

The North Marston & Granborough magazine



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Village
Gallery

New Village Website
by John Spargo

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that take our breath away

Maya Angelou

**Join the North Marston & Granborough Community Group
Facebook Page.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/151408138823746>

It's a community group created to share and discuss our
villages. It is not a selling site.

WELCOME

Thank you for your support of the local community magazine

Welcome to the August edition of the magazine.

Congratulations to Helena Rowland for an amazing contribution to the GB Ladies Rugby Sevens team - read all about it in the September magazine.

Events are starting to open up, so take a look at what is planned in the near future. It is great news that both communities are able to hold their fundraiser events.

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

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

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COVID-19 Update

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.

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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

EVENTS



Enjoy the BBQ



*Visit the ice
cream van*



Bring a picnic

Inviting all to come & join in the fun at the

North Marston Summer Picnic & Opening of the playground

**Saturday 4th September
12 - 3pm**

**MP Greg Smith will officially open the playground at
1pm**



Games for all



Free bouncy castle



Live music

BIG QUIZ NIGHT

**Oving Village Hall on Friday 24
September at 7.30 pm.**

**Tickets £12.50, fish and chip supper
included, bring your own drinks.**

**Teams of six maximum but we can find teams for
individuals or smaller groups.**



**It's going to be fun so get your tickets now
as they will be limited to allow for social
distancing, from:**

**Peter Docwra 07710 013081 or Philip
Oakland 07596 932871.**

All proceeds to Oving Tennis Club.

G'LAN'BOROUGH & NORTH MARS'RUN' 2021.

Raised over £200.00 for the Sportsfield in 2020 & we hope to go even higher in 2021. This local fun run will be a 5K, 10K or 12K (whichever suits you on the day). Virtual or real we will target August 22nd at 9.00am to meet in the Sportsfield. More details will follow. Tell your friends!





Big Plant Day North Marston

Commemorative Tree Planting in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II:

Saturday 2nd October 2021

10 am-12 noon



The Tree will be planted on the Village Green at 10 am by a “Mystery Guest”.

Crown making competition. Please wear or bring your crown to be judged at 11.30 am.

Join us for brunch with coffee and bacon butties on sale in the Village Hall

Raffle

Plant gifts for sale



All proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund

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



A Fun Evening at the Wesley Centre

Poetry, Prose & Song

Friday 15th October 2021 @ 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 include Cheese & Drinks, a bargain night out!

**Our Chief Poet, Trevor Jenkins, 670633, is looking for poets, readers,
singers and raconteurs!**

Everyone Welcome!

Tickets from Val York 670479 or Jennifer Heffer 670273

Raffle

Proceeds to Church Restoration Funds



RIDE+STRIDES

for Churches

11TH SEPT. 2021

FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE CHURCH BUILDINGS



Join us to ride, walk or cycle between churches and help to keep Buckinghamshire's churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future.

A great day out - have fun with the family.

Choose your own route, travel at your own pace, while raising vital funds. Money raised will be split 50:50 between church of your choice and BHCT, which gives grants for urgent repair and maintenance.

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OR EMAIL

ridestride@bucks-historic-churches.org



www.rideandstrideuk.org

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Hopefully on August 16th 2022 I will finally be able to do my charity climb of Kilimanjaro for Dig Deep. I have £1600 left to raise to be able to this, so I have arranged some charity events in the village of North Marston in 2022 to reach my target, that were cancelled over last eighteen months.

Dates for your diary in 2022!

11th February Quiz with chilli meal at Wesley centre 7pm £10 each.

12th March Race night at village hall 7pm, £5 each

30th April Pilates and Prosecco in Wesley Centre £15

21st May Cream teas in the paddock 3pm £10 each

Thank you to everyone for their support, Tricia McSweeney.

LARGEST SUNFLOWER HEAD COMPETITION 2021.

Open to North Marston & Granborough under 18's only!

