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WELCOME

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

2019 brings you the new look magazine full of new articles and information. We are always looking for ways to improve the magazine and keep it informative and interesting, so please let us know your thoughts & views.

January's edition focuses on the history of the villages, and how to stay safe this Winter. We receive so many great articles with new entries every month ensuring the magazine stays fresh. Keep spreading the news to more people that the magazine is where you hear all the news. A subscription form can be found on the next page to pass on, or there are copies in the Village shop. Or email editornorthmarston@gmail.com

If you would be interested distributing the magazines in your road in Granborough then please email editornorthmarston@gmail.com; All help is gratefully received.

**We wish Eddie, the manager at The Shop in
North Marston, all the best and a speedy
recovery in the coming weeks.**

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Granborough Neighbourhood Plan (GNP)

The residents of Granborough are creating a

Neighbourhood Plan

and this needs the involvement of everyone in the village.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ

This leaflet, which is being circulated to every household, it is the first of a number of information documents which are intended to keep you informed as to progress with the Plan and to request your assistance.

Public Meeting

We need everyone's involvement in this task. Please come along to the meeting in Granborough Village Hall on **Saturday 19th January 2019** between 10.00am and 1.00pm when you can

- Hear more about this process
- Ask questions
- Give us your first thoughts on how you see the future of Granborough

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and to shape the development and growth of their local area. It arises out of the Localism Act 2012 which introduced the ability for parish and town councils to produce plans which will form part of the policies used to make decisions on planning applications.
- Neighbourhood planning is not a legal requirement but a right which communities in England can choose to use.
- A Neighbourhood Plan is a document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area - planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications.
- The document is written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority.
- It is a powerful tool which will, as far as possible, ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place.

Granborough Parish Council has resolved to facilitate the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Granborough and their application was approved by Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) on 23rd July 2018.

For further information please visit the [Granborough Parish Council website; www.granborough.org/neighbourhood-plan/](http://www.granborough.org/neighbourhood-plan/)

Quiz Night
Fund-Raising Event for Animal Antiks
Friday 25th January 2019
North Marston Village Hall

Doors open: 7:00 pm
Quiz starts: 7:30pm

Bar open from 7:00 pm

Quiz teams of up to 6 people
***Don't worry if you don't have a full team,
we can put people together on the night to
make a team.***

Tickets £5 per person
Available by email from
animalantiks@yahoo.co.uk
or call 07543 276818

RNLI Quiz Night

RNLI Quiz Night at Granborough Village Hall on **Saturday 26th January 2019** at 7.30pm. £5 per team member (max 6 per team) tea & coffee provided, raffle. Book with Rebecca, Special Events Organiser on 07761 914244.

Please let us know if you have any up and coming events in 2019 and we can list them here for free. Contact editornorthmarston@gmail.com for details on what to submit. Thank you.

Sports Field planned activities

We have two events planned for 2019
6th March – Race Night
6th July – Music festival

Keep an eye out for further details in the near future.

The Sports Field Committee
nmgssportsfield@gmail.com
Trevor Lane 01296 670100





A thought provoking film on the first Wednesday of every month

Wednesday 6th February



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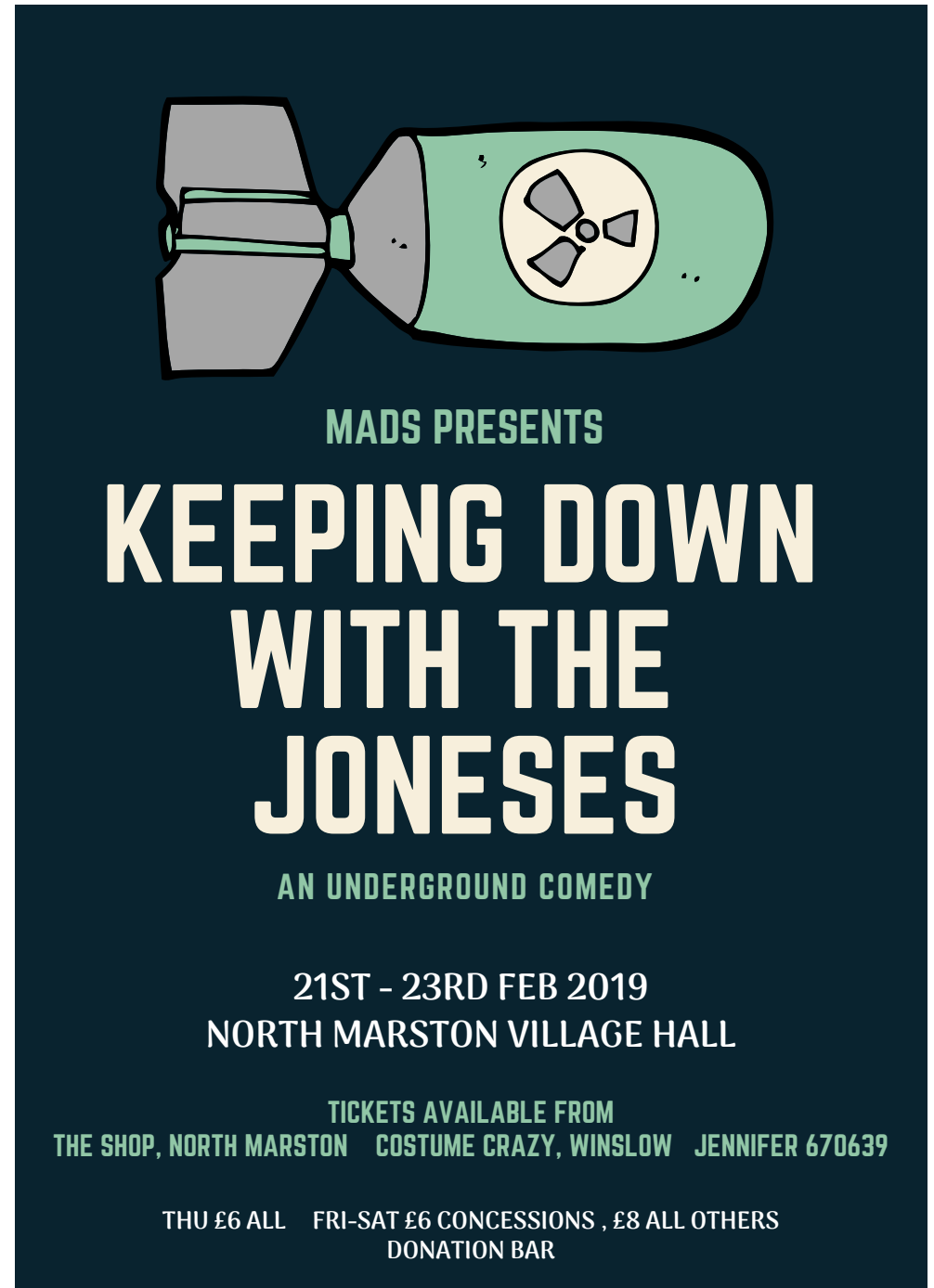
Breathe follows the life of Robin Cavendish and his wife Diana who refuse to give up when Robin contracts polio and is given months to live. Against all advice Diana brings him home from hospital where her devotion and witty determination transcends his disability

Doors open and sweets and soft drinks available from 7.15pm

Film starts at 7.30pm

Wesley Centre, Schorne Lane, North Marston MK18 3PJ

Admission free



CONTRIBUTIONS

North Marston Art Exhibition - Thank you

A fabulous array of artwork from both professional and amateur artists was on display in September at North Marston's first art exhibition in many years. The event, held in the Wesley Centre, opened with a private viewing on Friday night where guests met many of the artists and could watch a demonstration by artist Robbie McSweeney. On Saturday the exhibition was open to all with a live watercolour demonstration from award-winning artist Andy Lee.

The event was held to showcase the breadth of local talent and to fundraise. Event organiser Tricia McSweeney said "We were thrilled by how successful the show was, the high quality of work that was submitted and the positive response we received from those that attended".

Co-organiser Sara Williams commented "The success of the show meant we far exceeded our fundraising target, the monies raised will mean so much for our two good causes".

