

PARISH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022



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

WELCOME to the PARISH NEWS for SEPTEMBER 2022

Desktop Publishing: Rhoda Castle
rhoda.castle@outlook.com

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



**The next Parish News is the October issue.
Deadline for copy is 12th September**

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 October 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. Subscriptions cover the period from July up to and including the following June, and are collected every July by your magazine distributor. If you have not yet paid your subscription and wish to continue having a magazine delivered, please pay your distributor as soon as possible.

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

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 Needs, 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

Growing the Kingdom



*Rev John Lander looks back on successes in sport this summer, but suggests that rather than looking for instant success in our church life we should gain momentum from what we **can** do – for many of us it may not be the big things that will make a difference.*

It has been an amazing summer of sport; with the England ladies' football team winning the European Championship, and the fantastic events of the Commonwealth Games. If you have been following all of this, then you will recognise the sense of joy and elation the various successes have given us. Being aware of the nation urging on the Lionesses and kicking every ball, swimming every stroke with Adam Peaty, probably in the whole of Uttoxeter and beyond, we realise it is a collective feeling that we are joining in. There is no other euphoria quite like that of winning, of fulfilling what was set out to be achieved, whether that is on a personal level, as a

group, or vicariously through others with whom we associate.

When I was studying for a basic managerial certificate many years ago, we were looking at beliefs, and the tutor asked what we believe in. One student said, "I believe in Sport for All" (which was quite the jingle back in the 90's). Unfortunately, I am not an actively sporting person; I am not built for sport – basically I do not have the physical flexibility for such games as cricket (ask anyone who has seen me try to bowl), or golf, or tennis, or any field sports. At a majestic 'five foot five and a half' I stand no chance in the air competing for a

football. So, I am a supporter. But even as such, success and winning can be very thin. My football team is from the lower divisions (Tranmere Rovers), and they seem to spend more time being average to poor than lifting the silverware!

Disappointment, failure, lack of success can all be very disheartening; and not just in sporting terms, this is keenly felt in all aspects of life – including church, and our own personal journey of faith. In Hebrews, Saint Paul speaks of running the race with perseverance, of fixing our eyes on Jesus. Instant success in any endeavour is never guaranteed, but we live in a society that places great store on achieving such as celebrity status through X-factor, The Apprentice, and the like. Euro-millions, the postcode lottery, and gambling adverts draw the unwary into thinking life-changing amounts are there for the taking, at the spin of a wheel. As people of faith, are we too being drawn into thinking there is a formula for instant success, of filling our churches overnight?

Ultimately, our faith is not a spectator sport, we are called to be active participants in growing the kingdom. Sometimes this can seem most daunting, that is why Paul's words of encouragement are so heartening. "Persevere", he says. We per-

severe by focussing on Jesus, setting aside the disappointments and inabilities that we may experience on the road, rather gaining momentum through what we can do. And for many of us, I imagine, it may not be the big things that will make a difference. Jesus engaged with people by walking alongside them, by having time for them. During interviews reflecting on the legacy of the Games in Birmingham, a recurring theme was that of welcome, inclusivity, and friendliness. Not so much the Bull in Centenary Square, the new stadium, the opening and closing events, but the warmth and love people experienced. The most basic of human needs is to feel loved and special, to be a part of something larger (perhaps even indefinable), something which speaks to our inner being. Giving of our time for others, no matter how much it seems to intrude on the business of our lives, is a beautiful way to offer this hospitality to all those we meet, and it can be one of the greatest expressions of God's love.

What was my answer to the question "what do you believe in?" – that Jesus Christ is alive and at work in the world today.

Every Blessing, John.



**St Peter's warmly invites
you to**

Forest Church

**Sunday 11th September
@ 11am in the church**

**A time of worship, activities for
all ages and a barbeque.**

**Come and meet some of the animals from the
British Wildlife Rescue Centre and Hoglets.**



Henry the hedgehog



Poley the polecat

**Please contact maggiehatchard@gmail.com
by 8th September if you plan to join us.**

**A donation towards the cost of the barbeque will be
appreciated. Please let us know of any dietary
requirements.**

Everyone of any age is welcome. Do come and join us!

CHURCH EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

St Peter's Edward Bear Club



We are still hoping to reopen the Edward Bear club on

Wednesday 7th September.