Judging day is Saturday 28th August 2021. Our local celebrity judge will be measuring on the afternoon to see who will get their name engraved on the under 18's trophy. Any entries (free to enter) please contact Malcolm Newman or Karl the Baker 07917 002800, karlsbakery@gmail.com

GRANBOROUGH RETRO DISCO 2021

With the Granborough Village Hall reservation nearly complete our annual disco will hopefully go ahead!

Always the last Saturday in November & tickets like Gold dust as limited tickets available.

Hunt out your large collar shirt, tight mini, crazy wigs etc for a fun night of disco dancing. £15.00 per ticket, nibbles, raffle. Gates open 7.30pm. Contact Karl on 07917 002800 or karlsbakery@gmail.com

Forthcoming Events

At last, restrictions are OFF and our hopes are raised of life returning to normal! We have the following events planned, please make a note in your diary and do your best to support these functions:

North Marston Summer Picnic and Playground Opening

Saturday 4th September 2021 12 Noon-3 pm. See main poster for details.

Big Plant Day - Saturday 2nd October 2021 10 am-12 Noon.

To commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, a "Mystery Guest" will be planting a tree on the Village Green. Join us for brunch afterwards, with coffee and bacon butties on sale in the Village Hall. See poster for more detail.

An Evening of Poetry and Song - Friday 15 October 2021 7.30pm in the Wesley Centre. Dig out those inner entertainer talents for an evening of home-made fun. See poster for more detail.

Beaujolais Nouveau Evening - Saturday 27 November 2021 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Numbers are limited at this very popular function, further information and tickets released in September.

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

Quiz Night - Saturday 5 February 2022 7.30pm details to follow.

A Right Royal Scarecrow Competition

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June 2022 (National Celebration dates). All village households are invited to take part in this event in honour of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Details to follow early next year so get your thinking caps on.

Questions?

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

Granborough Village Hall Future Events

Great News – we are holding our annual produce and handicraft show on Saturday 4th September! Last year was only the second time in over 40 years that the show was cancelled and we are looking forward to old and new Granborough residents taking part. There is something for everyone to participate in, from the age of 5 to 105, whether you grow your own vegetables and flowers, make cakes or jams or take photographs. Children are encouraged to enter their own photographs, crafts or cakes. The theme for this year's photography classes is 'Your favourite place in Granborough'. There are cash prizes for every class and 14 cups or trophies to be won. If you are unsure about entering the show then join us for the auction of produce in the afternoon. The Trustees of the hall will be visiting you during August to sell programmes but if you need one in advance then please contact Davina on 670596.

The other good news is that we plan to hold the Granborough open gardens weekend next year. This event should have happened this year but was postponed for obvious reasons! This is a popular event held over a weekend in June every 3 years and not only is well supported by keen Granborough gardeners but also well visited. It is also a fund raising event for both the village hall and sometimes the church who have held concerts in the church during the same weekend. Refreshments are served in the village hall during the weekend. Details will be published at the end of the year so please keep a lookout.

We are also hoping to resume our Saturday coffee mornings and other popular events. Please keep an eye out for further announcements.



CONTRIBUTIONS



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:

coffee
tinned tomatoes
breakfast cereals
large tins of vegetables
soup
sponge puddings or McVities cakes
powdered milk
powdered mashed potato
long-life milk
fruit juice
toothbrushes/toothpaste/handwash

At the moment the food bank does **NOT** need: pasta, tea, baked beans, biscuits, fish or meat.



**Please leave your donations in the
wheelbarrow at the back of 47 High Street
on Sunday 1st August**

Thank you!
Aly and Dave Perrett

Thought for the month

We recently spent a week with our family in Cornwall. The weather was lovely so we spent a great deal of time out of doors admiring the beautiful scenery. Looking back at the pictures on my phone, I realised how different it is now taking photos. Do you remember the camera – opening the back and winding in the film from a little cassette? Then taking the film to the shop to have it developed and waiting anxiously to see if the photos had come out! Mine were often over or under exposed and on occasions non existent! This is definitely a generational experience!

