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Marchington*

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Marchington Woodlands*

PARISH NEWS

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Most items in this month's magazine were submitted before the delay in the lifting of Covid restrictions was announced. Although we have done our best to be up to date, you are advised to check that events will be taking place, and, if so, any social distancing requirements.

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St Peter's Edward Bear Club

For birth to nursery aged children and mums, dads or carers. We have moved Edward Bear club into the 21st century by holding weekly 'Houseparty' calls. We meet virtually on Wednesday mornings at 10am. If anyone would like to join us at the Edward Bear club when we decide to meet in person again, please let Thelma Brassington (01283 820447) know and she will be in touch when there is any progress.



St Peter's Church Family
invite you to



A FAMILY TREASURE HUNT !

**On Sunday 29th August at 3.00 pm
in St Peter's churchyard**

- For anyone of any age -

**Come and meet up again with friends
and make new ones!**



*Please bring a picnic and
seating*

*Pork baps, cake and drinks
available by donation*

A Team Vicar View

Rev Joe Cant reflects on the his experience in the Uttoxeter Area, the way we organised our Churches in the past, how things are now, and, some observations about the future.

This is my 10th year in the Uttoxeter Area of Parishes. I know that is peanuts compared to others; however, somehow I feel long-in-the-tooth. I have now been in the Area for more time than my years in the Probation Service (eight years) and my combined time at university (seven years).

In that time I have gone from being fairly green to the whole parish priest lark, to feeling reasonably knowledgeable and competent. When the diocese talks of 'experienced' priests it quotes those with at least 'three years' in a post, which doesn't seem long to me but what do I know?

I still feel like a bit of a fly-by-night. When I speak with people like Thelma, Hilda and Geoff, who seem to have been around the Area since time immemorial, I know that I am temporary, lacking in local knowledge compared with PCCs, parishioners and Ministry Teams, who have seen a dozen or more parish priests come and go. I hope I have always been conscious of the subservient nature of parish ministry and valued the dependence on volunteers in all churches, which will go on long after my retirement. Whilst obviously I still want to change the world, if I can be remembered half as fondly as Paddy (and Mark) Vidal-Hall was at her funeral recently, I think I will be happy with my stint in the Uttoxeter Area.

We do face a different parish situation now. Whilst Leigh, Kingstone/Gratwich and Marchington St.Peter's/Marchington Woodlands each had their own vicars, there are now 10 parishes in the Area, which bounce around between having 1-3 vicars at any one time. If I could wander around Leigh as a full-time post then I could probably do a better job but in 2021 it costs £56, 450 to pay for one vicar (which includes the stipend, housing costs, pension, diocesan costs and around 6% to the national church), which Leigh could not afford. I get £27,000 (gross) in my annual wage packet and am not complaining, but it does make you wonder about the funding structure in the Church of England. Perhaps we should go back to Glebe Land and Livings!

Over the last year I have had the chance to look at Parish Shares across the Deanery and have come to the conclusion that different people are looking at the same picture through different lenses. The Diocese primarily sees Parish Share through a Benefice lens but staff deployment through a Deanery lens; the Deanery sees Parish Share and deployment through a Deanery lens but has no real power to affect either; and the parishes tend to see both through a parish lens. At points such as *Shaping For Mission*, some of the lenses intersect but not consistently enough and not with enough understanding from all parties together. As cheesy as this sounds, we all need to be singing from the same hymn sheet, or at least have the same hymn sheet available to sing from. We need to be focussing on working consensually as one (acknowledging our disagreements) in order to be able to plan well for the future. At the moment there is too much angst, too much anxiety and too little understanding of the bigger picture from all parties.

We also need to be realistic about what is achievable and affordable in the 21st century, both in terms of finance and practice in the parishes. I crave the traditional parish priest role but find myself more often in front of a computer than in front of parishioners. Vicars often attend more meetings aimed at *achieving* a bigger impact than actually catching up with people. However, I can wander around as much as I like but unless enough money comes in for the building and Parish Share

In the end, I do not believe that the vicar can or should do everything, or can achieve the great charismatic wave of evangelism that would resolve all our problems. I am paid for by the people but cannot *be* the people. In the end my role must be to do the basics (services) but essentially to encourage and enable the wealth of experience, faith, passion, talent and hopefully compassion that people hold in their heads and hearts for those around them. That will be the wave that needs to come, to make the structures less top-heavy, less deferential to the powers-that-be and for those powers-that-be to more gracious and acknowledge that their very existence depends upon the donations and collections of the people on the ground. At the same time, the people on the ground need to accept that change will come and we should make the most of it and not just mumble into our beer, however comforting and traditional that beer may be.

