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Pitstone Quarry restoration proposal

This exciting development involves a section of Pitstone Quarry between the B488 and Pitstone Hill, to be restored as a haven for wildlife, walkers and open-water swimmers; the National Trust will eventually assume responsibility for its management.

The project would be a collaboration between the National Trust and Clark Contracting Ltd which owns the quarry. Once the land has been restored it will be transferred to, and owned by, the National Trust to look after forever.

Clark Contracting Ltd is a local company which provides minerals and waste services to the agricultural and development sectors. It operates from Pitstone Quarry, where it has been extracting chalk for over 20 years.

The company will be financing the project on the basis of money raised by importing 'clean' unimpacted soils from the construction sector to achieve the required landscaping.

According to the website, 'the restoration would create rare and important habitats, maximise biodiversity, repair the damage

caused by the mineral extraction on the landscape and provide an open space with footpaths for safe access across the parkland including to the lake for wild swimming'.

The Project phases

Rikki Harrington (Ashridge Estate Committee) says, 'The project will run in two phases. Phase 1 will open approximately two years after planning consent is granted, so potentially in Spring 2026.

This phase covers the northern and western-most 35 hectares and includes 3.5 km of new footpaths, new calcareous grassland, a proposed visitor centre and a car park. The lake will initially only be open to visitors at weekends and bank holidays for safety reasons, with level crossing-style gates being installed as there will be considerable ongoing commercial activity from Monday to Friday. Phase 1 restoration works will use only chalk extracted from the site.

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Marsworth Village Hall Hire of rooms

The Main Hall is available for parties and special occasions.

Licensed for up to 100 seated and up to 200 for dances.

The upstairs **Mike Frost Room** is available for meetings or activities.

This room can seat 24 for smaller functions.

For bookings, availability and charges please contact
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Editorial

By Sandra Costello

It is always reassuring to see notices of 'old favourite' events appearing in the newsletter, such as the Fun Run and the Steam Rally, just as the appearance of snowdrops and daffodils remind us of the coming pleasures of spring. As well as that, we have a coronation coming up - I wonder if there will be an initiative to celebrate that momentous event in Marsworth?

I had hoped to bring news in this issue regarding the proposed community garden, but nothing definite is forthcoming owing to the lack of numbers at the latest Parish Council meeting. Instead we have news of a rather larger proposal - the restoration of Pitstone Quarry, which is situated within a very short distance of the Marsworth parish boundary. If you are interested in this proposal, Clarks Contracting Ltd will be very pleased to hear from you.

The Bucks Herald

Please send items about upcoming events, or any other items of interest, however small, to: Kate Andrew 01296 668727 / 07963 180466 or kate.andrew@btinternet.com

Village Hall defibrillator

Guidelines for usage of the defibrillator installed at the Hall are available on the Marsworth website: www.marsworth.org.uk

Marsworth Food Bank

We are extremely grateful for all the donations that have been received. We are looking after even more families currently and would love to receive donations of:

- Tins of soup, fruit, rice pudding, custard and baked beans.
- Tea, coffee and biscuits.

Donations may be left in the box in the porch of All Saints church or to Karibu, Vicarage Gardens.

Thank you very much on behalf of the Marsworth Food Bank Team.

I should remind you that I am currently just the 'caretaker' editor, and you may well have noticed that the newsletter no longer includes all manner of interesting small items of a varied nature. This is of course because we no longer have Elaine at the helm, dipping into Facebook and other social media. However there is no reason why others might not contribute all sorts of items they come across which they think would be of interest to readers. See the notice on page 10.

Many may feel that the newsletter is just something that 'happens' and perhaps you think you could quite easily do without it. However if it didn't regularly appear through your letterbox, would you not miss it? Some will find it useful when looking for a tradesman or other service, or to check on certain contact details (not to mention rubbish collection!). How often have you said, or thought, "I saw it in the local newsletter"?

It may not always be like that. For some months we have asked for a volunteer to fill Elaine's role, with no response. I have been able to manage by myself, with some help from Richard, because I think the newsletter matters, but what if I was not able to carry on?

Marsworth Veus

Wanted - articles for newsletter

Either a regular feature or an occasional article

Photos are always welcome.

Email editor@MarsworthNews.co.uk



Dates for 2023

11th and 25th March
8th and 22nd April
13th and 27th May
10th and 24th June
8th and 22nd July
12th and 26th August
9th and 23rd September
14th and 28th October
11th and 25th November
2nd and 16th December

All Saints Church



I need to start with a cautionary note concerning All Saints churchyard. It has been noticed that alterations and additions have been made to graves without permission from the families concerned.

The rules governing the running of churches and churchyards is strictly controlled. In the case of All Saints Marsworth, we come under the Oxford Diocesan Registry of Oxford, who can give permission in the form of a faculty and a payment.

Plastic flowers are not allowed. although the families looking after the Polish graves were granted permission many years ago due to the fact that the surviving relatives do not live close by, but are conscientious in caring for the graves of their loved ones. This is an informal practice and may need to be revisited in the future.



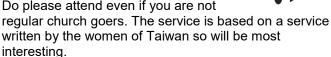
Polish graves

By the time you read this the Church will have moved into the period of Lent. No doubt we will all have enjoyed our pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday (22nd February) which marked the start of Lent, a very solemn time in the Christian calendar. Conforming to tradition, which dates back many years, having cleared our stores of perishable goods by consuming pancakes and the like on Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday ushers in the beginning of a period of forty days and forty nights when we remember the time Jesus Christ spent fasting and fighting against temptation in the wilderness, preparing for his earthly death and glorious resurrection.

Lent is a solemn time within the Church; a time to exercise self-discipline, reflect, show compassion, take on charitable work or perhaps commit to a challenge. Lent leads us on to Palm Sunday the beginning of Holy Week, followed by Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday.

