

# PARISH NEWS

St John's Church,  
Marchington Woodlands

St Peter's Church, Marchington



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## **WELCOME to the PARISH NEWS for MARCH 2020**

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## Embracing the New

*Maggie Hatchard writes that now that Spring is around the corner, we should embrace the new season.*

As I write this letter the sun is shining! What joy! It makes a change from the seemingly constant rain we've had in the past weeks. The daffodils in my garden will soon blossom and there is a real sense of new life and renewal.



We are so lucky living in this country where we get four distinct seasons and we can watch the year move forward with each season bringing an anticipation of something different and fresh.

Yet we are, as a country, living in a time when we don't know what might happen in the future. As I write this letter, we have just left the European Union and we are now on our own. What to expect? Who knows? We just have to wait and see and hope that our politicians will plan carefully and make the right decisions for us all. Can we

anticipate that whatever happens will be different and fresh?

Jesus came to turn the tables on what people expected – he brought something different and fresh. He brought in a new age. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, a new creation has come: the old has gone the new is here”. There it is! Right on the pages of the Bible in Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we are told that we are being made new. We can choose to believe it and walk in that truth, or we can deny the power of God and His power to change even the deadest of hearts into hearts softened with love. He is making all things new.

*“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind” (Isaiah 65:17).*

Sometimes we just need to let go of the past and embrace the new season. Just like God does.

Jesus asks us to look forward not back. Shouldn't we do that? Take each season, each day as something new to look forward to, with anticipation. We don't know what might be just around

the corner but as Christians we believe – we know that God is with us no matter what life throws at us. He will be – he is there – beside us in all that we do so that we can go forward into

a new day – a new season with hope and anticipation.

God bless.

*Maggie Hatchard*

Licensed Lay Reader

## **ST PETER'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS**

As usual we held our monthly coffee and chat on Thursday 6th February. We meet on the first Thursday of the month. Coffee and cake are by donation and we just have a friendly chat. Everyone is welcome: we meet in the vestry. Do come along and join us, we would love to see you.

Lynda Nicholson



**Saturday March 21st**

**4.00 - 6.00 pm**

**St Peter's Church**

**Bring a friend**

**Theme: Mothering Sunday**

## **ENCORE!**

Well done Ginny!

Thank you to all who bought Ginny's 'Encore' from the village shop. It has raised £150. A very pleasing result for her hard work. Thank you Ginny.

# Thought for the Month

"There is always, always, always something to be grateful for."

Unknown



## St Peter's Edward Bear Club

For birth to nursery aged children and mums, dads or carers. We meet on Wednesdays at 9.00 am during term time to enjoy coffee and a chat while the children play. This is followed by craft activities and stories, ending with a short prayer.

If anyone would like to join us at the Edward Bear club, please come along to the Church vestry on a Wednesday during term time 9.00-10.30am or ring Thelma on 01283 820447.

## **MARCHINGTON ST PETER'S CHURCH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2020 IN THE VESTRY,  
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

The APCM will include the election of Churchwardens. Current Wardens and Deputies offer themselves up for re-election. Other nominations are welcome, nomination forms are available from PCC Secretary Kate Hart. The meeting will include confirmation of the new electoral roll, election of PCC members and Deanery Synod Reps, approval of the Child Protection policy, appointment of an auditor, and a review of church activities and performance in 2019. Any other matter can be raised under AOB. Kindly contact PCC secretary Kate Hart at least 14 days before the meeting.

The meeting will be followed by an informal supper. Attendees are requested to bring a plate of food which will be pooled. Wine and coffee will be available.

Everyone welcome!

Kate Hart (PCC Secretary) 3 Feb 2020

# PARISH OF ST PETER'S MARCHINGTON

## REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

### Notice is hereby given

that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020**, and ending on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

After such revision, a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on reasonable request from **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if they -

- i. are baptised and aged 16 or over;
- ii. have signed a form of application for enrolment;  
*and either*
- iii. are members of the Church of England or any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish or (not being resident in the parish) having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six month period prior to the application for enrolment;  
*or:*
- iv. are members in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves also to be members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the undersigned. In order to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, forms of application for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.

Any error discovered in the roll should at once be reported to the undersigned.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2020

Signed: Tom Castle \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 27 Woodland Views, Marchington, Uttoxeter ST14 8NF  
*Church Electoral Roll Officer*

## Riotous Comedy Show at the Village Hall

On 1<sup>st</sup> February, a capacity audience was treated to two marvellous comedy plays - 'Nathan & Ida's Hot Dog Stand' and 'The Ladies Antebellum' - performed by The Dead Secrets theatre group.