Peace and prayers,

Joe

The Uttoxeter Area of Churches
invites you to



AN AFTERNOON TEA !

**On Sunday 15th August
at 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
at Marchington
Woodlands
Village Hall ST14 8PF**

**Come and join us for
an afternoon of
activities for all the
family.**

**Meet friends
and make new
ones!**

Christian Aid Week May 2021

This year's Christian Aid Week told the story of how Christian Aid is helping communities adapt to water shortages and floods in Kenya. There was a service at St Peters Marchington and a Zoom service held with the congregation of St Michael and All Angels, Stramshall, and other people from the Uttoxeter Area of churches joined too.

Isabel Wilson held a gentle exercise and relaxation class on Zoom on May 15th to raise funds for Christian Aid also. We had envelopes delivered around the village by volunteers as well. Thank you to Isabel and all volunteers and I can report that we raised, and I banked, £262.34 directly from these events and activities. I know also that some people gave to Christian Aid directly too from the other churches and from Isabel's class.

Thank you

Liz Morgan Christian Aid local coordinator

MEMORIES OF ALLAN WAINWRIGHT

Or "TA" as I have always known him since my days writing team sheets for the cricket club.

I first became aware of "TA" when I was about 6 years old and heard of this young man - teenager - who lived at the top of Station Hill and cycled at great speed down to the station to catch the train to Derby to work each weekday. The return journey was not so easy!

Some time later he was called to join HM forces as a member of air crew and I well remember the village (small and tightly knit as it was then) being deeply affected when he was reported missing. His plane crashed - he was badly burned but parachuted to safety - into a lake. Like all of his ilk he did not speak of his wartime traumas and what little information I have has been obtained piecemeal, over many years. In the late 40s, whenever there was a hot day at the match he would have rolled down sleeves to protect his badly scarred arms.

When “TA” and other young men returned to civilian life - he still at the tender age of 22 - those of the village revived the Cricket Club - and here began my lifelong friendship with “TA”. I was a 12 years old schoolboy when I began scoring and, of course, my hero was “TA” - a fast medium bowler and excellent batsman - he was the first batsman in the village cricket that I saw score a century - quite a feat when at the time outfields were mainly uncut pasture.

He held several offices in the Club and as Treasurer was more than instrumental in achieving MCC ownership of its own ground and to this end sold his field/orchard to the Club for an absolute minimal figure. TA’s family firm built the first pavilion - as they did with the Bowling Club pavilion at a later date all at costs well below current prices of the time.

However, it was as Captain of the Cricket Club that TA influenced me, and other young players - teaching lessons in cricket and life itself.

TA took on the running of building firm of Woolley and Wainwright upon the retirement of his father - the famous Mr Joe - and kept up to date with the latest ideas by attending the annual Building Exhibition at Earls Court, chauffeured by me on several occasions.

Memories of TA

- schoolboy idol - teenage mentor - adult friend for over 60 years -

TA - that 98 is the best innings you have played.

Thomas Allan Wainwright - like his father before him, man of the village - for the village.

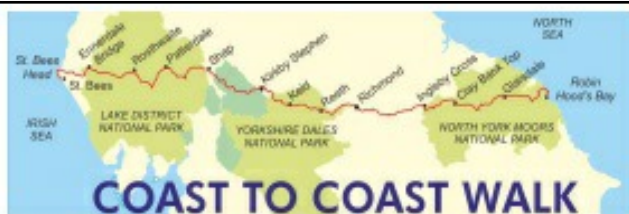
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Peter Ford

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Hello there!

On 16th July I will be setting out with my husband to walk Wainwright's Coast to Coast path, all 192 miles of it from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay in Yorkshire.

I shall be undertaking this venture in honour of my wonderful father, who sadly passed away last October after a brave battle with Myeloma, a cancer of the blood, and PSP, a form of Parkinson's.

I hope to raise awareness of both of these cruel diseases, and in the process also raise money for Myeloma UK and PSPA, two charities which rely on donations to fund research and provide much-needed support for sufferers.

I WOULD BE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for reading,
Caroline x

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For the full story or to donate to either cause please visit my JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/team/teamknapton or just use your smartphone camera to scan either of the QR codes below!