Special Service

We are pleased this year to be hosting the World Day of Prayer which was previously known as The Women's World Day of prayer. This will take place in All Saints church on Friday 3rd March at 12.30pm. The service will consist of readings, music and much more. Do please attend even if you are not



After the service light refreshments will be served along with a special cake and biscuits following recipes from Taiwan.

John White, Churchwarden

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Services for March 2023

1st Sunday

9.15am Holy Communion Common Worship

2nd Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer

3rd Sunday

9.15am Holy Communion Common Worship

4th Sunday

6.00pm Evensong

Please note new summer time for Evensong

Thanks for manure

All Saints would like to thank Josie and Ed Kempster for the kind donation of manure for the roses in the churchyard. Also to thank Helena Winter Brown and Angela Allen for spreading it and planting a few new shrubs where older roses had succumbed to the winter. It will be lovely to watch them grow and develop.

Richard Cooper, Church Warden

Marsworth Archive

Following my notice in last month's newsletter, I am pleased to say that I have had volunteers to take on the role of housing and perhaps expanding the Archive. All the files, maps, photographs etc. will go to Jonny and Jo Taylor, of Rookery Nook, Church Lane, along with all the information which has been digitised.

More information will be available in due course, but for the time being it is good to know that this valuable resource will be cared for and accessible within the village.

Sandra Costello

Parish Council meeting February 2023 - highlights

Full minutes of all Marsworth Parish Council (MPC) meetings, future agendas and other information can be found at: https://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/.

Potholes

Transport for Bucks (TfB) is now actively carrying out remedial work on local roads in relation to failed surfaces and potholes. A report of problem areas around Marsworth had been provided to TfB by the Parish Council

Marsworth Food Bank

Funding of £2,675 has been secured from Buckinghamshire Helping Hand for the Marsworth Food Bank for the period to 31st March 2023 to supplement other funds and food donated. A further meeting will take place in April to seek assistance with funding for 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

Streetlight in Lukes Lea

The faulty street light opposite 38 Lukes Lea will be replaced with a new LED lantern and part night photocell at a cost of £398. Over time, all of the 24 lights in the village will need to be replaced with LED bulbs.

Coronation of King Charles on Saturday 6th May with Bank Holiday on 8th May

If any residents or groups are interested in organising anything, MPC will offer its support where appropriate. See notice on page 5.

Public Participation at the next Meeting at 8.00pm in the village hall on Monday 13th March

The Community Speedwatch initiative is to be discussed and to ascertain if there are sufficient volunteers. Please

contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in being part of this initiative. See notice on this page.

Councillor Vacancy

Application(s) to be considered.

Community garden

The possibility of creating a community garden in the village will also be discussed. Please either submit your vote on Facebook or contact Lisa Tervit to let her know at *tervit.lisa@gmail.com* or phone 07733 434380.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 13th March. Any items for the agenda must be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Friday 3rd March. Any member of the public is welcome to attend but please let the Parish Clerk know in advance if you plan to be present to ensure sufficient seating is available: parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk.

Community Speedwatch in Marsworth



Would you be interested in volunteering to be part of a Community Speedwatch initiative in Marsworth? All training will be online and equipment is free of charge.

The level of support will be discussed at the MPC meeting on 13th March and a decision taken on whether to move forward will depend if there are sufficient volunteers.

Please email the Parish Clerk to express your interest by 13th March 2023: parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk.

For more information see the Community Speedwatch page on the Parish website: www.marsworth.org.uk/local-information/community-speedwatch

Marsworth Parish Council

Marsworth Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7.00 pm in the Millennium Hall, Marsworth.



The meeting is open to all parishioners and the Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to meet with residents to address matters of concern and to support local organisations.

We are pleased to announce that the Area Operations Manager for Grand Union South Canal & River Trust (CRT) will be attending the meeting to talk about the work of the Trust in our area and to answer any questions from our residents. If you have any questions, then please email these to the Parish Clerk so she can provide CRT with the questions in advance.

Please let the Parish Clerk know if you will be attending the meeting: parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk.

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Parish Council meeting dates 2023

8.00pm in Village Hall:

13 March 3 April + Annual Parish Meeting

Wed 3 May 12 June

10 July 14 August 11 September 9 October 13 November 11 December

Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



100 Club winners from the draw held at Committee meeting Wednesday 1st February:

£20 prizes

- 130 James Clarke, Lukes Lea
- 129 Helen Ash, Lukes Lea
- 32 Dave Brown, Startops
- 215 Ross and Ruth Proudfoot, Vicarage Road
- 110 Steve Smith, Stepnells

The next draw will take place at the Hall Committee meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 1st March.

Thanks for taking part.

Marsworth Parish Council

Coronation of King Charles III



The coronation of King Charles III is due to take place on Saturday 6th May 2023.

In celebration of this event there will be an additional bank holiday this year on Monday 8th May. This is a chance for us all to get together with our friends and neighbours.



The Marsworth Parish Council will support events in the parish where appropriate so do please contact the parish clerk at *parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk* if you are planning to organise anything to mark the occasion.

Coronation website

Buckinghamshire Council now has a Coronation page live on its website: https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/celebrating-hismajesty-king-charles-iiis-coronation/.



It contains useful information for anyone planning to celebrate the Coronation in May 2023.

This webpage will be updated as further information becomes available.

Marsworth 10k Fun Run

Sunday 21st May 2022 MARSWORTH 10.00am start



Check the website for further details:

www.marsworthfunrun.co.uk

Raising funds for All Saints Church

'No hang up' scams

'No Hang Up' scams are a particularly worrying type of scam which are becoming more



common as of late, particularly with elderly and vulnerable residents.

This is where the scammer will call the victim and tell them that there is a problem with their banking. The scammer will ask for the victim's PIN number and/or passwords. If the victim starts to become suspicious, the scammer will tell the victim that if they don't believe them, that they will hang up and that the victim then needs to call their bank or the Police immediately. They will do this with the intent of panicking the victim and making them feel flustered.

