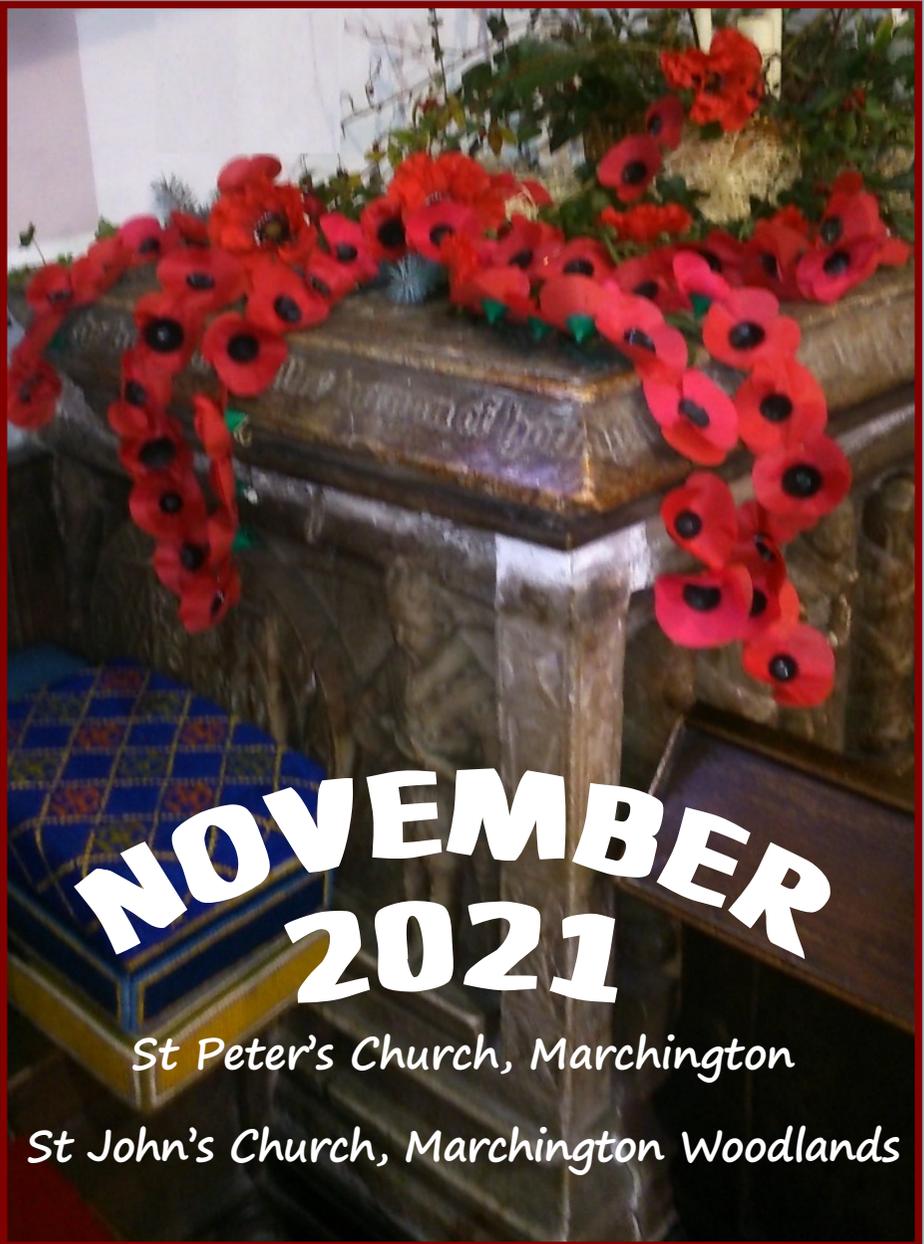


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Area Letter from the Rectory

Rev Margaret Sherwin, Rector for the Uttoxeter Area of Parishes, reflects on the losses associated with 2020 and 2021, and what we can do during this season of remembrance to remember those who have died.

2020/2021 has been unprecedented as we have faced the uncertainty, anxiety, changes and grief caused by the Covid pandemic. Much has been lost – people, jobs, schooling, freedoms, routines and perhaps even hope. This year, the Season of Remembering, from All Souls’ to Remembrance Day, has an added poignancy and there is special need in our communities to pause, reflect and remember. What this looks like will be different in different contexts.