'Nathan & Ida's Hot Dog Stand' is based on real life characters, Nathan and Ida Hardwerker, who emigrated from Poland in 1916 to build a better life. They took nothing with them but a will to succeed and a secret recipe for sauce. Encountering villains, they go on a surreal journey through life, love, death and danger as they chase their dream of opening the greatest hot dog stand Coney Island has ever seen!

But they have to defeat their nemesis Feltman, who desperately tries to get his hands on their secret sauce recipe! Today, Nathan's operates over 400 restaurants in all 50 states and 17 foreign countries, and its products are found in 45,000 stores across the United States.



By coincidence, the characters are played by Australian born Nathan Grassi and Swedish born Ida Berglöv Kenneway – both members of the Oxford-based group, The Dead Secrets. Their performance had the audience in hysterics with their physical comedy, mime, dance, puppetry - with hints of silent movies - carnival rides and saucy seaside postcards. For further reading go to [www.nathanandida.com](http://www.nathanandida.com).

Ida appeared again with our very own Jenny Sugden. 'The Ladies Antebellum' is a comedy about two southern states belles, Annabelle and Mary-Lou, fugitives from the law, fleeing for their lives and causing havoc on both sides of the Atlantic. The show is inspired by classic films such as Gone with the Wind and includes a Carolina postmaster and his trusty clerk who are also trying to keep on the trail of Annabelle and Mary-Lou. The plot twisted and turned but the cast were superb!

*Continued overleaf*

This wonderful evening, organised by Lynda Nicholson, raised an incredible £660 for the Church and £150 for a charity called 'Wild' that is saving animals caught in the catastrophic Australian forest fires. Well done Lynda, this was a cracking good evening! We look forward to the next one!

Jenny's comedy group will be performing at the Greater Manchester Fringe in July. We wish her and her marvellous team all the best! For more information go to [www.thedeadsecrets.com](http://www.thedeadsecrets.com).

***TIM SCOTT***

## **ST PETER'S WALKING GROUP**

Our February walk in and around the Manifold Valley was truly blessed: lots of sunshine with 7 walkers enjoying a ramble through picturesque and dramatic countryside. None of us realised just how lucky we had been with the weather until the storms and high winds which hit us on the following day. Another great walk!



Our next walk will take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** starting from the picture book village of Tissington with its pretty cottages, fine church and duckpond as well as Tissington Hall, the splendid Jacobean residence of the Fitzherbert family for the last 400 years or so. From the car park we walk northwards up the Tissington Trail for a short distance before doubling back through the village,

rejoining the Trail and walking south as far as the site of the old Thorpe Station. On leaving the Trail we continue across fields before descending gently to Fenny Bentley. The route then rises steadily through meadowland past Basset Wood Farm and back to our starting point. And you never know, we just might find time to visit Herbert's Tearoom in the centre of Tissington Village for a well earned cup of tea and slice of cake.

This promises to be a memorable walk, between 5 and 6 miles long with a small number of stiles and few gradients. Remember to wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring a packed lunch. Our walks are open to everyone, you don't have to be a church member, just come along and enjoy yourself! We meet at 9.30am in St Peter's church car park to share lifts, aiming to return home by about 3.30pm. You are welcome to call one of us if you have any questions, or just turn up on the day.

Tom (820486) and Claire (820349)





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## Marchington W.I.

At our January meeting we were welcomed by Sheila and proceeded quickly through the business. Members were especially asked to make a note in their diaries of our June outing to David Austin Roses when we will be given a guided tour and a two course lunch.

Our speaker for the meeting was Mark Newbold who gave a most interesting account of his experiences whilst being deployed as a diver on The Royal Yacht



Britannia. He gave us an amusing but serious insight into not only how he got the job, but also what it entailed. To our surprise Mark gave two talks because he then went on to tell us about his time served in the Falklands War. Again, he tried to mix humour into a very frightening and brave job. I don't think any of us would have liked to have been in his shoes.

After the talk we all enjoyed a delicious supper.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and is being organised by the members. The competition will be for a favourite cup and saucer. If you would like to come along, you would be most welcome. More details from Sheila Jones 01283 820576.



*Barbara Wilks*

THE MARCHINGTON  
SINGERS IN CONCERT

*Song Time  
and Spring  
Time*

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Saturday 28th March 2020  
7.30 p.m. at St Lawrence  
Church, Bramshall ST14 5BQ

TICKETS £5 to include  
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available from

Rev John Lander on  
01889 565228 or

[www.marchingtonsingers.org](http://www.marchingtonsingers.org)  
or MARCHINGTON VILLAGE SHOP

## Marchington Village Hall News March 2020

Our big news this month is the fabulous fundraiser brought to us by Phil Hodges on Saturday 14 March. His 60-strong Hot House Community Gospel Choir sings gospel to pop, blues to musical theatre and promises to give us a wonderful night of entertainment. Get your tickets from Phil or the Community Shop.