A little girl was walking home from school in a thunderstorm. The rain was quite heavy and there was thunder and lightning. Her mother was at home and very worried about her daughter's safety. So she got into her car and drove along the route she knew her daughter would be taking. As she rounded a corner she saw her daughter and as the lightning flashed the girl looked up to the sky and smiled. When her mum got her into the car she asked her "What were you doing looking up at the sky at the lightning?" "I was trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture!" This is not to be recommended!

A charming image of God being interested in us whatever our age. Psalm 139 states: "O Lord you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit down and when I rise. You are familiar with all my ways." This is one of King David's many psalms which would have been sung in worship in the temple. It is amazing that we have these songs today which were written many hundreds of years ago. It is also amazing that God who made the heavens and the earth in all its beauty and fragility, knows and cares for us. We don't have any photos , but we trust that one day we shall see Him face to face. Blessings Janet

Winslow Ramblers

We are pleased to announce that we are now back to walking in groups but maintaining social distancing. We have vacancies now for new members. Please go to our website for details of how to join (only £12 a year). www.bucksvoice.net-district-ramblers-group

Walks in August

Saturday 7th August 10.30am Little Linford Wood, Bbront Reserve GR834455. A walk around this wood which houses dormice displaced by Channel Tunnel works. Also visiting St Leonards 13th Century Church. Dogs on leads. **5 miles**

Wednesday 18th August 10.30am. Tingewick. Three woods walk. Meet in Main Street opposite Church Road beside footpath sign (GR658329). We will cross A421 by footbridge to take footpath on left over fields to meet road. Turning right to path past NE side of Lenborough Wood. Cross a field to enter edge of wood and then following the bridleway to the road opposite Wood Farm. Back through Tingewick Wood. A few stiles and may be livestock **4.5 miles**

Saturday 21 August 10.30am Stowe Woods and Dadford
Meet in layby on left side of minor road north of Akeley Wood School. Take road east from Chackmore and left at crossroads. Follow bridleway and footpaths through Stowe Wood then SW to Dadford. **5 miles**

Whitchurch WI

Members' Garden Meeting

3.30 pm, Tuesday 3 August 2021



***by kind invitation of Margaret Lightfoot
Cream Tea Party at 28 Bushmead Road
Whitchurch, HP22 4LG***

***To book a place, contact: Linda Nicholls on
lindanicholls2016@gmail.com***

Information for residents with young families

I work for the Early Years Service, Buckinghamshire Council. Part of my role is supporting parents who are eligible, with applying for [2 year old funding](#). This entitles them to receive up to 15 hours/week funded provision in a nursery, pre-school or childminder.

The main criteria to be eligible for the funding, is for a family's household income from work to be less than £15,400 per year (after tax). I am hoping you would be willing to have a conversation with me about how we may be able to support the families in your area – by us providing information to you, providing you with some of our promotional material, submitting information about the funding for you to include in residents newsletters (or forms of communication you use), if you have a Facebook page etc.?

I can be contacted on 01296 38 7000

Carol Morgan

Access & Inclusion Officer

Children's Services - Education

Buckinghamshire Council

01296 38 7000

WINSLOW & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS

www.winslowbus.com

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

Winslow & District Community Bus need Volunteer Drivers

If you are aged between 30 and 70 years of age, have a D1 on your licence, and have some spare time, please consider becoming a driver for your local Community Bus. We offer certificated training to MIDAS standard, and pay out-of-pocket expenses.

Please call or email for more info!

Is your Bus Pass still valid?

For information on how to apply for and renew visit

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

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



Marston Family Rides by John Spargo

The Claydon Loop via the Gated Road to Hogshaw: (<10 miles, with 2 short climbs), refreshments at The Eco Dragon Tea Shop.