Loss is often compounded and any specific service or activity will remind people of unresolved past or present loss and pain. There is often a need to ‘do’ something and to ‘mark’ a loss to help to bring closure and healing. This year why not take a moment to specifically think about the losses that you have had over these past couple of years.

In most of our Area churches an All Souls’ Day service will be taking place on or near 2nd November, ask at your local church when theirs is. At this service we will remember those who have died at any time and in any way, especially those who have died during 2020/21. There may be a Remembrance Service

around 11th November which will be specifically about people who have died in the world wars or armed service.



If you are not able to go to a service there are other ways to remember someone. A virtual candle can be lit on www.churchofenglandfunerals.org/lightacandle

Or you could stop for a moment somewhere and remember someone close to you and use this prayer, you may want to light a candle at home as you say it.

God our Father, we thank you for the person we knew, the years we shared, the good we saw, and the love we received. Turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven. Amen.

Blessings
Rev Margaret

Meet Rev Jules Walker

- Our New Team Vicar -

Dear friends,

Just a quick note of thanks for the welcome that we've received as a family as we moved into the Uttoxeter Area of Parishes and our new home in Marchington; for the messages of welcome, doorstep gifts and cards, we are very grateful! We've been living at Moisty Lane for a few months now, have met many new faces, please bear with me as I learn names - with four parishes to get to know it takes a little time!

For those I haven't yet met, I'm Rev Jules Walker the new Team Vicar in the Uttoxeter Area of Parishes (UAP) working alongside Rev Margaret as Team Rector, Rev Joe as Team Vicar and a wonderful ministry team stretching across the 10 parishes. To minister within such a supportive and collegial team is already proving a real gift, especially at this time as we tentatively and cautiously emerge from COVID restrictions. I'm married to Rev Drew Walker, the Anglican Chaplain at HMP Dovegate and we have four adult children residing across the world, and we excitedly anticipate the arrival of our first grandchild due next January across the miles in California.



I look forward to journeying alongside you all in the UAP as we join the Church of England's effort to work out a vision and strategy in this current time. The COVID pandemic has shone a bright light on church life and highlighted challenges, which have been present for many years, in a new and insistent way. We are now in an

exciting, yet challenging time of working out our next steps – God’s mission is very much alive, and the local church has an important role in showing God’s love to others. UAP join in the current diocesan vision for the future through the “Shaping for Mission” initiative, and within Area & Staff teams we are currently discerning our way forward. Life will not return to pre-pandemic routines completely, of that we are sure, and the next few months will be a time for reflection and discernment.

For the time being though, we are cautiously walking out of the various restrictions and actively organising worship and mission opportunities, continuing to engage with our schools and planning social occasions. At Marchington St Peter’s and Woodlands, this is through discussion with the Parochial Church Councils (PCC) and by the creative work of the Ministry Teams. I’m grateful for the commitment of such a wonderful group of people, who have worked relentlessly during the recent clergy vacancies and COVID pandemic. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the teams who have kept alive the message of God in our parishes during such challenging times.

Updates will be communicated, including through this magazine, but I did want to finish with one important change. Coming out of the lockdowns, we wanted to listen to the views of those wanting to return to regular worship in the church building, as well as continuing to offer on-line worship where possible. Many had commented that a 9.30am start on Sunday mornings at St Peter’s was possibly prohibitive for some, and a later start might encourage others to attend. We’ve listened to this feedback, and from November 2021 will change the start time of our Sunday morning service at St Peter’s to **10am**, and as long as restrictions allow will offer refreshments in the vestry afterwards. It is currently planned to hold services of Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays, Morning Prayer on the 2nd Sunday and a Family Service on the 4th Sunday – details will be published in advance. 5th Sundays will be an Area Service somewhere in the Uttoxeter Area of Parishes.

Marchington Woodlands service will continue at 9.30am on the 4th Sunday of the month, with Evensong on the 2nd Sunday at 4pm.

We would be delighted for you to journey with us as we vision for the future and would be grateful for your prayers for the planning processes.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

In Christ’s love,

Rev Jules

NOVEMBER 2021 – AREA PRAYERS FOR ST PETER’S CHURCH MARCHINGTON.

