

# PARISH NEWS

**JUNE 2022**



**St Peter's Church, Marchington**  
**St John's Church, Marchington Woodlands**

# WELCOME to the PARISH NEWS for JUNE 2022

**Desktop Publishing:** Kate Hart

[katealexan@gmail.com](mailto:katealexan@gmail.com)

**Website:** <https://www.marchingtonparishnews.net>



**The next Parish News is the July & August issue.**

**Deadline for copy is 12th June**

**The July/August issue will be edited by Rhoda Castle  
(email:[rhoda.castle@outlook.com](mailto:rhoda.castle@outlook.com)).**

Please be in touch with any news, articles or updates on your club or organisation by email **to Rhoda**. No more than 425 words in length, please. New advertisements for the July/August issue, both for businesses and for village events, should also be sent to Rhoda. These will attract a small charge. A special deal for repeat adverts by businesses is available: details available on request.

Parish News is distributed by volunteers in the parishes of St John's, Marchington Woodlands and St Peter's, Marchington. If you wish to receive a regular copy please contact our Primary Distributor, Claire Marjoram (01283 820349). Newcomers to the village are welcome to have a complimentary copy, so if someone has moved in near to you please let Claire know.

**There is an annual subscription rate of £9.00 for a paper copy of the magazine delivered to your door. This covers the period from July up to and including the following June.**

The online edition of the magazine is freely available on our website

<https://www.marchingtonparishnews.net>. Previous issues of the magazine are available online at <https://www.marchingtonparishnews.net/archive>

## **St Peter's Contacts**

**Priest in charge:** Rev. Margaret Sherwin, Rector, Tel: 01889 560234

**Team Vicar for Marchington & Marchington Woodlands:** Rev. Jules Walker

**Licensed Reader:** Maggie Hatchard, 1 Church Close, Marchington Tel: 01283 820207

**St Peter's Ministry Team:**

Thelma Brassington, Maggie Hatchard, Fiona Neads, Liz Morgan.

**St Peter's Church Wardens:**

Lynda Nicholson, Rose Cottage, Church Lane. Tel: 01283 821374;

Sandy Halcrow, Coverdale, Allens Lane. Tel: 01283 820346

**Church Website:** [www.stpetersmarchington.org.uk](http://www.stpetersmarchington.org.uk)

# Spring has Sprung!

*Maggie Hatchard tells us why she loves this colourful,*

*new time of year*

What a difference a few days make with warm weather! Everywhere new shoots of trees and shrubs are bursting out with that wonderful lime green colour. Blossom has decorated our gardens, streets, and fields and now it feels we are at an amazing wedding with confetti all around. Sheep and lambs dance around the fields and cows are gallivanting around so pleased to be outside after a long winter inside. It really makes you feel good to be alive! We are woken in the morning by the chorus of birdsong as they make their preparations for new birth. As an artist I love this time of year as everywhere is so full of colour and everything feels washed and new, with the colours so brilliant and clean. It really is a good time of year!

Psalm 23, the Lord is my shepherd, is one of the psalms that really feels appropriate for this time of year. What a

wonderful song it is. David certainly knew how to put words together to show his love and confidence in God. And no wonder this psalm is used both for weddings and funerals as it touches our hearts in so many ways. To express our confidence in the love and care that God will show us no matter where we are in our lives, in sadness and in joy. I think it is also most appropriate for the one big thing we will all be celebrating this June – The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee! The Queen as head of the church has a very strong faith and I’m sure that she too finds this psalm one that she loves. Knowing that her Lord is with her always no matter what life has thrown at her.

I hope that whatever you are doing to celebrate the 70 years our Queen has reigned, will be a time of fun and laughter and joy as we all get together in many different ways across the area of churches.

Nick Fawcett is a writer whom I admire very much. He has written some lovely prayers that speak so easily in words that I and you might use every day. So, I finish with this prayer:

*“Higher than my highest thoughts yet always close by my side, greater than I could ever imagine, yet made known to me in Christ, more powerful than words can express yet having a special concern for everyone.*

*Though I wander far from you, always you seek me out. Though you sometimes seem distant, always you are near. Though you reign overall, you are here by my side, your hand reaching out to bless.*

*Whatever I face, wherever I am, you are there, always at work, your love sure, your goodness constant, whether I see it or not. Loving Lord, we worship you.*

*Amen”*



**Ken Rogers**

On behalf of Marchington St. Peter’s Church, I send our condolences to the family of Ken Rogers.

Before he became so ill, Ken was a valued part of our congregation and was always willing to help in any way. My lasting memory is of his wonderful “Christmas Helper” for the primary school children and Edward Bear club. He really kept people guessing.