This is for children aged 0 to 3 years, and their parents 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. We would appreciate knowing if there is interest. If you would like to come, please email or phone Thelma using the contact details below.

Contact Thelma Brassington: email - Thelmabrassington@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile - 07477 667970

11th September

We are introducing **Forest Church** and the British wildlife rescue centre and Hoglets are coming to tell us about their work and introduce us to some of their

14th September

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod will be on Wednesday 14th September at St Mary and All Saints, Checkley 7pm for 7.30 – if you want to know more, each church has at least one Deanery Synod rep, plus all the licenced staff too, so do ask them.

17th September

We need some help in the churchyard on Saturday 17th September. We have a quinquennial inspection on the following Thursday when they will inspect the churchyard and storage shed.

Help required from 1.30 onwards, refreshments provided.

25th September

Harvest Festival Service at St Peter's Church at 10.00am. A traditional service led by Mandy Shaw and Thelma Brassington, followed by special refreshments. Please can we have donations of non perishable food. Food donated will be taken to the food bank in Utttoxeter.

The Generation Game

Churches are one of the few places in our society these days where all ages and generations come together. Being church is a way of life - not just being together on a Sunday morning. It needs to intentionally include all ages, to enable everyone to learn, worship, contribute and grow in relationship with Jesus together as a church family.

Trying to become an intergenerational community of faith has its challenges. We can become busy in our own learning and activities, often age groups can become segregated and how often are we open to learn something about faith from someone younger than us? Age brings wisdom, but we mustn't ignore younger leaders as St Paul emphasised in writing to Timothy.

Intergenerational approaches are modelled in much of the biblical narrative. Throughout the Old Testament there were occasions when all of God's people came together to pray, celebrate, worship, hear scripture and story, but there is also importance on the everyday living of faith (e.g. Deuteronomy 6:6-9). Jesus repeatedly challenged those who underestimated children, and in the Epistles, Paul repeatedly refers to the newly formed Church as 'the body of Christ' where every part needs every other part. This is no less important today.

Every church, parish and community are different so there will be no one way of creating opportunities for generations together. However, there are things we can all do to engage with those of other generations.

Building relationships is so important, a simple smile or welcome, chatting to others about what is happening in their life, or even sharing your faith story. When was the last time you shared your faith journey with another member of the congregation or someone in a different generation? Often, we are really pleased to see children's and youth work taking place in church but may not feel it is our calling. However, there is crucial role we can all play, building relationships and sharing faith stories with younger generations can be so powerful for a child or young person to hear.

For a informal chat about developing intergenerational ministry in your church please get in touch with Laura Edwards laura.edwards@lichfield.anglican.org

Laura Edwards is Lichfield Diocese's Evangelism Enabler with a focus on under-12s and an interest in new housing developments.

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 September are: 1st, 15th and 29th.

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>



Both churches in Marchington and Marchington Woodlands have traditionally supported Christian Aid, usually in Christian Aid Week in May.

However, the war in Ukraine is causing global food prices to rocket and East Africa is facing a crisis on crisis.

Millions of innocent children, women and men in East Africa are taking desperate measures to survive in the face of extreme hunger, caused by failed harvests, livestock deaths and water shortages.

How it got this way:

The severe conditions are being made worse by the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has amplified an increase in global food prices that has turned a tough situation into a dire crisis.

It's not too late to save lives and prevent a devastating famine.

Please consider making a donation to Christian Aid, either by following this link on line

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/east-africa-hunger-crisis-appeal>

Or by putting your donation in an envelope in Liz's in-tray in Marchington Shop.

By donating today, you can give lasting hope. With your gifts, we can help stop this widespread malnutrition and hunger, and help people build a life free from poverty and injustice.

Thank you



Tu-wit-tu-woo!

The Tawny Owl is probably our most familiar owl; children grow up learning that tawny owls say ‘tu-wit-tu-woo’ although this is not the call of one bird. The familiar call is a duet between the female who starts with the harsh ‘kee-vik’ which is then followed by the male with the deeper ‘woo-hoooo’. At this time of year you may hear a lot of owl calls as the young are noisily driven from their natal territory by their parents. Each existing territory they pass through will elicit much calling, shrieking and hooting. This is a dangerous time for the young owls and many will die, driven from hunting grounds by resident birds before they reach their first year. Once they do find a suitable

territory, which is likely to be only a few kilometres from their place of birth, they may remain in it all year round for the rest of their lives, making them one of our most sedentary birds.