Leave North Marston by Quainton Road and follow the road to Stonehill Farm **(A)** and make a right turn into the gated road to Hogshaw. Continue to the very end of the gated road, turn right **(B)** signposted to The Claydons and Winslow. After a hundred yards, the Green Dragon Eco Centre is on your left if you want to stop for refreshments. Continue along the road to the Claydons. After a steepish but short climb, you enter Botolph Claydon.. At the top of the climb **(C)** turn right and cycle through Botolph Claydon and East Claydon. Leaving East Claydon there is a long descent. Keep on this road until it meets the Winslow to Granborough Road and make a sharp right turn at **(D)**. The route home takes you across the bridge over Claydon Brook then you up a climb into Granborough, then up a short rise by Granborough Church, After that, it's a fairly easy ride back to North Marston.





**Bucks Herald 1884:
NORTH MARSTON**

“OUTBREAK OF FEVER...We regret to hear that a serious outbreak of fever has occurred at Schorne College, in this village, a considerable number of the inmates, mainly students, having been attacked and two deaths, one of a domestic servant and one of a student, having taken place. Happily the disease has thus far been confined to the College, and as a wise precaution the National Day Schools, which are situated in close proximity to Schorne, have been closed for the time. Good health prevails generally throughout the village proper.”

Oving Tennis Club – your friendly local club

Wimbledon is over, the weather is hot and there is tennis to be played. Our LTA accredited coach, Paul Hobday, has children's Summer tennis camps scheduled for 16,17 and 18 August – call him on 07967 514081 if you are interested.

If you think you might be interested in joining the club, why not come along to one of the club sessions to meet us and see what you think? You have a choice between 18.30 on Wednesdays (under floodlights later in the evening) and 10.30 on Sunday mornings.

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](#).

We are running a quiz on 24 September at 7.30 in Oving Village Hall – our first fund raising event in nearly two years thanks to Covid. A fish and chip supper, or vegetarian alternative, is included in the ticket price of £12.50. Tickets are available from Peter Docwra on 01296 670567 but will be limited to ensure social distancing.

We hope to see you on court soon.



Just Good Friends Quiz

Answers on page 29

1. Who switches the lamp off at the end of the opening credits?
2. Which of the Friends is afraid of dogs?
3. What instruments were playing at Phoebe's wedding?
4. What was the original part Joey went for on "Days of our Lives"?
5. When Ross was unable to find a Santa Claus outfit, what did he end up dressing as?
6. Joey and Chandler launched water bombs using what item belonging to Rachel?
7. What was the colour of the sports car Ross bought?
8. Which character is played by the actor Elliot Gould?
9. When the Friends catch up with Joey in Las Vegas what is he dressed as?
10. In the opening credits, who sits at the opposite end of the sofa to Monica?
11. Monica's parents pet name for her is what?
12. What was the stage-name of the stripper Danny DeVito played?
13. Which fruit was Ross allergic to?
14. When in London, which TV show made Joey homesick?
15. Who plays Chandler's dad in the show?

LIVESTOCK WORRYING IS A CRIME

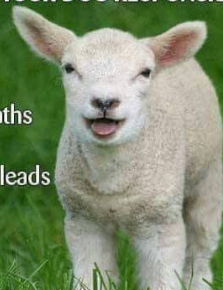
**Your dog MUST be on a lead
from 1st of March - 31st of
July and at ALL TIMES when
livestock present** 🐑🐑

LAMBING SEASON

PLEASE WALK YOUR DOG RESPONSIBLY

Keep to footpaths

Keep dogs on leads



COMMUNITY ROUND UP & VOLUNTEERING

GRANBOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (GNP)- WHAT NEXT

The GNP has reached an important stage, so a big thank you to all those who have responded to the consultation document. All the comments are extremely useful to the Steering Group, and we are currently analysing them and will, if considered necessary, amend the draft plan. Once that is completed the “Neighbourhood Planning Body”, the Granborough Parish Council, will need to agree the modifications and approve the resulting draft for submission to the local planning authority, Buckinghamshire Council (BC).

After submission, responsibility for taking the process forward lies with BC. They will publicise the updated plan and arrange for independent examination which will consider whether the neighbourhood plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements. This means there is another **six-week period for anyone to make formal comments on the plan, and the comments are submitted to the Examiner.**

If the plan passes this examination period with or without any modifications, BC will arrange for a neighbourhood referendum. If there is a simple majority “yes vote” then the GNP is MADE and becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area, which carries the same statutory status as any up-to-date local plan adopted by Buckinghamshire Council for the area.