All the profits from the exhibition were donated to Brain Tumour Research & Oli's Fight (<https://uk.gofundme.com/Olisfight>).

Granborough Village Hall Disco - Thank you

A fantastic turnout for the Annual Village Hall Retro Disco. A Big thank you to DJ Bone & the Village Hall Committee for continuing to put such a Great event on – and to everyone who came! Hope to see you all at the 2019 Disco. All you Dancing Queens!!

The Poppy Appeal Collection in Granborough - Thank you

The Poppy Appeal Collection in Granborough raised £707.66 – a fantastic total.

Thank you to all who donated and special thanks to The Crown and the door-to-door collectors; Jackie Lloyd-Jones, Helen Zaremba, Sarah Sutton and Christine Kemp.

The Royal British Legion 2018 Poppy Appeal - Thank you

Thank you to all North Marston residents for giving so generously to the 2018 Poppy Appeal. The total of £763.66 was donated. Many thanks to the collectors: Angela Ewing, Angela Martin, Pam Carter, Lynda Tomlins, Carole Webb, Trevor Jenkins, Janet Godwin, Archie and Georgina Dancer, The Shop, The Pilgrim, North Marston C of E School and St. Mary's Anglican Church/Methodist Church.

Christmas Craft Fayre - Thank You

Thank you to all those who came along to the Christmas Craft Fayre, held in Granborough Village Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 17th November 2018. Visitors had the opportunity to buy Christmas items while having a mince pie and a hot drink! With your support and kind donations, a fantastic profit of £302.00 was raised on the day for the Village Hall Restoration Fund. Congratulations to Molly Russell who was the lucky winner of the Christmas Hamper raffle!

Christmas Tree Lights – Thank you

70 villagers gathered on 9 December at The Village Hall for the switch-on (Oliver Bunyan pressed the switch) of the Granborough Christmas Tree Light on the 18 foot Norwegian pine and enjoyed warm mulled wine and mince pies served by The Scouts. Janet rattled through six heartily sung Carols whilst Petra ended the evening with a prayer. A big thank you to all who attended and appreciation to the team who made it happen - Robert, Thomas, Brian, Ian, Karl, Bill and 1st Granborough Scouts – and also to the support of The Parish Council. Same time next year??

Charter Fayre 2018 donations - Thank you

Our four local good causes received a share of over £700.00 in donations from Granborough Charter Fayre 2018. Air Ambulance, Village Hall, St John the Baptist & Macmillan. Thank you all for your continued support.

Carol Singing – Thank you

The carol singers collected over £207. Thanks to the singers who sang in the rain, those that came to their doors to support The Children's Society and to the Crown for supplying refreshments and warmth.

Update from Animal Antiks

On Friday 30 November, with much excitement we held our first fundraising event at the village hall. To start with something a little different we held a fashion show in conjunction with a small boutique shop in Towcester called 'Rock those Frocks'. With around 40 people comfortably seated with their complimentary glass of Prosecco, our volunteer models started to strut their stuff up and down our 'catwalk' in the middle of the village hall. We even had our own local celebrity model, the Sunday Times best selling author Carole Matthews. All our models were a little nervous to start with, but with the encouragement of the audience, they soon got into the swing of things as they each modelled a number of different outfits from the shop. At the end of the show everyone was able to look through the racks of clothes and accessories which had been brought along to try and find that special little something for the forthcoming festive parties. With a percentage of the sales going to the charity, plus money from ticket sales, the bar and the raffle helped to make this a successful fundraising event for Animal Antiks.

Book a date in your diary for our next event, which will be a quiz night on **Friday 25th January**. We are looking for teams of up to six people, but don't worry if you don't have a full team as we can match groups up on the night if necessary. Tickets are £5 each, which includes a first drink from the bar and can be purchased in advance by email to animalantiks@yahoo.co.uk or calling 07543 276818

Granborough Senior Citizens Club - Write Up

We are almost at the end of our programme for 2018. On the 6th December 19 of us travelled by mini bus and car to The Inn on the Lake at Mount Farm, Bletchley for our Christmas meal. Always a favourite of the club. On the 20th December we had our Christmas Party at the village hall. Entertainment was provided by Paul French with afternoon tea and gifts for everyone.

The club welcomes new members and we would like to see anyone who enjoys the company of others whilst enjoying a full programme including speakers, discussions and meals which include a fish and chip lunch, meals at various restaurants, afternoon tea and much more.

We start our 2019 programme on the **17th January** which will be our AGM. Why not come along and see what we have to offer. You will be warmly welcomed by the members and you can enjoy a drink and cake for refreshments.

In order to continue with the club we do need to boost our numbers so you could help us to do this. If you require any further information regarding the club please ring Jackie on 01296 670210 or Margaret on 01296 670612

The Christmas Tree

Only a few short weeks ago
I was the one which they had chosen.
Now I lie here in the snow,
Discarded, unloved, sad and frozen.

I was the pride of the sitting room.
The children's faces shone with glee.
Twinkling lights in the winter gloom,
The family's splendid Christmas tree.

But look at me now on the compost heap
Forgotten and neglected.
In the Christmas aftermath
I'm lying here dejected.

But wait! What's happening? Now I see
They're coming to take care of me.
Digging a hole, watering in well,
Filling with soil for my roots to swell.

Standing me up, treading me in,
Staking my trunk from the winter winds,
Oh this is better, now I see
I'll be their next year's Christmas tree!

Alison Saunders



Recipe - Leftover pie

Christmas already over! And what to do with all the leftovers? You could make soup, a curry, croquettes, or cheeseboard macaroni cheese, but the family favorite is pie. Here is my recipe.

Left over pie or Turkey and Ham pie

Packet ready roll puff pastry
Leftover turkey cut into cubes
Leftover ham cut into cubes
Mug Left over cream
Leftover juices from turkey
Onion
Mixed herbs
Left over white wine (if there's any left!)

Soften an onion in a little oil, add glass white wine and reduce by half. Add about a large mug of cream, you can make up with some whole milk if you don't have enough cream. Add three tablespoons of turkey juice or chicken stock. Mix together and add teaspoon of mixed herbs and salt and pepper to taste and finally fold in the meat. Spoon into a pie dish. Roll out pastry and cut a 2cm strips from the edge and place onto edge of dish with a little milk. Brush pastry on top and cut to shape and you could be artistic and make some leaves or other shapes to decorate the top with leftover bits. Brush over the top with milk or a beaten egg. Cook in a 185c oven for about 40mins. Enjoy with some vegetables.



The King-Killer and Church Destroyer from Granborough

In June 1645, Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army inflicted a fatal blow to the king's army at the Battle of Naseby. In 1649 a death warrant was signed which led to the execution of the King. All those that signed the warrant, as well as those who had helped to prepare it, were officially termed as "regicides" which literally means "king-killers". One such man was Granborough-born **Cornelius Holland**. For the ensuing period of eleven years, Parliamentarians like Holland ruled the country under the leadership of Oliver Cromwell.

On the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, the regicides were quickly outlawed and pursued. Many of those caught were barbarically executed or died in prison. Some escaped abroad but were traced and died at the hands of the King's agents. The remainder, like Holland, evaded capture by changing their identity, eventually dying in exile, universally reviled and virtually erased from recorded history. It is because he has been erased from recorded history, there is no objective account concerning the earlier years of Cornelius Holland. It is *probable* he was one of several children born to a Granborough man, Benedict Holland, whose own claim to fame was being sentenced to imprisonment for debt in April 1635. He later died in Fleet prison.

By Royal Appointment

According to the *Chambers Book of Days* (1869) Cornelius Holland was "a Poore boy in court waiting on Sir Henry Vane, by whose interest he was appointed by Charles I keeper of Creslow pastures. He subsequently deserted the cause of his royal patron, and was rewarded by the Parliament with many lucrative posts. He became so wealthy that, though he had ten children, he gave a daughter on her marriage £5,000, equal to ten times that sum at the present day".