Tawny owls are a bird of woodland, choosing to nest within chimney-like holes within large trees. As with many woodland species, churchyards can be good places for them, containing a range of habitats full of food as well as trees for nesting. We think of tawny owls as eating mice and voles but they have quite a varied diet, depending on what is available. They may eat small birds, rabbits, beetles, frogs and worms too.

Tawny owls do well in owl nest boxes and churchyards can be good places for these. If putting one up, keep well away from paths as owls can attack people walking too near their nests. The best place for one is within a tree with ivy or lots of branches as when the young are preparing to leave the nest they start ‘branching’ – climbing up and down the trunk using ivy and branches as footholds, sitting in neighbouring trees and generally starting to explore. During this time the parent birds are still feeding them, and a young owl found on the ground is probably not in trouble and shouldn’t be picked up in case a nearby parent attacks.

So, listen out for the tawny owls and think of the two birds duetting each other. Please let us know if you have owls within your churchyard and if not, how about putting up a nest box in a large tree?



All the best, Harriet Carty

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor; harriet@cfga.org.uk,

It's September

It's September, and the orchards are afire with red and gold,
And the nights with dew are heavy, and the morning's sharp with cold;
Now the garden's at its gayest with the salvia blazing red
And the good old-fashioned asters laughing at us from their bed;
Once again in shoes and stockings are the children's little feet,
And the dog now does his snoozing on the bright side of the street.

It's September, and the cornstalks are as high as they will go,
And the red cheeks of the apples everywhere begin to show;
Now the supper's scarcely over ere the darkness settles down
And the moon looms big and yellow at the edges of the town;
Oh, it's good to see the children, when their little prayers are said,
Duck beneath the patchwork covers when they tumble into bed.

It's September, and a calmness and a sweetness seem to fall
Over everything that's living, just as though it hears the call
Of Old Winter, trudging slowly, with his pack of ice and snow,
In the distance over yonder, and it somehow seems as though
Every tiny little blossom wants to look its very best
When the frost shall bite its petals and it droops away to rest.

It's September! It's the fullness and the ripeness of the year;
All the work of earth is finished, or the final tasks are near,
But there is no doleful wailing; every living thing that grows,
For the end that is approaching wears the finest garb it knows.
And I pray that I may proudly hold my head up high and smile
When I come to my September in the golden afterwhile.

Edgar Guest (1881-1959)

UTTOXETER GATEWAY CLUB.

**Join us
Have fun
Make new friends.**

Uttoxeter Gateway Club is a social club and charity for adults aged 18 and over with learning disabilities.

We meet every Tuesday evening at Wilfred House from 6.30 to 8.30pm. If there is a special event the times may change. It's all about meeting friends old and new, expanding interests and having fun.

We had an exciting summer. In June we took some members away on holiday to a Haven holiday in Wales. We had a fantastic time, slipping and sliding in the waterpark, enjoying a BBQ and a trip out to the coast where, of course, you have to have fish and chips! Lots of fun and games, and evenings of entertainment in their social complex.

On other evenings we've had BBQs, discos and games. A great deal of competitiveness goes on at our Ten Pin Bowling nights.



One lively event in July was a trip to Uttoxeter Races. We also enjoyed an evening games, food and drink followed by "Oh no you can't, oh yes I can". And we all went to see the pantomime at Doveridge village hall.

In addition to our club evenings, we also have days out to venues chosen by our members, so in August we had a day out at a wildlife park.

**Fun, Friendship, Fulfilling, Fabulous.
Why not come and give us a try?**

All in a safe and caring environment. For further details please contact;
Paul Nixon 07801079513 or Di Neary 07810146250

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

The August Parish Council meeting was held in the Woodlands Village Hall as has been the norm twice a year with the remaining ten meetings of the year held in Marchington Village Hall. However, at the request of Woodlands residents, it has now been decided to hold an additional meeting in the Woodlands during the year so three meetings in the Woodlands and nine meetings in Marchington Village Hall during the year from now on. In addition, there will be a slot at the beginning of each month's agenda for Woodland's residents to speak on Woodlands matters and a slot for Forestside residents to speak with 7 days notice arranged through the Parish Clerk.