Paul Needham's events with Dog and Partridge Productions are always very well-supported, so get tickets if you can, to his Oasis tribute group – The Gallagher Brothers, on Saturday 28 March, again from the shop.

Carla Long's bootcamp classes have settled for now into a schedule of 3 half hour classes, weekly. Catch her on a Tuesday or Thursday evening but check the village hall calendar as this is subject to change. Tania's Flexercise is on a Tuesday morning at 10am and Gill Hughes is leading Zumba on Wednesday at 6pm.

For those of you who want to check your vital health statistics, there will be a free NHS Health Checks session on Friday 6 March between 1.30 and 8.30pm. These sessions are designed to catch people whose GP hasn't noticed any cardiovascular concerns, so are a very useful preventive health measure.

You may have spotted me standing in the village hall car park lake in the Uttoxeter Echo, appealing for funds to resurface the car park. If you want to add your contribution, the bank details are: Santander sort code 09-01-51, account number 24955509. Use your surname as a reference so that we can thank you properly.

Finally and STOP PRESS, we need a new cleaner in the hall. Do you know anyone who would help us keep it clean for two or three hours a week, actual hours to suit both parties?

To find out what else is going on in Marchington Village Hall, look at our calendar on <https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html> or google us and click on the Calendar tab. To book the hall, check availability as above and email or phone Gill Williamson on 820407 or [marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com](mailto:marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com).

*Geraldine Flavell*

# EVERYONE

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## Free NHS Health Check



**Marchington  
Village Hall**  
Friday 6 March  
2pm - 8pm

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# MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## CHAIR'S REPORT – MARCH 2020

Dear Parishioners

I write this report as we head into a second weekend in a row of storms with a lot of rain expected. As Winters go, we have had more than our fair share of rain, but the village has as always come together and coped well. The Environment Agency meeting at the end of January was very well attended and I hope those that were able to be there found it useful and informative. We are continuing to work with the EA to resolve our issues and they visited Marchington again in February to continue with their modelling assessments.

We now have more volunteers for our Flood Warden scheme and are hoping for another training date imminently. Although we are still awaiting official sign off, the flood wardens we have continue to monitor the brook and other prone areas of the village to warn residents.

Still on flooding, I'm sure you have all noticed how bad the flooding is on the B5017 at Birch Cross, particularly after heavy rain. Staffordshire County Council are now involved in trying to get to the bottom of the problem and investigations are ongoing.

Some of the potholes in the Parish have been fixed but we still have new ones appearing. There is an App which you can put on your phone called the "Staffordshire App" which allows you to take photos of potholes and send them straight to Staffordshire County Council to report them. We have asked a couple of groups with mailing lists in the Parish if they can send this link out to people in case you want to download it. If you are interested in the link please contact our Parish Clerk and she will send it to you as well.

We have had a productive meeting with the Marchington industrial Estate in February and have conveyed some of the issues raised with us by residents. The Industrial Estate remain happy to help where they are able, but need dates, times and registration numbers if there is a specific problem. So please can you bear this in mind if there is a complaint you wish to raise.

Until next month!

*Julia Hayhurst* - Chair

## MARCHINGTON VILLAGE SHOP

Mothers Day falls on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> this year and the shop will have cards, flowers and chocolates, as well as 'posh' biscuits and exclusive wines, so no need to go any further for your Mother's Day needs!

The latest initiative from our Wine Committee is that each month we will have a Monthly Featured Wine. We will source 12 bottles of a wine, not previously stocked. The wines will generally be in the £9 to £14 range.



So, if there is a particular grape, country of origin which you prefer, then make this known to members of the Wine Committee or shop managers, and we will endeavour to feature your



preferences. You could drop a note into the shop for the Wine Committee and it will be considered for future months.

Our suppliers have thousands of wines to select from, so there can be something for everyone, over time.

And a reminder about our 50/50 Club: If you want a chance to win then ask for our information pack today. There are 4 opportunities (every 3 months) to win substantial cash prizes (more than £800 each quarter) and support the shop at the same time, for just £5 per month. The shop relies on this extra income and you have the chance to win a fabulous cash prize.

*Liz Morgan*

(Chair, Marchington Village Shop)

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## Join us for our Open Week

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March, 10am - 12 noon

We would like to invite you to join us on any morning between Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March to see how the school functions on a normal school day.