1st Sunday NOV 7TH

We give thanks Lord, for our new vicar Rev Jules who has joined the Uttoxeter Area of Parishes with particular responsibility for Marchington, Woodlands, Kingstone and Stramshall. We pray that Jules and her family enjoy their time with us and enable us to develop our faith and missionary opportunities.

2nd Sunday NOV 14TH

We give thanks for the place in which we live. We are blessed, being surrounded by beautiful countryside which we can enjoy by walking the footpaths.

3rd Sunday NOV 21ST

We pray for our community, our friends and families, our neighbours and all the people we spend time with. We think especially of those who live alone, those who are ill or are waiting treatment, or recovering from treatment. May we find ways to support and care for all.

4th Sunday NOV 28TH

We pray that our church will find a renewed spirit of mission as we come out of the pandemic. May we have the courage to try new things and gain a greater commitment to our faith.

Rev Ethney Ellwood

It was with sadness that we heard that Ethney had died on 15th October. She and her husband John made a great contribution to village life, and Ethney was well known both as Headteacher of Draycott First School and later as an Ordained Local Minister. Many of us remember her kindness and her tireless work in keeping St Peter’s Church going during a prolonged period without a vicar. Ethney left the village to be nearer to her daughter when she developed problems with her health, and has been much missed. We send our condolences to her daughter Lucy and all her family and friends.

We plan to include a longer appreciation of Ethney’s life in next month’s magazine.

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Church Website: www.stpetersmarchington.org.uk

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St. Peter's Church Marchington PCC are looking for a volunteer Treasurer with a background in money management. This would be to work initially alongside our Acting Treasurer with a view to training for the position of PCC Treasurer later.

For more details, ring Thelma Brassington

Mobile 07477 66790 - preferably 9.00am to 4.00pm



St Peter's Edward Bear Club

For children aged 0 to 3 years and their parents or carers. The club will not be meeting during November and December. This will be reviewed after Christmas. Anyone interested please contact Thelma by email.

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Christmas Puddings

IT MAY BE EARLY, but Christmas puddings need to be made early.

Following the success of the Christmas puddings last year we shall be making them again.



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MEMORIES OF LIFE IN MARCHINGTON

In this season of remembrance, one of the people who will be remembered by long-standing residents of the village is Wilfred Appleby, father of John, Mary (Rhodes) and Eileen (Fenwick). Wilfred was an important figure both in the village and the church - in fact the vestry in the St Peter's Church is named after him.

Wilfred died on Christmas Day 1988, aged 92, but John, Mary and Eileen continued to be involved in the life of the church and the village. John sang regularly in the choir at St Peter's, Eileen was a bell ringer, and Mary a member of the congregation. Wilfred's grand-daughters, Helen and Jenny, are still members of the choir.

Wilfred was born in 1896 and came from a large family of thirteen children, two of whom died in childhood. He spent 80 years as verger at St Peter's and almost 80 years as a member of the choir. He was also Tower Captain (leading bell-ringer) for 30 years, and looked after the churchyard! Wilfred had been a governor at the village school and an active member of just about every club and organisation in the village at some time. He served in India in World War 1 and was a member of the Home Guard in WW2. Interestingly Wilfred received Maundy Money from the hands of the Queen in 1988 in the traditional ceremony held that year in Lichfield Cathedral.

Recently an interview with Wilfred has come to light. He was interviewed by Tony Wragg, and described the way life in the village had changed during his lifetime. The recording of this interview made fascinating listening, and made his affection for his home village very clear. He maintained that one of the nicest things that ever happened to him took place after he was 'demobbed' following the First World War:

Getting off the train at Marchington - the first day of 1920. I'd got as far as Derby, and stayed the night at Dick's [brother]. I got up and caught the train, arriving at Marchington at 8am. I'm not leaving again!

Wilfred discussed many topics in this interview - certainly enough for several articles! This time I have decided to focus on his recollections of the village in the past, and the way it has changed.

Trades in Marchington

With a few notable exceptions, most of us leave the village to go to work. That wasn't the case early in Wilfred's life - there was a whole array of trades in the village. There was a number of wealthy people living in the larger houses in the village, and this supported some of the trades. Captain Hopkins lived at Marchington Hall - he had been in the Boer War and was a racehorse breeder. There were also "gentry" living at The Grange,

Houndhill Hall, Field House, Brook House and the Vicarage. They all wanted their laundry doing, and this became a trade in the village. “Laundry Cottage” in Bag Lane is testament to this.

