

# Marsworth News

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## Fire at Red Lion

*By Elaine Standen*

The usually quiet village of Marsworth was shaken by a sad incident at the Red Lion pub at lunchtime on Wednesday 21st May 2025. Multiple sirens were heard going through the village as the sky filled with smoke.

The pub was on fire! It started in the roof space and was soon brought under control thanks to the efforts of all the Fire and Rescue services from surrounding towns. The cause is still being investigated.

News soon spread on social media and residents were quick to rally. A GoFundMe page has been set up by the pub's neighbour Kristian Latham to raise some funds to help them in any way possible. It was a relief to hear that the occupants of the pub, landlords Pete and Amanda Oxley and five guests, were able to get out unharmed.

The pub will remain closed for the foreseeable future. They said "Thank you. We are overwhelmed with the support the community is sending us."

The landlords' cat, Dylan, was found the next day and handed over to friends to look after for the time being. They were thankful that all their clothes were undamaged.

This is devastating news for The Red Lion, a traditional Grade II listed 17th century building.

Anyone wishing to donate can go to [gofundme.com/Pete](https://gofundme.com/Pete) & Mandy Oxley.

### Amanda has written:

"We are lucky to be able to stay in Town Farm, Ivinghoe.



Photo: Jeremy Whitehead

The cleaning process has begun, using a professional company. We do hope to get the wet side open very soon—perhaps in about a month.

Again we thank everyone—it's really hard to express our gratitude. Especially Lisa for taking in Dylan our cat (he may not want to come home again after the love he's being given!)



The fire brigade were outstanding—the teams from several different places worked together under difficult circumstances, having to pump water out of the canal and were always polite and respectful. All the neighbours that came out with drinks cakes jumpers and later even pizzas not only for us but for the firefighters too.

And of course a huge thankyou for the GoFundMe donations which enabled us to finance our accommodation."



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#### Items for *Marsworth News*

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### Village Hall defibrillator

Guidelines for usage of the defibrillator at the Hall are available on the Marsworth website: [www.marsworth.org.uk](http://www.marsworth.org.uk)



**Remember—no  
Marsworth News  
in August**

## Diary Dates - July/August 2025

14th Monday 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting

26th Saturday 7.00pm Fun Quiz Night

### Coming events

23-25 August Flower Festival

## Editorial

*By Sandra Costello*

It was so strange that after such a remarkable sequence of successful events at the Red Lion—VE Day and then the Distinguished Gentlemen—that it should then have to play host to a collection of fire engines and fire crews. However, given the age and flammability of the building—as well as the thatched roof—it does look as though in time we may see this key feature of our village back up and running, looking very much as normal. Our very best wishes to Pete, Amanda and all their team at this difficult time.

The Steam Rally was as usual a huge success. There seem to be all the elements to make it so: great venue, great weather, and excellent organisation—as well as a great deal of support from many quarters: vehicle enthusiasts, food suppliers and a wide range of stalls either selling or using the opportunity to display what they have to offer. The atmosphere was consistently one of cheerful enjoyment for all. Long may it continue to be a highlight of the Marsworth calendar! We even have an interesting article of appreciation from a local resident who felt motivated to write her impressions of the day.



And now we have the Flower Festival. This will be a welcome return of this extremely popular event, in the lovely setting of All Saints Church. This is another opportunity for local people to get involved to help make this a success. However this is not just a one-day event, but takes place over the three days of the August Bank Holiday, so the need for many willing volunteers and contributions is all the greater. Please note—there will not be another newsletter before the event. See article on page 12.

## Marsworth News distribution

Marsworth News is produced ten times a year (not August or January). The print run of approximately 400 copies is delivered to Caroline and Steve Smith who split it up into local delivery packs and distribute them to a team of wonderful local volunteers who put them through the letter boxes of everyone in Marsworth.

Dick Brake has been distributing Marsworth News to 54 addresses in and around Lower Icknield Way for many years. He and Linda are moving to pastures new and we offer them our sincerest thanks for handling their part of the distribution network so efficiently. We wish them well in their new life.

### Marsworth News distributors wanted for parts of Lower Icknield Way

With Dick's retirement as distributor, we are looking for one or two volunteers to take up his round. This covers the lane opposite the Village Hall, each house from the village hall down to the Canal and along Watery Lane. It is quite a big round (in fact the biggest in the village) and it could easily be split into two. If you would like to help distribute the magazine to your fellow residents, or would like more information, please contact Caroline on the Parish Clerk email ([parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk)).



## Parish Council meeting precis - 9th June 2025



For full Minutes of all meetings, future agendas and other information go to:  
[www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/meetings-minutes-agenda-dates](http://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/meetings-minutes-agenda-dates).