## Join us for our Easter Fun Day

Thursday 26th March, 1.30pm - 3.00pm

### FREE ADMISSION

- Easter Bonnet Parade competition - come with your best 'homemade' Easter Bonnet
- Easter egg hunt
- Bouncy castle and inflatable slide
- Easter crafts and activities
- Easter story and song time
- Opportunity to visit our pre-school and reception classes, and our beautiful grounds



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The Dog & Partridge will be closed for food on Mondays and Tuesdays. .

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Northgate Surgery (Uttoxeter) 01889 562010

Balance Street (Uttoxeter) 01889 562145

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<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Highways/Problems-with-roads/Report-It-explained.aspx>

## What's on in March?

Marchington Singers rehearsals - Wednesdays, 7.30 pm, Marchington Village Hall.

Art group meets at Kingstone Village Hall on Thursdays 10am-12 noon.

Zumba classes - Wednesdays 6.00 pm at Marchington Village Hall.

Keep Fat Club - Tuesdays 8.00 pm.

Boot camp class Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Marchington Village Hall. See page 13 and also check the calendar at

<https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html>

Flexercise - Tuesday mornings at 10.00 am , Marchington Village Hall.

Uttoxeter Cricket Club Junior Training - Fridays 5.30 pm for year 5 & below; 6.30 pm for year 6 and above. At Thomas Alleyne's High School.

Uttoxeter Cricket Club Senior Training - Wednesdays 6.00 to 7.30 pm. At Thomas Alleyne's High School.

Sunday Music Club at the Dog and Partridge - every Sunday from 5.30 pm onwards. .

Edward Bear Club - for pre-school children and parents / carers, every Wednesday, 9.00 am during term time at St Peter's Church.

Coffee Morning at St Peter's Church - first Thursday of each month, 10.30 in the vestry.

### March .....

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Singing for Fun group. 7.30 pm at St John the Baptist Church Kingstone. See pages 27 & 38 Tennis & Bowls Club AGM, 7.30 pm at Marchington Village Hall conference room. See page 22.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gathering Threads Textile Group, Marchington Village Hall 10.00 - 12.00 noon. Talk Mig Holden "Sew to Recycle". Contact Caroline Lindsey 01889 56920.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm Women's Day of Prayer at St Lawrence's Church, Bramshall. Whist drive at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall. NHS health checks at Marchington Village Hall, 2.00 - 8.00 pm. See page 14.
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter's Walking Group monthly walk - meet 9.30 am in the church car park. See pages 8-9.

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Marchington Woodlands WI AGM and ‘Demystifying medicine’ at Woodlands Village Hall, 7.30 pm. See page 35.
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gospel Choir Concert, Marchington Village Hall, 7.30pm. See page 13. Spring Supper, Woodlands Village Hall, 7.30pm. See page 36.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Marchington WI meet in Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Members meeting. Competition “favourite cup and saucer”. Visitors welcome.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Singing for Fun group. 7.30 pm at St John the Baptist Church Kingstone. See pages 27 & 38. Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12.00 at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall,
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers’ Day Assembly at St Peter’s School. See page 26. Whist Drive at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall.
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Messy Church, 4.00 - 6.00 pm at St Peter’s Church. See page 4.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Fun Day at Denstone College Preparatory School (Smallwood Manor) 1.30-3.30 pm. See page 17.
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Marchington Singers Spring Concert, 7.30 pm at St Lawrence’s Church, Bramshall. See page 12. Dog and Partridge Productions present Gallagher Brothers music event at Marchington Village Hall. See page 18.

**and in April .....**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Peter’s Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.30 pm in the church vestry. See page 5.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Peter’s School breaks up for Easter. Whist Drive at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall. MADS presents ‘Plays and Plonk’, 7.30 pm at Marchington Village Hall. See page 10.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Marchington Woodlands WI meet at Woodlands Village Hall, 7.30 pm.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Whist Drive at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall.

## Uttoxeter Cricket Club

Winter training is now underway for Uttoxeter Cricket Club. Our seniors are training on Wednesday evenings at Thomas Alleyne's High School from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Junior training is on Friday evenings. Youngsters aged 5 to 10 train from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Thereafter, 11 to 15-year olds train from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. New members are welcome to join our training sessions and all sessions are led by qualified ECB coaches.

Following the relocation of our 1st XI skipper Gavin Hall to Bedfordshire, we have elected a new captain. Ben Brown will take over the reins and our 1st XI season starts on Saturday 18th April with a home fixture versus Burton's 1st XI. Our 2nd XI led once again by David Whitehead will begin their campaign on the same day away from home against Burton's 2nd XI.