The scammer will then tell the victim that they are about to hang up and that that the victim must dial either 999 or their bank's telephone number (which is on the back of their bank card) straight away.

Because the victim is now feeling flustered, they don't always realise that the scammer has **not** hung up the call. The victim will then dial 999 or the telephone number for their bank. Due to them panicking, they do not realise that there is no dial tone before they dial.

The scammer will then 'answer' the call, pretending to be the Police or the bank.

The victim will then believe that they are now talking to the Police or their bank. The scammer will ask lots of questions, so all the financial information that the victim believes is going to the Police or the bank is, in fact, going to the scammer.

The scammer's whole purpose is to cause the victim panic, so they aren't 100% concentrating on what they are doing and miss the important element that they have not hung up the call and that the line is still open.

- Always check for a dial tone when phoning the police or bank if this happens to you.
- Use a different phone when making the second phone call.
- Always terminate the call even if they say they are going to.
- Allow yourself some time to compose yourself and think straight.
- · Phone a trusted friend or family member.
- The most important point here is, the police will never ask you for any financial information and the bank will never ask you for your pin or password.

We have had increasing amounts of reports of this type of scam and it is very important that we spread this advice to as many people as possible. Please share this information on your social media and to any family and friends who you believe would benefit from reading this.



Bucks Councillors' February report – extracts

Buckinghamshire Council secures funding for active travel

Buckinghamshire Council has been awarded £397k in funding from the Active Travel Capability and Ambition Fund – a national initiative from Active Travel England and the Department for Transport that aims to support local authorities to plan active travel infrastructure, develop expertise and deliver behaviour change activities.

The funding will be used by the council to support:

- Development of a Buckinghamshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) that will identify priorities for future investment in the active travel network.
- Resources to encourage school-aged children and young people to walk, cycle and scoot to and from school.
- · Feasibility work for future active travel schemes.
- Promotion and monitoring of recently constructed active travel routes, alongside wider activities to encourage behaviour change.
- Training for officers and councillors on active travel infrastructure design.

Feeling blue? Don't suffer in silence – help is available in Buckinghamshire

While the start to a new year can be inspiring, some may still face challenges during the first few weeks. Current cost-of-living pressures have affected us all in different ways, and for many it has meant that this year has started differently to the previous ones.

The colder, shorter days of winter can also have an impact on how we're feeling, so it's important to know what mental health support is available, and how to access it. It's good to note that it's okay to not feel okay, and that during these difficult times, some people might be facing mental health difficulties for the first time. This is why it's especially important to look out for others and reach out for help when it's needed. If you are struggling to cope, and feeling low or worried, the most important thing to remember is that you are not alone, and that help is widely available across the county.

If you are struggling to heat your home or afford bills, Buckinghamshire Council's Helping Hand initiative https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/ can help to ease financial pressures and support individuals or families in need, or those on low incomes. You can also visit the page to access advice, information and support if you are facing a financial emergency or a crisis. See the notice on this page.

Residents in Buckinghamshire also have a range of options when it comes to mental health support and where to find it. If you are concerned about your mental wellbeing, contacting your GP is an excellent first point of contact to establish what support is right for you.

Additionally, you can contact NHS 111 at any time to speak to an NHS mental health professional, who is ready to support adults and children if they are concerned about their mental health, or the mental health of others. For a full list of organisations and

helplines that can help you to support your wellbeing, visit https://careadvice.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/health-conditions-disabilities/mental-health/.

Digital tools help speed up the planning process In Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire is one of three councils already using the pioneering approach to co-design, build, test and launch more efficient software for planning.

As part of the project, Buckinghamshire residents can use this prototype software to check if they need planning permission using an online tool on the Council's website: https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/check-if-you-need-planning-permission.

Buckinghamshire residents can also apply online for a lawful development certificate at: https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/building-or-improving-your-property/apply-for-a-lawful-development-certificate/, which certifies works they're undertaking don't need planning permission or to certify that past works are lawful.

The new software under development will help manage cases and applications more quickly and efficiently, ultimately helping planning officers to reach decisions more quickly. The new systems will also help planning officers and applicants to communicate directly more easily.

Councillor Derek Town 01296 661637 dtown@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk Buckinghamshire Councillor, lvinghoe Ward

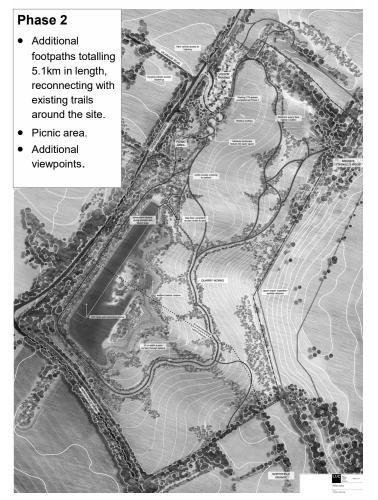
The full report can be found at www.marsworth.org.uk.



Pitstone Quarry restoration proposal - continued

Phase 2, to be completed before 2042 and likely by 2037, restores the remaining 26 hectares, provides an additional 2.3 km of footpaths and removes the level-crossing.

The result will be a brand-new nature reserve, providing recreational facilities and a fantastic mosaic of habitats with links to an existing wildlife-rich landscape. It will help to draw people away from the overburdened area around the Bridgewater Monument, which will benefit some of the most highly-designated parts of the Ashridge Estate, visitors and wildlife alike.'





The quarry today

Project benefits

- Transformation of the quarry Repair the harm caused by decades of quarrying, with a long-term vision to create a parkland for nature and recreation.
- Re-integration of the quarry into natural chalkland rolling downlands, enhancing the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- Enhancing biodiversity, by creating new habitats including chalk grassland, the rarest habitat in the UK. There would also be native plants, scrub, woodland, and wetland.
- Recreational use. The restoration would form a new parkland, creating an open space, footpaths and wild swimming for the enjoyment of visitors and local communities. These footpaths would connect into surrounding routes including the Ridgeway,



Icknield Way and the National Trust Ashridge Estate.

