is the top right hand ring on the Olympic flag?
- 2 If you fly from Peking to Seoul, what sea do you fly over?
- 3 What colour was the boat that the owl and the pussycat went to sea in?
- 4 What did Paul Neal change his name to when he became a firefighter?
- 5 What are the colourful hits recorded by these bands in the years stated: –Lemon Pipers 1968, Nena 1984, Don Partridge 1968, Peter Sarstedt 1969, Coldplay 2000
- 6 World chess champion Garry Kasparov was beaten by a computer in 1997. What was it called?
- 7 The capital was Bloemfontein and this independent territory joined South Africa in 1907. What was it called?
- 8 What colour trousers do all the Minions wear?
- 9 What colour "mood" did Duke Ellington record in 1930?
- 10 Who played Ena Sharples in Coronation Street?

Winslow & District Community Bus Newsletter



07483 336440 | wdcbenquiries@btconnect.com | www.winslowbus.com

Scheduled Service Update

We are now running our Wednesday Winslow Market Service, and from 16th April 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.

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.

Is your Bus Pass still valid?

For information on how to apply and renew visit

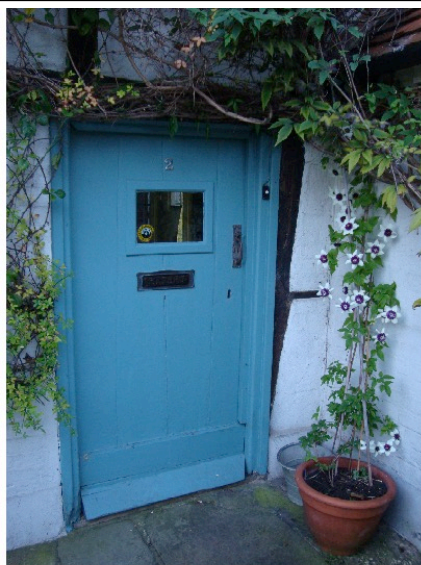
<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/buses-and-trains/apply-for-or-renew-an-older-persons-bus-pass>

or call the automated telephone service on [01296 873 011](tel:01296873011).



Village
Gallery

Mists
by Paul Gillet



Village
Gallery

Wheatsheaf Doorway
by Trevor Lane

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.



Grass cutting on the Sports Field

At this time of year we begin cutting the outfield and open spaces on the Sports Field. This is done weekly during April, May, June & July. After this the grass growth usually slows down and the frequency of cuts is generally not as regular.

With up to 25 grass cuts during the season (April – September) we try to get as many people as possible to volunteer for one of these cuts. It spreads the load. To cut the whole field takes around 3 hours so it's not unduly time consuming and on a warm summer's day/evening it can indeed be an enjoyable way to spend a few hours.

We have a ride-on mower which is easy to use and all new volunteers will be given a short demo on how to operate the mowing machine. This can be done beforehand, usually on one evening with a group of others new volunteers.

If you use the Sports Field in any capacity, I'm sure you will appreciate how much effort and goodwill goes into the upkeep. If you would like to contribute to its upkeep this is one way that you can help us. We always find it difficult to fill our mowing rota and often 3 or 4 of the stalwarts end up having to do 2, 3 or 4 grass cuts to fill in the weeks where we are short of volunteers.

We operate a rota for the mowing and this is filled on a weekly basis as volunteers respond. There are 25 weeks to choose from. Some have already been filled but we have many more weeks still to fill.

If you would be interested in helping us maintain this wonderful facility by taking a turn on the mower (or in some other way) please reply to me asap. Contact details as follows.

Trevor Lane 07768 625550
tlane@lanelandscaping.co.uk

North Marston & Granborough Community Sports Field

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME NOW OPEN

Granborough Parish Council has opened the small grants scheme for applications to groups and charities directly benefiting residents of Granborough. The Council has set aside a total budget of £2,500.