Woodlands Chapel Triangle

The current situation is that the issues with the Chapel Triangle are with the legal department of Staffordshire County Council.

Flooding

The Environment Agency held a Flood Action Planning meeting for flood wardens on 1st July refreshing procedures in the event of flooding. Proposed works and measures to mitigate flood effects, including building a low wall adjacent the bridge over the brook and reinforcing the bund behind Church Close, are still programmed between August and October we are told.

Unusual Events in the Parish

During the first week in August the Parish has seen hundreds of participants of all ages taking part in a geocaching event searching for clues hidden in gateways, hedges and structures. This has been very much to the benefit of the Community Shop selling refreshments and the Dog and Partridge selling beer and lunches. On one day I believe the pub even sold out of beer. Unfortunately that week the Bulls Head was closed.

A further event in the Parish worth reporting is the maze maize accessed from the A515 north of the Boars Head. Reports from Parishioners recommend a visit to this very interesting location.

Bulls Head

We welcome Mike and Toni the new landlords of the Bulls Head. Villagers enjoyed a musical event last Saturday with a trio joined by the landlord on his trombone. A great opening and we wish them every success. Please support them.

New Parish Clerk

A new Parish Clerk was appointed to start on 9th August overlapping to run in tandem with the existing Clerk until the 13th September when Becci Ede steps down, in an attempt to achieve a smooth transition. We thank Becci for all her efforts on behalf of Marchington and wish her every success and happiness in her full-time employment. We welcome Clare Nash, the new Parish Clerk and hope she enjoys her new role.

Andrew C Mann, Chair, Marchington Parish Council

Marchington Village Hall News September 2022



I wrote the last magazine piece in anticipation of a successful craft fair during the Festival weekend. Now, I'm certain. More successful than even the art exhibitions and much, much more successful than the photography competition judged by former MP Andrew Griffiths (in between his texting activities three weeks before he was forced to resign), the craft fair in support of the 2022 Festival was a blockbuster. I have mentioned before the long list of stall holders vying for a place; this was matched by the footfall through the hall to visit the craft fair and

sample refreshments. We would like to thank everyone who helped make it such a success. We made just over £1000 profit to invest in the village hall.



Still on Festival matters, Maggie Hatchard spearheaded a project in the Church during the Festival to create a tiles mural commemorating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. We were excited to see this taking shape and will be delighted to host the finished artwork on the front of the Hall later this year.

We are delighted (and I am very relieved) that Judi Lewis has agreed to be our secretary and she has already been through one meeting cycle.

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.

Don't forget, if you want to book Marchington Village Hall, please email Ginny Odey on 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>.

Geraldine Flavell

Marchington WI Report June & July 2022

On Monday 20th June, 22 members and friends boarded a coach for our annual outing. In warm sunshine we arrived in Nottingham to be welcomed aboard our river boat for a cruise. We settled at our tables and the commentary gave us information on the many landmarks we would be seeing on the cruise. Interesting bridges other points of interest included Nottingham Forest Stadium to our left, the County Ground on the opposite side of the river, then the Trent Bridge Cricket Ground and also the Race Course. An impressive War Memorial was being renovated standing on the embankment,; there were various people walking, running and exercising along the route. Life on a river bank proved interesting.



After a delicious lunch, many of us went out on deck to view wildlife and other historic buildings alongside more new luxury properties.

A relaxing journey home rounded off another very successful outing. Many thanks to the committee members who organised the event.

Our July meeting was cancelled as it was due to take place on what was forecast to be the hottest day of the year. With extremely high temperatures day and night, Health Warnings had been issued, so we took the decision to cancel the meeting.

We are looking forward to Monday 19th September meeting, when the talk will be about searching for birth parents.

Our Annual Lunch will be on Thursday 20th October. The speaker is Paul Newsome, the subject *L.S. Lowrie – Under the Microscope*. Tickets will be on sale in September.

Margaret Johnson



For September we will have new selections of greeting cards and some new wines on sale.

Our September FREE wine tasting will be Friday September 2nd, from 4pm to 6pm, and we will be sampling wines costing less than £7 a bottle. We will also run our Customer Wine Club draw at this time.

Thank you to all our customers and volunteers for seeing us through the summer period when things are quieter and volunteers go away on holiday so there is a lot of covering for other 'shop shifts'.