Postal donations, made payable to PSPA or Myeloma UK, can be sent to:
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For more information please contact carol.knapton@hotmail.com



Caroline's
story!



ON BEHALF OF PSPA AND MYELOMA UK, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report June 2021

As per our normal procedure the previous Chairman , Andrew Mann has completed his year and I have taken over for this next period. I'd like to thank Andrew for guiding the council through the pandemic , administering the day to day business via Zoom and trying to maintain some sense of proportion in what was a difficult time. Depending on the government decision of easing lockdown further on the 21st June we are hopeful that our first face to face parish council meeting will take place on the 22nd.

Sadly I must inform you of the loss of one of Marchington's elder statesmen. Allan Wainwright was a marvellous servant to the community and he will be greatly missed. He was a lovely person and put the word "Gentle " into Gentleman. The OG Club at the Bulls Head has already raised several glasses to our friend.

It was great news to hear that our community shop has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service so well done to all involved . Staying open during the pandemic was not easy and I have no doubt it helped many people both inside and outside of the Parish. I think we should thank the government officials who put their weight behind supporting the project. So thank you to our county councillors Phil Hudson, Philip Atkins and our MP, Kate Griffiths.

On Green Lane a large elm tree was taken down on 1st June . it was clear that this was becoming a danger which had worsened over the past year. It took a long time to get to this point and subsequently the tree was found to be diseased and would have fallen at some stage . As Andrew Mann has previously reported we will now start work in the community orchard planting alder trees along the bank and installing another willow arbour thus utilising the Transforming The Trent Valley grant we obtained earlier this year. The orchard has already benefited from the installation of a quiet reflection area funded by the DoingOurBit scheme run by Staffs County Council. It's a great space and is there to help people meet others and commemorate the work of the Buddies who helped vulnerable people during the pandemic.

With reference to the cricket club, I am constantly talking to Uttoxeter C.C. particularly over parking and will continue to try and improve the situation. To

be fair the committee fully understand the situation and are on board with making it work better.

In Silver Lane the football club has again signed up to improve the two pitches and have a long term funding plan to invest in the site. You will see plenty of activity over the next two months: weed-killing, reseeding, vertidrainage and evening out some of the bumps and hollows on the pitch. Many people have already commented on how good the area looks.

On Forestside (or the Camp as many of us know it) we are working with our Vice Chair, Tom Leivers, and a local resident to investigate further how to improve the footpaths and the garage site. We also want to improve the grass frontage area on the B5017 by funding some planters and other equipment to enhance the site.

In Marchington Woodlands our two parish councillors, Hayes and Nixon, are working closely with the village hall committee to improve the building and surrounds. The woodlands is a beautiful area and well worth walking through.

Sadly, it was reported today that some geraniums had been stolen out of the planter on Bag Lane. It is vulnerable up on that corner, but Jane will be replanting some replacements.

All for now. Enjoy the summer and brighter times ahead.

Ian Morgan

Forthcoming Events

Open Gardens - 7th & 8th August - see facing page

Malakey in the Parky - 7th August - On Silver Lane.

Bring your own food, drink and canopy .

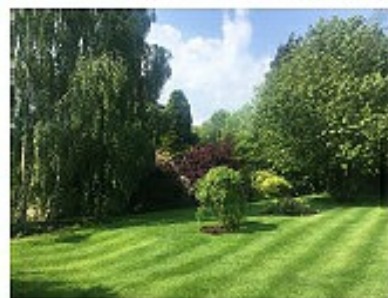
A sort of replacement for the festival which we've postponed to 2022.

MADS Variety show - 26 & 27th November.

All these events are subject to compliance with any further government guidelines.

MARCHINGTON OPEN GARDENS

SAT 7TH & SUN 8TH AUGUST 2021



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MARCHINGTON SHOP

~ FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE COMMUNITY ~



We are delighted to announce that Marchington Shop volunteers have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The official announcement came from Buckingham Palace on June 2nd. This is 'The MBE for volunteer groups', so it's as if every single volunteer has an MBE! A tremendous achievement and testimony, especially to all the volunteers who have contributed so much in the last 15 months, including people who delivered goods from the shop to housebound customers, this includes you too!