We shall miss his great cake baking too. Our love goes out to his family at this sad time.

Rest in Peace Ken.

*Thelma Brassington.*

St Peter's Church  
Marchington

# THE BIG BRUNCH

JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11.30am

Let's get together as a village to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – come to the church where along the church path we will be setting up tables and chairs to fit 100 people!

Bring a plate of food to share – savoury or sweet. Also your own alcoholic drinks. Plates and napkins, hot and soft drinks will be provided.

Bring an item that reminds you of one of the decades that the Queen has been on the throne. We'll set these up in the church for a spontaneous exhibition.

Make a celebratory hat – a prize for the best!!!

Please phone Maggie on 01283 820207 to say you are coming and how many in your group. Please do this by 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## Marchington Festival

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

11am to 4pm

The church will be open to view our unusual Georgian building. Along with a variety of church artefacts.

St Peter's Church

Refreshments available

## MOBILE LIBRARY



Are you taking advantage of this excellent service which is available to us in Marchington? The mobile library is outside Marchington Village Hall fortnightly on Thursdays between 2.15 and 3.15pm. The dates for July are 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, and for August 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you value this service, it is important to show the County Council that there is a demand for it. You can find further information at the following web site:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/mobilelibraries/mobile2/routes/route04.aspx>

# SAVE THE DATE

## Ed Bear Club Picnic

On July 13th. at St. Peter's Church we shall be holding a Teddy Bears Picnic to chat about the re-launch of the Edward Bear club in September.

More details will be available nearer the date. I look forward to seeing parents- careers- and children. Age group. Birth to Nursery school age.

Thelma Brassington



## St Peter's Edward Bear Club

For children aged 0 to 3 years and their parents or carers. The club is not currently meeting, but we look forward to resuming sessions as soon as we judge that it is safe to do so. Anyone interested please contact Thelma by email.

[Thelmabrassington@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Thelmabrassington@yahoo.co.uk)

07477 667970

## MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Andrew C Mann, Chair, Marchington Parish Council

The May Parish Council meeting voted for me to serve as Chair for the next year. This is certainly not what I had envisaged a year ago when I thought I would now be sitting quietly on the back row of the PC. After this year there will then be an election of new councillors for Marchington so if you have any desires to serve your community, be prepared in May 2023.

As usual there is much activity to report on this month:

### **Broadband**

The Marchington superfast broadband scheme has stalled for at least 9 months principally because the government changed the procedure and the Marchington submission with BT Openreach missed the timing. It is a great disappointment particularly with all the efforts of resident volunteers who went round doorsteps encouraging residents to sign up to the scheme before the deadline which was met. The PC has been encouraged to lobby relevant parties to try to get on the scheme sooner but hopes are not high.

### **Dovegate Prison**

Dovegate Prison has a new Prison Director and deputy. Marchington PC developed a good working relationship with the previous director to resolve any issues and are keen to have a similar relationship with the new director. A liaison meeting has now been arranged for early June to meet for the first time.

### **Woodlands Chapel Triangle**

Marchington PC is still awaiting police action after many months to resolve the unsafe parking issue on the Chapel Triangle in the Woodlands. We are assured that police action will take place very soon but Marchington PC is writing to our MP Kate Griffiths for assistance in this matter in case of inaction.

## **Flooding**

The Environment Agency held an open forum meeting in Marchington Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> April with poster displays for residents to be briefed on progress and plans for flood prevention/restriction measures. This included flood restriction measures around individual vulnerable houses, the building of a low wall opposite the Dog and Partridge in July/August and the reinforcing of the bund behind Church Close later in the year. Details were also shown of the natural flood management schemes (NFM) in Marchington Woodlands with 3 sites under construction and another 6 sites earmarked.

Severn Trent had given a detailed account of their actions in the April PC meeting. However, as I write this article on 11<sup>th</sup> May after a brief period of rain there is sewage and toilet paper spewing out of a manhole in Church Lane. This is not acceptable and the PC will get Severn Trent to seriously address this issue.

## **Jubilee Fund**

The PC has given 4 applicants a donation towards events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June. These are: Friends of Marchington School- a buddy bench and celebration coins for each child; St Peters Church- a big brunch event on tables outside the church; Marchington Woodlands Village Hall- a Garden party, and Forestside residents- a garden party on the sports field. These are four events spread around the parish to mark the occasion.

## **Marchington Festival**

There is increasing excitement in the parish with the run up to the festival and open gardens. The array of events being planned is outstanding. I hope all have a thoroughly enjoyable time. I am sure there will be something for everyone from vintage cars, craft fair to a tennis tournament and tea and cake to gin and beer. This would be made even more enjoyable if the sun shines all weekend.