If you would like to find out more about Uttoxeter Cricket Club, please get in touch. Call 07961 208 354 or email [info@uttoxetercc.co.uk](mailto:info@uttoxetercc.co.uk). Also we can be found on [www.facebook.com/uttoxetercc](https://www.facebook.com/uttoxetercc), [www.twitter.com/uttoxetercc](https://www.twitter.com/uttoxetercc) and [www.instagram.com/uttoxetercc](https://www.instagram.com/uttoxetercc).

## Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club



### Annual General Meeting 2020

The 2020 Annual General Meeting of Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club will take place on Tuesday 3 March at 7.30pm in the Marchington village hall conference room.

All Club members are invited to attend.

### Tennis & Bowls 100 Club

*Winners of the February draw were:*

£5 - Geraldine Flavell    £10 - John Wood    £15 - Jeff Miles-Shenton



M.A.D.S.

# MARCHINGTON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

## UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS FOR 2020

Further information about all of our upcoming events, including ticket details, will be posted on our website in advance. Alternatively please contact us by email.



### FRIDAY APRIL 3RD MARCHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

An evening of light entertainment, comedy sketches, short plays, music and laughter. Fully licensed bar. Guaranteed to be a hoot not to be missed!

### FRIDAY JUNE 19TH, FESTIVAL MARQUEE

This wonderful celebration of all our local talent, young and old, is part of our annual village festival. A popular sell-out every year - don't miss out!



### NOVEMBER 25TH - 28TH, VILLAGE HALL



We are hugely excited at this chance to stage one of the nation's favourite musicals! We will be looking for a large cast of children and adults, as well as lots of behind-the-scenes helpers to make this a spectacular production. More details to follow soon!...

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## THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN MARCH

March heralds the beginning of Spring- a time of optimism and hope for the gardener. Here are just a few things to concentrate on:

### FLOWERING PLANTS

- ◇ Work slow release fertiliser into the soil surrounding your trees, shrubs and hedges.
- ◇ Roses start their growth period in March. Use specialised rose feed to help them on their way.
- ◇ Clematis that flower early in the year will need to be pruned after flowering has finished. Clematis that flower later in the year will need to be pruned before the start of active growth. Complete the cutting back of shrubs such as Cornus [Dogwoods] that are grown for the colour of their winter stems. Any remaining dead foliage from perennials and grasses should be cleared to pave the way for new growth.
- ◇ Slugs may begin to rear their heads in March. Use nematode worms as an effective organic control.
- ◇ Deadhead winter pansies, hydrangeas [towards end of March] and daffodils.

### VEGETABLES & GREENHOUSE

- ◇ Dig compost or well-rotted manure into your vegetable beds. You may want to cover beds with weed suppressing material to keep beds drier and warmer, prior to planting new veg.
- ◇ Ventilate your greenhouse on warm days.

- ◇ Move plants from the greenhouse to cold frames to give them time to adjust to cooler temperatures and harden them off.
- ◇ Prick out and pot on new seedlings and cuttings.

### FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES

- ◇ Cut autumn fruiting raspberry canes to the ground, in order to stimulate the growth of new canes. For summer fruiting canes, cut down by about a third, just above a bud.
- ◇ Blueberry plants love an acidic environment around their roots. Mulch with ericaceous compost or feed with an ericaceous fertiliser.
- ◇ Mulch fruit trees with compost or well-rotted manure. Do the same with rhubarb plants, but do not cover the crown. Cover strawberry plants with cloches, if you have them.

### LAWN

- ◇ Finally, it is time to start thinking about your lawn. Mow the lawn if you think it needs it but start with a high cut. Now is a good time to redefine the lawn edges. Lay new turf or repair lawns now but wait until there has been little or no rain for several days.

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY GARDENING.  
NICK ADAMSON

## ST PETER'S SCHOOL MARCHINGTON

This month we have included an item about the activities that have taken place for Children's Mental Health Week. It was written by **Scarlett Pearson**, a pupil at the school.

### Find Your Brave!

This week, Rowan Class have been finding their brave!

"This week is Children's Mental Health Week, so we've been trying to find our brave," explained Georgina, age 7, and Olivia, age 6.

The children were all able to remember a time in their lives when they needed to be brave. "I found my brave when I moved up to Year One," said Seth.

The whole school took part in wellbeing activities on Friday afternoon.