Wealth and politics

The upwardly mobile Holland became a Member of Parliament in 1642 and subsequently seems to have been adept at lining his own pocket. In December 1648, only a month or so before the Civil War and with tensions

between the Crown and Parliament rising, Holland was appointed one of the Commissioners for Bucks responsible "for settling militia throughout England and Wales. Subsequently, and doubtless influenced by his patron Sir Henry Vane, Holland sided with the Parliamentarians against the Royalists in the ensuing English Civil War, becoming a key member of Cromwell's government. Immediately after the king's execution he was appointed to the Council of State. Thereafter, his family home was at Somerset House and he held Richmond House as his country retreat. He had become a powerful and wealthy man and seemingly not averse to using his power to advance his personal objectives. His services to the parliament were rewarded by grants of land both in England and in the Bermudas, while lucrative offices, including the keepership of Richmond Park, were bestowed upon him.

Holland the Church Destroyer

Like many Parliamentarians, for ideological and religious reasons, Holland sought to alter the fabric and fittings of churches, to remove and destroy physical elements and symbols associated with Roman Catholicism. The full extent of Cornelius Holland's destruction is not recorded but we know it encompassed the partial demolition of the chancels of Granborough, East Claydon, Winslow, and Addington; the destruction of the abandoned churches of Hogshaw and Creslow and the complete demolition of the north aisle at Oving Church. There may be other churches that received his attention of which we are not aware. As a Privy Councillor in Cromwell's interregnum government, as well as having been entrusted with the deployment of militia throughout the county, Holland had access to cannons and troops, precisely the tools he needed for his demolition. To this day, the exterior nave wall of East Claydon church bears the marks of canon shot fired at the church when the chancel was destroyed.

Regicide

As one of the 135 Commissioners in the Commonwealth government Holland was later assumed to have been one of the 59 Commissioners who had signed King Charles's death warrant in January 1649. When Charles II inherited his late father's throne, Holland's high-rolling days dramatically came to an end, but he escaped certain execution by fleeing to Lausanne in Switzerland. It is claimed he died there in 1671: it would appear that he escaped assassination by agents of Charles II, eventually dying of natural causes in his early seventies.



Paying for your sins in North Marston

In the 1700s, a North Marston parishioner who was considered to have sinned against God might have been reported to the Court of Archdeaconry of Buckingham, and an order of penance would have been made.

One such example was the widow Elizabeth Ward who was accused of the “crime of fornication and with having a bastard child” in 1783.

The penance was basically about humiliation: a public display of repentance usually performed during a busy church service when all the penitent’s friends and neighbours were present. Sometimes, the penitent was required to wear a white sheet and carry a white rod as an extra degree of humiliation.

The Order of Penance required that

“Elizabeth Ward is enjoined to be present in the parish church of North Marston upon some prayer day or holy day, on or before the last day of December 1783, and standing near to the Minister’s reading desk shall immediately, after the service has ended, say after the Minister as follows: Whereas I, Elizabeth Ward, have greatly offended Almighty God, to the danger of my own soul and the evil example of others and the great scandal and offence of the Christian Religion, by committing the crime of fornication, with having a bastard child. I am therefore now come hither, being so enjoined to confess this my sinful act, which here I do in a very penitent manner, and am heartily sorry for the same. And I humbly beseech Almighty God to forgive me this and all my other sins, and to assist me with His grace that I may never commit this or any the like sin again;

and to the end that I may obtain God’s grace and forgiveness I desire you all here present to accept this my confession, and to join with me in prayer, humbly kneeling upon my knees and saying the Lord’s Prayer.

And of the due performance of this penance the said Elizabeth Ward is enjoined to certify under the hands of the minister and Churchwardens.

By the order of the Court.

Joseph Burnham, Deputy Registrar.”

There is no record of whether Elizabeth performed this humiliating penance; a failure to have done so would have resulted in a sentence of excommunication being passed by the Archdeaconry Court, preventing her from receiving Holy Communion and setting her apart from other parishioners..

Assuming it was certified by the minister and churchwardens that Elizabeth had performed the penance, she would have then been fined the costs and fees for the whole case, and a letter of absolution read out in the parish church.

What became of Elizabeth Ward, we don’t know for sure. It is likely she was the Elizabeth Ward who married a John Jackson (both of North Marston) on 20th June 1786, three years after her penance ordeal. Elizabeth and John’s daughter Jane was baptised on 30th July 1786, but whether she was the “bastard child” mentioned in the Order of Penance, we don’t know.

John Spargo



Did you know that North Marston got its name from Granborough?

In Saxon times, Granborough was known as “grenesberga”, meaning green hill. In 792, the great Mercian Saxon king Offa gifted Granborough to St Alban’s Abbey as part of a four estates including Little Horwood. It was lost by the Abbey, possibly during the Viking incursions, but re-endowed in 948. At Granborough’s southern boundary, the St Alban’s estate would have abutted the land of Aylesbury Minster. Including the area we now know as North Marston. This boundary was marked by an ancient hedge-line known as hertmere which ran from Hoggaston to Hogshaw following the line of an ancient track.

St Alban’s Abbey would have marked the boundary to their endowment wherever a road crossed into their estate. Charters from the time show that these boundary markers were often stones marked with a cross (you can see one to this day in Quainton) and the stone would have been called a *maerstun*, and the local (Mercian) pronunciation would have been *marston*.

Therefore, where the track northwards to Granborough intersected the boundary there would have been a marston, as spoken in local dialect. Over time, any adjacent settlement would have been known by this feature. But because there were over seventy marstons in the ninth and tenth centuries, they tended to be differentiated by a descriptive that differentiated them: *north*, *fleet* or *long* for example.

Therefore it is true to say that due to *grenesberga* being given to St Alban’s Abbey, North Marston got its name.

if you want to see a short film about this, visit the North Marston History Club’s website (www.northmarstonhistory.org) or go to YouTube and search under “How Did North Marston Get Its Name?”

John Spargo

A Brief History of Granborough Village Hall

These extracts from Granborough Parish Council minutes from 1909 show the origins of the village hall.

Copy of letter from Mr F W Verney dated 5th August 1909 and sent Rev. O J Jones and subsequently forwarded to Granborough Parish Council:

Dear Mr Jones,

I should be very glad to contribute towards the erection of a village hall and library at Granborough, if it is the wish of those who live there to have one. Knowing how the Claydon people appreciate their village halls, it seems highly probable that many of our Granborough friends would be glad to have something of the same kind, under the entire control and management, either of the Parish Council, or some thoroughly representative committee, without any regard to religious or political opinions. Would you kindly take steps to find out whether the Granborough people are ready to help me carry out this plan? One field there belongs to me, part of which would do well for such a purpose. I have an excellent tenant of that field, who deserves every consideration, but it will probably be found that a part of that field might be cut off, and a very good site secured for a village hall.

Lately a building of this kind was put up in a village partly owned by me in Derbyshire and its erection was greatly helped by the generosity of Mr Andrew Carnegie, who contributed a considerable sum on condition that the Public Libraries Act was adopted, and that a penny rate was voted towards the maintenance of the Library. The Parish agreed to this, and they now have got a capital hall, with a billiard room below, and a library and meeting room above, used constantly for concerts, dances, and recreation of many kinds, besides for other more serious purposes.

I should be much obliged if you can, at your convenience, find out and let me know what is the feeling in the village and neighbourhood on this subject. If such a place is to be a success it can only be made so by the people who live in the neighbourhood. It is therefore essential to discover what are their wishes and opinions. Believe me,

Yours sincerely
Frederick Verney



Nature Notes

Ravens have been present for some time now. A pair were seen quarrelling whilst flying over the Sportsfield and others elsewhere. They fly high so their large size is less distinguishable but their distinctive, deep, resonant *prruk-prruk-prruk* call and thicker beak helps with identification.

Blackthorn trees have produced a good crop of blue-black sloes this Autumn for wildlife as well as those that make Sloe Gin. Use of local raw honey in place of sugar in Sloe Gin can produce a more mellow flavour.

Redwings and Fieldfares, both of the Thrush family, arrived in good numbers in Autumn for overwintering here. They will strip berries in the hedgerows before coming into our gardens. Leaving berries on your garden trees and bushes will attract them and help their survival in winter.