This consultation exercise is the opportunity for the local community to provide their opinion which can be taken on board in the design before a planning application is made.

Pitstone Quarry Restoration can be contacted at *pitstonerestoration@aae-ltd.co.uk*. For more information, visit the website: https://pitstone-quarry.co.uk/the-project/.

Council Tax payment option

Residents in Buckinghamshire can choose to pay their 2023-2024 Council Tax in 12 monthly instalments, instead of the standard ten instalments. To take advantage of this option, residents can complete and submit the online form available on the council's website by Saturday 15th April.

This can provide a more manageable way to pay your Council Tax in the next financial year, which starts in April 2023.

Requesting this payment option is simple and straightforward - just complete and submit the council's online form.



Duck tracks in mud, Aylesbury Arm - Liz Rollinson

Marsworth Women's Institute



By Denise Cornwall

February Meeting of Marsworth WI

It was nice for all of us to meet again in February. The WI does not have a January meeting, so the last time we were all together was the first week of December. That was quite a few weeks ago and we had a lot to catch up on. We did eventually stop chatting and start the meeting!

Official matters were dealt with, Minutes of last meeting were agreed and signed.

Then on to the more interesting things - the first one being where are we going to hold our annual dinner! The committee were considering two places; Hartwell House and the Bedford Arms at Chenies. Hartwell House being the closest, we thought it would be wise to try that first. After a first investigation, and a request for the price of a small function, it became very clear that it was way out of our price range! Enquiries continue and we wait to see what the Bedford Arms can offer us.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Mr Seaton who had been our outside caterer for many years. We had some wonderful evenings with dinners provided by him and his jovial team. We send our thoughts and condolences to his family.

We are always looking for things to do or places to go for a day or afternoon out. When the weather gets warmer the committee have suggested a trip to Bletchley Park. Some of us have been there before but there have been quite a few changes, so we think it's worth a return visit.

We have also received an invite from Helena Winter-Brown to visit the Tea Room at Little Heath Nurseries. This will include a tour of the nursery followed by a cream tea or tea and cake. The cost is very reasonable. Sounds good to me!

Members were asked to put their names down if they were interested in any of these two trips.

February birthday gifts were distributed by our President. This month, we had a very special one to celebrate. Our oldest member Mrs Kitty Pinnock will be celebrating her 104th birthday on 28th February.

Yes, I am still making that daily 9.00am phone call to her and yes, I'm still saying "Oh no - you're still here then". She does laugh and always has a witty reply ready for me. I have changed my nickname for her from 'Pocket Rocket' to 'The Old Ancient One'; she just laughs about it.

Our speaker at this meeting was Mr Paul Barber, a well-known resident of Marsworth.

Paul gave a very interesting talk about his walk around the coast of Britain. We had never seen such beautiful photos of the English coastline. Some of the beaches were not accessible by road. There were stretches of sand that were so isolated people don't even know they exist.

In 2006-2007 Mr Barber, his partner and Havoc the dog walked 5,000 miles, taking a clockwise route around the British coast. They started in John O'Groats and 11 months later they finished in precisely the same place. He accompanied his talk with some amazing slides.

Paul was amazed at the generosity and kindness of people who would often offer them a bed in their home along with food. Paul raised the amazing amount of £50,000 for charity. Everyone found it to be an informative talk and an enjoyable evening.

We then had our normal get together with tea and cake. This gave us the opportunity to chat with five ladies who had come to see what we are all about and if the WI is for them. We do hope they come for another visit and we look forward to seeing them again.

Our supper club this month is at Barracuda restaurant in Tring; the following week we have our craft evening

and our Book Club and 'Gourmet, Let's Cook' meeting is at the end of the month.

Our speaker next month will be our new Vicar, the Reverend James Grainger Smith. We are all looking forward to hearing him. I think that we may have to practice *Jerusalem* for this one!



James Grainger-Smith

Buckinghamshire Council approves budget plans

Buckinghamshire Council's budget plan for the financial year 2023-24 has now been approved.

The Cabinet considered the overall income and spending plans for 2023/24, which cover how the council will raise enough money to cover the costs of providing its essential services such as social care, as well as how it will pay for big projects like improvements to roads and schools, as well as further investment in waste services, environmental projects and tackling homelessness.

High inflation and added demand mean that the council needs to find an extra £63 million to cover its costs for the coming year. Like most councils with responsibility for social care, it means that to raise enough money and to present a balanced budget, the Cabinet has agreed to put forward to Council a 2.99% rise in the base rate of council tax and a plan to take up the Government's proposal for a Social Care Precept of 2%, meaning a total rise of 4.99% in bills.

This equates to a rise in council tax of £1.61 per week for the average home (Band D) in Buckinghamshire.

Marsworth CE Infant School

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March 2023

This half term has been very busy with lots of learning taking place.

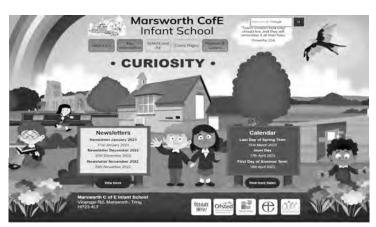
In Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) the children have been finding out about Space. They have been very creative making planets and taking photos of themselves as astronauts. They have even had a rocket in the classroom! We also celebrated Chinese New Year, read stories and created some Chinese lanterns.

The beginning of the Spring Term saw us implementing a new 'stay and play' event for EYFS parents. This is an opportunity for parents to spend time with their children and do some of the early morning activities or to share a book with their child. It is also an opportunity for parents to speak informally to members of staff. There will be more 'stay and play' mornings throughout the rest of the academic year.

