



# **Chearsley Village Historical Society**

Open Meeting

Chearsley Village Hall

Thursday 16 March 2023

# Agenda

1. Welcome (John Howard)
2. 'Living History' (John Lewis)
3. 'The North Marston Story' (Sue Chaplin, NMHC)
4. 'Memories of Chearsley Village School' (Karen Vear)
5. Refreshments



# 'Living History'

## Steering Group

John H, Derek, Sharon, Sarah, Karen, Graham, Julia, John L. + Treasurer

## Manifesto

Purpose, Method, Projects & Themes, Finance & Funding (see website)

## Programme

A variety of projects related to the heritage of our village are already in progress

Feedback on these and ideas for potential initiatives invited

## Archives

Electronic and Physical

## Membership

Formal membership list: current email circulation plus new members. Signatures required.

## Finance

Running costs: Voluntary donations initially, then membership fee?

Major projects: Grants

## Website

[www.chearsleyhistory.org.uk](http://www.chearsleyhistory.org.uk)



# 'Living History' Programme

## Projects in progress....

The Stockwell restoration

'Church History Days'

'Village Pub Revival'

'Village School Reunion'

'Chearsley and the Great War'

Website & archiving of documents and artefacts

Guest speakers

## Future project ideas....?

Origins of the name 'Chearsley'

Oral histories (recording residents' memories)

Heritage trail & guided tours

Archaeological digs (Moated site, Priest's cottage)

Record of major village events (fetes, carnivals, etc)

Chearsley on TV ('Morse' & 'Midsummer Murders')

English Civil War in Bucks

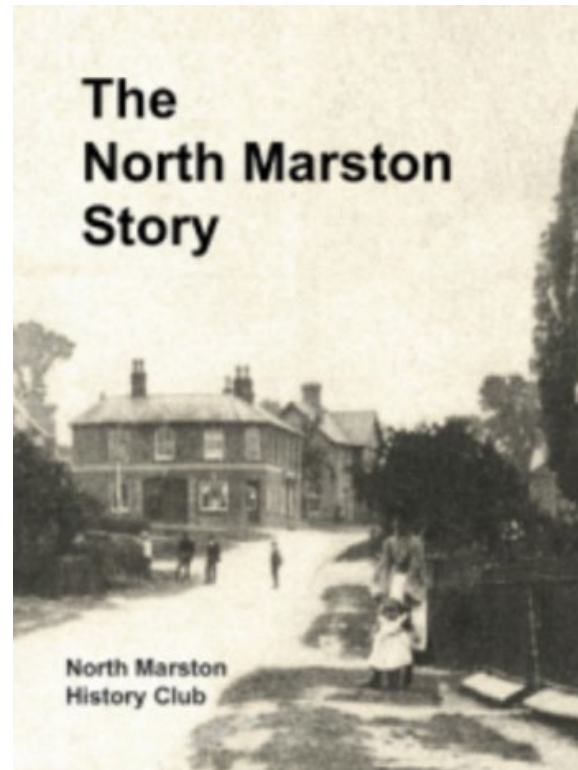
Houses of interest

Farming history

Traditional village arts & crafts

Sunken lanes





## Sue Chaplin

North Marston History Club



**THE  
NORTH  
MARSTON  
STORY**

# JOHN SCHORNE NORTH MARSTON'S SAINT

*“John Schorne, gentleman  
born,  
Conjured the devil out of a  
boot”*

# A rood-screen portrait of John Schorne with his trade-mark boot and devil





# A contemporary picture of a pilgrimage



Pilgrims wore badges such as this one showing Schorne with the devil being drawn from a boot





# The sign on our village pub “The Pilgrim”







**JOHN CAMDEN NEILD**

**NORTH MARSTON'S MISER**



5 Cheyne Walk





**NEILD**  
Jeweller, Goldsmith, *St. James's Street,* & Sword-Cutler,

*Finishes in the most elegant Taste,  
all sorts of Jewellers's work, in Diamonds & other Jewels.*