An Evening of Comedy, Music & Family Entertainment!



**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 7PM**  
in our specially-themed Jubilee Marquee

**EVENING TICKETS £10**

From 23<sup>rd</sup> May from Marchington Shop or call 07971 115026



**LIVE MUSIC FROM  
LOCAL COVERS BANDS...**

**THE  
FOSTER  
BROTHERS**



With...

**THE TRAVELLING  
TAVERNA**

Greek Cypriot pop up Grill

Top tunes from the '50s to the present day to get you on the dance floor!

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 7PM**  
in the Jubilee Marquee

## Open Gardens

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> and Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June



We are pleased to say we will be repeating our popular annual Open Gardens event again this year as part of the Marchington Festival.

If you would like to open your garden on one or both of the dates above then please contact either [gill.scarlett@hotmail.com](mailto:gill.scarlett@hotmail.com) or [janey.hilton123@gmail.com](mailto:janey.hilton123@gmail.com)

Your garden does not need to be perfect so don't worry and its great fun showing off your garden and welcoming visitors from far and wide.

The proceeds from this event go directly to help support Marchington Community shop.

# **Marchington WI Report**

We commenced our April meeting by welcoming two new members and introducing our speaker for the evening namely Bob Neill who gave an interesting talk entitled “Granny’s Attic”. Bob divided us into groups and then presented us with a variety of old articles. We had to guess what they were and what they would have been used for. To say we were puzzled by some of them as to their use is an understatement. However it proved very interesting and Bob was thanked by Pam Tomkins.

We then proceeded with our meeting and welcomed two new members, Allison and Penny.

After the monthly business, we proceeded with our Annual Meeting. Our Secretary gave the Committee Report, and our Treasurer presented the financial Statement for the year ending 28th February 2022. Both reports were adopted and seconded. Three ladies, namely Gill, Pat and Marilyn resigned from the committee and each were presented with a gift. We welcome Susan, Marion and Anne as new committee members.



As is the custom at our annual meeting, the refreshments had been prepared by the Committee members.

June meeting will be a river outing so fingers crossed for good weather! You are very welcome to come along and join us.

*Sheila Jones*

### **VOLUNTEERS WEEK 2022**

Volunteers Week is celebrated between 1st and 7th June every year. It is a week in which the UK celebrates volunteers and says thank you to them for the contribution that they make. The week also raises awareness about the benefits of becoming a volunteer and the diverse volunteering roles that are available.

As well as helping others, Volunteering has been shown to have a positive impact on the lives of those who volunteer, assisting volunteers in gaining new skills and boosting self-esteem.

Thank you to all the volunteers that help make Marchington the special place that it is!

# MARCHINGTON OPEN GARDENS

SAT 18<sup>TH</sup> & SUN 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022



**A SELECTION OF STUNNING GARDENS  
OPEN FROM 11AM TO 5PM**

**Refreshments served in several gardens!**

ADMISSION £ 5 BY WRISTBAND  
PROGRAMMES, MAPS & WRISTBANDS FOR SALE IN  
MARCHINGTON SHOP FROM 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY  
Or over the weekend at various locations

PART OF THE MARCHINGTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL



For more information please visit  
[www.marchingtonshop.co.uk](http://www.marchingtonshop.co.uk) or  
[www.marchingtonfestival.co.uk](http://www.marchingtonfestival.co.uk)

...or  
scan  
me!





# MARCHINGTON SHOP

~ FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE COMMUNITY ~



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

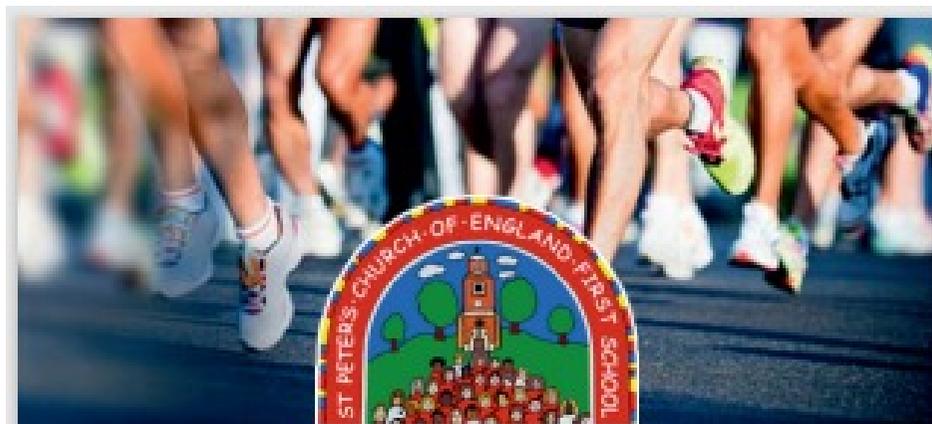
We are looking forward to the Marchington Festival weekend (June 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>), during which the shop will be open from 9am to 3pm both Saturday and Sunday. Open Garden wristbands and programmes will be on sale, plus we will have a barbecue in the mornings and will be selling soft drinks and ice-creams, all our usual items, and hoping for great weather for everybody to enjoy all that the village has to offer.

