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North Marston History Club Newsletter

November 2023

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

Events for the Future

Our schedule of talks for 2024 is presently being finalised. Although the exact dates are to be determined, each of our talks will take place at the Wesley Centre at 7.30 pm on a Tuesday. The topics we will be covering include *The Royal Bucks Hospital*, *Trench Warfare in the Great War*, *The History of Beekeeping*, *The Chearsley Pilgrims*, *The History of Safety in Air Travel* and *Revolting Women* (Suffragettes).

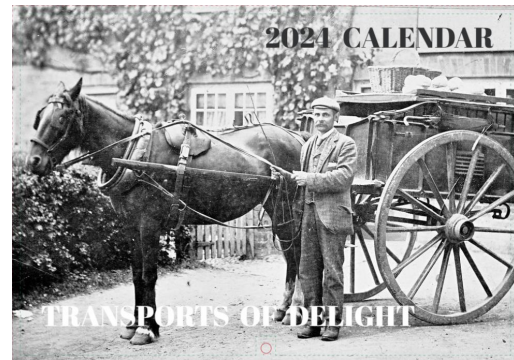
War Memorial Plaques

The History Club is coordinating the installation of two bronze war memorial plaques to the wall of the Memorial Hall. We have raised funds via grants and donations to buy the plaques but we need another thousand pounds to cover the full cost with VAT. We hope to unveil these plaques at the 2024 Remembrance Day service, 2024 being the centenary year of the opening of the Memorial Hall. If you would like to help us in raising money for these plaques please send a

donation to the History Club. Our sort code is 30-99-74 and our account is 15310360. Please mark your donation "plaques" so we will know what it is for.

2024 Calendar

The History Club Calendar for 2024 is called "Transports of Delight".



It comprises numerous pictures of various forms of transport in use by people from the village in years gone by. It sells for £8.00 and there are a few left in The Shop, so hurry if you want one!

Marks of Faith

Our Chairman, John Spargo, has just launched a new publication called *Marks of Faith* looking at the huge range of devotional graffiti in the churches of North Bucks. John's

journey by bicycle to 22 churches started as an attempt to chart the routes followed by pilgrims journeying to North Marston to visit the Holy Well and shrine of John Schorne. However, he soon found there was much more to be found and made an important discovery in our own church at North Marston.



If you're interested in this previously un-researched topic, you can buy a copy of Marks of Faith through our website, details above.

AGM 2024

Our AGM will be held at the Wesley Centre on Tuesday 16th January at 7.30pm. After the brief business meeting, John Spargo will be showing his film "The Chearsley Pilgrims" which looks at the journey undertaken by one particular band of pilgrims in the mid-14th century as they made their way from Hampshire to North Marston.

Membership Subscriptions

Our membership year runs from January to January so if you'd like to renew your membership for next year, we shall be collecting subscriptions at our AGM. Payments can also be made into our account (Sort Code 30-99-74 Account Number 15310360) giving your SURNAME and Reference MEMBER, or in person to Jennifer Heffer, 2a Marston Fields Road, North Marston MK18 3PF. For anyone who would like to join the History Club *for the first time* please contact Jennifer Heffer with your details at jenniferheffer@icloud.com or on 01296 670273. Membership fees remain the same as last year at £5 for an individual or £8 for a couple. Details can be obtained on our website www.northmarstonhistory.org.uk

Paul Ketteridge

We are all very saddened by the death of Paul Ketteridge. Paul was a keen member of the History Club and attended all our meetings, right from the start of the club. He was actually scheduled to give a talk at our AGM in January. Paul was a very good friend to NMHC and we offer our thanks and recognition of this to his widow, Anne.

Many thanks to you all for your continuing support.

John Spargo
Chairman NMHC