*Sells variety of Plate, Rich Toys, &c.*

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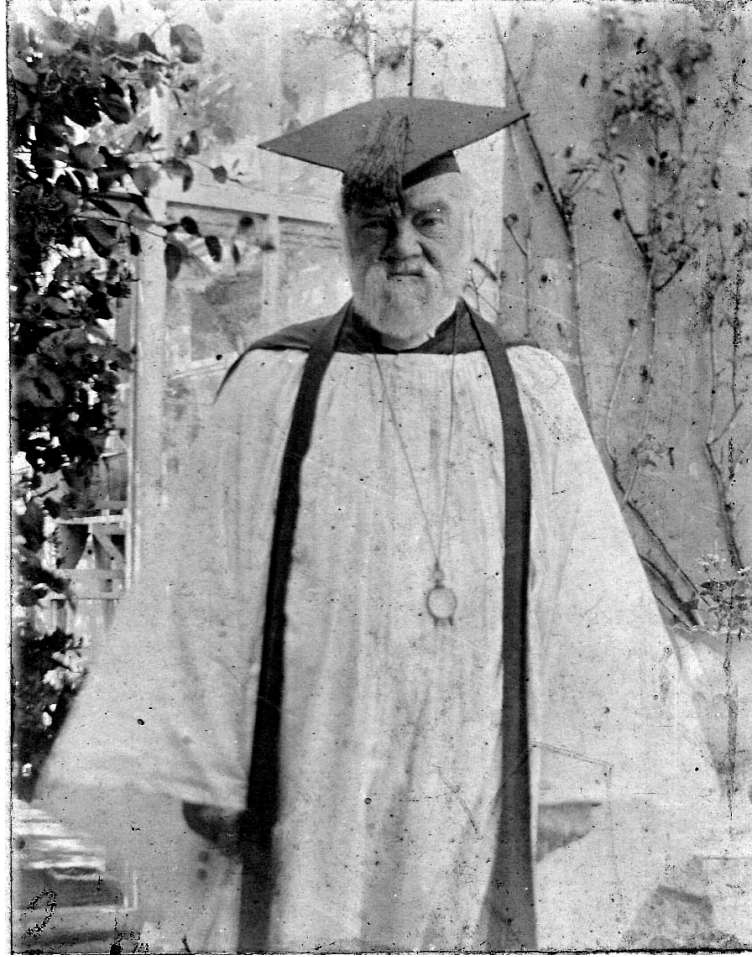
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are Deposited the Remains of  
John Camden Neild Esq<sup>r</sup>  
who Died on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 1852  
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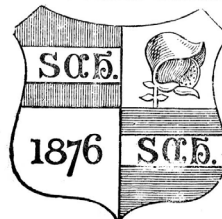
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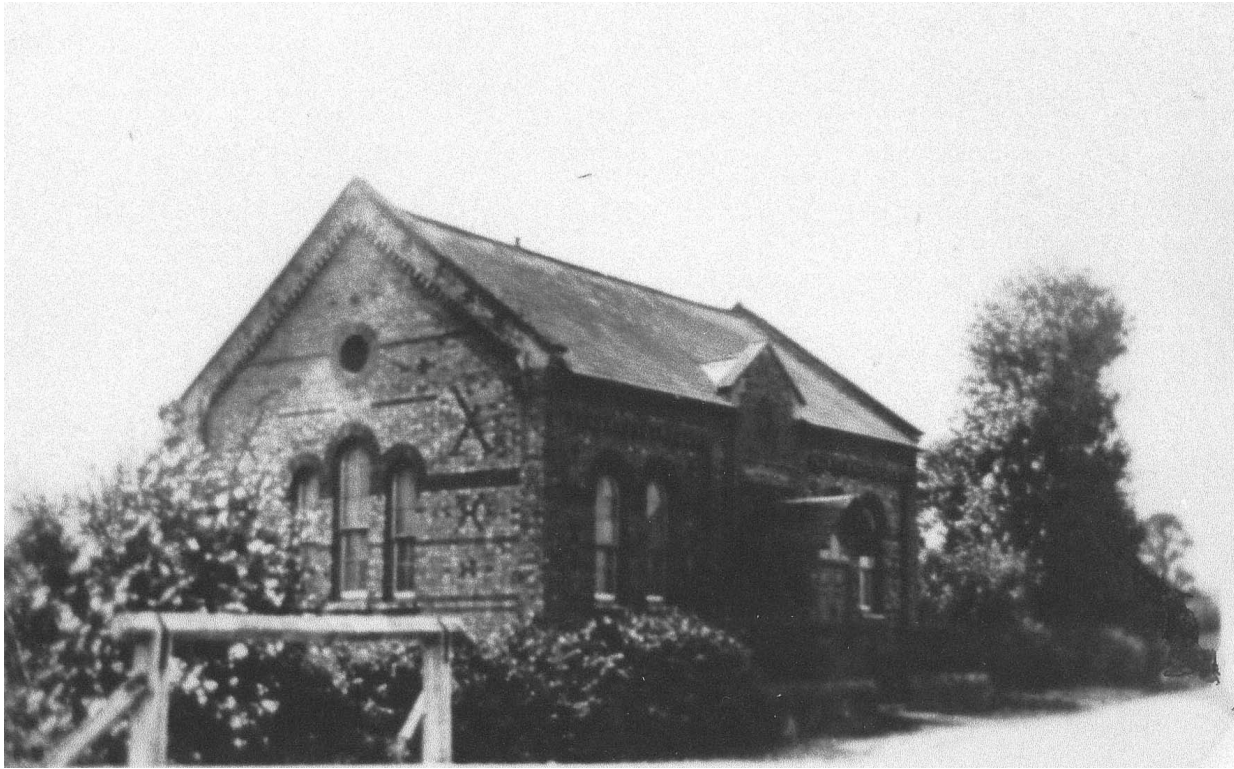
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my private residence.