North Marston C of E School

End of term

Despite this being a challenging year for education in many ways, we have managed to hold some of the “usual” end of year events.

The beginning of June saw Y5/6 off to PGL for a week residential – great fun was had by all, if not a little tired by the end of the week!

We managed to hold a modified version of Sports Day, where all the children participated with high team spirit. As always, there can be only one winner and this year it was..... Verney!

Y5/6 worked incredibly hard to produce an end of year play; not easy to perform without an audience, but they did a fantastic job. Well done to all of you!

Finally, we held an end of year service - not at the Church this year, but on the school field. It was lovely to see the whole school come together as they all move onto the next phase in their education.

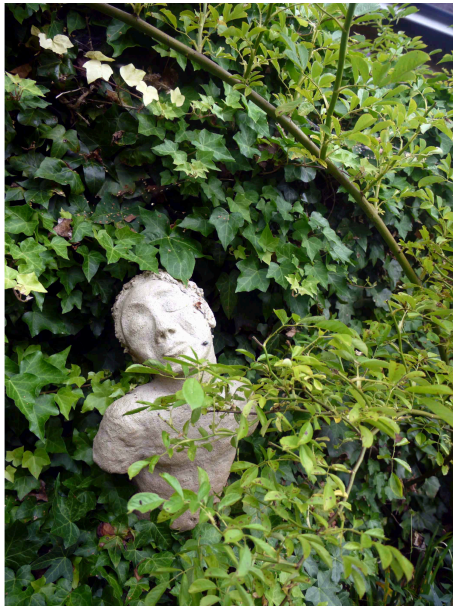
As the Year 6 pupils leave North Marston School gates for one last time, we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for everything that they have done for the school during their time here. We are incredibly proud of them all and wish them continued success as they move onto their secondary schools.

From all the staff at North Marston C of E School



Village
Gallery

Mangle
by Mark Sheidrake



Village
Gallery

Bush Camp
by Karen Parks



What about The Wesley Centre?

Part of North Marston heritage, partly an everyday social hub, this attractive modern venue for community and individual events had to close its doors during Covid restrictions.

During the times pre-Covid (remember them, 'The Good Old Days'?) events included:

coffee and cake mornings, monthly lunches, Brownies, History Club, wildlife & conservation meetings, Pilates, Zumba, the Poetry Evening, play rehearsals... all in-between family gatherings, church services, high powered business meetings and your own private bookings. There were even some folk brave (or barmy) enough to learn Scottish Country Dancing! When looking to find a meeting place for folk to enjoy an occasion, The Wesley Centre offered the answer.

Now it's getting ready again!

At last, there are some dates for your calendar - some already announced and many more will be advertised soon, with a very warm welcome to all.

The website has unfortunately not yet caught up with current events and so if you would like to know more or to book your own private functions then these are the ways to do so:

Email: bookings@wesleycentre.com

Telephone: 07984 791364 (Anne Ketteridge)

GATHERINGS, CLUBS & GROUPS



North Marston &



Granborough Lions FC

Are you passionate about football?

Do you want to be part of a team?

Are you available to play football on Saturday mornings & train on Thursday evenings?

If your answers are YES, come and join us at NM&GL FC! We are currently looking for new players for under 11s (Year 5 & 6) and under 9s (Year 3 & 4). If you would like further information, please contact our Club chairman, Dave Williams

daveivorwilliams@hotmail.co.uk



1st Granborough Scout Group

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

We have been back meeting face to face each week for a while now.

The activities in just the last few weeks the children have accomplished include

Water fight, canoeing, helping in the church grave yard, cycle ride round the villages with challenges, marshmallows on the fire, pond dipping, treasure hunt, camp fire building, zip wire down a big hill, bug hotel building, history tour round our village, general fun and games.

We have also just had the green light to say we can camp overnight. This is fantastic news given they have missed out on camping for many months.