Sales were boosted in early August by lots of 'geo-caching' visitors around the village and many were very complimentary about the beauty of the village and the shop. Aren't we lucky to have both? Please support the shop with sales this autumn, and try some of our new ranges, whether it be wines, beers, biscuits, cakes or cards. We aim to have always some different things than can be found elsewhere in the area.

Liz Morgan, Chair, Marchington Community Shop



Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club

We have recently replaced the boards around the bowling green as the old ones were rotting and becoming unsightly and dangerous. This was made possible by a generous donation of £800 from the East Staffordshire Sports Council.



Pictured are Mark Flavell (Club Chair, centre) and members of the Sports Council (left to right) George Fargher, Jean Hiatt, Phil Hudson and Chris Sylveter.

100 Club

Thank you to those who have signed up for the Tennis and Bowls Club '100 Club'; your support is much appreciated. Winners of recent draws were:

July

£5 - Phil Hodges

£10 - Darren Dolman

£15 - June Buxton

August

£5 - SallyAnne Lander

£10 - Keith Maltas

£15 - Phil Hodges

Mark Flavell. Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club.

Bulls Head Marchington Football Club



Preparations are in place for the new season. We have received funding to continue the work upgrading the playing surfaces of both pitches at Silver lane although the dry weather has stopped everything at the moment. On a positive note we received the recognition of best grounds team by Staffordshire FA. We officially get recognised in September so I'll be able to say more in the October magazine. It is a true accolade to achieve this so the grounds team lead by Brett Brown have done exceptionally well.

Ian Morgan

BEWARE OF SCAMS

We have become aware of a number of scams in which fraudsters pose as various charities and ask for money, claiming to have found people's missing pets. They can seem legitimate as some are able to 'mirror' the telephone numbers of organisations. They may request bank details over the telephone for a 'release fee', 'administration fee', or even for veterinary bills, only for the owners to later find a sum of money has been taken from their bank account but no cat has been returned to them.



Please be vigilant and be assured that charities like Cats Protection will never ask for money for the return of a missing cat. If you are ever unsure, then contact our National Information Line on 03000 12 12 12. If you have lost or found a cat, contact Derby and District Branch on lostandfound@derbybranch.cats.org.uk

T: 01332 206956 E: enquiries@derbybranch.cats.org.uk W:
<http://www.derbydistrict.cats.org.uk/>



HELPING YOU LEAD A HAPPIER, HEALTHIER LIFE.

Hypnotherapy is a safe, gentle and effective way to help with a wide range of issues including anxiety, stress, overwhelm, confidence, self-esteem, pain management, fears, phobias, habits, exam stress, sleep issues and many more.

I'm Debbie, a fully qualified, registered and insured dynamic hypnotherapist. I offer in person or online hypnotherapy sessions to meet your needs.



Get in touch for a no-obligation chat:
07963 330681
Email: hello@thrive-hypnotherapy.co.uk
Website: www.thrive-hypnotherapy.co.uk



Holly Bank, High Street, Marchington, Staffordshire. ST14 8LD



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 ELEC-craft
374004 **ELECTRICAL SERVICES**
'Where Safety & Quality is Guaranteed'



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



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



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

Convenience foods and snacks.

New ranges of cards for all occasions

Locally baked bread fresh every day except Sunday.

Dry cleaning service.

PLUS a great range of wines, now with **new** wines

Enquiries and sales over the phone 01283 821248

Mon to Fri 8.30 to 6pm, Sat 9 to 12, Sun 9.00 to 11.15

Wainwright Rhodes Design Ltd

Your local Builders, Joiners, Roofers & Plumbers

01283 820286

"Mobile Foot Care"

Jane Knight RGN, MCFHP, MAFHP



- Corns
- Verrucae
- Ingrowing Toe Nails
- Nail Trimming and Filing

- Reduction of Thickened Nails
- Treatment of Fungal Nail

01889 590114

07791 625378



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,
Acupuncture

15 Market Street

Uttoxeter ST14 8JA

01889 567999

www.themarjoriecentre.co.uk

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 

Woodlands WI News August 2022

Local Treasures

No, I'm not talking this time about WI ladies, although we all agree that's just what we are; this time I'm talking about our own local market town, Uttoxeter. Who knew there was so much to discover about our neighbour? For our August meeting, we planned a two-stage evening – a Uttoxeter Heritage Walk from Redfern's Cottage (the Museum of Uttoxeter Life on Carter

Street) followed by a meal together at The White Hart. Members could choose to do either or both.