For the Jubilee Bank Holidays on Thursday and Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June), we will be opening 9am to 11am, and normal hours on the Saturday and Sunday, that is 9am to 12 noon both days.

We have now increased our range of beers and ciders for the summer. We've got our customers' old favourites, like Stella Artois, Pedigree, Black Sheep, Hobgoblin, plus some new selections from independent brewers including Old Hooky (Hooknorton Brewery in Oxfordshire), dark, strong Plum Porter (Titanic Brewery in Burslem) and Butcombe Original (from Bristol). And there's a discount of 5% on every 6 bottles bought.

And why not join us as a volunteer, if you have some time on your hands and would like to meet new people in a friendly local shop? Our shifts are generally for 2 hours at a time, and full training will be provided. You don't have to be on your own, if this wouldn't suit you. Please contact Tracy in the shop if you would like a further chat about opportunities.

Liz Morgan, Chair, Marchington Community Shop



# Marchington 10K

Fun Run & Little Legs

**SUNDAY**  
**26th June 2022**  
**Start at 9:30**

Marchington Cricket Club  
ST14 8LW



FOLLOW US ON  
**facebook**



Raising funds for St Peter's First School, Marchington  
Entries via

[www.entrycentral.com/marchington](http://www.entrycentral.com/marchington)

**ADVANCE**  
**NOTICE**  
**ROUTE OF**  
**MARCHINGTON**  
**10K & FUN RUN**  
**26th JUNE 2022 09:30 – 11:30 AM**

**The 10K Route**

START 09.30am at the Marchington Cricket Ground, turning right along Jacks Lane towards High Street - continue along High Street towards The Square - continue past St Peter's First School - continue into Hall Road - continue onto Moisty Lane - turn Left onto Toothill Road - turn left onto Highwood Road (B5017) - continue along Highwood Road (towards Marchington) on the B5017 - turn left onto Bag Lane – turn left onto Allens Lane - turn right onto Hall Road towards The Square - continue past St. Peter's School - continue along High Street and Jacks Lane - FINISH in the cricket club grounds.

**The Fun Run Route**

START 10.30am at the Marchington cricket club, turning right along Jacks Lane towards Bag Lane - turn left onto Bag Lane - turn right into Allens Lane - turn left into Moisty Lane – continue to the top of Windmill Drive - head back down Moisty Lane - continue onto Hall Road towards The Square - continue past St. Peter's School - continue along High Street and Jacks Lane - FINISH in the cricket club grounds.

## Marchington Village Hall News - June 2022

Here come the brides....

We have had a rush of couples wanting to celebrate their weddings in the village hall. I know it's the season but the sheer joy and exuberance of living beyond the worst days of the pandemic seems to have had an interesting effect and happy couples are being struck by Cupid's arrow instead of C19. Long may this trend continue, and to help it along, the village hall trustees want to improve the frontage of the village hall to make it even more Insta-worthy.

I mentioned last month that we have grant money to spend and asked for suggestions on how to spend it. The winning suggestion seems to be to improve the frontage with a lovely canopy. We did get planning permission a few years ago but did not have the funds at that time, so we've dusted off the plans and are hoping to go all the way this time.

*Plans approved in 2018 for frontage*



The highlight in June for Marchington Village Hall will of course be the craft fair being held in the hall over the weekend of the Festival, 18-19 June. We're all looking forward to hosting this and have some new vendors who are hoping to show off their crafts. Rain or shine, don't forget to pencil in a mooch around the craft fair, and perhaps enjoy a ploughman's lunch, courtesy

of Grace and Phil Hodges, both lunchtimes, or tea and biscuits at other times.

Don't forget, if you want to book Marchington Village Hall, please email Ginny Odey on [marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com](mailto:marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com) or call her on 07810 830268. You can check what's happening and hall availability on the calendar at <https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html>.