Tawny Owls have been calling: the well-known *Tu-whit; Tu-who*, call is actually a duet, with the female making the *kew-wick* sound, and the male responding *hooo*.

RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch takes place at the end of January each year and 26-28 January 2019 is the 40th year. Find out more on RSPB website and how your participation in a national exercise helps monitor trends and understand on how our birds are doing.

Lights of Friendship in North Marston has raised over £800.

Thanks to everyone for their generosity and to The Shop, North Marston for sponsoring the Tree.

North Marston Church

Happy New Year to all our Light of friends and neighbours

McSweeney Family
Alec & Jayne Springer
Peter & Rosemary Morton
Veronica Reed
Len & Hilary King
Ken & Sheila Grant
Barbara Harwood
Linda Rowett
Malcolm Kitchener
Paula Jenkins
Rosie Neil Dan Josh Mobsey
Janet Gowin
Cynthia Hall
Jon & Angie Martin
Jack & Janet Selmes
Delia Ecob
Clare Hurrell & Family
Sue & Paul Boshier
Colin & Valerie Price
The Woolrich Family
The Butterworth Family
Susan & Stephen Cobbold
Sue & Stuart Chaplin
David & Jennifer Heffer
Janet Davis
Johanna Miller
Brooke Family
Margaret & Ian Lenham
The Rowland Family
Gill & David Warner
Roy & Linda Randles
Pippa Randles & James Purchase
Carol & Paul Bagni
Jean & John Wright
Paul Ketteridge
Alison Still
Des, Jan & all the Quinns
Chris & Ann Read
The Simmons Family
Pete Sara Oscar Jess Williams

Pete & Val York
Clive, Pat, Clayton & Alex Robinson
Stuart, Jane, Amy & Matthew
Deborah & Claudia Philips
Bev Davis
The Pilgrim Pub
Karen Clarke
Peter Jane Charlie Abby & Pip
Lyn Scott
Ann & Cliff Cheshire
The Saunders Family
The Callander Family
The Minnitt Family
The Lane Family
Angela Dale
Ewing Family
Anne and Michael Lane
Creswell Family
Gill & Lionel Hitchings
Jackie & Penny
Dr & Mrs Iain Clark
David & Janet Bayly
Sue Ian Oliver Harvey Mordue
Arch, Georgie, Fergus, Mabel,
Bert & Bea
Ton & Jayne
The Davies'
Alyson & David Perrett
Alma & David Ridgewell
Webb Family
Penny & Paul Alderson
John Lisa Matthew Mulhall
Guy & Freda Holden & Family
Guy Woollett
Pip & Chris & Family
Mr & Mrs Rolls
The Edwards Family
Elizabeth Crocker
Petra, Guy, Rosie, Millie, Marcus
& Lucy Elsmore
Averil, Ian & Kara Wilkinson
The Morgan Family

The Light of the world?



At this time of year our days are short and our nights are long! Imagine what it must have been like without electricity when Jesus was introduced to our world!

But what on earth does that mean....to be the light of the world?

To me and many others around the world it means that He will be my guide, my provider, my comforter, my helper and the best companion I could possibly have.

He is the spiritual light in the world shining bright amongst the darkness that surrounds us.

Does it mean my life will be trouble free, with no problems, no disappointments, no sickness?

Not at all. But Jesus will be with us at all times.

He calls us too to shine in our communities and to love all around us. To do acts of kindness with no reward.

That's what Jesus can mean to us as the light of the world.

Anne Nicholson

NORTH MARSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who took the time and trouble to complete
our Parish Questionnaire

We have collected the grand total of

166 REPLIES

all full of very welcome comments, opinions, and ideas
which will assist us enormously in our planning.

We will now take a few weeks to carefully go through all the replies in
order to collate, organise, and analyse all the information.

When we've finished, we'll publish a complete analysis of our findings,
and hold an

OPEN MEETING EARLY IN THE SPRING

at which everyone will have the opportunity to comment on and discuss
all the results.

In the meantime, we wish every one of you

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*If you would like to learn more about the work of the NMNP Steering
Group, then you can find out about us on the village council website.
We also have a Facebook page (@northmarstonneighbourhoodplan)
which is updated with our news.*

COMMUNITY ROUND UP

Be Safe and well this Winter!

Bucks County Council provide information on the following areas to keep you safe and well this Winter – take a look! <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/community/ready-for-winter/>

Prepare for winter

- Met Office winter readiness checklist
- Winter travel advice
- Gritting Routes
- Salt bins
- Stay Well This Winter
- Age UK - Health - winter guide
- British Red Cross emergency app
- Sign up for flood warnings
- Tips for winter driving

Winter maintenance

Advice on how to travel safely in Buckinghamshire this winter.

- Winter travel advice
- Gritting routes in Buckinghamshire
- Salt bins

Stay healthy in winter

The NHS provides a range of advice and guidance to help you stay fit and healthy. In Buckinghamshire, local services are available to support you in the community.

- NHS 111 - Find out more
- Health information on Flu - NHS
- Check whether you qualify for a free flu jab
- Get involved in a local fitness activity
- Where to go to get advice if you're feeling unwell
- Find local health services
- Advice from the NHS on how to stay healthy

Minutes of the Granborough Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting Held on 3/12/18.

Present: D Copperwheat, D Morris, P Oakland, S Slater (chair), J Thorogood (vice chair)

Apologies: P Sutton, D Smedley, J Piddington

1. The chairman welcomed David Morris to the steering group and thanked Liz Calver for her help in supporting the group.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 5/11/18 were accepted.
3. The steering group, discussed and agreed with the advice from the Information Commissioner's Office concerning its relationship with the Parish council, and the need to be aware that all emails/communications within the group and with professionals contributing to work on the Neighbourhood Plan are subject to the Freedom of Information Act. All communications should be professional and written with an awareness that such communications could be made available to the public. The group also agreed to follow the code of conduct for any declaration of interest which Parish councillors already follow.
4. The advisory leaflets for the village public meeting on 19/1/19 have now been delivered to each household with the Dec issue of Pew News. The leaflet has also been put on the NP website and a summary notice has been displayed on village notice boards and in the Crown. DM will announce the village public meeting in the church notices on Sun 9/12 and PO will further publicise the meeting at the village lunch on 11/12 and to various groups who meet in the village hall. In addition Liz Calver is talking to village groups for younger residents.
5. The format and actions for the village public meeting were agreed, with a trial run of the practical arrangements to be held at the next steering group meeting on 7/1/19 at 19.30 in the village hall.
6. Liaison with the North Marston Neighbourhood Plan group will be explored after the village public meeting in January.
7. The steering group agreed that a contact group email should be established. PO will discuss this further with the Parish Clerk.
8. The steering group agreed to meet on the first Monday of each month in 2019. Next meeting 19.30 on 7/1/19 in the village hall.

Bucks Oil Buying Club



Did you know that there is a bulk oil buying club in your neighbourhood?

Four great reasons to join:

1. The Club takes on the organisation of bulk buying heating oil.
2. We negotiate the best prices available on the day.
3. Delivery is usually made within 10 days of the ordering deadline - you pay after delivery.
4. You are able to place a regular monthly order.

How it works:

- Membership costs £24 for domestic users and £36 for community buildings and village halls per year.
- Once you have joined the group you place your order then sit back while we do the work for you.

Why us? - Community Impact Bucks are a registered charity and the Rural Community Council for Buckinghamshire.

Please contact Leona Mardon 01844 348832
leona@communityimpactbucks.org.uk



Get Winter Ready - Top tips

Check your tank - make sure it is in good physical condition with no leaks, cracks or signs of damage. Remove any low hanging branches near your tank.

Protect your tank - make sure your oil tank is fitted with anti-theft locks and an alarm. Check your insurance policy to make sure you are covered against loss, damage and theft.

Fill your tank - you can use more heating oil during winter months; the difference is roughly 50% more.

Buy early – this can save you money as prices increase with demand, and ensures that your delivery can be made before adverse weather conditions.

