

## Largest Sunflower Head Competition 2024

Time to get your seeds growing, well germinating. With the annual trophy up for grabs to under 18's only. Judging will be by Granborough Legend Malcolm Newman on Saturday 31st August. Seeds can be supplied, contact Malcolm or Karl 07917 002800

## Granborough Produce and Handicraft Show

Saturday 7th September. Trophies and Cash Prizes to be won!! Come and have a go – it's good fun! Open to everyone who lives in Granborough. Whether you grow your own vegetables and flowers or you are able to bake or make preserves or even take a photograph on your phone, this is for you! For people of all ages and abilities – a good activity for the young during the school holidays. For further details please visit [www.granborough.org/whats\\_on](http://www.granborough.org/whats_on) or refer to the flyer delivered to your door.

## North Marston & Granborough Cricket Club Fixtures 2024

| Date        | Opposition/Venue  | Time |
|-------------|-------------------|------|
| 7 July      | Marsh POW (Home)  | 1pm  |
| 18 August   | Kimble (Away)     | 1pm  |
| 1 September | Mursley (Home)    | 1pm  |
| 8 September | Cublington (Away) | 1pm  |

## BT Phone Box – any info?

Does anyone have any information about the damage to the old BT Phone Box/Defibrillator Space? Did you witness it happening? Any information/witnesses, however small you think your details are, please contact Philip Oakland on 07596 932871 or contact Granborough PC. Thank you

## Defibrillator Phone Box Space

Some ideas have been mentioned about a possible wooden barrel, red phone box with book share, cds etc, in the space where the old phone box was. This would become a village project, so if you feel passionate about it or up for helping fund this feature, please contact Paul or Karl on 07917 002800

## Booking Granborough Village Hall

A reminder that Granborough Village Hall is now booked online by visiting [granboroughvillagehall.co.uk](http://granboroughvillagehall.co.uk) (or click through from the Granborough.org website). Any queries please contact Philip Oakland on 07596 932871.

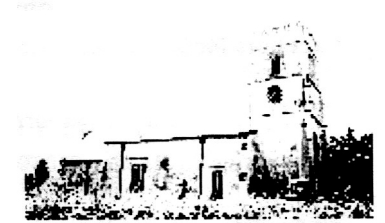
## Quiz Night – Thank you

Thanks to Keith & Bill Mc Whittier for asking the questions & paying for the French sticks for the ploughman's, the quiz raised £373 for hall funds & £50 to Amanda Tofield memorial fund thanks to all who supported the Quiz. Jo Williams

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**Pew News** material should be submitted by the 15th of the previous month to **Carolyn Scholes (670035) [candmscholes@gmail.com](mailto:candmscholes@gmail.com)** (please put 'Pew News' somewhere in the title of your email so that I don't miss it – thank you!)  
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## St. John the Baptist Church

A worshipping church, welcoming everyone into the Lord's family; proclaiming the Gospel and serving the community.



## Pew News – July 2024

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| 7th July  | 11am | FAMILY SERVICE   |
| 14th July | 11am | FAMILY COMMUNION |
| 21st July | 11am | FAMILY SERVICE   |
| 28th July | 11am | FAMILY COMMUNION |

**You are most welcome to join us for any or all of our services, or to come into our church for private prayer, as the building is open daily.**

For an update on church events and activities you can always check our website (shared with North Marston Church) [www.nmgchurches.co.uk](http://www.nmgchurches.co.uk)

## The Schorne Team Services

> Whitchurch continues to live-stream their Holy Communion Service each Sunday at 11am. Log onto Facebook and find The Schorne Team of Parishes' page.

> Messy Church – on Sunday 14th July at 4pm at the Wesley Centre in North Marston with some messy art and craft and also prayerful activity, games and refreshment for young families with children. You are most welcome to join us.

> Saturday 13th July – Church Fete – See inside for more details & what donations we need for the stalls – thank you.

## Granborough Church Flower Rota

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| 22nd June to 12th July  | May Bradbury |
| 13th July to 2nd August | Jo Williams  |

## Prayer requests

If you have something for which you would like prayer, please contact Alison Rosser or Jayne Evans on [paulandally1979@gmail.com](mailto:paulandally1979@gmail.com) or [jaynegranborough@hotmail.com](mailto:jaynegranborough@hotmail.com) or pop a note through the door of either 3 or 24 Winslow Road. All requests are held in complete confidence. Requests may also be anonymous if preferred.