9<sup>th</sup> " Great falling off in attendance  
this week and last.

10<sup>th</sup> " Absentee list posted to Mr.  
" Collier the School attendance  
" officer.

14<sup>th</sup> " On leaving school.

" yesterday afternoon in  
" company with my wife. I  
" was accosted by John Carter  
" and accused of having struck  
" his boy to the ground, and  
" in the most gross and  
" abusive language challenged  
" to fight. Unless he had  
" been held and restrained by  
" his wife and Mr Thomas Tattam,  
" he would have assaulted me.

" This is the third time I  
" have been publicly insulted  
" by this man.

" Later in the day, the whole

97 / 1903

25<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup>

attending Divine Service at  
the Parish Church.

26<sup>th</sup> "

Very brief biographies of notables  
of the Tudor Period written as  
Composition by the V Standard.

27<sup>th</sup> "

Let of British Insects, Reptiles  
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written out by the V Standard

To my intense surprise the  
III and IV Standards were  
without exception unable to  
do work correctly such  
sums as the following:-

$$590 \times 150 \quad 902 \times 307$$

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The 0s in the multiplier quite  
puzzled them.

9 children from the Infant Classes  
were absent during the week  
suffering from feverish colds,  
which has evidently been  
catching.

Plenty of practise  
given to III & IV Stand<sup>s</sup> in finding  
the product.

# Chearsley Village School



# Chearsley Village School – a potted history

## Early 1800's

Children started work at age of ten years – boys on the farm, girls as servants or lacemakers

## 1870

New Education Act required parishes to provide schooling for all children.

In the early years, Chearsley children would have attended schools in local villages.

## January 1880

New school opened in Chearsley. 25 children registered on first day, soon increased to 35 – 50.

Fees of 2d per child, 1d for additional children up to maximum of 5d.

## 1903

New Education Act required provision of free education for children: Chearsley school was taken over by Bucks CC

## 1948

School leaving age raised from 14 to 15 then to 16. Chearsley 11-year-olds attended school in Long Crendon

## Early 1970s

Over 50 children attended Chearsley school

## 1973

Leaving age was reduced from 11 to 8 years leading to decline in numbers, with the introduction of 'middle' schools

## May 1980

School celebrated its centenary with a procession and pageant and children dressed in Victorian costumes, celebrating traditional crafts

## July 1988

Despite years of hard campaigning, Chearsley Village School was closed by Bucks CC





# 'Memories of Chearsley Village School'

Karen Vear





# Membership & Feedback Form

## Refreshments