There were two cobblers, one in The Square and another, Mr Griffin, at Birch Cross.

Just after the First War I got Mr Griffin to make me a pair of shoe for £5.

George Wainwright, who was a tailor, made suits for people. His workshop was alongside the Malthouse in The Square. Prices for a made-to-measure suits were then rather different - Wilfred told his interviewer: *the most I paid was £12.*

George Wainwright’s mother was a sister of Mr Woolley the builder, whose firm later became Woolley and Wainwright. Wilfred worked for this firm after he left school before the age of 14. Starting work as an apprentice painter and decorator in 1910, he was paid five shillings a week.

Wilfred’s father was a blacksmith and had a shop next to the Dog and Partridge. He could shoe horses, but his main job was making cartwheels. Later, there was a blacksmith’s shop in the High Street. There was also a butcher in the village, and many home brewers:

Everybody was making beer and selling it when they could.

Travel and transport

The railway was an important part of village life. Milk from The Woodlands was loaded onto the train to be sent to London. It cost 2½d to go to Uttoxeter by rail. There was “*quite a procession*” going down Station Hill on Wednesdays, when there was a market in Uttoxeter. Wilfred remembered the arrival of Captain Hopkins of Marchington Hall at Marchington Station with a considerable amount of luggage.

We went to meet him, took the horses out and pulled him up Station Hill to the Hall.

When Wilfred was a boy the road to Uttoxeter wasn’t always covered with stones. Roadmen came to sweep it, and there were islands of grass in the middle. As Wilfred said: *we didn’t go far.*

However, from the 1920s there was a bus run by Wheeldons, including a late night bus, which made things easier.

The Social Hierarchy

Things are so different for those that have lived as long as us, you see. It wasn’t wise to pass the vicar without touching your hat to him. If you didn’t, you were likely to get the stick when you got to school!

No doubt the same applied to encounters with the other people recognised as ‘gentry’ in the village.

School

The school was in The Square when Wilfred was a pupil. There were two rooms, a classroom and an infants’ room. Mr Hewitt, the teacher, was *‘a bit of a martinet’*, but Wilfred usually managed to keep out of trouble.

Leisure

There was cricket, and Wilfred was scorer as a youngster. The cricket ground and pavilion were down Silver Lane. Teams had to stop playing as soon as someone used the footpath that went across the pitch!

There was tennis at the vicarage, then at The Green, followed by Bowls. Strangely, Wilfred said that he was never any good at acting, despite his sterling performance as the Angel Gabriel in a nativity play during the 1930s!

The Second World War

Wilfred was in the Home Guard at this time. He had detailed memories of the famous Hanbury explosion, and also talked about the impact of the Americans who were stationed nearby. Apparently the main impact was on the pubs, where they bought all the beer at The Bull! However, Wilfred became friendly with one American who later worked at the American Embassy. This man had become fond of the village, and when he died they brought him back to Marchington to bury him, [His grave can be seen in St Peter’s churchyard.]

Flooding - one thing that hasn’t changed!

Marchington was as prone to flooding in Wilfred’s younger days as it is now. In the 1930s, the water got as far as the church step, but didn’t go inside. However, all the poultry kept by the man living at Church Cottage were drowned!

This has not exhausted the reminiscences that Wilfred shared in his interview - as yet there has been nothing about the St Peter’s Church and its bells. And did you know that there used to be pub in The Square? This will be in a future issue as soon as space permits.

I would like to thank Jed Wragg for sharing this interview conducted by his father and for digitalising the tape.

Rhoda

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report for November 2021

The clocks have gone back and we make our way into winter once again. On the 30th September I had the privilege of attending the award ceremony for the Queens Award for Voluntary service to the volunteers of our community shop. It was a brilliant event and the main guest of honour was the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Mr Ian Dudson CBE, KstJ and his wife Jane. We were also joined by the Chairman Of Staffs County Council, Mr Paul Snape and his wife Kate, The High Sheriff of Staffordshire, Mr James Friend and his wife Sanda, and our Crown ward councillor Philip Hudson. It was explained that they only give out around 250 Queens awards a year across the UK. It is the highest award available to a voluntary group and is considered equivalent to an MBE. The award is also given in perpetuity i.e. you have it for life. It was lovely to see so many proud volunteers receive their special badges to mark the occasion which took place at the village hall. The Lord Lieutenant also wrote a personal letter to the shop board thanking them for a wonderful evening. Some other interesting facts on the above is that the Sheriff is the oldest secular office under the Crown. The sheriff was the principal law enforcement officer in the country but today the office is mainly ceremonial. Holders of the office do so for one year and it is unpaid.