The group of volunteers will receive a signed certificate from Her Majesty The Queen, which will be presented locally by the Lord Lieutenant for Staffordshire, at an agreed later date. There will also be a crystal award with the QAVS insignia, presented with this certificate, and an invitation for two people to attend a Royal Garden Party in summer 2022. We are also allowed to use the QAVS logo, as pictured above, for a year.

And there is a very recent example of the resourcefulness and commitment of volunteers: you may well have heard that Alf Talbot was suddenly, overnight, unable to do the paper rounds for the shop. We wish Alf every good wish and hope he is back up and running very soon.

However a group of volunteers, with less than 24 hours notice, stepped up to sort and manage the rounds and do the deliveries to all our account customers.

I'm sure we didn't do it as well as Alf, and certainly not as early, but we got the job done. Apologies are due to customers who have received their papers a bit later than they would like, and many thanks for your understanding.

Special mention is due to Mike Stephens (reliving the paper round days of his youth), Mick Marrison and Zoe Lord (navigating the Woodlands and learning the hidden delivery places), Shirley and Andy Boultyby, Andrew Mann, Gina Lock, Terry Jones, Margaret Johnson, Clare Nash, Tracy Young, Penny Braithwaite, Vanessa Kirk, and several others who helped us out, and those others who offered to help us out who weren't called upon in the end. I think we've all learned quite a bit about how hard Alf works, and some geographical features of Marchington and Marchington Woodlands that we didn't know!

Liz Morgan

Chair, Marchington Community Shop



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Saturday 5th June saw Joe Rooke score 103 runs for our 1st team versus Hilton CC at Jacks Lane. This represents the first time that a Utttoxeter player has scored a home hundred since our move to the village in 2019. A first innings score of 344 led to a comprehensive 122 run victory. Joe joined us this season having moved to the area and he has immediately fitted into our club.

Here an overview of our leading performers of the season so far.

Team	Leading Run Scorer	Leading Wicket Taker	Leading Fielder
1 st XI	Joe Rooke 197 runs	Dan Cotterill 11 wickets	Gary Correrill 4 catches
2 nd XI	Stan Maxwell 116 runs	Dave Hunt 8 wickets	Stan Maxwell & David Whitehead Both 8 victims
Under 15s	Sam 92 runs	James 5 wickets	James 3 victims
Under 13s	James 64 runs	Josh 6 wickets	James 4 victims
Under 11s Bulls	Josh 51 runs	Sam & Tommy Both 3 wickets	Sam 2 victims
Under 11s Centaurs	Harry 36 runs	Maximus 4 wickets	Bethany 2 victims
Under 8s Bulls	Oliver 72 runs	Harry, Isaac, Joseph & Oliver All 5 wickets	Oliver 3 victims
Under 8s Centaurs	Joseph 55 runs	Harrison 4 wickets	Casey 8 victims

If you would like to find out more about the club, please get in touch with James Burton on 07961 208 354 or jamesburton81@yahoo.co.uk.

Marchington Village Hall News - July 2021



Better than ever

Our improvements committee met in May and made three recommendations which were approved by the main committee:

1. The unglamorous but essential maintenance of the gents' urinal facilities. This topic raises blood pressures in at least half the population and I had to run out of Waitrose with a partisan petitioner in hot pursuit. We are leaving this to the men!
2. The rear and side walls will get some much-needed attention for both safety and cosmetic purposes
3. Attention to trees in and around our property again for safety and cosmetic purposes

You can find our calendar of events at <https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html> and will notice a weekly over-50s exercise class at 1pm on Mondays. Please show your support for this by taking your bones and muscles for a workout each Monday.

You will also notice a couple of weddings and parties and it is lovely to see people back in the hall.

While social activities are getting going again, it is likely to take time for people to feel confident to go out, let alone come in to the village hall, so we have organised an open day at which everyone is welcome. See the box below for details and put it into your bursting diary.

**Come and see Marchington Village Hall!
Meet your friends!
Sit down at tables together!
Talk to people!
Eat cake!
Leave your mask at home!
Open day, Friday 9 July, 2-5pm**

PS The PM has just postponed freedom day until 19 July so DO bring your masks and prepare to social distance according to current rules, including the rule of six.

If you want to book the Hall, call Gill Williamson on 820407 or email marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com.

Geraldine Flavell



See our advert on the facing page for Sunday music sessions.

