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North Marston History Club **Newsletter**

October 2024

Welcome to our October Newsletter to keep you up to date with our activities.

Events for the Future

We have one talk left this year to be given by an outside speaker. This is entitled “**Trench Humour in the Great War**” by Ingram Murray and comes highly recommended. Our schedule of talks for 2025 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.

2025 Calendar

The History Club Calendar for 2025 is called “**Marston Through the Seasons**”. Each month features a beautiful photograph of a village scene at different times of the year and there is also a montage of old village photographs at the back of the calendar.



The calendars cost £8 and are available from Janet Gowin, 2A Church Street (01296 670466) or Jennifer Heffer, 2A Marston Fields Road (01296 670273). Any cheques should be made payable to “North Marston History Club” or payment by BACS to Account No 15310360 Sort Code 30-99-74 (TSB). Please reference this with your NAME and CALENDAR.

Tenth Anniversary of “The North Marston Story

Since its publication in 2014, 540 copies of *The North Marston Story* have been sold. As most of you know, it is a very extensive illustrated history of this village running to 430 pages and is still available to buy in the Shop or from any History Club Committee member. It is one of many achievements of the History Club since its foundation in 2010. Throughout those years our other activities include: the publishing of *Memories Shared* and *Six Young Lives* along with numerous other booklets; the setting up of the Heritage Trail and Heritage Markers; the installation of the Bomber Memorial in the church; a wide range of talks by outside speakers; the obtaining of grants including help towards the refurbishment of the Wesley Centre; talks by us to local societies and the

village school; and numerous visits to places of historical interest. We are also approached by relatives of former residents of the village trying to trace their family tree. We are now focusing on the renovation of the Parish Barn.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2024

This year there will be an extra special Remembrance Service as we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Opening of the Memorial Hall by unveiling two new bronze plaques commemorating the men who died for this country in the First and Second World Wars and in the Malayan Conflict. The unveiling will take place on Remembrance Sunday during the usual service at the Memorial Hall and will be accompanied by an exhibition in the Schorne Room and the sale of the book *Six Young Lives* about the airmen killed in the village in 1945.

AGM 2025

Our AGM will be held at the Wesley Centre on Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm. After the brief business meeting, John Spargo will be showing his film "The Regicide Cornelius Holland" which looks at the man from Granborough who not only signed the death warrant for King Charles the First but who was also responsible for the destruction of local churches. So, please put this date in your diary for next year (or better still on your History Club 2025 calendar!)

Membership Subscriptions

Our membership year runs from January to January so we are a little way off at the moment but 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 MEMBER as the reference 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 will remain the same as this year at £5 for an individual or £8 for a couple. Details can be obtained on our website www.northmarstonhistory.org.uk

New Card Reader

We have recently bought a SumUp card reader which will be available for the purchase of merchandise either at our meetings or on our website. We plan to have the card reader available at the AGM to provide an additional method of paying the yearly subscriptions.

We continue to be very grateful to all of you who support the History Club by becoming members, attending our talks or buying our publications.

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