The Lord Lieutenant is the British monarch's personal representative in each lieutenancy area of the UK. Again in the past the Lord Lieutenant was responsible for organising each county's militia.

Further news is that it seems the spate of minor vandalism in the village has abated. Also the people who stole plants from the planters on the B5017 have not been back so fingers crossed. I think the planters provided by the prison look excellent and I was particularly impressed with the two outside the village hall.

We had a report from a Draycott resident who reported being overtaken on the wrong side of the island outside the prison entrance. The lady in question was riding a horse and she wore a body camera . The footage of the impatient drivers on the wrong side of the road / island has been passed

to the police. Apparently this overtaking around this island is quite a common practice which we will try to have stopped.

Whilst Covid is still with us let's hope the programmes in place will prevent any major problems in the future.

Finally , as we look towards Christmas I can confirm it was agreed by the parish council to fund three trees for the two village halls and for Forestside.

All for now but please remember our next PC meeting is on Tuesday 9th November so if you have anything you wish to raise please do so via our parish clerk by the 2nd November.

Ian Morgan - Chair, Marchington Parish Council

Marchington Village Hall News November 2021



Exciting news on a number of fronts this month: after our appeal for new trustees, we have two new ones! Providing they both don't turn tail and run after the October meeting, Sue Willmot and Pam Tomkins have joined us. We welcome them both and hope they will enjoy their time as trustees with us.

More good news is that the front garden is looking gorgeous thanks to a lot of work from Janey and her Friends of Marchington team. Generous support from East Staffordshire Borough Council during lockdown and Marchington Parish Council meant that we have put some money into the purchase of plants to enhance the garden for the benefit of everyone, and a big thank you to everyone who has helped get the garden looking so good.

Finally the puns have been flying as we welcomed Phil Wright from C2C Outdoors to the village hall to run an inaugural class of **indoor** archery. The inquiry came in on 1st October, as far as possible from 1st April, but we were sceptical...however, he's promised to bring indoor-grade arrows and it looks like a lot of fun.



I don't know about you but my only experience of archery has been at Center Parcs, where the lesson lasts long enough to cripple your fingers for a week and skin your inner arm but not long enough to actually hit a target. With enough interest (and at the time of writing he has not run the first class on 19 October yet), Phil hopes to run regular classes here, so do come and support him on a Tuesday at 6-7.30 or 7.30 – 9. You can check out his website on www.c2c-outdoors.co.uk. Check the hall calendar at the web address below or call Ginny to check that the classes are going ahead.

It's time to apply for a so-called small grant from Marchington Parish Council again this month. They call it a small grant, we call it a lifeline, and we hope that the Parish Council will support us again in the coming year.

Finally, if you want to book the village hall for an event, please email Ginny Odey on marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com or call her on 07810 830268. You can check what's happening and availability on the hall calendar at <https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html>.

Geraldine Flavell

UTTOXETER CRICKET CLUB

Friday 1st October saw The Manor Golf Club, Kingstone host our junior presentation evening. It was a fantastic night which celebrated what has been a superb year for our junior cricketers.



Our Under 8, 11, 13 and 15 Teams all won their respective divisions. There was also a host of individual awards for batting, bowling and endeavour. We are incredibly proud of our youngsters and the fantastic progress that they are making. We wish to publicly thank all our volunteers who made this season possible. We are very fortunate to have a vibrant community that provides excellent opportunities for all concerned.

Attention now turns to our seniors who will be enjoying their presentation evening next month.

James Burton

Marchington WI

At last, on 20 September, we were able to get together in the usual way in the village hall. It was wonderful to see so many of our ladies chatting to each other and catching up with events of the last 18 months.