In Key Stage 1 (KS1) the children have been learning about traditional tales. They have carried out drama activities and retold the story in their own words. In Art they have been creating some natural artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy and following on from their learning about Mandalas.

We are currently reviewing our club provision. In the past we have held, French, Cooking, Gardening, Sports and Yoga clubs. Sadly, due to Covid, this has been difficult to reinstate, as the previous people who ran the clubs are no longer available. Should you know anyone who may be interested in running either a lunchtime, or an after school club, please ask them to contact the school office on 01296 668440 or via email office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk.

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website www.marsworthschool.co.uk. I hope you will agree that this is more accessible and reflects the school more. The children have contributed to the class information pages, to explain a day in the life of a Goldfinch (KS1 years 1 & 2) or Robin (EYFS). The feedback from parents so far has been very positive. So please do take a look.



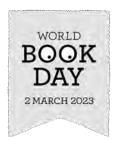
The new school website: www.marsworthschool.co.uk

Upcoming events

We will be celebrating World Book Day; the children will be taking part in reading and World Book Day activities both in school and at home. This year we are hoping to hold a book fair and get a local author to visit.

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The children will also be celebrating Mothering Sunday, and, as a school, we will be holding a special service on 17th March at All Saints Church.



Admissions

If your child is due to start school in the next year, please contact us to arrange a visit by either phoning 01296 668440 or emailing us at office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk

We also take children from the term after their fourth birthday into our Nursery year, either part-time or full-time, depending on parental choice.

We break up for the Easter Holidays on Friday 31st March and return on Tuesday 18th April, with Monday 17th being an 'inset day'.

Mrs Polatci, Headteacher

From Marsworth School website:

Goldfinches KS1 Years 1 and 2

A day in the life of Goldfinches

One of the best things about being in Goldfinches is that because we are the oldest children at Marsworth School, we get to be 'monitors' and help others in school with the registers, fruit, letters, playtime, cloakroom, computer and music for Collective Worship.

Each morning we do the register then Collective Worship where we light the candles ('Jesus is the light of the world') and reflect on our school values.

Each day we do phonics in our Phonics groups. After phonics we do Maths or English. In maths we are lucky to have lots of practical tools to help us with counting and solving problems.

At playtime we have fruit and get to play outside. Our Monitors get us lovely toys from the shed to play with. If you are lonely don't worry we have playtime buddies to help you.

After playtime, we do Maths/English until lunch time. You can have a packed lunch or a school dinner. Hot dinners are yummy and our favourites are: fish, pizza and hot dogs!

In the afternoons we do handwriting every day. Then on separate days we do science, PE, PSHE, RE, ICT, Art and Topic lessons.

In Science recently we had fun learning about flight and in history we have linked this with learning about the Wright Brothers.

On Wednesday mornings we go to Aqua Vale for swimming lessons. We all love Wednesdays!

Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch

By Linda Beardsley, NHW Co-ordinator

Unfortunately I have a crime to report this month. Overnight on Saturday 5th February out buildings at a property in Watery Lane, opposite Marsworth Wharf, were broken into and a TV and bicycle stolen. If anyone has any information please contact the owner through the NHW email.

Need a Plumber?

Consider using Watersafe (www.watersafe.org.uk or



call 0333 207 9030), the UK's register of approved plumbers which is backed by the water companies and water regulators. All the plumbers listed are qualified, approved and insured. A survey of 2000 households found over a quarter employed a plumber who did not complete the task properly and cost an average of £285 to correct the shoddy work. Watersafe approved plumbers also issue a Certificate of Compliance to give added reassurance their work complies with all the strict regulations.

WILDLIFE CRIME

Rural Crime

Rural crime tends to fall into four categories: agriculture, equine, wildlife and heritage. It can also fall under environmental crime, which covers illegal waste dumping, fly tipping, polluting watercourses and land.

Rural crime occurs across the country and can damage local communities but tends to go unreported.

There are a variety of things you can do to help protect your land, properties and livestock, such as; property marking tools and equipment, keeping the boundaries of your land well-maintained and secure, defensive planting, installing electric fencing and more.



For further advice and tips to avoid becoming a victim of rural crime please visit: www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rc/rural-crime/rural-crime-prevention

Local Policing

You may have seen posters on notice boards from our local policing team providing details on how to contact them. It also appeared in the last issue of the newsletter. It will be repeated in each issue of *Marsworth News* - see notice on this page.

Thank you for making Marsworth a safer place to live.



Your area is covered by

The Wing & District Neighbourhood Policing Team

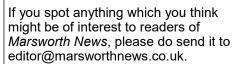
Charlotte Cottage, 73 Leighton Road, Wing, LU7 0RD

To contact a member of the local team, email: greatbrickhillwingivinghoenhpt
@thamesvalley.police.uk

To report a non-urgent crime, visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk
Or tel: 101 to speak with an operator

In the event of an emergency always dial 999

Are you a Facebook fan, or a follower of social media?





You may think that if you have seen the item, so will everyone else - but that is not the case. Many do not access social media and will have missed out, if it is not drawn to their attention.



PCSO Jackie retires

Message posted on Facebook on 8th February by Thames Valley Police:



"Today is PCSO Jackie Dodson's last day at work before she retires.

She is going to be a massive loss to Thames Valley Police and the local community which she served. We are all really sad to see her go.

Jackie joined TVP in 2006 when she was posted to the Wing and surrounding villages' neighbourhood team. She then moved to the Haddenham and Waddesdon team in 2021



where she has remained until today.

Jackie has been a very important member of the team, and has forged some great relationships with the community.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Good luck with everything, Jackie, and don't be a stranger."

And from us in Marsworth, thank you for your service to Marsworth as well as to our neighbouring villages.

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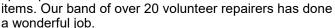
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Local Real Ales

www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk

A year of the Tring Repair Café

In our first year, we have had well over 300 customers, we've fixed 202 objects and have given advice on spare parts etc. on more than 64



We don't charge, but donations from satisfied customers have meant we've also raised £325 for Red Cross Ukraine and local Ukrainian Refugees and £275 for DENS, the local homeless charity.