The leaders give of so much of their time so a massive thank you to them, and to the parents who support them by helping at meetings.

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.



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



CHURCH NOTICES

St Mary's Church, North Marston



St John the Baptist Church,



We are delighted that our churches are now open for services every Sunday, after so many months of restrictions on our communal worship. Whilst Government restrictions have been lifted, with infection rates still high, we remain mindful of the safety of congregations. We ask that you continue to wear masks for services, even when singing. When it comes to seating, households may mix, but we can also accommodate those who prefer to maintain social distancing. In Holy Communion services, we will continue to employ scrupulous safety measures, including dipped wafers, rather than the communal cup.

We very much look forward to welcoming you in church!

Services for August:

North Marston

1st August 10.00am Family Service

8th August 9.30am Family Communion

15th August 9.30am Family Service

22nd August 9.30am Holy Communion

**29th August 10.30am Outdoor Service, shared with Granborough,
at Rookery Farm**

Granborough

1st August 11.00am Family Service

8th August 11.00am Family Communion

15th August 11.00am Family Service

22nd August 11.00am Holy Communion

**29th August 9.30am Outdoor Service, shared with North Marston,
at Rookery Farm**

Prayers and Support

If you have particular concerns that you would like to share and talk through with someone, then please let Petra or Janet know.

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

Prayer co-ordinators for Granborough Church:

Jayne Evans jaynegranborough@hotmail.com

Alison Rosser paulandally1979@gmail.com

Morning Prayers are open to all. These normally take place on Thursday mornings from 10.00am – 11.00am in The Wesley Centre, North Marston.

THERE WILL BE NO MORNING PRAYERS DURING AUGUST.

Clergy

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Churchwardens Granborough

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Robert Kemp 670204 rookery4@aol.com

Useful resources on mental health can be found here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources>

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

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

Combined Granborough and North Marston Service

August 29th at 10.30am

You are all welcome to join us at Rookery Farm, Granborough for a Family Service. This will be an informal service led by Janet and David Bayly. There will be activities for the children and a time of worship. Please bring a picnic and drinks and cake will be served.

Thank you to Robert and Christine Kemp for providing the barn for us to meet in.

Granborough Church Flower Rota

Saturday 24th July to Friday 13th August

May Bradbury

Saturday 14th August to Friday 3rd September

Sarah Sutton

NM Church Cleaning Rota 2021

August

1 Jenny Morgan + Val York
8 Jo Radcliffe
15 Jan Quinn + Pip Hitchen
22 Jean Wright
29 Valerie Price & Gill Warner

Church Pedestal Rota 2021

August

1 Averil Wilkinson
8 Penny Anderson
15 Elizabeth Crocker
22 Alison Still
29 Angela Martin

Just Good Friends Answers

1. Monica
2. Chandler
3. Steel drums
4. Cab Driver
5. An armadillo
6. Her bra
7. Red
8. Jack Gellar
9. A gladiator
10. Joey
11. Harmonica
12. Officer Goodbody
13. Kiwi
14. Cheers
15. Kathleen Turner

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>

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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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Monday 23rd August

Monday 6th September

North Marston Village Hall Hiring Calendar

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Draft Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall 13th July 2021 at 8.00pm

Attendees: Cllr Mordue, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Newman, Cllr Gomm, Clerk Rachel Callander & 4 members of the public

100 Club July Draw: 1st prize 38 Mike Finnemore, 2nd prize 16 Pete Butler, 3rd prize 61 Victoria Lane

2. Buckinghamshire Council: Covid numbers fell in June and are increasing in July amongst the younger age group. Town Centre regeneration – there is a drive to improve Winslow. BCC has been nominated in the top 6 councils. Buses – the issue with the school buses is ongoing. Community Board has £0.5m to contribute in 2021/22. Query on land on Quainton Road is ongoing. Gypsy Corner – this will be progressed but an option to gate off the lane was suggested. Animal Antiks – BCC will be looking into the traffic and the road

3. Planning Applications

- a. Resolved: No objections 21/02487/App Winters End Barn
- b. Resolved: No objections 21/02347/App 10 Church Street

4. Neighbourhood Plan: Michael, Chair of the NP:

The Steering Group would like to thank councillors for their contributions when considering the draft Plan at the Group meeting on 8th July, and for the positive spirit in which the Plan's contents were received.