Our speaker this month was Bill Durose performing music from the 50's. He played his guitar and sang the most popular songs of the decade, interspersed with stories of life at that time. We were encouraged to join in with the singing, which we thoroughly enjoyed, although it was a shock to some of us that we still knew all the words. "How much is that doggie in the window?" is a prime example. Pat Wilson gave the vote of thanks. As usual the evening was completed by excellent refreshments provided by Barbara, Kath and Margaret.

By the time you read this, we will have held our Annual Lunch on 14th October. Our speaker is Paul Newsham, a Forensic Scientist specialising in Fingerprint Identification. His former role was Deputy Head of Forensics for Staffordshire Police. We are all looking forward to hearing him.

In November we will be entertained by Sue Robinson, who will show us the art of card making, providing the necessary tools etc. for us to make our own. Visitors are always welcome to join us so if you are feeling creative we would be pleased to see you. We meet on the third Monday of each month in the village hall, or contact Sheila Jones for more information (01283 820576).

Gill King



We are taking Christmas Bookings.

Find the menu on our website at:

<https://www.dogandpartridgemarchington.co.uk/christmas-fayre>

See the advertisement for our Sunday music events on page 21

Marchington Shop volunteers recognised for their voluntary contributions in the Village Hall



On Thursday September 30th, more than 30 volunteers were recognised in person by no less than the Queen's representative in Staffordshire, the Lord-Lieutenant Mr Ian Dudson, CBE, KStJ with his wife Jane, at a presentation ceremony in Marchington Village Hall. Also attending were the High Sherriff and his wife, Mr and Mrs James and Sanda Friend, and the Chair of Staffordshire County Council and his wife, Mr and Mrs Paul and Susan Snape. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is known as the 'MBE for voluntary groups' and is awarded for outstanding voluntary service to a very limited number of groups each year.

The Lord-Lieutenant praised the achievements of volunteers who had kept the shop going to help customers especially over the tricky lock downs in 2020. He noted that this was built on a long-term commitment by shop volunteers to the communities of Marchington and Marchington Woodlands, since 2010. This has included providing opportunities for youngsters to train in retail skills including for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. It has also proved to be a lifeline for people living on their own, and newcomers to the villages, and provides a vital communication network across the area, combatting accessibility issues, social isolation and loneliness.



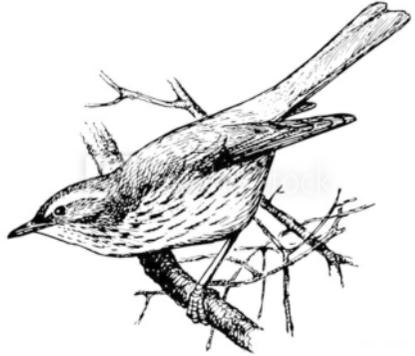
A certificate, signed personally by Her Majesty the Queen, was presented to Mrs Ann Wynniatt-Husey, wife of Mr Reginald Wynniatt-Husey, whose inspiration started the shop. A commemorative trophy was presented to Liz Morgan, the present Chair of the Shop Board. A beautiful selection of arranged flowers was provided for each table by Jane Hilton.

Volunteers each received a badge to recognise their achievements. It was a wonderful evening, giving volunteers a chance to celebrate and share experiences over what has been a challenging 18 months in the shop's history.

Liz Morgan (Chair, Marchington Village Shop)

Nature Notes

Our migrant birds have now left us, to journey to warmer climes. We notice that swallows, martins, swifts and warblers disappear, as the insects they feed on start to diminish when the weather cools and days get shorter. Their places are taken up by winter visitors from the north and east, to spend the winter in the UK, where the weather is milder and food is easier to find. These include field fares, redwings and bramblings. If it becomes particularly cold and their food source becomes depleted, then scores of waxwings called irruptions, arrive on our shores, to feed on rowan and hawthorn and will visit gardens to glut on cotoneaster, pyracantha and rose hips.



Incredibly, painted lady butterflies we spot so regularly in our gardens during the summer, return to North Africa, where they lay their eggs before dying.

Hedgehogs will often continue to feed until mid November before they hibernate. It's vital for them to have enough fat reserves to survive the winter. So feeding them until they withdraw to their nests is important. Surprisingly, they will move nesting sites at least once during this repose.

Keep hedgehog highways open by creating small gaps in fencing.