Tel: 0300 111 1250

<https://communityimpactbucks.org.uk/projects/oil-buying/>

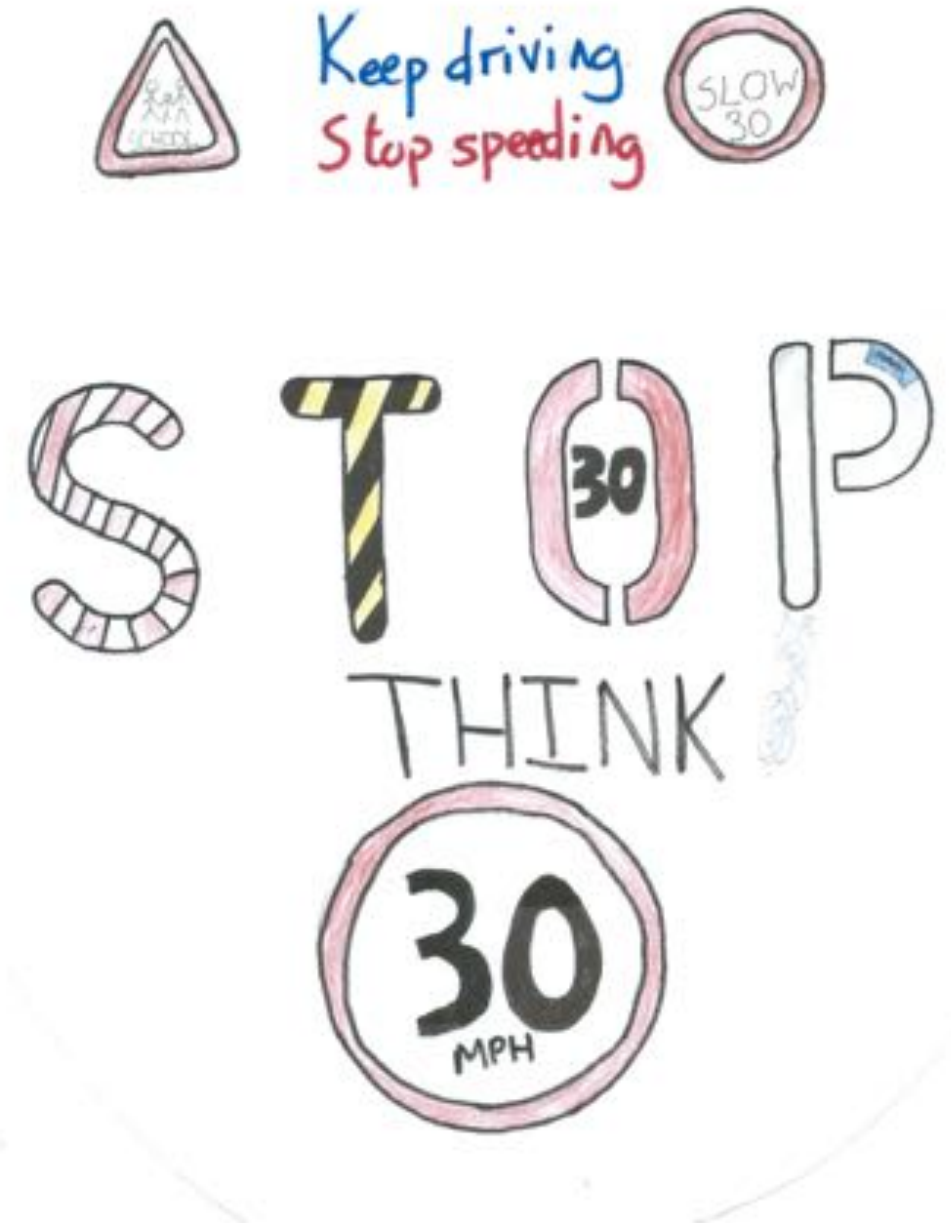
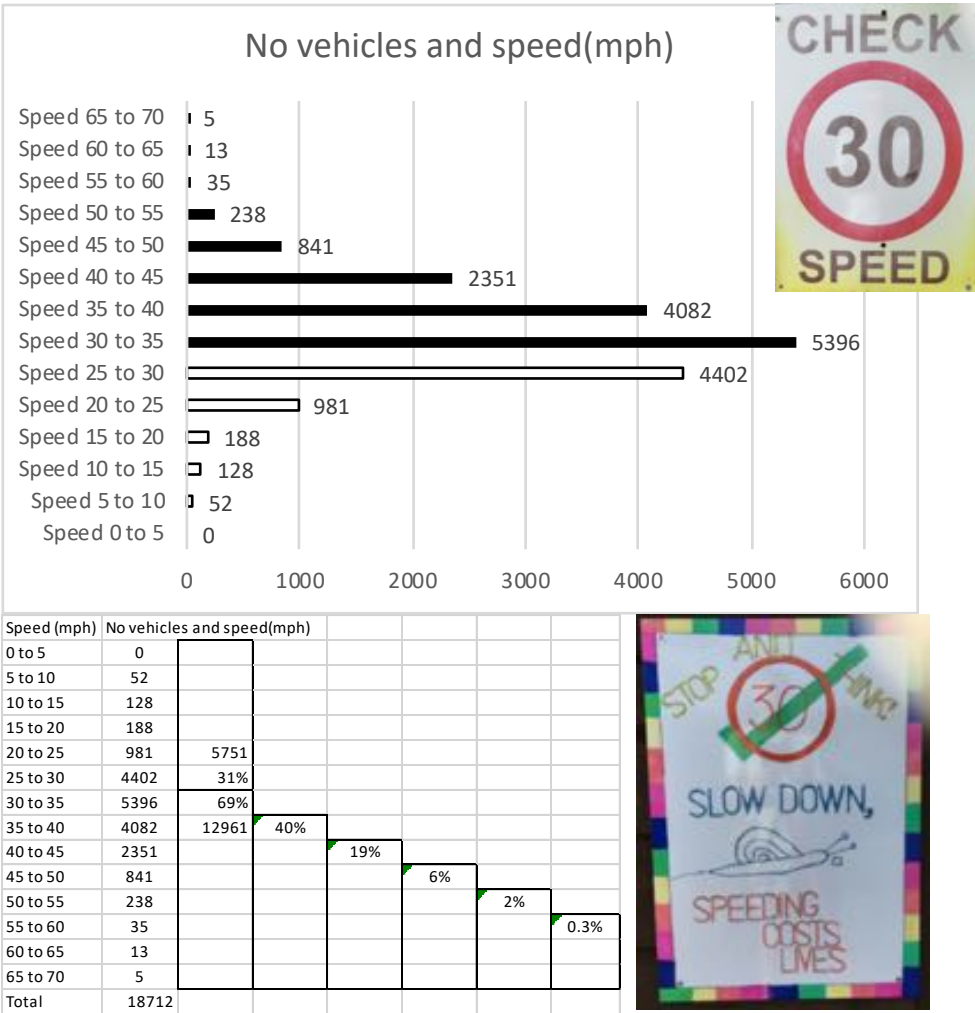
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**North Marston Community Speedwatch Group (NMCSWG):
 MVAS Vehicle Speed Report: November 2018 (20 days): at
 Sportsfield, Granborough Road recording vehicles incoming**

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

Results

- 69% of vehicles were travelling faster than the 30mph speed limit
- The fastest vehicles were travelling at 65-70 mph; 18 over 55mph



GATHERINGS, CLUBS & GROUPS

Granborough Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings are held every Wednesday morning in the village hall at 10.30-12. Everyone is welcome to come along and catch up with friends and make new ones. The cost is £2 to cover hire, heating and coffee. All are welcome!

North Marston Coffee Mornings

Every Friday morning from 10am-12 noon we hold a coffee morning in the Wesley Centre. You can't beat it for a spot of community chat and a friendly welcome. Do come, we'd love to see you!

Monthly Community Lunches

In the Wesley Centre on the **second Wednesday of each month from 12 noon to 2pm**, we hold a Community Lunch. No need to book in advance, just turn up and enjoy a wholesome lunch with delicious desserts in good company. There is no set charge for any of these events but we welcome donations.