The Sunday 18th July session, featuring STIPE (REM tribute band), and the 9th August session, featuring GLORY DAYS, will be 'music and dine' events. The first 40 people to sign up can have a guaranteed seat and a Sunday Lunch for £10 or £15 a head, depending on the artist. This will allow you entry from 3.45pm with the rest of people allowed in around 5.30 where it will be standing room only at that time. Music begins around 17:30.

The rest of the events are the usual format, lunch on Sunday 12-4,
music from 5.30pm
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SUNDAY MAY 23
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SUNDAY JUNE 20
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SUNDAY JUNE 27
BIG JOE BONE

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SUNDAY JULY 4
STARSCREEN

Energetic rock'n'blues with a melodic undertone

SUNDAY JULY 11
BIG STONE GAP

Country and Americana combo

SUNDAY JULY 18
STIPE (REM TRIBUTE)

Avoid losing your position by pre-booking our early bird seat + lunch ticket for £15pp

SUNDAY JULY 25
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SUNDAY AUGUST 1
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SUNDAY AUGUST 8
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Marchington Nature Notes

The sight of migrant swallows, with streamer tails, house martins and scimitar shaped swifts hawking for insects, is a spectacle. After their long haul flight, and not so cheery warm welcome to the UK during our recent cold spring, they are now making up for lost time, skimming the insect rich skies of our parish. Some of us are lucky enough to have them fixing their almost spherical mud nests under our house eaves.

Talking of birds, whilst waiting for the bats to emerge from our hanging house tiles, we spotted a pair of barn owls flying gracefully and purposefully towards Green Lane. This gives hope for our newly erected owl boxes in our parish, for which we yearn to be occupied!

Green Lane was closed recently, to enable tree surgeons to cut down an old elm tree that, sadly, was infected with Dutch Elm disease, and was becoming dangerously close to falling onto the road. Regarded as traditional sights of hedgerows in the Midlands, mature elms have now become a rare sight. To meet demands for such stately trees by great landowners during the 17th & 18th centuries, nurseries propagated them by taking suckers from certain trees. Most British elms were therefore genetically similar, so had little resistance to this disease, simply born by a beetle that burrows under the bark, spreading a fungus that blocks the trees sap.

Propagation schemes of robust disease resistant survivors are underway, to help replace this beautiful, once abundant tree.

...biodiversity is the biggest winner!

Insects and bees are feasting on nectar rich flowers. Their activity is fundamental to basic life on earth, by delivering a service pollinating our crops.

‘Bug life’ (The Invertebrate Trust) are creating a series of insect pathways running through our countryside and towns. This is achieved by creating wildflower rich stepping stones, as insects move through our landscape, refuelling as they go. These ‘B-lines’ can be generated at home, by planting the correct flowering plants.

Bees are attracted to blue and purple flowers (which also produce the most nectar). Avoid cultivars with double flowers. Whilst attractive, they are difficult for insects to access. Herbs, such as rosemary and thyme are irresistible, as are lavender, catmint and salvias. Hopefully, No Mow May will have helped with a food source too.



Recommend Read

'No Nettles Required'

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A big thank you to our village planter sponsors

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Anne Langstone & Chris Gibbs. Pat Gilespie & Cathy Glover.

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Janey Hilton



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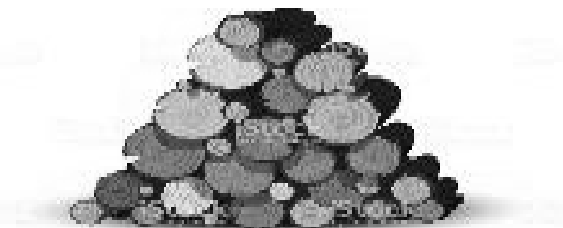
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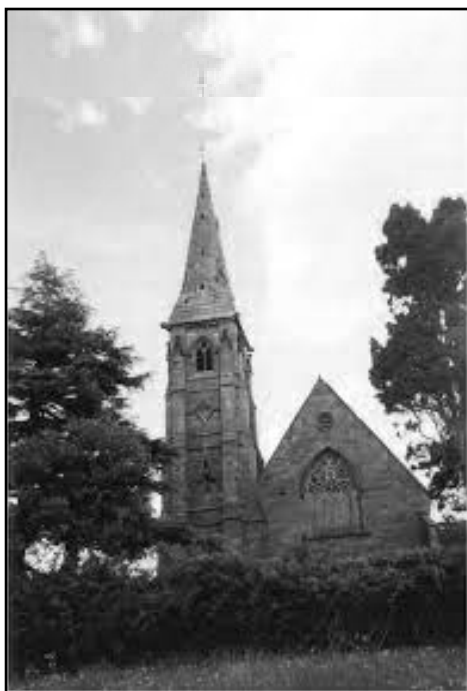
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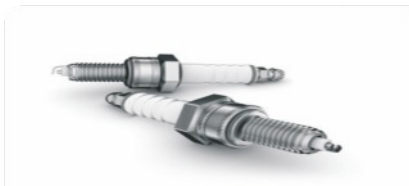
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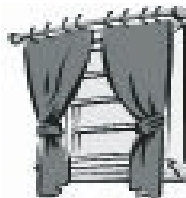