### Also, upcoming events in school include:

Feb 14th - break up for half term

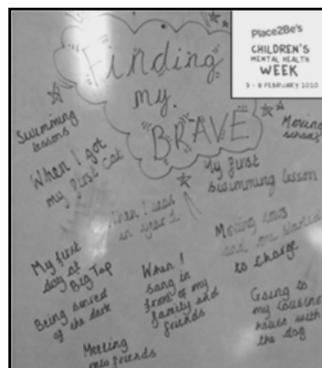
Feb 24th - return to school

Feb 25th - special Pancake Day school dinners

Feb 25th - school photograph day

Mar 20th - Mother's Day Assembly

Apr 3rd - break up for Easter holidays



### Reading Volunteers

Could you spare a small amount of time each week to become a regular reading volunteer at either St Peter's C of E (VC) First School Marchington, or Talbot First School Kingstone, (together we form The Woodlands Federation), and help us with one of our most important activities?

Helping children to become confident, independent readers is one of the most important things that a school can do - and it is an area of our work where parents, carers and other members of the community can make a big difference.

We are always keen to hear from people who would be interested to help us and support the teaching of reading by joining our volunteers. Please contact the school office to find out more.

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## Marchington 10K – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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The 10k route climbs from Marchington Cricket Club, past St Peter's School and up Moisty lane towards Uttoxeter to the top of Wood Lane. From here it turns left onto Toothill Road, then down the B5017 back into the village via Bag Lane, Allens Lane, Hall Road, past St Peter's School again before finally returning to Marchington Cricket Club.

There's a Team Category – so why not enter a team from your organisation, workplace, club or just a general motley crew out for a healthy 2020 challenge? Looking forward to seeing faces old and new on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## THE MAKING OF MARCHINGTON VILLAGE HALL



In the February edition of *Parish News* we described the time before we had a village hall in the words of two villagers: the late Freddie Williams and John Gilbert. Beginning at the village school, and then at the Malt House (where the 'Men's Club' was located), people managed to get together, hold dances, and generally enjoy themselves. After the War, these events soon reestablished themselves, but, as Freddie Williams wrote in 1985, this was soon under threat. Fortunately it all ended well, with the first dance in the new village hall being organised by Miss Audrey Sutton, whom many of us remember. This is what happened, in Freddie's original words:

"Mr John Wainwright, who now owned 'The Club' and was well aware of how old the building was, had been keeping an eye on the structure and became concerned at what he thought were signs of movement and spreading walls. He called in expert opinion which sadly confirmed his suspicions: the old building was literally falling apart; something had to be done.

Because of this, I suggested to the Parish Council in 1955 that they consider the possibility of erecting a new hall. They agreed to this suggestion, and a small sub-committee was appointed to investigate possible sites.

The recommended site was garden ground adjacent to the Malt House, opposite the school, and negotiations for purchase were begun. Meanwhile, the assistance of the Uttoxeter Rural District Engineer and Surveyor, Mr Pughe, was sought. In his opinion the site proposed was a good one, but he thought it might be rather restricted and advised the Council to try and obtain additional areas. Including the site of the demolished old Malt House four adjoining sites were eventually obtained, the largest being the garden of Ivy Cottage (the old weighbridge cottage). The negotiated price of the plots was four shillings per square yard!

Meanwhile, it was discovered that if the Council did erect the hall themselves they would not be eligible for the grants available at that time to voluntary organisations.

So I then suggested the formation of a Village Hall Committee which could then be financed 50% by the grants and the remainder by the Parish Council. I also suggested that the Council levied a special eight-penny rate for three years this would meet the sum required. As at that time the War Department properties made up about 95% of the rateable value of the parish, villagers themselves would only be meeting a small proportion of the cost. The Parish Council agreed, and this was also approved by a public meeting on 22 July 1958.

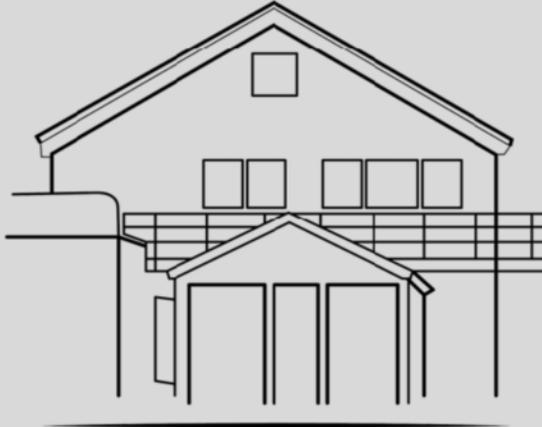
Many meetings of the Committee were held to consider the plans prepared by Mr Pughe; visits were made to many different halls in the area. The task of erecting the hall was won by the local firm of Woolley and Wainwright. Alan and his father, Joe, supervised the work. It commenced with the building towards the end of March 1960 and was completed by the opening date of 12 November 1960 (surely a record!) The total final cost was approximately £8,000.