We hope to see you for lunch on:

Wednesday 16 January
Wednesday 13 February
Wednesday 13 March

Scottish Country Dancing

At 7.30pm on the second Thursday of each month a group of folk meet in the Wesley Centre for a social gathering and some **VERY** informal Scottish Country Dancing.

We have a lot of laughs as we try to learn new dances together, we don't have any "experts" and we are less than elegant but we do have a LOT of fun and we get a wee bit of exercise.

If you'd like to know more, please ring Val or Pete on 670479 or just come along, you are assured of fun and a warm welcome.

THE PILGRIM QUIZ NIGHTS

Come and join in the monthly quiz on the last Tuesday of the month:
29 January, 26 February, 26 March, 30 April

To take part teams need to be at the Pilgrim by 8pm - the quiz runs from around 8.15pm until about 10.15pm

Teams of up to seven are allowed - each person pays £1 to take part and there are five rounds and a jackpot round. The winning team after five rounds all receive a free drink, the jackpot round is always worth £75 - all money raised is given to North Marston School.

Come and join in the Quiz which typically includes a picture round, a sound round and a tasting round! Hope to see you there. Tim

MUSIC NIGHTS at THE PILGRIM

Come along and join in, all are welcome!

Open Mic Session: On the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm:

- 15 January
- 19 February
- 19 March
- 16 April

Anyone who wants to perform is welcome, we are open to all musicians, singer songwriters, bands and poets. **Sign up from 7.30pm, with performances starting around 8.30pm.** A house guitar and keyboard are available if people don't want or can't bring their own instruments - every performer gets three songs or 15-minutes (whichever is shorter). In the evening every performer gets a free drink!

The quality of musicians and performers is really outstanding and an appreciative audience is always welcome. We welcome all genres but acts tend to perform rock, MoR and folk songs and we regularly have some terrific poets.

Tim

Winslow W.I. – Inspiring Women

Are you a lady who would like to be inspired to widen her interests and knowledge, to meet others, and who cares about society and the environment?

If so, then have you thought about joining the WI? Our aim is *Inspiring Women*, through talks, interest groups and social action, to become women who provide inspiration to others, locally and maybe further afield; in other words, to become *Inspiring Women*.

In January we will be hearing about Farming from a Young Farmers Perspective, and we will be exploring the possible resolutions for the 2019 National AGM. The WI has a long history of campaigning on significant issues. Keep Britain Tidy started with the WI, for example, and we were campaigning about plastics in the ocean long before Blue Planet 2!

Members of Winslow WI come from several surrounding villages as well as Winslow itself. We usually meet on the first Wednesday evening of the month at Furze Down School, Verney Road, Winslow, MK18 3BL. However, in January we meet a week later, so on **Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm**.

If you are wondering about joining WI, why not give someone a call? Valerie 01296 713569 or Alma 01296 670774 would love to hear from you.

Granborough Senior Citizens Club

We meet on a Thursday afternoon, fortnightly at 2:30pm in Granborough village hall.

We have an interesting programme, including speakers, demonstrations of various subjects, communal meals in the village hall and further afield, as well as discussions amongst club members, quizzes and games. We welcome new members (over the age of 55) to join us.

Please ring Jackie on 670210 or Margaret on 670612 for more information.

The Winslow Ramblers Group - January Walks

'Tis spring come out to ramble....`

Well if it isn't spring yet hopefully it is round the corner.

Tuesday 1 January 2.00pm Buckingham. Riverside and town walk to see old and new developments in the town. 3 miles

Saturday 5 January 2.00pm Caldecotte Lake, Milton Keynes. Flat walking on paths around the lake. 4 miles

Saturday 12 January 10.00 Buckland Wharf. Moderately strenuous walk begins at towpath. After short detour to Drayton Beachamp church there is a gradual climb on to Aston Hill followed by descent through Chiltern Forest Golf Course and back to canal. 5.5 miles

Saturday 19 January 10.00 Twyford. Walk west down Mill Lane to Twyford Mill and over the dismantled railway to Cowley Farm. Back to Twyford at the church. Mostly flat. 4 miles

Sunday 27 January 11.00 Heath & Reach. Walking through to nature reserve in old sand quarry, returning via Briants and Overend Green. No stiles. 3 miles

Valerie Newby, Publicity Officer, Winslow District Ramblers Group

For more information please contact
Susan Cobbold, Membership Secretary, 01296 670045
www.bucksvoice.net-district-ramblers-group
Hope to see some of you at one or more of these walks.

Monday Club Programme for 2018/2019

Jan 7th 2019 **A fun evening**

Feb 4th 2019 **AGM** followed by cakes, coffee and chat

Unless stated all meetings start 8pm in North Marston Village Hall
Visitors welcome at a charge of £2.00 per person

New members most welcome.

CHURCH NOTICES

North Marston Services in January

Sunday 6th January 10.00am FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 13th January 9.30am FAMILY COMMUNION (COVENANT SERVICE)

Sunday 20th January 9.30am FAMILY SERVICE in The Wesley Centre

Sunday 27th January 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION

(All services at St Mary's, North Marston, unless stated otherwise.)

North Marston - Church Pedestal Rota January 2019

6 Jennifer Heffer

13 Jennifer Heffer

20 Penny Anderson

27 Penny Anderson

North Marston - Church Cleaning Rota January 2019

6 Sue Brakels

13 Jenny Morgan + Val York

20 Rachel Woolrich

27 Jan Quinn + Pip Hitchen

CHOIR PRACTICE is held at 9.00am on the first Saturday of the month, in the Church. Details from Jennifer Heffer (670273).

A VERY WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT ANY OR ALL OF THESE SERVICES AND EVENTS!

If you need further information, please ring either of the Churchwardens: Alyson Perrett (01296 670302) or Clare Hurrell (07766952524).

Faithful reflections

We are of an age when there is a reversal of roles in the family. The children are in charge! It has happened gently and it's only recently that I have begun to notice. "Drive carefully mum/dad and phone when you get home". "Make sure you don't overdo it". whatever "it" might be. And "Don't go up those ladders!" The last one really bugs David as there are times when he needs to.

I was reading a little story the other day about the Christian author Thomas Merton. He was born in 1915 and became a monk. He wrote poetry and prose and died in 1968. One of his quotations which seems appropriate for the beginning of a new year is:

"When you get to the top of your ladder, make sure that it is leaning against the right wall."

Often in life we strive to achieve so much and when we get there it is not what we expected and can be very empty.

Kindness and care, compassion and time are good ways to lead our lives, putting others before ourselves. By doing these we shall find fulfilment and peace and we shall definitely be putting our ladder against the right wall. Happy New Year.

Rev. Janet Bayly

Discussion Group

David and Janet Bayly invite you to join them in their home on Tuesday 26th February at 7.30pm to enjoy a lively discussion group. We talk about current issues within the context of our Christian faith and beliefs. Our next topic is: What are your hopes and expectations for 2019? We look forward to seeing you. For any queries ring. 670245.

Schorne News

Tea and Chat with Rev. Jacqueline Dove

Most Mondays in St John's Hall, Whitchurch from 10.30 - 12.30. Please call to confirm a time 07775 387271 or 01296 715242 or email jacquelineleach.dove@gmail.com

Granborough Church Services

St. John the Baptist Church
A worshipping church, welcoming everyone into the Lords family, proclaiming the Gospel and serving the community.



Services for January 2019

6th January	11am	FAMILY COMMUNION
13th January	11am	FAMILY SERVICE - including birthdays
	6pm	EVENSONG at Winslow (Transport can be arranged if needed)
20th January	11am	HOLY COMMUNION
27th January	11am	FAMILY SERVICE

Vicar

Rev Petra Elsmore 07365 605412 petra.elsmore@gmail.com. In the event of the Church not being open when normally, please ring the Church Wardens on 670647 or 670570

Granborough Church Flower Rota

24th December to 12th January 2019	All - Christmas
12th January to 1st February	Jenny Dean

Prayer

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH IS OPEN DURING THE DAY FOR PRAYER. The prayer box is open to all, whether church goers or not. Just jot down the request and pop it into the box (next to the door) and the prayers will be prayed every week.