Application forms are available on the website (www.granborough.org) under the Parish Council's Finance page, or please email the Clerk for a copy of the form (clerk@granborough.org).

Applications must be received by the Clerk before 12th June 2021.

Grants will be considered at the meeting on 22nd June 2021.

Eligibility and conditions are listed on the application form.



LIVESTOCK WORRYING IS A CRIME

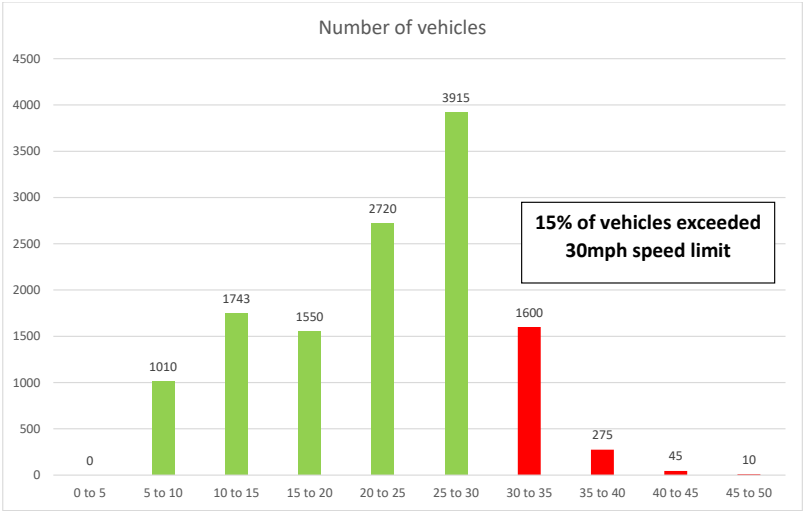
**Your dog MUST be on a lead
from 1st of March - 31st of
July and at All TIMES when
livestock present** 🐑🐑

**North Marston Community Speedwatch Group (NMCSWG):
 MVAS Vehicle Speed Report
 March 2021: Recorded at Quainton Road (coming into the village)**

The MVAS (Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign) device is pole-mounted at variable points in the village. MVAS logs data on vehicles' speed, date and time coming into the village and flashes up a speed limit reminder to violators travelling faster than 30mph, the legal speed limit in North Marston.

Results

- 12868 vehicle passes were recorded;
 - **15% of vehicles (15%) were recorded violating the 30mph speed limit;**
 - **The fastest recorded vehicles (55) were travelling between 40-50mph.**
- **Speeding increases risks of injury and death to pedestrians, dog walkers, cyclists, riders and their horses and residents' pets, and risk of prosecution**



mph	Total	%	
0 to 5	0	0%	
5 to 10	1010	8%	
10 to 15	1743	14%	
15 to 20	1550	12%	
20 to 25	2720	21%	
25 to 30	3915	30%	85%
30 to 35	1600	12%	15%
35 to 40	275	2%	
40 to 45	45	0%	
45 to 50	10	0%	
12868			





JUNIOR CRICKET

IS BACK

North Marston and Granborough Cricket Club
Junior Cricket Coaching.

All are welcome

Friday evenings 6:30 to 7:45

Starting 9th April

at the Community Sportsfield, North Marston

This season we will be running 4 sides:

Under 9's – school years 3 & 4

Under 11's – school years 5 & 6

Under 13's – school years 7 & 8

Under 15's – school years 9 & 10



Just turn up or call
Trevor Lane on 01296 670100
or 07768 625550

North Marston and Granborough Cricket Club



Oving Tennis Club – your friendly local club

Tennis is back and we have been playing doubles and singles since 5 April – mainly in lovely weather as well. Our floodlights are working well and have encouraged increasing numbers of players for Wednesday evening club sessions.

If you think you might be interested in joining 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 later in the evening) and 10.30 on Sunday mornings with 'Rusty Racquets' on Tuesday afternoons at 14.00.