The Group is now in the process of making the few adjustments required after the meeting and I am expecting to achieve an agreed final text within the next couple of weeks. After that, the text will be proofread, the cover designed, and photographs and diagrams will be

inserted with the intention of producing a finished Plan for Parish Council endorsement in time for the September meeting of the Council. The Plan will then be able to go forward for formal pre-submission consultation.

5. Hedges/Village Upkeep

- a. Agreed Cllr Hogbin-Mills and Cllr Du Plessis will classify the hedges by those that need to be cut by tractor and those by hand and the frequency.
- b. Agreed the cutting schedule will be documented so all parishioners are aware to avoid parishioners cutting and dumping grass cuttings in hedges.
- c. Agreed 10A Portway can create a wildflower area outside their house, to be maintained by owners. Lynch Garden Services to be notified of start date to ensure the grass is not cut.
- d. Agreed a small cherry/Amelanchier tree to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee can be planted on the green at the VH end

6. Parish Action Plan/Projects: Playground - The quote from Lynch Garden services of £60 to cut the playground grass every 10 days was approved. No update on the roundabout height (ROSPA report) was received – Cllr Mordue. No update on the water damage on the pagoda (Sheds Direct) was received– Cllr Mordue. No quote for the paving on Quanton Road was received – Cllr Du Plessis. The School Council voted for the playground to be named The Park at North Marston. A sign will be created. Resolved: 1 x Waymarker sign packs for £52.71 + VAT was signed off. **Pond** – The hydrant and metered standpipe have been tested and equipment will be hired from Aquam when the pond needs topping up. The percentage of new water vs pond water will be carefully monitored. A test will take place in the next few weeks. It was decided that the well water is slow and not feasible. Trevor Jenkins to be updated on this action. **Traffic Calming** – Cllr Gomm provided an update: A rural community task force has been set up looking at shared solutions across Bucks. Trevor Jenkins will provide a report for the PC on NM's issues based on the last 2-3 years local experience and via Community Speedwatch Group for the September meeting. MVAS report shared: 31% vehicles exceeded speed limit, 49 vehicles exceeded 50mph, 3 vehicles between 60-65mph.

Kerbing around Church – The Community Funding group has suggested to apply through Section 184 agreement road space rather than Highways Funding. Additional information is required before this project can proceed. **Dog Fouling Signs** – Agreed to buy 5 packs of 2 Polite Notices for £5.24 each. The ‘We are Watching Campaign’ to be shown to Pre school staff to ask their opinion on how children may react to the design. **Village Hall** – Agreed to ask Roy Randles to look at the guttering damage at the side of the VH. Agreed to review the shop wifi cost and to see if we can share. Alternative routes are Rapid Rural at an installation cost of £265 + VAT and £35 + VAT per month. In the short term the Pre school to use a plug in box at their own cost. **Small Village pond (Parsnip Pond)** – Agreed that the cones by the pond should remain to prevent people parking on the verge. Trevor Jenkins to provide a plan for the pond. A sign for the pond was suggested

7. **Finance:** Acknowledged the receipt of £2,558.00 for the remainder of the £10,000 NP grant. Acknowledged receipt of 2020/21 VAT £14,202.55 (PC £13,842.71, VH £153.70, SF £206.13)

8. Next Parish Council meeting:

- No August meeting
- September 14th at 8pm in the Village Hall

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Date	Event	Where	Time
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28th August	Sunflower Comp		deadline 28th Aug
4th September	Produce & Handicraft Show GVH		tbc
4th September	NM Summer Event & Playground official opening 12-3		
11th September	ride & stride for Churches		
24th September	Oving		7.30
2nd October	Big Plant Day	village green	10-12
9th October	World Challenge quiz	Wesley Centre	tbc

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