

Memories of Test Match Special

Granborough Village Hall will be hosting a very special evening with cricket legends Henry Blofeld and Peter Baxter on Wed 22nd May at 7.30pm. Tickets £20 available from Philip Oakland 07596 932871 or email philip.oakland@hotmail.com

Cha Char Chimps

Granborough village hall Fri mornings starting May 31st - a well-established pay as you go music show, offering fun and engaging music classes for 0-5 year olds. Children can be themselves and everyone is accepted. Mums/Dads/Grandparents/Childminders/Siblings welcome + cake & drinks included. Sessions also run in school hols & school age siblings can join in. £7 per adult with a child and £2 for siblings, extra adults £2. Follow on Instagram and Facebook for lots of info/updates and links to book: chacharchimpsbuckingham or email kirstie@ccchimps.com

Quiz Night

Quiz night at the Village Hall, Saturday 8th June, 7pm for 7:30pm start, £10 a ticket with ploughman's supper included, please bring own drinks & glasses. Raffle. For tickets contact Jo Willams 07731861177

Beetle Drive

We have a Beetle Drive on Thursday 27th June. Village Hall doors open at 7.00pm, so come along & enjoy the family fun evening. Prizes for all.

Granborough Charter Fayre

Not long now all. Our wonderful village will host the annual family fun day out on Saturday 29th June. This year's theme is '100 years of DISNEY'! With cream teas, treasure hunt, fancy dress & lots more hosted at our Village Hall from 11.00am til 1.45pm. With a local celebrity opening the Fayre from the Balcony & a wander down the path to The Crown, lead by Buckingham Ukulele group. The pub will host garden games, live music, stalls, hot food & lots more! The Scouts assault course & Tug of war on the Green, throughout the afternoon. Amazing raffle prizes to be won. Come & join in, volunteers contact Karen Bunyan 07956 519559.

Race Night – Thank you

Thank you to all who sponsored, owned a horse, attended the race night event in The Crown. The going was very wet on the night, but this didn't stop the punters spending some hard-earned money! A Big thank you also to The Crown for hosting the event, Scouse & his team, Fozy, Strawbs & Karlos. Over £900.00 raised will go towards the Charter Fayre 2024.

Largest Sunflower Head Competition 2024

Rain, what rain! 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

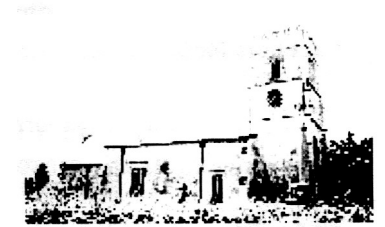
Booking Granborough Village Hall

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

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

St. John the Baptist Church

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



Pew News – May 2024

5th May	10.30am	ROGATION FAMILY SERVICE at Dancer's Farm, <u>North Marston</u>
12th May	11am	FAMILY SERVICE followed by APCM (see below)
19th May	11am	FAMILY SERVICE
26th May	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

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 12th May at 4pm at the Wesley Centre in North Marston**. Join us for an informal session with art and craft activities, prayers and celebration. For families with young children. All are welcome, refreshments provided.

> Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - You are most welcome to join us for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will take place on Sunday 12th May following our church service (approximately at 11.45am) and reflect with us on the past year.

Granborough Church Flower Rota

20th April to 10th May	Jane Derry
11th May to 31st May	Sarah Sutton

Prayer requests

If you have something for which you would like prayer, please contact Alison Rosser or Jayne Evans on paulandally1979@gmail.com or 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:

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

Our first Sunday in May brings around our annual Rogation service, this time at Dancer's Farm at 10.30am in North Marston. I must confess that I am one of those who has always been a little bit confused about Rogation. The word itself doesn't seem to mean anything, although it sounds like it should. It's the sort of thing that would get wheeled out on "Would I lie to you?". Ah yes, rogation – the feeling you get when you go down a helter-skelter. It's Latin root means "to ask", but over the millennia, it has come to mean a service held in a barn. Sitting on hay bales. With cows next door adding to the soundtrack. And it really is a lovely scene.

Rogation is best understood in the context of Harvest. Harvest is easy to understand. Every autumn, we give thanks to God for the food that's been produced, for the produce of the land and for the work of our farmers. Rogation is simply the start of that process. Rogation is where we ask God for his blessings on the sowing of seed and the rearing of livestock, that the coming months will go well and that the harvest will be good.

But there is also a broader aspect to Rogation. It is where we ask God to bless what we do, whether that is farming or otherwise. And as such, Rogation is not simply a rural celebration, it is relevant to everyone, whatever we do. Peter Evans

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 (9th May and 23rd May). We look forward to welcoming you. For more information please contact Hannah Mansfield on 07846217092 or hannahjwarren@hotmail.co.uk

Granborough Pub Lunch

Wednesday 1 May at The Crown, 12:15 hrs is the date for the next Pub Lunch with a choice of Buckingham Royal Sausages or Chicken Milanese for Mains and Carrot Cake or Banana Split/John Travolta style for Afters. Bill 670601

Granborough 101 Club

Mark Scholes (Number 279) and Archie Carter (Number 161) scooped the 101 winnings - Archie is the youngest winner since we started! Still time to register/renew for the 2024 Club - just call Bill on 670601

The Granborough Friendship Club

Granborough Friendship Club meets fortnightly at 2pm in the village hall. On May 9th Penny Stevens, a very talented glass artist (who came along to our Christmas Fayre), will be coming along to tell us how she got started and how she makes her beautiful gifts. On 23rd May we are all looking forward to our trip to Milton Keynes Museum. If you would like to come along to one of our meetings please call Jane 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 1st, 15th & 29th May. 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.

Granborough Village Hall Annual Meeting

The Trustees of Granborough Village Hall invite you to attend the Annual Meeting to be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 14th May.

An Evening with Buckingham Ukelele Group

Granborough village hall on Saturday 18th May 2024 7.30 to 9.30 pm. Join us and be entertained by the popular Buckingham Ukelele Group whilst enjoying a Ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Raffle. Tickets £12 per person bookable in advance from Davina Thorogood on 670596 or John Piddington on 670774. Please book by 11th May.