Thursday 11 August was in the middle of the August heatwave, as opposed to the July one – temperatures were forecast to be 'only' 32 degrees at 5pm as we set off. Eleven members made it to the walk. Gordon took us on a very



Three burgage plots on Uttoxeter High Street

short circuit pointing out sights and sites which long-standing residents had never seen, including Old Saddlers Yard. The Market Place was developed and devoted to cattle. Bull baiting took place here and many farmers brought their cattle from up to 50 miles away to sell, having first fed them up on the rich pastureland of Town Meadows. Other cow-related traders included tallow makers and the aforementioned saddlers.

Gordon also pointed out several grand houses, the Pugin Church, Stanley House, owned by the Post Office, the sites of several fires which reshaped the town centre and the ornately fronted first building associated with the Bamford family. Standing in the High Street and looking up revealed a variety of styles of buildings on burgage plots, a long narrow strip with a frontage on the road which was the land assigned to burgesses who came to trade in the growing market town of Uttoxeter.

We all resolved to go back to Redfern's Cottage when the scaffolding to repair the roof has been removed, and when it is a bit cooler. It is well worth a visit. At 7pm we gratefully slunk into the relative cool (probably 29 degrees) of the White Hart for a pub meal, brilliantly organised by Rose Bains.



Redfern's Cottage

Coming meetings for members include a September talk on looking after your financial affairs, the long-awaited cocktail evening in October and a crafty night crafting in November. Our membership is even higher than 2021 with 32 members.

You can contact us on our general email address: wiwoodlands@gmail.com if you would like to know more.

Woodlands WI got itself quite a reputation pre-pandemic for excellent puddings, served at our very popular pudding nights.

Put Friday 21 October in your diary for a Pie and Pudding Night. Many more details to follow....

Geraldine Flavell

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update

Final preparations are busily going on for the Summer Dance on August 20th. The Village Hall Committee will be doing its best to make it another enjoyable function.

The Committee is also looking ahead and putting plans in place for events later in the year. So, I am jumping from Summer Dance to Christmas. Well, it is never too early to talk 'Christmas', is it?! You will see in the Social Calendar that follows, that we have two December dates to put in your diaries. (I'd put these dates in now because the days around Christmas and New Year get booked up very quickly and you don't want to miss these.)

Sunday, December 11th is a family social evening for the community to get together and make merry in true Christmas spirit. We have managed to secure the services of Tony B again, to help us with the music and entertainment side. Timing-wise, it will be similar to the Platinum Jubilee party. So, not a late night to deal with, ahead of school, college or work on the Monday.

The second date is Tuesday, December 20th. This would normally be the day for the monthly Coffee Morning. We have decided to organise a Christmas lunch this year, in place of the Coffee Morning. For those who may have heard about my (lack of) culinary skills, please don't be concerned, as the food will be provided by a local catering expert. Further details for this lunch and the social evening will be available nearer the time.

While mentioning Coffee Mornings, I must apologise to regular attendees for the late changes to the arrangements in July. We cancelled the event on the usual July date because it was the second of the record-breaking 40 degree days and we thought it best not to have people travelling in such extreme conditions. Then, later, we decided to hold the event on the following Tuesday instead. Fingers crossed, regular attendees got the messages one way or another.

There is, of course, an important event date missing from the above. But, given the exceptional fire risks at the moment, it doesn't feel right to be promoting November 5th. So, at this stage, I am just going to ask that you put this date in your calendars/diaries too. The Committee will be looking for your support for this traditional Woodlands Village Hall November 5th family occasion.

Please do look out for up-to-date news and information on the Woodlands Community Group Facebook page and post your comments and ideas too.

Take care.

Karen Perrins

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Social & General Information

2022 Calendar

Tuesday September 6 th & October 4 th	Woodlands Village Hall Committee Meetings, 7.30pm start
Saturday, November 5 th	Bonfire Night event
Sunday, December 11 th	Evening Christmas social event.
Tuesday December 20 th	Christmas Lunch instead of the usual December Christmas Coffee Morning
September 20 th October 18 th & November 15 th	Regular Tuesday coffee mornings in the Village Hall; come and have a chat with friends and neighbours from your community. 10.30 start

Village Hall Booking Information

The Village Hall's website (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 (mobile 07817 989859; email: chrisisalwilson@aol.co.uk).