The lease of the land by the Parish Council to the Village Hall Committee was completed in October 1960, together with the trust deed formally setting out the constitution and functions of the Committee. The Hall was officially opened by Alderman Owen, C.B.E, Chairman of the County Council. At the Opening Dance that evening (organised by Miss Audrey Sutton), the Hall was filled to its utmost capacity. It produced a profit of £70, and the music, which cost £14.10s, was supplied by the Tony Reynolds 6-Piece Band".

Freddie Williams continued to serve as secretary / treasurer until 1969, when John Gilbert took over. Herbert Porter (who worked as a bricklayer during the construction) was appointed Chairman in 1968 and continued until 1985.

The milestone 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hall was celebrated in 1985 with a fund raising bazaar (to assist with the cost of repairs) and a dance in the evening. Many village organisations ran stalls at the bazaar, including the Church, the Sunday School, the Guides and Brownies, the Scouts and Cubs, the Singers, MADS, the Cricket Club, the Football Club, the Twinning Association, the P.T.A., the National Housewives Register, the Women's Institute, the Toddler Group, the Youth Club and the Produce Guild.

Since then, the Village Hall Committee has not rested on its laurels - many improvements have been made to the Hall over the years. However, we have the hard work and vision of a previous generation of villagers to thank for this valuable asset which remains one of the key focal points of village life.



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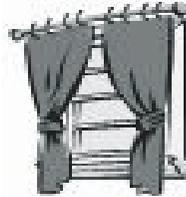
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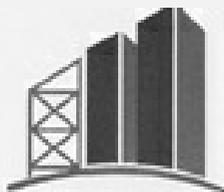
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# Jelly Babies and Allsorts at Woodlands WI

Lured by the promise of Jelly babies and Allsorts to eat, Woodlands WI members hurried in to meet up on Thursday 13 February. We weren't disappointed



as there before us, sat 2 bowls of the sweets. However, before we could start sampling them, we had business to do. Helen, the President, talked us through the apologies from members and wished 5 members 'Happy Birthday' in February. The minutes were agreed and signed, and we found out about happenings from the Federation WI, the Homes

and Garden day with Diarmuid Gavin the TV presenter and a paper workshop in May.

Closer to home, we had to sign up for our WI Birthday meal in April, which involves a visit to the Wildegoose Nursery and Fiveways group meeting in June.

Helen tempted us with a taster of next years programme starting in April: an evening of cocktails, Derby Mountain Rescue Team, a movie night with popcorn and many more to come.

Then it was time for SWEETS! But we had to work for them. What? Yes,

Janey divided us into 2

teams to play

Pictionary

and guess

what the teams

were called? You

got it, Jelly Babies

and Allsorts!

Motivated by having

a sweet after each correct answer, 3



brave members in each team volunteered to draw the secret word whilst everyone else on the team tried to guess it. Surprisingly hard but good fun if not a little noisy. Could you draw St Pauls Cathedral, a beach ball or tugboat with 8 members shouting guesses at you? Well done to those people and Hurrah for the winners, the Jelly Babies!

The tantalising smell of soup and warm bread drifted across the hall

and we all sat down and shared supper with cakes together, provided by the committee. Thanks to them all for a super spread.

Time to pack up and go home but not before Helen reminded us that next time, on March 12th it's the AGM and a talk 'Demystifying Medicines!' Do come along and find out about them with us.

*Grace Hodges*

## **Woodlands Life – Verging on the Muddy Side**

Those who live and/or drive through the Woodlands on a regular basis will know that weather conditions have taken their toll on the lanes and the grass verges. The verges are soaking from all the rain and the additional water spray from vehicles going through pools of water.

With the verges being so soft, they cut up very quickly and easily. There are clearly places along the lanes where vehicles go onto the verges to pass. This causes a lot of damage in a short period of time. And, in addition, vehicles then take mud from the verges back onto the road making the carriageway really dirty and potentially slippery for all users including cyclists, runners and walkers.

Therefore, I have a quick request for anyone that is driving through the Woodlands: If you meet another vehicle, please try wherever possible to pass in a gateway area rather than going onto the verge. This may involve either you or the other driver having to reverse a short distance and, obviously, this should only be done when it is completely safe for all concerned. But, hopefully, you can appreciate that it is much better for the Woodlands environment if the verges are not treated as the second carriageway.

*Karen Perrins*

**Marchington Woodlands Village Hall  
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# Marchington Woodlands Village Hall

## Celebrating Village Halls

Our first coffee morning of the year was held appropriately during ‘Village Halls Week’. This is a relatively new campaign that ran for the first time in 2018. It is an annual and national celebration of rural community spaces. You may have read about ‘Village Halls Week 2020’ in the local or national press or heard mention on BBC radio stations, as the campaign attracted significant media coverage. Now although it is great to see the profile of halls being raised during this one week of the year, it is even more important that support for village halls continues throughout the year – for the events and activities that they host and for the vital role that they play in bringing the community together. With halls in the Woodlands and Marchington (as well as several others in our local rural area), there is plenty of opportunity to celebrate these wonderful places.