Our annual fees for 2021/22, which are just about the lowest in the area, are Adults £80, Families £150 and juniors and unemployed £30. If you are interested in joining please contact Gary Paul on 07599 478295 or visit our web site [Oving Tennis Club - Welcome to Oving Tennis Club](https://ovingtennisclub.co.uk).

We hope to see you on court soon.

Oving Tennis Club

Your friendly local tennis club

- New courts
- New floodlights
- Friendly club sessions
- Coaching for all abilities and ages
- Opportunities to play competitive tennis
- Social events

Membership:	
Family	£150
Adult	£80
Concession	£30

Joining fee for new members applies - please see website for details.

Membership:
Matt Goss 07736844372
membership@ovingtennisclub.co.uk

Coaching:
Paul Hobday 07967514081
paulhobday@tiscali.co.uk

 ovingtennisclub.co.uk



Some thoughts from 1st Granborough Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Great outdoor activities

Being one with nature

Learning new skills

Learning self confidence

Make new friends

Gets us out of the house

Camping

Bridge building

Great fun at camp away from parents for a few days

Fun and practical activities

Pioneering

Learning how to cook on fires

Marshmallows

Arial runway

Cooking

Christmas dinner on a fire

Christmas Carols at Quainton Railway Centre

Rock climbing, abseiling, shooting

Water fights and a water slide

Hikes through the country side, learning map reading and compass work

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 e mail us on the below address.

1stgranborough@gmail.com

Adults (18+)

We would still love to hear from any adults (anyone above the age of 18) 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.

Football

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

Under 8: Nick Thompson, nickasjt@hotmail.co.uk

Under 9: Dave Williams, daveivorwilliams@hotmail.co.uk

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Thank you

KIDS & PARENTS

North Marston School

“Fantastic Fantasy Fun” Day

Children in Reception Class at North Marston School, couldn't wait to enjoy their “Fantastic Fantasy Fun” day on Tuesday 20th April. In a bid to get the term off to a flying start with their new curriculum theme of “Fantasy”, the children came to school dressed in black in preparation to create costumes so they could dress up as their own fantasy creature. Through the talk this generated, ideas came in thick and fast. By the end of the day we had a class full of dragons, phoenix, unicorns, Loch Ness monster and Maleficent. The children will use these costumes to inspire ideas for telling and writing their own stories. As you can see from the pictures, a fun day was had by all!



CHURCH NOTICES

**St Mary's
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North
Marston**



**St John
the Baptist
Church,**



St Mary's Church, North Marston and

St John the Baptist Church, Granborough – Notices for May

We are very much looking forward to our churches re-opening, after so many months of restrictions on our communal worship. There will be joy in our hearts when face-to-face services take place in both churches for Pentecost, on 23rd May. This will be followed by a joint Zoom service on 30th May. One of the changes brought about by Covid-19 has been the online sharing of services between the two churches: the fellowship this has engendered has been very much enjoyed, and we look forward to more joint initiatives in the future.

Current plans are for this alternating pattern to continue into June. We hope to reopen fully after 21st June, when, if the current Government current road map is still in place, all restrictions will be lifted, and social and fund-raising events can begin again too.

Services for May:

North Marston

2nd May 10.30am Family Communion Service on Zoom, shared with Granborough, followed immediately by **North Marston APCM**.

9th May 10.30am Family Service on Zoom, shared with Granborough.

16th May 10.30am Family Service on Zoom, shared with Granborough.

23th May 9.30am Family Communion for Pentecost, in the church, led by Petra and Janet.

30th May Family Service on Zoom, led by Petra and Guy, shared with Granborough.

Granborough

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16th May 10.30am Family Service on Zoom, shared with North Marston.