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. Alternatively, you can put a note in the Village Hall's post box. Your feedback is always welcome.

St. John the Baptist Church Marchington Woodlands



Church Services and Events during September 2022 (At St John's unless otherwise stated.)

Saturday 10th	10.00am - 6.00pm	Church open for Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust (SCHT) Ride and Stride fund raiser. Contact Linda Beech if you are free to meet and greet for an hour.
Sunday 11th	4.00pm	Evening Prayer Readers: Nigel Harmon & Victor Read Tea / coffee & biscuits after the service
Saturday 17th	1:00pm	Wedding
Saturday 24th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Decorate the church for Harvest Festival
Sunday 25th	3:00pm	Harvest Festival Service followed by tea/coffee and biscuits and auction of flowers and produce. Readers to be confirmed.
In October		
Saturday 1st October	7.00 for 7.30pm At Woodlands Village Hall	Harvest Supper Tickets £20 from Linda Beech Tel:07875516635 / 01283 820209 or beechnuts@hotmail.co.uk

St. John's Church 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

Linda Beech, Cliff Bungalow, Marchington Cliff, Uttoxeter ST14 8ND

tel:01283 820209 / 07875516635 beechnuts@hotmail.co.uk

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

Treasurer: Mike Cleaver, email: macleaver@hotmail.co.uk

PCC members:

John Bostock, Graham and Pat Salt, Victor Read, Anna Cadamy, Mike Cleaver, Robert Parkes, Linda Beech, Isabel Wilson: 07817 989859; email: chrisalwilson@aol.co.uk

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

We haven't taken part in the Ride and Stride event for a while. They helped us with a grant when we did the improvements and decorated the church. On the second Saturday of September every year, all over England, cyclists and walkers (and drivers) are sponsored to visit churches; and churches open between 10am and 6pm to receive them. Half the money raised is returned to your church to use how you wish; the other half is given in grants to churches of all denominations towards the cost of repairs and maintenance. Ride and Stride is the principal source of income for Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust.

Ride and Stride day is also the best time in the year to visit churches and find them open throughout the day. Cyclists and walkers are sponsored to go out and visit churches – and now you can go by public transport or car if riding and striding are too strenuous. Most of the churches are open from 10am to 6pm and there will be someone there to welcome you and offer refreshments.



Some churches cannot open the church all day. A few are only able to put the signing-in register in the porch or on the door.

140 churches of all denominations took part last year in Staffordshire – we would love to increase that number. People find it is a wonderful day of fellowship – both for the cyclists and walkers and the folk who open up their churches to receive them. Some churches send out a group of walkers or cyclists and enjoy a picnic together during the day.

<https://staffordshirehistoricchurchestrust.org/rideandstride/rideandstridedocsthis>

St John's Marchington Woodlands 100 Club

Winners of June 100 club draw were :-
John Bostock, Isabel Wilson, Laura Beech and Tom Sale

Winners of July 100 club draw were :-
Phyllis Wilson, May Shaw, Joe Heath and Brian Greensmith

ST PETER'S CHURCH MARCHINGTON - SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER 2022

Date / Time	Service	Sidesperson	Readers	Intercessions	Coffee	Flowers
Sunday 4 th September	NO SERVICE AT ST PETER'S. YOU MAY JOIN SERVICES AT OTHER CHURCHES IN THE UTOXETER AREA OF PARISHES.					
Sunday 11 th September 10.00am	Forest Church (See page 5)	Joyce Halcrow	Tony Butler Joyce Halcrow	Thelma Brassington	Joyce Halcrow	Sue Butler
Sunday 18 th September 10.00am	Communion	Kath Wood	Gordon Whitehead Pat Wilson	Liz Morgan	Kath Wood	Gill Williamson
Sunday 25 th September 10.00am	Harvest Festival	Sheila Jones	Gill Williamson Thelma Brassington	Gill Williamson	Pat Wilson	Lynda Nicholson
Sunday 2 nd October 10.00am	Morning Worship	Tim Scott	Pat Wilson Rhoda Castle	Maggie Hatchard	Wendy Scott	Joyce Halcrow

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