Pastoral Work

Gifts and cards are taken by members of the Church to anyone who may be celebrating, in need of support, or are new to the village. If you know anyone to whom this applies, please contact Davina on 670596, thank you.

House Groups

At Chapel House, 24 Winslow Road, Granborough, meeting fortnightly on Mondays, starting at 8.00pm. Contact Peter Evans 670570.
Dates for January 2019: Monday 7th & Monday 21st

Events at the Wesley Centre

Wednesday 2nd January 7.15pm WESLEY FLICS: 'Simon Birch' (for details see separate poster).

Wednesday 9th January 12noon MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH in The Wesley Centre. No need to book in advance; just turn up and enjoy a wholesome lunch with delicious desserts and good company. No set charge, but donations welcome.

Thursday 10th January 7.30pm SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCIN' in The Wesley Centre. We have a lot of laughs as we try to learn new dances together; we don't have any 'experts', and we are less than elegant, but we do have a LOT of fun, and we get a wee bit of exercise! Please ring Val or Pete for more information (670479) or just come along!

Friday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th January 10.00am-12.00noon COFFEE MORNINGS in The Wesley Centre. You can't beat the coffee mornings for a friendly welcome, a spot of community chat and a slice of cake! We would love to see you!



X-Stream



We are St Mary's children's group, teaching our young people about God and His love for all.

January 6 th	Service in St Mary's Church at 10am
January 13 th	Meeting in The Wesley Centre for worship, prayer, fun, games, learning at 9.20am.
January 20 th	Family service at 9.30am.
January 27 th	Meeting in The Wesley Centre for worship, prayer, fun, games, learning at 9.20am.

KIDS & PARENTS

Granborough & North Marston Baby and Toddler Group

Meets every Monday 9.30-11.30 during term time at Granborough Village Hall, with toys and craft activities. £2.50 per session including a snack. (first session free)

Crusaders

Junior Crew – all children from years 1 to 5 from Granborough and North Marston are welcome on Thursday evenings from 6.15-7.15 in Granborough Village Hall. Subs £10 per term. Contact Debbie Thompson 670239

The Crew – Year 6 and above – Thursdays 7.30-8.30 in Granborough Village Hall. Subs £12 per term. Contact Robert Kemp 670204

Little Angels

Little Angels is a Church based music group for children up to school age, meeting on a Wednesday at 10am, Granborough. We enjoy singing songs, playing musical instruments, a bible story with colouring and craft activities, plus a drink & snack. Everyone is most welcome! Please contact Hannah Goss 670646 for more details. Next sessions: 9th & 23rd January.

BABYSITTERS

Eleanor Callander 07464 602341 Eleanor.callander@gmail.com

Polly Gray 07919 768409 Polly.j.gray@gmail.com

If you would like your name added then please let know
editornorthmarston@gmail.com

Schorne Preschool

Pre School News

Thank you for everyone's support in December, our Nativity was a roaring success and refreshments and a raffle followed. As I write we are expecting a big visit from Father Christmas and a Christmas Party! Thank you to all those that donated raffle prizes and big thanks to The Shop and The Pilgrim.

Our main fundraiser was organised by Lucie at Mimosa Design, we had great fun on the wreath making courses and more orders were also placed. A grand total of £305 was raised! The biggest of thanks to Lucie.



Over the next term we will be doing a Nursery Rhyme Challenge - learn 1 Nursery Rhyme a week over 12 weeks! We will let you know how we get on, There will be certificates for all of the children.





North Marston Church of England School
School Hill
North Marston
Bucks MK18 3PE

Challenging each other to love learning and truly care.

The end of term is a busy time for us here at school, and some of the children have written about the lovely things we did before we broke up.

The run up to Christmas in school was very festive. We made mince pies and Christmas cards, and Reception and Key Stage 1 had their nativity. All of them looked amazing in their costumes and had learnt their lines and songs so well. It looked like our parents enjoyed eating our mince pies and had a great time at the coffee morning. Kate

The Reception and Key stage 1 play was the sleepy shepherd. One of the songs they sang was "Bumpy Road". We all enjoyed watching it. Mr Armstead and Mrs Manser did a fantastic job on the background and staging. During the production the stars (Reception boys), came down the aisle and threw mini stars. Tom

Year 5/6 made mince pies. We made mince pies for the coffee morning. Lexi

Year 5 and 6 made some mince pies for the coffee morning for the parents to eat. Joshua K

We had an RE day where we could go around the different classes and learn about Christmas in different countries. Kinsey

On RE day we learnt about Christmas around the world. The one I liked best was Columbia because they make pictures like mosaics and they throw fireworks all over the place. Jake

Christmas at North Marston School was flooding with excitement. We had the Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity, years 5 and 6 made mince pies to serve to the stressed out parents, we had our mouth-watering hot Christmas lunch and an RE day where all the children were put into mixed age groups and learnt about Christmas in different countries. Ruby



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At the time of writing this there were still more events to come, so as you can see a great time was had by all.

Cathy Gouldstone, Headteacher. North Marston CE School

Seeking a new Governor

We are currently seeking new Governors to join the Governing Body at North Marston School. Being a Governor is an interesting and rewarding role and gives an opportunity to really be involved in the running of our local school which forms a focal part of the community. You will have a chance to support the maintaining of existing high standards and to take the school forward to the next level. You do not need any specific skills just a willingness to contribute.

There is no compulsory training but there are many courses which can support you in your role both face to face and on line. Being a Governor does require some commitment and some evening meetings but we are aware that people do have many other demands on their time. All we therefore ask is that you commit as much time and energy as you feel able.

If you feel that this is something that might interest you please telephone the school on 01296 670286 or email for more information.



1st North Marston Brownies
Monday evening

6.15pm till 7.30pm

At the Wesley Centre

For girls aged 7 to 10yrs in...

North Marston and Granborough

Contact Tricia on 670484 or Hannah on 670646



1st Granborough Scout Group

We offer your child a fantastic opportunity to take part in activities that are fun and that build character.

Beavers

We are an active group and have over 20 children. We meet on a Tuesday. If you want to join in the fun (6-8 year olds) you will need to put your name on the waiting list (register your child from five years of age).

Cubs

For children over 8 and up to ten and a half. We meet on Tuesdays in North Marston School or the surrounding countryside!

Scouts

We get up to many different types of exciting activities including bridge building competitions and camping trips. We meet on a on Wednesday and welcome anyone from ten and a half years of age upwards.

If you would like to help out or have a young person interested please have a look at www.1stgranborough.co.uk or contact us at info@1stgranborough.co.uk

North Marston & Granborough Lions FC

North Marston & Granborough Lions are delighted to welcome a local firm JR Plumbing & Co as our new club sponsor. They will provide new kit for our Under 7, 8, and under 10 teams. The club is pleased that a local business has decided to invest in our local football team. We wish to thank Kerry and her team and look forward to your continued support over the years ahead.



For next season (league games commence on September 15th) we have 3 teams in the Milton Keynes Development League (MKDDL), Under 7, 8 and 10. We also have an Under 18 team who play in the Bedford Youth League. Last season we had 51 children and young people registered with the club. The season runs from September to May with breaks during school holidays.

The club is run by a small committee who will always welcome new faces to help out with the running of the club. All our coaches have up to date DBS checks, 3 have FA Coaching qualifications. We use local young people to ref our matches at home (and pay £15 for the privilege so any young people over the age of 13 and interested in refereeing please contact the club, details below)

We provide club kit to all our players, coaching sessions and yearly award event at the end of the season. We look forward to all the players back in early September and if your child (Boys and girls) wants to play please contact the club, details below.

Older members of the club play 5 a side game at Aylesbury Aqua centre every Wednesday night. Please contact Mark Woolrich on 07808727745 for further details. For information relating to all junior matches and training please contact either:

Barry Kirwan: bskirwin@btinternet.com or 07956 815489

David Raynor: david394raynor@btinternet.com or 07772 641691

COUNCIL UPDATES

AVDC Updates and local happenings from Cllr Scott Raven

Unitary Councillors:

It was voted on in the last extraordinary council meeting that the new unitary council will consist of 147 councillors, with 3 councillors representing each ward. It is important to note that although this sounds like a high number, there are currently 236 councillors across the five existing councils. Also, with boundary changes coming in the near future, it is likely each ward will be much larger.