23rd May 11.00am Family Communion for Pentecost, in the church, led by Petra and Janet

30th May Family Service on Zoom, led by Petra and Guy, shared with North Marston

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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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

Although infection rates have fallen in this area, caution is still needed when we meet with others: social distancing and face-covering rules

apply to all of our social interactions. 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 indoors, but we can meet outside, and 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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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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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 24th May

Waste Bin

Tuesday 4th May

Monday 17th May

Tuesday 1st June

North Marston Village Hall Hiring Calendar

Please also see northmarston.org for calendar

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Draft Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting held virtually on 'Zoom' Tuesday 9th March 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 Boyt, Clerk Rachel Callander & 6 members of the public

A 2 minute silence was observed for the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

100 Club Draw: March Draw: 1st prize 93 Sarah Forsyth, 2nd prize 2 Lee Langston, 3rd prize 28 Richard Rowland

1. Planning Applications –

No Objections: 21/00975/APP 53 Quainton Road

No objections: 21/00978/APP 53 Quainton Road

2. Neighbourhood Plan: Michael, Chairman of the NP, reported that the group are working on the 2nd draft text, supplementary material and design code.

3. Hedges/Village Upkeep: The village classification for the hedge cutting & mowing was signed off subject to the location of marker C and the wildflower verges marked near the SF. Quotes for the mowing contract will be followed up. Agreed the 2 conifers in Elmers Meadow on Parish Land are a danger to No.2 and will be cut down in September. A note will be sent to the residents of Elmers close explaining this. Quotes will be obtained. Cllr Symonds will discuss the planting of an Acer and a Cherry Blossom outside 10 Granborough Road with the resident. A suggestion of one tree inline with the other trees will be considered.

4. Projects: Playground – Kompan have completed the work, with the exception of the resolution for the swing seat, and a final report submitted. The full FCC grant has been paid and closed end March 2021. The pagoda has been installed, the litter issue addressed and CCTV installed. Approved a new bin from Glasdon UK for £138.62 excl VAT. Outstanding

tems: The boulders will be moved for safety reasons and the remaining lawn areas will be completed and seeded 14/15th April, the fencing and path to Quainton Road to be finished end April. A mowing regime will be looked into and the SF approached to coincide using the roller once a year. The opening of the playground will be towards the end of August /September. The 'deadmans cross' stones story to be adjusted to reference the reason behind the boulders and make reference to the well

Traffic Calming – The MVAS report was presented and is available on the website, northmarston.org. Proposals from NMCSW for low cost speed solutions will be presented in a later meeting

Great British Spring Clean – 5th June is World Environmental Day and a Village Spring Clean will be organised.

2. **Finance:** Agreed that the deadline for grant applications had passed and that no exception should be given for 2021/22 for NM School. Acknowledged a thank you from Scouts and EEC for the 2021/22 donations. Acknowledged the donation of a pair of speakers for use at the Village Hall

3. **Next Parish Council meeting:** May 11th 2021 Annual Parish Council on Zoom tbc / May 18th 2021 Annual Village meeting tbc

See northmarston.org for full minutes

Quiz Answers

- 1 Red
- 2 Yellow Sea
- 3 Pea green
- 4 Red Adair
- 5 Green Tambourine, 99 Red Balloons, Blue Eyes, Frozen Orange Juice, Yellow
- 6 Deep Blue
- 7 Orange Free State
- 8 Blue
- 9 (Mood) Indigo
- 10 Violet Carson

Brain Teaser Action Heroes Answers

1. Belgian
2. Frank Dux
3. 1992
4. Bruce Willis
5. 1988
6. Pulp Fiction
7. Harrison Ford
8. Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade
9. Staying Alive
10. Burma
11. Steven Seagal
12. The Hunter, 1980
13. 1984
14. Arnold Schwarzenegger
15. Bruce willis

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North Marston & Granborough Calendar

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28th August	Sunflower Comp	deadline 28th Aug	
4th September	Produce & Handicraft Show	GVH	tbc
4th September	Church fete	NMVH	tbc
4th September	NM Playground official opening		
2nd October	Big Plant Day	tbc	10-12
9th October	World Challenge quiz	Wesley Centre	tbc
15th October	Poetry Eve	Wesley Centre	19.30

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