**We still need a local person who is handy and can do odd jobs for us. The post is paid. Please contact Andrew Mann in the first instance on 07887 988715.**

## **Bulls Head Marchington Football Club**

Herein the latest results:

19<sup>th</sup> April - Holditch FC 5 - BHMFC 3 Sentinel cup semi final

24th April - BHMFC 8 - Bird in Hand 4 (AET) Charity cup semi final

29th April - Uttoxeter Town 0 - BHMFC 1 Ken Green cup semi final

1st May - Churnet valley forfeited game - League

8th May - Tean Albion forfeited game - League

So, two finals before the season ends. Fingers crossed!



## Uttoxeter Cricket Club

Our 2022 season is now well underway. The club is now a hive of activity as we are fortunate enough to have two senior teams and nine junior teams.

Early season highlights have included a convincing 48 run victory for our 1st XI against Dunstall. Alex Hannan's 62 and Tyler Davies' 3 for 37 were crucial. Our 2nd XI came close in a draw versus Castle Donington Town. Jim Malkin produced excellent figures of 4 for 35 and Dave Whitehead scored a fluent 37.

In junior cricket, our Under 17's and Under 8's Bulls have both won their opening two games. Under 17's skipper, Lewis Forrester enjoyed a strong start to the season with a maiden half century against Walton. For the Under 8's, Isaac Paling has already scored 24 runs and taken 2 wickets in only two outings.

We are immensely proud to be fielding two teams at Under 13 level, three at Under 11 and two at Under 8. Our organic growth has been a testament to the warm reception we have received in the village. As ever, new members are most welcome. Feel free to come along to the ground and introduce yourself or alternatively contact James on 07961 208 354 to find out more.



## **Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club 100 Club**

Thank you to those who have signed up for the Tennis and Bowls Club '100 Club' for the next 12 months. Your support is much appreciated. Winners of the May draw were:

£5 - Brian Drage

£10 - Lesley Taylor

£15 - Pam Tomkins



If we missed you during recruitment for this year's '100 Club', but you would like to participate, contact Mark Flavell (markpflavell@yahoo.co.uk, 07515 891643) and we'll sort out a 'late entry'.

**Mark Flavell. Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club.**

### **MARCHINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES**

#### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Marchington Village Hall Committee of Trustees will take place at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday  
8<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
at Marchington Village Hall (Conference Room)

#### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of AGM 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (via Zoom)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report and presentation of audited accounts
5. Confirmation of representatives
6. Election of nominated Trustees
7. Election of Officers
8. New Business

**THE MARCHINGTON SINGERS**  
**IN CONCERT** *present*

***A Right Royal  
Celebration!***

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
**7.30 p.m. at**  
**The Renew Church,**  
**Uttoxeter**  
**ST14 7JQ**

**TICKETS:**  
**£15 from Tim**  
**01889 563570**  
**(£12 if purchased**  
**before 25th June)**  
**or Marchington**  
**Shop**  
**01283 821248**

*[www.marchingtonsingers.org](http://www.marchingtonsingers.org)*



When Frankie went missing, his human family searched everywhere but couldn't find him. One morning, over four weeks later, Frankie arrived home on his own. He'd lost half his body weight. It's likely poor Frankie had been accidentally shut in someone's shed or garage all this time. Luckily, he'd had access to water and the odd mouse during this time or he wouldn't have survived and starved to death. As we're now at a time when we are doing lots of gardening, DIY etc, PLEASE CHECK YOUR SHEDS, GREENHOUSES AND GARAGES BEFORE YOU LOCK UP. YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE AND A MUCH LOVED PET.



**Light Years**  
 apart From the  
**Competition**

- Part P Registered
- All Electrical Work
- Security Alarms
- CCTV Systems

*Call Roy for all of your electrical needs*

**Tel: 07883 374004**

**Elec-craft**  
 ELECTRICAL SERVICES  
*'Where Safety & Quality is Guaranteed'*

**Fully Qualified Electrician**

**NAPIT**

**TRUST MARK**  
 Government Endorsed Standard  
[www.trustmark.org.uk](http://www.trustmark.org.uk)

## Your local, **Marchington**-based **Tree Surgeon**.

All aspects of tree care and maintenance undertaken, including:

- Tree removal/felling
- Crown reduction, thinning and raising
- Pruning
- Dead wood removal

Call Brec on: 07715 767727

Email: [safety@highltd.co.uk](mailto:safety@highltd.co.uk)



*We also rescue stuck cats...*

*Our tree services are provided in accordance with BS 3998:2010 'Tree work – Recommendations', and the Industry Code of Practice for Arboriculture: 'Tree Work at Height', where appropriate.*

*All work is fully insured, and undertaken by qualified personnel.*

The Old Store. High Street. Marchington. Staffordshire. ST14 8LD.