We now also have an **IT support volunteer** who will give help with using mobiles or tablets. Just the job to solve all those 'how do I ...?' questions. It will open your eyes to what can be achieved on your mobile devices..

If you don't need any repairs just now, you can call in for a coffee and chat and watch the repairers at work. Repair skills are being lost, so come and learn from our volunteers who really enjoy the challenge and



satisfaction of bringing things back to life.

Whatever needs a fix, come in and ask us about it. We'll look forward to seeing you.

(This is a Tring in Transition initiative supported by Dacorum Borough Council.)



In today's consumer society, all too often when something is broken we throw it away. Maybe we don't have the skills, the time or the right tools.

The Repair Café is a place where people can gather and fix those objects from everyday life that would otherwise end up in landfill.

We've built a band of volunteer repairers who will do their best to help you with a



repair. You might even learn how to mend it yourself next time round.

The Tring Repair Café meets on the third Saturday of each month at the High Street Baptist Church Hall in Tring (opposite the Library).

For more information go to: https://www.tringintransition.org.uk/repaircafe

Rural Rambler By Steve

A series of walks around Marsworth and the local countryside.

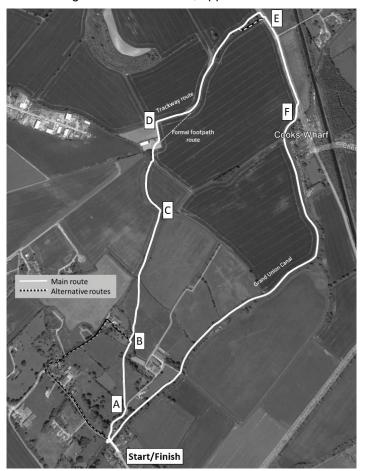
All the walks in this series can now be downloaded from the Marsworth website where a higher resolution map is available: https://www.marsworth.org.uk/the-marsworth-news/rural-rambler/.

No. 6 Cooks Wharf and the Grand Union Canal north of Marsworth

A local walk across the fields, returning via the Grand Union Canal. Distance 3 miles. Flat ground but with many stiles, some in poor state of repair. This walk is therefore unsuitable for the elderly or infirm.

Starting outside the Red Lion, walk downhill, cross the canal bridge and turn right into Ship Lane. After a hundred yards a signpost points to the left at the entrance to Manor Farm (Point A). Climb over the stile (i) and follow the path bearing right across the fields beside the horse paddocks. Note that the horse paddocks are marked with electrified tape which should be avoided. At the end of the first field cross two stiles (ii, iii) and an intervening concrete bridge over a stream. Take care on stile (ii) as the hand post is loose.

In the next field pass more fenced-off horse paddocks, bearing left to the far corner of the field at the beginning of a belt of trees. Here our footpath crosses another footpath running between Manor Farm to the right and Church Farm to the left (B). Ignore the metal gate near the trees and take the adjacent stile (iv). (For a shorter walk take the Church Farm path straight ahead, across pasture and between buildings to turn left onto Church Farm Lane and leading back to Lower End, approx. ½ mile back to



the Red Lion). For the main route, turn sharp right immediately after stile (*iv*) to yet another stile (*v*) in the corner of the field by the hedge.

On the other side a large field has been divided by tape fencings – cross diagonally to the left and pass over two more stiles (vi, vii). Once again cross this field diagonally – with a good view of Southend Hill ahead – towards the metal farm gate. Take the stile (viii) to the right of the gate, cross the stream by the small bridge and then over yet another stile (ix), this stile has the lower step missing and is a high step to get over. Ahead is a long narrow field with another stile (x) at the far end followed by a wooden bridge with a metal handrail.

Turn left over the bridge and walk around the field margin – a yellow capped way-mark post can be seen across the field. At the post go straight on and follow the path past some concrete drain segments (C) after which it turns left beside a beech spinney and heads into a concrete area used for storage of straw bales.

Strictly the path heads across the ploughed field here but it is easier to pass to the right between the bale stacks and then turn left to follow the metalled track. This bears right behind the hedge (D) and provides an alternative route, parallel to the waymarked path along the field margin, to Cheddington High Street which is accessed to the side of a farm gate by a squeeze between gate posts. This is a bit tight; an alternative is to turn right some 125 yds before the gate onto the formal path on the margin of the adjacent field and reach the road by this route.

Once on the High Street, if refreshments are required, a detour to the left of approximately 500 yds brings you to The Old Swan public house (NB check opening hours, it was shut when I scouted this walk).

Carefully cross the road (E) and turn right on the footpath with the railway on your left. Head towards the traffic lights at Cooks Wharf bridge, ignoring the side road that passes under the railway.

At the Cooks Wharf signpost cross the road to the car park and enter the canal towpath (F). Turning right, follow the towpath back to Marsworth, walking under Bridge 129 at Manor Farm and on to the Red Lion Bridge. Turn right immediately after this bridge and right again to take you back to the starting point.

Erratum

Following the article in the last issue of *Marsworth News* on the Polish girl, Krystyna Parkitna, Mr Rex Jeffrey of The Crescent, Marsworth rang to point out an error. I had said that this Mr Jeffrey had been the coal merchant for the Hostel, and also used the coal lorry for removing the families when they relocated to neighbouring towns and villages.

In fact it was Rex's father, Mr W F Jeffrey of Wilstone who had been the coal merchant at the time, while often Rex and his brother Colin would accompany him on the back of the lorry, visiting Sites 3, 4, 8, 7 and 12 (at the end of Church Farm Lane).

Mr Jeffrey remembers that there was a hospital for the Hostel next to the garage in Lower End. He also remembers the theatre opposite the garage.