Homelessness in the Aylesbury Vale:

In our last meeting, AVDC passed a new Housing and Homelessness Strategy for 2019-2022. This strategy was agreeably comprehensive and offered a strong action plan to reduce the issue of homelessness across the Vale. There are more details of this on the AVDC website.

The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP):

The planning Inspector has accepted that the Oxford-Cambridge Corridor should not affect the housing figure used in the VALP, as AVDC had suggested. The Inspector has also asked the council to suggest what adjustments should be made to matters such as migration and housing affordability which affect the calculation of housing need in the Aylesbury Vale.

The council will now take these matters into account in producing modifications to the plan, and it will be offering the public a chance to give their views on these latest changes. The timetable for this further work, the consultation and the next phases of the work to progress VALP to adoption will be published as soon as it has been confirmed.

If you ever wish to discuss local issues, please contact me:

Phone: 07841560877 Email: sraven@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Granborough Parish Council

Please note that Granborough Parish Council's contact details have changed. Postal Address: Hambledon Barn, Main Street, Chackmore, Bucks, MK18 5JF

Telephone number: 01280 823116

Email address remains the same: clerk@granborough.org

Thank you!

Potholes & Highway Maintenance

Potholes and Highway maintenance comes under the Transport for Buckinghamshire Team and 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, you can always call Transport for Buckinghamshire on 01296 382416 or 486630 (out of hours).

Alternatively the Parish Council can report the pothole or highway issue on your behalf. The Clerk will need to know the road and exact location on the road.

Planned Roadworks and Diversions

These can be found on:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads>

Recycling and Waste Guide

The schedules for these services can be found on <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/recycling-and-waste>

Lighting

In the event that you see a light not working or is broken please email the clerk with the following information:

Road Name

Light Number (will be displayed on the column)

OR nearest House Name/Number

Your Contact Details

The Clerk will report the problem to E.on who will send out an engineer. It can take 5 days for an engineer to attend the site and so the light will not be fixed immediately. Please could let The Clerk know when the light has been fixed.

Thank you!

North Marston: northmarston@gmail.com

Granborough: clerk@granborough.org

North Marston Parish Council Draft Minutes Summary

- 1. Neighbourhood Plan** - 152 Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires were returned, accounting for 35-40% of households as multiple questionnaires could be completed per household. These will be analysed in January/February and published in March with an open meeting in March.
- 2. Traffic Calming in the village** - The Speed Indicator Devices were reviewed and the NMCSW are actioned to test the Seirzega GR33L and the BT Connect machines. It was agreed that based on these tests the next microgrant will be allocated towards one and maybe 2 SID machines. The next microgrant can be applied for in February.
- 3. Hedges/Village Upkeep** - No decision was reached on the responsibility of the hedge on School Hill. BCC to be consulted. Confirmed: The Sports field hedge quotes will be discussed in the January meeting. Resolved: 3 Gen Fencing will 'lift' the Chestnut Tree by the village hall for £100 in January.
- 4. Parish Action Plan/Projects:**
 - Playground** – The Wren application has been delayed until March 2019.
 - Sportsfield/VH** – The wifi connection at the SF and VH were discussed and Gigaclear will be contacted.
 - Pond & pond area** – The standpipe will be rectified & Cllr Symonds to cost spring plants. An electricity source will be investigated for a pump for the pond.
 - Village magazine** – The magazine has had very good feedback and currently 53% NM & 31% Granborough subscribe. New creative ways are being looked at to improve the magazine further.
 - Village Hall** - Resolved: Quotes from Complete Build Ltd of £1,578 incl VAT for the widening of the doorway to the toilet block and £6,318 incl VAT for the disabled toilet renovation were approved. Agreed to get a quote to flatten the threshold by the front doors for wheelchair access and a quote for the VH to Schorne room door.

Full minutes published on www.northmarston.org under Parish Council/minutes or on the Parish Council notice board

Waddesdon Greenway Opens & Plans for the Future

Waddesdon Greenway was formally opened on the 13th September. The project was funded by the Department for Transport as part of a scheme to connect rural communities to their nearest rail station. The 4km route from Aylesbury Vale Parkway Station to Waddesdon Manor, allows cyclists and walkers to travel across beautiful countryside in a traffic-free environment and was completed with the help of volunteers who helped to build two bridges, four benches and fill and lay 3,000 sandbags for 25 culvert headwalls. Over the winter hedges and trees will be planted along the route to provide shelter and shade.

In future the Waddesdon Greenway will link local communities from Calvert to Amersham, Westcott to Haddenham and to extend the route, eventually linking from Steeple Claydon to Thame, Wendover and beyond.

How can you support this project?

- Use the Waddesdon Greenway
- Help to keep the Greenway looking good, by collecting any litter or cutting back stray brambles as you pass
- Raise awareness of the path and potential expansion by talking about it to families, friends and colleagues
- Join the regular volunteer sessions to maintain the path
- Like our Facebook page to keep up to date on the latest events and development <https://www.facebook.com/waddesdonGreenway/> or email greenwaysandcyclerroutes@gmail.com to register your interest in joining the Supporters Group, or to get in touch with John Grimshaw to lend some local input into the plans for the future cycle routes.

COMMUNITY & BUS SERVICES



Winslow Community Bus

www.winslowbus.com

wdcbenquiries@btconnect.com

01296 715786



ALL are welcome to come on the Community Bus!

JANUARY

Tuesday 8th January – **Buckingham Bus** – 1 hour town, 1 hour Tesco or 2 hours Tesco! Door to door, bus pass accepted, otherwise only £4.50 return.

Thursday 10th January - **Westcroft Shopping** Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.

Thursday 17th January – Lunch Italian style! **Canaletto's in Westcott**. £4.00 travel.

Thursday 24th January - **Westcroft Shopping** Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.

Monday 28th January - **Asda in Bletchley Shopping**, M&S, Primark, etc £4.00

Milton Keynes Theatre - please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

All prices are for tickets in Band A price range (Circle or stalls) and travel. Performances start 2.30pm unless otherwise stated. Door to door service!

Wed 30th January – Matthew Bourne's **Swan Lake** - £43.50

Thursday March 21st – **The Bodyguard** - £34.00

Thursday May 16th – **Les Miserables** £62.00

Thursday May 30th -**Les Miserables** £69.00

Wednesday July 3rd **Annie** - £29.00

Wednesday October 9th - **Dr Dolittle** - £34.50

Make shopping easy! Reduce your carbon footprint!

You can jump on the Community Bus in Winslow **any Friday or Saturday morning** around 9.15am to get to Aylesbury for just after 10 o'clock – dropping off by Sainsbury's or the bus station, then return 12.15pm depart from bus station (High St pick up too on a Friday) – **FREE** with a bus pass, otherwise only £4.50 return.

We can pick up near to your home – just ring Sue to discuss.

BUS TIMETABLE

Granborough (crown Pub) to Aylesbury Mon-Fri

0634 0730 0906 1103 1303 1503 1607 1824 (NM 4 mins later)

Granborough (crown Pub) to Aylesbury Saturday

0803 1013 1213 1413 1613 1813 (NM 4 mins later)

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Weddings	£250 for 2 day Hire	2 days in total (e.g. Friday PM, all day Saturday and Sunday AM)
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For all enquiries please contact Carrie Smythe the Booking Clerk, on Tel: 01296 670195 or Mob: 07941 309769 or email bookings@wesleycentre.org or visit **www.wesleycentre.org**

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25th January	Animal Antiks Quiz	NM VH	19:00
26th January	RNLI Quiz	Granborough VH	19:30
6th February	Flics - Breathe	Wesley Centre	19:15
21-23 rd Feb	MADS	NM VH	tbc
6 th March	SF Race Night	NM VH	tbc

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