FRESH

LOCAL

CONVENIENT



## MARCHINGTON SHOP

~ FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE COMMUNITY ~

[www.marchingtonshop.co.uk](http://www.marchingtonshop.co.uk)

tel: 01283 821248

Convenience foods, snacks, sweets and drinks, pastries, good range of biscuits and cakes, local milk, eggs and honey  
Locally baked fresh bread, unique range of cards, stamps  
Parcel collection, dry cleaning service  
PLUS a great selection of wines from around the world.

### ***Wainwright Rhodes Design Ltd***

Your local Builders, Joiners, Roofers & Plumbers

**01283 820286**

### "Mobile Foot Care" Jane Knight

RGN, MCFHP, MAFI



- Corns
- Verrucae
- Ingrowing Toe Nails
- Nail Trimming and Filing
- Reduction of Thickened Nails
- Treatment of Fungal Nail Infections

**01889 590114**

**07791 625378**

## Services;

PC Repair  
Web Design  
PC Building  
IT Support  
Online Presence Support



# Woodlands IT

Sam@woodlandsit.co.uk  
www.woodlandsit.co.uk

Lower Stock Lane Farm, Stock Lane, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire ST14 8PA

**+447860 277852**

## MARK JEFFREY

*PLUMBING & HEATING*

*BATHROOMS & TILING*

*For a free estimate on all your plumbing,  
heating and bathroom makeovers call Mark on*

**01889 564924 / 07791 476275**

# JOHN SEWELL

GARAGES LTD

- **DIAGNOSTICS**
- **SERVICING**
- **REPAIRS**
- **TYRES**
- **MOT**



**01889 562029**

**jsgarage@live.co.uk**



the  
**Good Garage Scheme** 



## FIELD FUNERAL SERVICES

Independent Family Funeral Directors  
t. 01538 722665

**DEDICATED TO DIGNITY & PEACE  
OUR FAMILY TO YOURS**



FIELD FUNERAL SERVICES

info@fieldfuneralservices.co.uk  
www.fieldfuneralservices.co.uk

Field Funeral Services | 37a High Street | Tean  
Stoke on Trent | Staffordshire | ST10 4DY

## 'CURTAINS UP'

Custom made blinds and curtains.  
Full measurement and making service. Curtain  
alterations also undertaken.  
Friendly and local at competitive prices  
including collection and delivery.  
Wide range of fabrics can be supplied.



Claire Hardwick

Ring for advice / appointment.

01538 702201

Mob: 07979 942050

Email: Claire@curtainsup.co.uk

## ALAN

## HARVEY

High Class  
Interior &  
Exterior

## Painter & Decorator

City & Guilds

Bank Top Farmhouse Draycott  
in the Clay  
Ashbourne  
Derbyshire DE6 5HD  
Established 1972

**01283 820852**

**07754 533565**



The Marjorie Centre  
for  
Complementary Health  
*Helping you to better  
health in body, mind and  
spirit - naturally!*

Treatments from:  
Reflexology, Reiki,  
Shiatsu, Counselling,  
Indian Head Massage,  
Hypnotherapy, Aromatherapy,  
Hydrotherm Massage,  
Sports & Relaxing Massages

**15 Market Street  
Uttoxeter ST14 8JA**

**01889 567999**

[www.themarjoriecentre.co.uk](http://www.themarjoriecentre.co.uk)

## *Woodlands WI - tales of Shugborough and Lord Lichfield.*

Our May meeting was very well attended and was a lovely evening. We had a talk from Joanne Massey about working as a maid for Lord Lichfield. Joanne was a most entertaining speaker who I think we could have listened to all night!

Joanne worked for Lord Lichfield for 7 years, right until his unexpected death in 2005. Many of her duties involved looking after guests for shooting weekends. The idea of packing and unpacking suitcases for guests seems alien to us but it was a regular job for Joanne. The similarities to Downton Abbey were obvious. Joanne thoroughly enjoyed working at Shugborough. She met many famous people and said how lovely most of them

were. Lord Lichfield and Lady Asquith were certainly very kind and treated the staff with much compassion. They received presents for Christmas and birthdays which were always personalised. They really took an interest in the lives of their staff. In conclusion - her talk finished far too early and I feel another visit by Joanne will be arranged!

Following the talk, we had our usual Woodlands supper provided by Maggie, Anne L, Judy and Helen.

The raffle was won by Gill Williamson. Raffle tickets for the National Federation of WI were on sale.