Sandra Costello

The Tring Anglers

The weather has not made up its mind and neither have the fish! Local matches on the canal and rivers have proved difficult, with temperatures as low as



minus six degrees Celsius and as high as 15 degrees Celsius within a matter of days. The fish have been very tightly shoaled together and feeding sporadically. Chub have been my major success both on the river and canal. In fact, they have been my only success at all, nearly all falling to bread as bait with a couple on cheese.

The Tring Anglers has been waiting for the floodwater to subside on our River Thame fishery at Shabbington so we can accept delivery of a restocking of fish from the Environment Agency (EA). I realise that this is not strictly related to Marsworth, but my excuse is that one of the headstreams of the Thame starts in the Parish!

The fish are part of a combined program of restocking the river following devastating pollution events caused by Thames Water sewage releases. We welcomed Jamie Cook, Chief Executive of the Angling Trust, who visited our island fishery on the day, as well as the local EA team who supported the EA staff from the agency's Calverton Fish Farm near Nottingham.

The fish were of a good size, around 6-8 inches, which will give them a good start in their new habitat. The total number released was 7200, comprising 3000 roach, 3000 chub, 600 barbel and 600 bream. Many anglers grumble about the



A bucket full of new fish in the backwater of the river Thame

Environment Agency, but over the years the club has had a good relationship with the fisheries teams and enforcement officers.

A bit closer to home we also thank the Canal & River Trust for supplying some new angling-related signs for the section of the canals we lease, including the Wendover Arm, Aylesbury Arm and the main stem from Tring station to Cooks Wharf. These will provide up-to-date information on a smart new blue background. We now have the task of putting them up! In some cases these will replace signs which have disappeared over the years.

Something different in our coaching plans this year is that we have booked a stall at the Steam Engine Rally on June 18th in combination with coaching sessions on our usual area above lock 39. Come and say hello; we would be pleased to see you.

Dick Pilkinton, The Tring Anglers

Pitstone Green Museum

The Heritage Park, Pitstone Green Museum, is a fascinating blend of attractions from the past, based in the once redundant buildings of an old Victorian farm. It captures the spirit of a bygone age when life was harder but slower than it is today.

Entertainment varies during the season and may include: military vehicles, classic cars, traction engine, medieval archery, country / Morris dancing.

Our regular attractions are:

Pottery demonstrations, barn and stationary engines, • working model railways, Crossley gas engine, lace makers, museum shop, working rack saw, tractor rides to windmill, craft stalls.

Catering provides hot snacks, filled rolls / sandwiches, hot and cold drinks and a variety of cakes.

Open Days 2023 (10:30am - 4:30pm):

Easter Monday 10th April
Early May bank holiday Monday 1st May
Spring bank holiday Monday 29th May
Sunday 11th June
Sunday 9th July
Sunday August 13th
Summer bank holiday Monday 28th August
Sunday 10th September
Sunday 8th October

Please note that the museum will **not be open** on the bank holiday Monday May 8th following the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May.

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Pitstone Memorial Hall

Beavers - age 5¾ - 8 Monday / Tuesday 6-7pm

Cubs - age 8 - 101/2

Wed. 6.30-8.30pm / Thurs. 6.30-8pm

Scouts - age 10½ - 14 Fridays 7- 8.30pm

For all enquiries or to enrol your child on our waiting list, please contact Andrew Woods on 01296 663728 / 07768 980311 or email:

Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

Girl Guiding UK Pitstone Memorial Hall

Rainbows: Monday 4.30–5.30pm Brownies: Monday 5.45–7.15pm Guide: Tuesday 7.00–8.30pm

(Millennium Room)

To join us, visit our website at www.girlguiding.org.uk

Children from Marsworth welcome at both groups.



Long Marston Cricket Club

By Jon Beardmore

Play Cricket in 2023!

Fancy getting into (or back into) cricket?
We field teams across a wide range of abilities. If you would like to join us or have a try-out at winter nets please contact James Beesley - develop@longmarstoncc.co.uk

It's not just for boys – all our teams are mixed!

Scorers and Umpires Wanted!

Have you played cricket in the past? Do you enjoy the game and want to be part of it? We're looking for umpires and scorers for 2023! Umpires need some knowledge of the game, but further training is available. For would-be scorers we can provide start-from-scratch instruction – it's not difficult once you know how, and it's a role that can be enjoyed by anyone. So why not spend your Saturday's sitting (or standing) in the sun with one of our friendly teams at some of the finest and most picturesque cricket grounds in the area? Interested? Please contact *chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk*

10K Fun Run, Sunday 14th May 10.00am

After the success of the Long Marston Cricket Club 10K run this year, we have decided to hold the event again. The route is totally off road and it is quite flat (we can never say it's totally flat) and we have been given permission once again to run on private land across interesting countryside you can't normally see. The start and finish is at Long Marston Cricket Club and the route goes out towards Mentmore. Medals will be provided for all participants and there will also be a trophy for 1st, 2nd and 3rd male and female finishers. Plenty of cakes, coffee and tea is available for a small donation at the end of the run and for those that may want a stronger drink, the bar will be opening at the end of the run. Free parking.

Cost is £15.00 per person plus £1.50 admin charge. Enter at www.resultsbase.net/event/6535 or www.letsdothis.com/gb/e/lmcc-10k-188696

Six-a-Side Tournament, Sunday 25th June

A fun tournament of short games with small teams, plus bar, BBQ, music and - we hope - sunshine. We would

very much welcome teams from outside the club – contact *clive.swindlehurst@buckinghamshire.gov.uk* for more details.

Club Sundays

The Club Bar is open on Sundays between 12.00 and 2.00pm - all are welcome. Please remember that our clubhouse is available for hire and includes a kitchen, large open area and licensed bar, which we can staff. Please contact Paul Marsh *info@esipower.co.uk* for more information.

Ground Security

If anyone spots anything untoward at either of our grounds at Marlins (Cheddington Lane, Long Marston) or Mentmore then please contact our Chairman Paul Dumpleton at *chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk*. If a crime is in progress please call the Police.