Talking of community events, the “Spring Supper” being held in the Woodlands Village Hall on Saturday 14 March is coming around very quickly. Please do remember to order your tickets. The main course will be beef casserole (vegetarian option is available) and there is a choice of two desserts. For those who are sweet enough already, we can offer cheese and biscuits. The Committee look forward to seeing you there. We just ask that you book tickets by March 10th, please, to allow us enough time to confirm catering numbers, details etc.

The Committee are working on other events for this year. One that is rather different for us and that we hope will attract some interest is an Evening of Mediumship, presented by Craig Morris. Craig has a very busy schedule, taking his demonstrations of mediumship around the country, so we are fortunate to have secured a booking. The date to note in your diary is Friday 25 September. We shall be providing more information about the event soon. You can read about Craig’s background and his journey to becoming a spiritualist medium on his website ([www.craig-morris.co.uk](http://www.craig-morris.co.uk)).

If you would like to have a new activity or event hosted at the Woodlands Village Hall in 2020 or you have an idea for providing a service in the hall, the Committee would love to hear your suggestions. You are very welcome to come along to a Committee meeting (generally the first Monday evening of every month at 8pm) and talk to us there or you can use the email address that was set up last year - [mwvh@btinternet.com](mailto:mwvh@btinternet.com) – for you to have your say.

*Karen Perrins*

## Social Events at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall

6 March – Whist Drive (first for 2020)

14 March – ‘Spring Supper’ at 7.30pm, tickets £14 from Committee members

17 March – Monthly coffee morning, everyone welcome 10.30 – 12.00 noon

20 March, 3 April and 17 April – Whist Drives

If you are organising a social event for 2020 and looking for a venue, please get in touch with our Bookings Secretary, Joyce Salmon (01283 8203930), to get any information you may need about hiring the Woodlands Village Hall. Booking information and hall details are also available via Marchington Parish Council website (<https://marchingtonparishcouncil.org/marchington-woodlands-village-hall/>).

There is an **Art group** which meets at Kingstone Village Hall on Thursday 10am-12noon. If you would like more details, please speak to Peter Vaflin 01889 500547 or Maggie Hatchard 01283 820207.

The **Singing for Fun Group** meets at St John’s Kingstone 7.30pm-8.30pm . Dates are March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March. If interested just turn up or email or phone Mary Minor [maryminor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:maryminor@hotmail.co.uk). Isabel Wilson 01889 569411 or Louise Taylor 01889 500687

### **Contacts for St John’s Church, Marchington Woodlands**

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<b>St John's Church, Marchington Woodlands</b>	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm Women's Day of Prayer at St Lawrence's Church, Bramshall. Learn all about Zimbabwe. Everyone welcome.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00 pm Evensong Readers: Pat Salt, Nigel Harman
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am BCP Communion Reader: Linda Beech
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	4.00 pm Mothering Sunday Readers: Victor Read & John Bostock. Small posies to hand out.
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00 am British Summer time begins
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am Joint service at St Peter's, Marchington

We welcome into the family of the church, **Hugo Hedley Ball** who was baptised on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, at a lovely family gathering. May Hugo grow in the love of Christ.

**Derek Avery** sadly passed away at home on 29<sup>th</sup> December. His funeral took place on 20<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon and was taken by Rev Joe Cant who had known Derek well. A gentle and kind gentleman, who worked tirelessly on the restoration fund at St John's Church. To help keep the church in good working order and keep the architecture in fine condition was always his greatest priority. Derek you will be truly missed.

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## SERVICES AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, MARCHINGTON IN MARCH 2020

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1 March 9.30 am Sung Eucharist	Genesis 2:15-15; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19	Wendy		Wendy Scott	Ian Jones Mandy Shaw	Mandy Shaw		Claire Marjoram
8 March 9.30 am Celtic Communion	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Thelma	Gill Williamson	Thelma Brassington	Gill Williamson Claire Marjoram	Rhoda Castle		Ginny Odey
15 March 9.30 am Sung Eucharist	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11	Fiona	Joyce Halcrow	Fiona Neads	Gordon White- head Joyce Halcrow	Mandy Shaw		Kath Wood
22 March 9.30 am Morning Worship	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14	Maggie	Sheila Jones	Gill Williamson	Ginny Odey Wendy Scott	Wendy Scott		Joyce Halcrow
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