After a good supper the business of the evening was

conducted. Our June meeting will be a party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The theme for the night is all things red, white and blue. Everyone will bring food. There will be a display of royal memorabilia as well as a competition for the best crown! So, get your "glad rags" on for a party night.

Everyone cleared the hall and reflected on a lovely evening of fun, food, and friendship.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July we will be resurrecting our annual Cream Tea and Walk starting from Birchwood Bower Farm at 2.00pm. This is open to everyone and can include well behaved dogs on leads. The

walk will be a stroll around the Woodlands but could involve stiles and fields. Numbers for the walk will be restricted so please book places by telephoning Helen on 01889 566016. If you don't want to walk you are more than welcome to sit in the garden and have a cream tea, but once again please book a place – we need to know how many scones and cakes to bake. There will be a plant stall too so bring some money! We look forward to renewing this event and hope for good weather!

*Helen Cleaver*



## Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update



Fingers crossed this June copy of the Parish News will be out to everyone before the end of May and so this is the last call for residents of the Woodlands to come along to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration at the Woodlands Village Hall on Sunday 5 June, which, this year, is also National Thank You Day. The fun starts at 6pm and, all you have to do, is to bring yourselves, something to eat and drink and your voices – for chatting with friends and neighbours and singing along with Tony B.

The Village Hall Committee will be providing extra refreshments, including free teas and coffees and there will also be a free glass of prosecco for attendees to show their appreciation and raise a toast to Her Majesty.

The Committee is looking forward to welcoming Woodlands residents to this very special Platinum Jubilee Celebration. It is rare to have an occasion such as this when Woodlanders can come together as one community, and we hope that as many of you as possible will take up the opportunity.

If you are reading this item and intending to come along to the Village Hall on 5 June and haven't yet advised any of the Committee that you will be there, would you please either give me (Karen Perrins) a call on 01889 568314 or send an email to the Village Hall's email address ([mwvh@btinternet.com](mailto:mwvh@btinternet.com)). This will help us with final numbers for refreshments etc.

Changing the subject for a moment but keeping with the community theme, I know that a lot of Woodlands residents are very disappointed about the situation with the Marchington Broadband Scheme. Although the Scheme is paused, whilst the government looks to get its new project in Staffordshire underway, to provide 70,000 properties with better broadband, I believe that the best thing we can do is to carry on emphasising the poor service currently experienced by people in the Woodlands and to try to achieve some level of priority for the Woodlands when building work restarts.

In closing, Woodlands Village Hall Committee must thank the Parish Council for its financial contribution towards the cost of the Jubilee event. At its monthly Meeting on 10 May, Parish Councillors very kindly agreed to award a Jubilee grant to the Village Hall and three other applicants.

It was great to hear about the other events that are taking place in Marchington Village and Forestside over the Jubilee weekend. I haven't seen the long-range weather forecast but let's hope that the sun will be shining for everyone.

*Karen Perrins*

## Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Social & General Information



### 2022 Calendar

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Sunday, June<br>5 <sup>th</sup>                                    | The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, 6pm  |
| Tuesday, June<br>7 <sup>th</sup>                                   | Woodlands Village Hall monthly Committee Meeting, 7.30pm.   |
| Saturday,<br>August 20 <sup>th</sup>                               | Summer Dance with music from The Silicone Taxis.<br>Hog roast catering by Paul Sargeant.  |
| Saturday,<br>November 5 <sup>th</sup>                              | Bonfire night   |
| 21st June,<br>19 <sup>th</sup> July and<br>16 <sup>th</sup> August | Regular Tuesday coffee mornings in the Village Hall.<br>Come and have a chat with friends and neighbours from your community. 10.30am start. Everyone is welcome. |

### Village Hall Booking Information

The Village Hall's website ([www.mwvh.co.uk](http://www.mwvh.co.uk)) provides information about the Hall, its facilities and how to go about hiring. If you would like to ask anything further, please get in touch with the Village Hall Booking Secretary, Isabel Wilson (landline 01889 569411 or mobile 07817 989859).

### Contact Details

You are invited to send any comments, questions or issues about the Village Hall to the Committee via email address [mwvh@btinternet.com](mailto:mwvh@btinternet.com). Alternatively, you can put a note in the Village Hall's post box. Your feedback is very welcome.

## St. John's Church Marchington Woodlands



### Church Services and Events during June 2022 (at St John's unless otherwise stated.)

|                                  |          |  |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Sunday,<br>5th June              | 5 to 6pm | Church open for families to come and look around or just to have a period of quiet reflection before the celebrations begin. |
| Sunday,<br>12th<br>June          | 4pm      | Evensong   |
| Sunday,<br>26 <sup>th</sup> June | 9.30am   | Holy Communion   |

If you would like to read at any of these services, you are very welcome and if you like the reading in advance let us know.