**If you find yourself in the coming weeks in need of any practical help and support, or if you have any request for prayer, or if you have any enquiries, please contact us:**

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| Rev Petra Elsmore | 07557 045703 | petra.elsmore@gmail.com   |
| Rev Janet Bayly   | 670245       | janet.bayly@gmail.com     |
| Alison Rosser     | 670504       | paulandally1979@gmail.com |
| Robert Kemp       | 670204       | rookery4@aol.com          |

### **Thought for the Month**

I am proud to share the vicarage with two beautiful labradors. Charlie is the elder states-dog of the pair, and Oscar is the keen young upstart, snapping at his heels. The concept of my ownership of them (which is in theory our relationship) does not seem to trouble them overmuch and even so, I still love them and enjoy them!

I found myself musing on the General Election this week and reflecting on the fact that the qualities we look for in a good dog are rather similar to the qualities we look for in our Members of Parliament. I hope no-one is offended by the comparison! Perhaps at this stage in a long election campaign, we could all do with looking on the lighter side of politics?

Think for a moment: A good political candidate, like a faithful dog, should be loyal and attentive. Always ready to serve the needs of their constituents. Like our canine friends, our MP's should be trustworthy and driven by an ethos of service. And of course, they should be honest and reliable.

We will shortly have the privilege and responsibility of participating in the electoral process. Voting allows us to have a say in the decisions that shape our society and our lives - a chance to put our faith into action. Which candidate will get your vote, when you go "walkies" to the Polling Station?

With every blessing, Petra.

### **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.

### **The Crew**

Age 10 and above, Thursdays at 7pm, school term time only at Rookery Farm, Hogshaw Road. Newcomers are very welcome! The Crew are a member of Urban Saints and Granborough Church but encourage all faiths and none to join together for fun. For more details contact Robert 07905 419117

### **Granborough Baby and Toddler Group**

Come and join our relaxed and friendly playgroup for parents/Guardians, babies and toddlers. We run a variety of crafts and puzzles and have toys available for age 0 up, the soft play area is always the toddlers' favourite. Plenty to keep the little ones entertained whilst the adults enjoy a hot drink and sweet treat. Child snacks are

included in the price. £3 per child and £1 per extra sibling. We meet in Granborough village hall on Thursdays twice a month & we look forward to welcoming you. For more information please contact Hannah Mansfield on 07846217092 or hannahjwarren@hotmail.co.uk

### **Granborough Pub Lunch**

Wednesday 3rd July at The Crown from 12.15pm start. Fish pie or slow roasted pork belly, cherry pie or lemon tart. Contact Jenny Dean 670647 or karlsbakery@gmail.com

### **Granborough 101 Club**

Our guest drawer was Miss Diane Clarke who has lived in Granborough for 10 years this month. Lucky numbers 022 & 042 were picked, so Mr G Read wins £25.00 & Mr J Thorogood £15.00. Congratulations to them & if you wish to join the 101 Club, call Bill on 670601 or billmcwhirter01@gmail.com

### **The Granborough Friendship Club**

Granborough Friendship Club meets fortnightly in our village hall. Due to the election our July 4th meeting will be postponed until later in the year. We finish our Spring/summer programme with an afternoon tea at Lakers. We will be back in September with lots more speakers including a metal detective, tales from the U.S.A and a visit to the pantomime. Our membership fee is £20 per year and we try and book a speaker at every meeting. Each year we receive a generous grant from the Parish Council, which in the past has subsidised our Christmas party. For any information contact Jane Derry 07491652646

### **Coffee, Cake and Chat Mornings**

The 3C's coffee mornings will be held in Granborough Village Hall, 10.15am 'til 12.00 noon on Wed 10th & 24th July. Everyone is welcome, just turn up and enjoy the company of friends old and new.

### **Café-Club Zest – Keeping Active, Living Well**

Café Zest meets each month – usually the first Saturday at 2.30pm at St John's Church Hall, Whitchurch. It is a welcoming and dementia-friendly community sing-along & afternoon tea and everyone is welcome. For more information ring Jenny Dean 670647.

### **Church Fete**

St John the Baptist Church Fete - Saturday 13th July at the Old Vicarage, 5 Green End, from 2:00 – 4:00pm. Join us again this year for this wonderful community event with a full range of activities and refreshments for children and adults. We are looking for donations towards the different stalls: Cakes, Produce, Raffle prizes and Bottle Stall; if you are able to offer some donations, please get in touch with Alison Rosser (670504). All proceeds from the Fete will go towards the Church Restoration Fund. We hope to see you there.

### **A Trip Down Memory Lane - Granborough in the Past**

Saturday 27th July 2.00 to 5.00 pm in Granborough Village Hall. Come and view photographs of Granborough through the ages whilst enjoying refreshments. New to the village or have you lived here for many years? Granborough has an interesting past that can be seen in this wonderful collection of photographs taken by a local resident. Drop in to see some wonderful old memories of Granborough & there will be tea, coffee and cake to purchase and enjoy throughout the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy these wonderful pieces of history.