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Woodlands WI News July 2021

We'll meet again soon

Members of Woodlands WI joined their June Zoom meeting hopeful that it would be the last virtual gathering. The topic for discussion was: "What I'm most looking forward to..." and there were several unexpected wishes...

resident Helen opened the meeting by welcoming new members – we have exceeded our 2020 membership with several new arrivals and the promise of a few more. We have a new email address: wiwoodlands@gmail.com for enquiries.

We were bubbling with excitement at the success of our individual efforts at mixed annuals pot planting, as demonstrated by our Woodland Fairies Janey and Leanne in May. With the incessant rain in May followed by the sun in June, they are coming along brilliantly.



PS this is not yet the official winner but I just need to slip Helen a tenner and it's a shoo-in..

As a group, we have lots to look forward to with a perspective on male mental health challenges, a cocktails night and tea at Elford Garden just in the next few months. On 8 July, as we meet together in Woodlands Village Hall for the first time since March 2020 (fingers tightly crossed), we will celebrate the baking skills of our dear friend and member, Jenny Speed, who died earlier this year, with a competition to attempt to emulate her sublime shortbread. We have the recipe, so it's worth joining Woodlands WI just for that! Email the address above if you think you can compete!

As for our individual wishes for the future, we were looking forward to traveling but with reservations about traveling by plane, hugging the grandchildren, seeing family and friends, going to live music and theatre, singing and taking part in MADS plays, ballroom dancing, organising daughter's twice rearranged wedding, celebrating 40 years since nurse training, loving table service with a menu, showing off this lovely new village after moving in during lockdown and buying new M&S underwear IN M&S! I can't top that so will stop now.

Geraldine Flavell

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update



At the time of writing, Woodlands Village Hall Annual General Meeting/Social Evening scheduled for 25 June hangs in the balance. The government may be persuaded by the data to exercise caution and delay step 4 lockdown easing for a few weeks. An announcement is due imminently that will determine whether the event can go ahead as planned. If it does, that will be great. But if we do have to wait a bit longer for that first social gathering at the Village Hall, we know that it is for the best of reasons.

Events such as the AGM/Social, the Summer Dance booked for 14 August and Bonfire Night give the Village Hall a real boost as they focus a lot of attention but it will be lovely to see the return of some regular activities. Coffee mornings are a good example. It is always enjoyable to hear the voices, first, as people come in through the porch door and then seeing the faces as they cross the hall, greeting others on the way. For some, it can take a while to get to the point of having a drink because they stop to chat with friends and neighbours at different tables. And then, once the first drinks are in progress, it is nice to take a moment to stand back and listen to the gentle (sometimes more raucous) hubbub of conversation and laughter. So, we'll aim to have a date for a coffee morning as soon as the government eases restrictions on indoor gatherings and will get the details to you.

As has been mentioned before, the Committee would really love to hear your ideas and suggestions for organising and/or running other activities and services at the Village Hall. The hall's original Trust Deed refers to the premises being given over for recreational and educational purposes, entertainment and any other activity that will benefit the Woodlands community. You must have said to yourself on occasions, "Wouldn't it be great if XYZ happened at our Village Hall?" If you have, please mention that XYZ idea to Committee members when you see them or drop them a line at mwvh@btinternet.com.

Given the current uncertainty, please look out for Village Hall updates on the website (www.mwvh.co.uk) and via social media or check with Booking Secretary, Isabel Wilson (Tel. 01889 569411).

Trust you have been enjoying the football. Let's hope at least one of the Home Nations is still involved by the time this reaches your door.

Come on England!

Karen Perrins

George has made the Woodlands a litter-free zone!



