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North Marston History Club **Newsletter**

April 2023

Welcome to our April *Newsletter*: an opportunity to catch up with what we've been doing and what's in the pipe-line.

Events Past and Future

On 21st March, "Tragic Titanic: Unexpected Connections" was one of the most popular talks we have ever arranged and proved yet again the timeless interest in this tragedy. Meanwhile our programme for the rest of this year is now arranged and features talks about Winslow, Maids Moreton, Brill & Long Crendon and Bletchley Park, so our feet are back on dry land!

Landmark Plaques

Some of you may have spotted some new arrivals in the village. In tandem with our extended Heritage Trail, for which new Trail Map Books have been published, we have identified a number of buildings that have been key in the social history of the village. With the consent of the owners, we have produced plaques that are being displayed outside 22 properties to mark this fact.



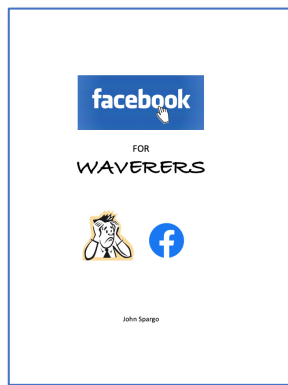
Coronation

As part of the village events celebrating the coronation of King Charles III, we are mounting a royalty-themed exhibition at the Wesley Centre that will be on view over the Coronation week-end

Face Book

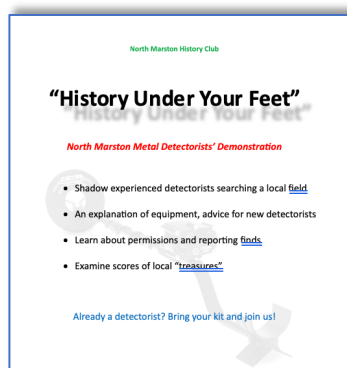
Since the parish magazine ceased being published, many residents have felt out of touch with what is going on. To address this, the North Marston & Granborough Community Group has a Face Book page that provides up to date information on what's happening as well as other useful bits of news and views. For those who have reservations about using Face Book, History Club Chairman John Spargo (who is also the day to day administrator of the Face

Book Group) has written a short illustrated guide called "Face Book for Waverers" which is available at The Shop, and this has been found to be a very helpful aide to get people started. In addition, John recommends that people who are confident in using Face Book could become a "Face Book Buddy" to those learning how to get started.



Plans in the pipe-line

We are hoping to arrange a hands-on experience in the summer called "*History Under Your Feet*", offering a demonstration of metal detecting in a local field that has already yielded a number of finds. Although planning is at an early stage and a date has yet to be agreed, we hope to be able to circulate detailed information within the next month.



Chearsley History Society

We have been working alongside colleagues at Chearsley History Society (CHS) to discuss our experience of setting up NMHC. This has included a presentation by Club Secretary Sue Chaplin to a meeting of CHS on 16th March. Meanwhile, Club Chairman John Spargo has created a film tracing the route taken by a pilgrims from Hampshire and Berkshire to North Marston, and travelling through Chearsley. It is planned to launch the film at a forthcoming meeting of CHS and thereafter to add it to the History Club's selection of films, all accessible through our website (www.northmarstonhistory.org).

Membership

As you know, we value having a healthy number of club members. It helps us to raise grants by demonstrating there is interest in the history of North Marston. Membership is renewed annually (January to January) but it's not too late to renew your membership for 2023..... or to join the club for the first time. Simply visit our website where you can find out how.

Many thanks for your continuing support

John Spargo
Chairman NMHC