If you feel creative and would like to have some flowers in church, please get in touch with Linda or Isabel.

You may have noticed that we now have only 2 services regularly each month. These are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 4pm and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9.30am. We used to have three services each month but as we now have fewer stipendiary vicars allocated to the Uttoxeter area, and they have over 10 churches for which they are responsible, it becomes a problem. What you may not be aware of is that many of the ordained clergy who have helped us to hold regular services are non-stipendiary. This means that they are not employed by the Church of England and do not get paid for presiding at our services. They may be offered expenses for travelling to our church and some may even claim this allowance. The Uttoxeter area of parishes has been sustained by these wonderful people being so generous with their time. Not just for our regular worship but for our life celebrations too. Weddings, funerals, and baptisms would have been very difficult to schedule if it were not for them. Because we are blessed with so many churches close by it is easy for us to join worship at the other churches. It is lovely to do this and enjoyable to sample different styles of worship. Having said that we do have a beautiful church and it would be nice for more people to enjoy spending time in it more often. If anyone has ideas about using the church for other events, please contact anyone on the contacts list and share them. Or maybe come along to one of the services and have a chat. We have restarted the tea and biscuits after the 4pm service. You will be made very welcome. Maybe you would like us to try a different type of worship? Please do let us know. It is your church, for everyone in the Woodlands, not just the few regular members of the congregation.

## **St John's Marchington Woodlands**

### **100 Club**

Linda Pattinson, Rosa Read, Julie Whitehurst, Brian Greensmith

Don't forget to check out Marchington Woodlands Community Group on Facebook to get up to date info on what's happening in our community.

On a more sombre note, I must report that we have lost another member of that congregation: Pat Bostock. She was a much-loved member of this church and this community, both Woodlands and the village, and died in hospital on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Our thoughts and prayers are with John and with their children, Jackie, Sara, Debbie, Kevin and with their grandchildren. Pat was a wonderful lady and will all miss her dearly.

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm at Lichfield Cathedral:**

The service to celebrate the life of Kath Hoddell.  
Please let Graham Salt know if you plan to attend. Also let Graham or Linda know if you would need help to get there.

**St. John's Contacts**

**Priest in charge:** Rev. Margaret Sherwin Rector Tel: 01889 560234

**Licensed Reader:** Maggie Hatchard Tel: 01283 820207

**Church Wardens:**

Graham Salt, Cherry Tree Cottage, Greaves Lane, Draycott in the Clay  
Tel: 01283 821587; mobile 07759 238388; [gsalt799@btinternet.com](mailto:gsalt799@btinternet.com)

Linda Beech, Cliff Bungalow, Marchington Cliff, Uttoxeter ST14 8ND  
tel:01283 820209 / 07875516635 [beechnuts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beechnuts@hotmail.co.uk)

**Vergers:** John Bostock, The School House, Marchington Woodlands tel: 01889 562404

**Treasurer:** Mike Cleaver, email: [macleaver@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:macleaver@hotmail.co.uk)

**PCC members:** John and Pat Bostock, Graham and Pat Salt, Victor Read, Anna Cadamy, Mike Cleaver, Robert Parkes, Linda Beech, Isabel Wilson: Tel: 01889 569411; email: [chrisisalwilson@aol.co.uk](mailto:chrisisalwilson@aol.co.uk)

<http://www.marchingtonwoodlandchurch.co.uk/> St. Johns website

## ST PETERS CHURCH MARCHINGTON - SERVICES DURING JUNE 2022

| <i>Date / Time</i>                      | <i>Service</i>        | <i>Sidesperson</i> | <i>Readers</i>                         | <i>Intercessions</i> | <i>Coffee</i>   | <i>Flowers</i>  |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June<br>10.00am  | Morning Worship       | Gill Williamson    | Gordon Whitehead<br>Thelma Brassington | Gill Williamson      | Pat Wilson      | Maggie Hatchard |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June<br>10.00am | Communion             | Joyce Halcrow      | Tim Scott<br>Joyce Halcrow             | Maggie Hatchard      | Wendy Scott     | Sue Butler      |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June<br>10.00am | Communion             | Sheila Jones       | Gill Williamson-<br>Wendy Scott        | Wendy Scott          | Claire Marjoram | Gill Williamson |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June<br>10.00am | Ministry Team Service | Kath Wood          | Liz Morgan<br>Claire Marjoram          | Thelma Brassington   | Joyce Halcrow   | Lynda Nicholson |

**If you are unable to carry out your duty, please find a replacement and inform the church wardens.**