We would also like to politely remind dog-owners that our grounds are not public open spaces. Dogs must be kept under control at all times and any mess must be cleared up.

Find out more at www.longmarstoncc.co.uk

WATFORD OBSERVER

Keanu Reeves visits Tring

The Matrix star popped into The Robin Hood in Tring on Saturday 4th February afternoon, where he was asked if he would be ok taking photos with kitchen staff.

It is not know whether his visit was connected with the Star Wars film sets being built near Ivinghoe (see below). He is understood to be starring in the forthcoming film.





Star Wars set-building near Brownlow Bridge, Ivinghoe.

Photos: Jeremy Whitehead

Forever Flowers 2023

Celebrate and remember loved ones with Forever Forget-Me-Nots at Waddesdon Manor

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has partnered with the magnificent Waddesdon Manor to launch a very special Forever Flowers event to celebrate and remember loved ones this spring.



A stunning, temporary display of 1,000 bespoke metal forget-me-not flowers will be installed in the Aviary Gardens at Waddesdon Manor in April. Each flower will represent the life, love and memories of a loved one.

The charity is offering you the opportunity to be a part of this event by dedicating one of these limited Forever Forget-Me-Nots, which also includes an invitation to a private viewing of the display on Monday 17th April whilst the grounds are closed to the public. The Forever Forget-Me-Nots installation will then remain on display to the public for two weeks. Once the installation is removed, those who have dedicated a flower will be able to take it home to display as a forever keepsake.

By dedicating a Forever Forget-Me-Not you will be helping the charity to provide excellent local hospice care and be there for more patients and families across Buckinghamshire and its borders.



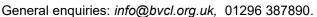
To dedicate a Forever Forget-Me-Not visit https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/foreverflowers or call 01296 429975 for more information.



Sara Wood

Beacon Villages Community Library, Ivinghoe

Library open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2-5pm, Saturday 10am-1pm.



NEW - Playreading group - Saturday 25th March 12.45pm.

Beacon Villages Community Library, adjacent to the Post Office in Ivinghoe, invites you to the inaugural meeting of an informal play reading group. It's just for fun. The Buckinghamshire Library Service holds 85 boxed sets of plays and the idea, modelled on a longstanding group at Marlow Library, is to meet up in the library and to choose from a random selection of plays ordered by the library manager, and read for about an hour, or longer if so wished. You may even get two parts to read!

The library closes at 1.00pm, when the reading will start. If you'd like to join the group but can't make the first date, email the library on *info@bvcl.org.uk*.

Secondhand Spectacles

Do you have superseded spectacles you don't know what to do with? Lions Clubs have an active recycling project for these.

Post your unwanted specs to Lions HQ, 257 Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 6DT and we will be very grateful to receive them. We need just the spectacles and not the cases or cloths.

What we do with the spectacles

Some of the spectacles will be recycled to have a second use. Some go on to help children and adults in countries such as Brazil (Amazon River Basin), Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Senegal, Greece, Nepal, Ethiopia, Jordan, Cuba, Mongolia, Peru, Honduras, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Panama and Indonesia.

Recipients of the spectacles in many in these countries will experience corrected vision for the first time, enabling them to read, attend school and gain employment. Some specs are traded, and any donations we receive from this are used in our Sight Projects across the world.

Your support in donating your spectacles will go a long way to play a key role in the success of this most worthwhile project.

Brigitte Green, Lions Clubs National HQ Office Manager

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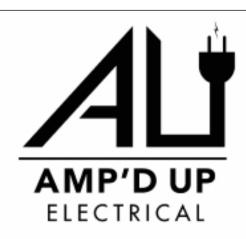
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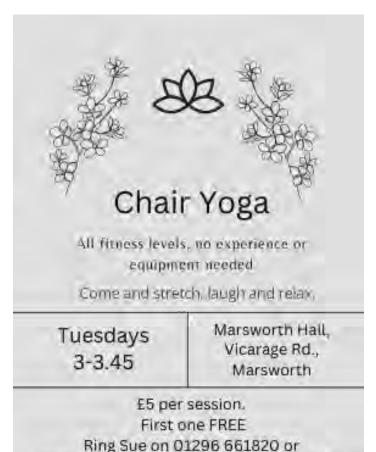


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1st	Wednesday	Food, Recycling & Garden collection - Route A
2nd	Thursday	Food & Recycling collection - Route B
8th	Wednesday	Food & Waste collection - Route A
9th	Thursday	Food, Waste & Garden collection - Route B
13th	Monday 8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
15th	Wednesday	Food, Recycling & Garden collection - Route A
16th	Thursday	Food & Recycling collection - Route B
22nd	Wednesday	Food & Waste collection - Route A
23rd	Thursday	Food, Waste & Garden collection - Route B
29th	Wednesday	Food, Recycling & Garden collection - Route A
30th	Thursday	Food & Recycling collection - Route B

Coming events

3rd April	Annual Parish Meeting
6th May	Coronation of King Charles III
21st May	Marsworth Fun Run
18th June	Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally



Local names and numbers

Millennium Hall bookings Frances Brown - 01296 661211

after 4.00pm

All Saints, Marsworth churchwardens John White - 01296 662252 Richard Cooper - 01296 661725

Marsworth Parish Council

Chair: Bob Kennedy - 01296 661533

Clerk to the Parish Council Caroline Smith

parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk

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Marsworth Infants School

Marsworth Preschool 01296 661164 enquiries@marsworthpreschool.org.uk

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Canal & River Trust

Customer Services: 03030 404040 enquiries.southeast@canalrivertrust.org.uk

Marsworth Craft Club

marsworthcraftclub@hotmail.com

Police

Non-emergency calls 101
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Public information

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Sara Wood



Jeremy Whitehead



David Rollinson



Jeremy Whitehead - heron Dec 2022