Last summer I started litter picking in Marchington Woodlands. I was planning to collect my body weight in litter (26kg) but instead I collected a 57kg.

I found lots of rubbish including a Santa hat, bottles, cans and a crisp packet that was 17 years old! It's now cleaner for the animals and nature. I got a Blue Peter badge for my litter collecting and I'm an eco warrior in my school class.

Please don't drop litter and if you see some litter on the floor, pick it up and recycle it.

From George L (age 8)

St. John's Church Marchington Woodlands



AFTERNOON TEA IN THE WOODLANDS VILLAGE HALL must be abandoned until a later date.

For the July/August 2020 edition I was asking what coming out of lockdown might look like! Looks like we still won't know for a while longer yet and so sadly hope of raising church funds at the July 10th There will however be the Area Service in Woodlands Village Hall in August..... watch this space.

At least the weather has behaved for once during a half term week. AND it included a Bank Holiday!!

In true British fashion let's talk about the weather. Let's hope it beautiful for the three Christenings we are hoping will all take place in July. It is always lovely to welcome new souls, especially babies, into our Lord's family.

Church Services at St John's during July

Sunday July 11th 4pm Evensong Flowers by Carol Nixon

Sunday July 25th 9.30am Holy Communion

If you are coming and would like to read give Linda or Graham a call and let them know and they will let you have an advance copy of the reading. Alternatively, just let us know when you arrive at church.

Heartfelt thanks to Graham and his amazing team for taking such fabulous care of the churchyard. (And often the building too) They are truly unsung heroes. As is John Bostock for taking so much time to choose hymns that fit the services even when we haven't been able to sing. Thanks to him and Pat for keeping the linen immaculate too.

This month the Uttoxeter Area prayers come from Marchington Woodlands:

“Here in the Woodlands we give thanks for this beautiful countryside in which we live and which we have appreciated so much in lock down. We thank all the farmers who work so hard on the land to feed us all and care for the environment. We pray that changes in the weather and political landscape do not work against them.

We give thanks for the people of the Woodlands who are a caring, sharing community. We pray that we shall soon be able to enjoy gathering together to worship, to celebrate life events and share food and stories (I won’t say gossip) As August approaches we pray that we will make our new Vicar Jules feel welcome and cherished and that together we can build on the wonderful foundation that we already have, to grow Gods kingdom here and throughout the Uttoxeter area.”

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

Joan Britton

Joan Britton a “blow in” to the Woodlands from Weston Coyney, has enjoyed coming to the Woodlands services and to many at the other churches around the area for several years now. She has been made to feel so welcome and become part of our church family.

She fell and broke her femur around her prosthetic hip which occasioned a huge repair job

She still has a very long road to recovery to face. Just hope she can keep mustering up the will to do it. She has made amazing progress since we got her home from hospital.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers and good wishes. Here is hoping she is able to enjoy her 95th birthday at the end of the month.



Marchington Woodlands 100 Club

Winners in June

Linda Mozley; Gillian Ratcliffe; Tony Shaw; Marianne Backhouse

A joke to soften the disappointment of lockdown:



We are still battling Covid 19
and the next thing is here already.

The NILE Virus, type C

Virologists have identified a
new Nile virus - type C

It appears to target those who were
born between 1940 and 1970

Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same message twice.
2. Causes you to send a blank message.
3. Causes you to send a message to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send it back to the
person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to hit **SEND** before you've finished.
7. Causes you to hit **DELETE** instead of **SEND**
8. Causes you to **SEND** when you should **DELETE**

It is called the C-NILE virus!

And if you can't admit to doing the
above you've obviously caught the
mutated strain, the D-NILE virus.



ST PETER'S CHURCH MARCHINGTON - SERVICES DURING JULY 2021

	<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Intercessions</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
Sunday 4 th July Communion	Sheila Jones	Gordon Whitehead Liz Morgan	Wendy Scott	Maggie Hatchard
Sunday 11 th July Morning Worship	Tim Scott	Tony Butler Fiona Neads	Thelma Brassington	Sue Butler
Sunday 18 th July Communion	Kath Wood	Wendy Scott Pat Wilson	Fiona Neads	Gill Williamson
Sunday 25 th July Morning Worship	Gill Williamson	Tim Scott Liz Morgan	Gill Williamson	Lynda Nicholson
Sunday 1 st August Communion	Joyce Halcrow	Ian Jones Rhoda Castle	Maggie Hatchard	Joyce Halcrow

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