The hedgehog boxes in our garden have proved successful. We had 7 hogs presenting themselves in July.



Hall Road Produce Stall

Over £1000 has been raised so far this year, including a generous donation from The Open Gardens weekend.

Very many thanks to those who have contributed to the stall:

Pat Gillespie for her delicious marmalade, strawberry jam & tomatoes;

Bob, Dave, Peter, Phil & Debbie, my allotment neighbours, for their endless supply of tasty, fresh fruit, crunchy vegetables and stunning flowers.

Often no sooner is it put out on the stall, than it disappears to locals, without whose support we would not have raised so much.

Thank you to you all.

The funds will go towards purchasing

- Trees
- Bulbs
- Wildflower seeds
- Bird feeders and food for the community orchard

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Recommended Reading



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The thinking person's guide to good gardening

Janey Hilton



The Dog & Partridge

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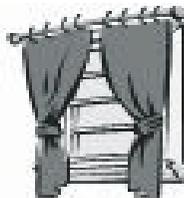
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Does Anyone Know the Answer?

A question many of Woodlands WI members were asking each other during our meeting on Thursday October 14th. The idea of a quiz sounded great, that was before the fiendish quiz master, aka Geraldine, started asking the questions. Do you know what a vexillologist is? Anyone know the answer reading this article? 1 person in the WI did! (To find out see the end of this article.) Surprisingly we all did well, and everyone received a prize of chocolate finger biscuits!

Helen had talked us through the business part of the meeting earlier, we heard the finances were healthy and a willow making workshop was being planned for next spring.

Following on from earlier meetings we then did a shuffle of our seats and talked about how confident we were feeling as the Covid situation seemed to be relaxing. A great opportunity to talk amongst friends and discover their experience of going out at this time, well worth doing.



As we sat chatting we gradually realised that each table was sharing its space with a fox (stuffed and toy), pine cones, autumn leaves and conkers!

Yes, Julie and team had scavenged the woodlands for Autumn items and made the tables look beautiful and seasonal.

Supper followed the theme, hearty soup, bread rolls, and delicious puddings. Thank you, ladies!

We had a chance to catch up this month, talk through life and reflect on

experiences. It's not often we stop and do that, so it was lovely to have that breathing space and the opportunity to embrace the moment.

Next month though, Woodlands WI is busy, busy, busy. We have a packed evening of a demonstration of Xmas

decorations and even better, the displays will be part of the raffle! That's on Thursday November 11th, Woodlands Village Hall at 7pm.

Until then, enjoy the autumn weather.

Grace Hodges

PS A vexillologist studies flags!!

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update



The last couple of years have been something of a roller coaster for the Woodlands Village Hall.

It was back in September 2019, when the Committee was feeling concerned about dwindling bookings, that an Open Evening was held in the Village Hall. The Committee asked attendees to put forward their views on the future for the hall and to suggest events and activities that might attract a new generation of users.

The Village Hall started 2020 on a positive upward slope as the Committee looked to implement some of the ideas from the Open Evening. Then, along came the global Covid pandemic and national lockdown and the roller coaster ground to a halt.

Steady advances have been made from that low point in March 2020, improving the facility for all hirers and raising the Village Hall's profile. At the turn of the year, two new members brought extra impetus to the Committee, looking to make the Village Hall more of a social hub for the Woodlands

community. Everyone's efforts culminated in the very enjoyable and well-attended Summer Dance event on August 14. Since then, it has been good to see the Village Hall calendar busy with events. We were unsure how many regulars from pre-Covid times would be prepared to come along to the first coffee morning back at the hall in September but we need not have worried. It was an excellent turn-out.

The Village Hall ought to be able to build on its recent successes but another critical point is looming large. One of the Committee stalwarts is currently out of action through ill-health (we send Pete and Jean our best wishes), our Committee Secretary is resigning from the role (although fortunately staying on the Committee) after a dedicated 10-year stint and Committee member numbers are already well below the maximum allowed per the Trust Deed. We are seriously in need of some additional team-players who will bring their social and creative ideas and skills to keep this roller coaster from stalling and, even worse, starting off on the downward slope. The Annual Village Hall AGM is taking place on Tuesday 2 November, starting at 7.30pm, when a new Committee will be appointed. (The first meeting for the new group will follow immediately afterwards.) If you would like to be involved with running the Village Hall day-to-day and shaping its place in the Woodlands, we'd be very pleased, indeed, to hear from you or, even better, to see you at the AGM.

The current Committee thanks you for all your ongoing support.

Karen Perrins

Woodlands Village Hall Booking Information

The Village Hall's website (www.mwvh.co.uk) provides information about the Hall, its facilities and hiring.

Booking Secretary for the Village Hall, Isabel Wilson (tel. 01889 569411), will help with any additional details you may need.

Contact Email Address

The email address for the Village Hall is mwvh@btinternet.com.

Important Announcement from the Committee at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall

Woodlands Village Hall's 2021 AGM will be held on Tuesday 2 November starting at 19.30. All residents of the Woodlands are welcome to attend to raise any issues with the Committee. If you are unable to come along but would like to ask questions or put forward any ideas, you can do this in writing via the Village Hall post-box or by email to mwvh@btinternet.com.

If you would like to get involved with running the Village Hall day-to-day as a Committee Member & Trustee, it will be great to hear from you. The Committee would love to fill some of its vacancies.

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall

Social Events for Your Diaries

Please note these upcoming dates:-

16 November and 21 December 2021 and 18 January 2022 – Tuesday coffee mornings, come and have a chat and browse the stalls and books, 10.30am start.

2 November – Woodlands Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm, followed by monthly Committee Meeting. All welcome to attend.

5 November – News about this year's Bonfire Night Party & Fireworks Display event at Woodlands Village Hall will be publicised separately.

Competition Time – Best home-made Christmas decoration. Separate competitions for children and adults. Start working on those design ideas. Deadline will be announced in next month's Parish News.

15 December – Lighting the Tree & Christmas Family Social, a joint event with St.John's Church at 5pm. Refreshments provided - children's drinks plus tea, coffee and cakes. Adults may bring their own tipples if preferred. Christmas decoration competition winners to be announced.

St. John's Church Marchington Woodlands



Church Services and Events at St John's during November 2021

Sunday 7th November	11:00am	Baptism
Tuesday 9th November	7.00pm	PCC Meeting
Sunday 14th November	4,00pm	Evensong with Remembrance
Friday 19th November	3:30pm	Wedding
Sunday 28th November	9:30am	Holy Communion

On Thursday 16th September the funeral and burial of Beatrice Margaret “Trixie” Corbett took place at St Johns.

On Sunday 19th September we welcomed Freddie Ball into the family of the church. We pray that he will grow in faith and flourish in Christ's love

A huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped to clean and decorate the church for the Harvest Festival and for all the gifts of flowers and produce. It was lovely to see the church looking so beautiful and everyone bid generously after the service as it was auctioned off.

Thanks go to everyone who made it such a success.

The following Saturday we had the Harvest Supper which was very well supported. We enjoyed a fabulous feast followed up with the raffle and bingo. It was lovely to see lots of new faces this year.

Hopefully we haven't completely exhausted the supply of fine weather and we shall be able to enjoy a fine night for the bonfire at the Village Hall on the 5th. [Please note that information about this will be circulated separately.]

We wish good luck to Jenny with the launch of Marchwood milk.

By the time you are reading this we shall be planning Christmas services. Where has this year gone?!!!

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

St John's Marchington Woodlands 100 Club

**Winners of the September draw were :-
Chris Wilson, Anna Cadamy, Peter & Judy Slaney
and Brian Greensmith**

ST PETER'S CHURCH MARCHINGTON - SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER 2021

	<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Intercessions</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
7 th November 10.00am Communion	Valerie Whitehead	Ian Jones Rhoda Castle	Wendy Scott	Gill Williamson	Kath Wood
14 th November 10.00am Morning Prayer	Gill Williamson	Gordon Whitehead Tony Butler	Thelma Brassington	Lynda Nicholson	Joyce Halcrow
21 st November 10.00am Communion	Joyce Halcrow	Tim Scott Fiona Needs	Fiona Needs	Joyce Halcrow	Pat Wilson
28 th November 10.00am Family Service	Sheila Jones	Wendy Scott Ian Jones	Gill Williamson	Thelma Brassington	Claire Marjoram
5 th December 10.00am Communion	Tim Scott	Gordon Whitehead Tim Scott	Maggie Hatchard		Wendy Scott

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