### Car parking in the bays by the shops in Tring High Street

MPC has written to the Leader of Dacorum Borough Council (DBC), County Councillor Sally Symington, to express its concern that the free short stay parking bays along the High Street have been removed and replaced with pay-to-park. Bays that used to have a continual turnover of busy shoppers buying a coffee or a newspaper or dropping off at the charity shop are now empty and shops are noticing the drop in trade.

Tring is a thriving small market town with a varied and healthy High Street. The residents of Marsworth would hate to see the success of their local shopping street damaged by a short-term fund-raising exercise put in place by a Borough Council centred on the large conurbation of Hemel Hempstead and which appears to have little understanding of the shopping dynamics of a small market town.

The Clerk to Tring Town Council has arranged a virtual meeting with Councillor Symington to discuss the parking situation further, in particular the concerns that shopkeepers have raised with the Councillors and she will refer to MPC's email during the conversation.

### Marsworth Village Hall Committee

At the Village Hall Committee AGM on 4 June, the following Officers were elected:

Chair Person – Iain Puddephatt  
Vice Chair – Mike Mullally  
Bookings Clerk – Frances Brown  
Secretary – Steve Moore  
Treasurer – John Kelly

### Marsworth Village Hall Audio Visual Equipment (AV)

The week of 18 August is booked in for the installation of the AV equipment to Marsworth Village Hall. This will include a projector and screen in the Main Hall and screens in both the downstairs accessible committee room and the upstairs Mike Frost room.

### Startup Farm

A permitted development application was made for the conversion of agricultural buildings into nine residential dwellings at Startup Farm. The application has been refused by Dacorum Borough Council in relation to structure, location, privacy and flood risk.

### Garages at the Crescent

Works by Fairhive on the garages at the Crescent to replace a few garage doors are still to take place.

### Railings at Startops Cottages

Railings now in stock with Buckinghamshire Council and the contractor should commence work in August.

## Marsworth Parish Councillors

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### Parish Council meeting dates 2025

8.00pm in Village Hall

14 July	13 October
11 August	10 November
8 September	8 December

### Litter Pickers

We desperately need more volunteers to help keep our village tidy. The village litter picking team meet for just one hour per month on the third Sunday from 11 o'clock. Equipment is provided and the collected litter disposed of by Buckinghamshire Council's Street Scene. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to volunteer. You don't have to commit to every month. Everyone welcome, come with a friend and have a chat while you tidy the village.

### Recreation Ground Flooding

MPC waiting to hear back from Canal and River Trust's legal department.

### Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 14 July at 8.00 pm. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 29 June. Members of the public are welcome to attend, but please let the Parish Clerk know in advance if you intend to be present: [parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk).

# Marsworth News



Our award this month is to **Graham Dickinson**.

Over many years Graham has been a significant part of Marsworth, though usually working very much in the background, utilising his graphic and many other skills. He was instrumental in the successful launch of the new newsletter in 2015, and has also been a stalwart at the Steam Rally each year and invaluable in taking the photos for the photo spread.

*This award is to recognise the efforts and achievements of local individuals who have done something recently for the benefit of Marsworth.*

**If you think someone in Marsworth deserves this award, please contact**  
[editor@marsworthnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@marsworthnews.co.uk).

# All Saints Church

From the Vicar,  
James Grainger-Smith



*Author and public theologian Brian McLaren considers how Jesus' inclusive message invites us to constantly renew our commitment to making the world a better place:*

[Jesus] loved to compare the kingdom of God to a party. He would demonstrate the open border of the kingdom of God by hosting or participating in parties where even the most notorious outcasts and sinners were welcome.

Jesus was often criticised for this 'table fellowship' with notorious sinners; his critics assumed that Jesus' acceptance of these people implied an approval and endorsement of their shabby behaviour. But the critics misunderstood: Jesus wanted to help all kinds of people to experience transformation. Rejection hardens people, but acceptance makes transformation possible. By accepting and welcoming people into his presence, just as they were, with all their problems and imperfections, Jesus was exposing them to his example and to his message of hope. In this way, he could challenge them to reflect on their lives — and to consider becoming part of the kingdom of God so they could experience and participate in the transformation that flows from being in interactive relationship with God and others.

Perhaps that is why baptism was so important to Jesus and his disciples. It was important to call people to a change of heart and give them a dramatic way of going public by saying, "Yes, this change of heart has happened within me, and I'm willing to identify myself publicly as a person who is on a new path".

And perhaps the Christian ritual of Holy Communion was intended to function in a similar way—a kind of regular recommitment where people say, by gathering around a table and sharing in bread and wine, that they are continuing Jesus' tradition of gathering in an inclusive community. "I'm still in", they're saying, "My heart is still in this mission and dream. I'm still committed."

Keep saying your prayers!

James

## Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

[www.achurchnearyou.com/All-Saints-Marsworth](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/All-Saints-Marsworth)



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## All Saints plant sale

We would like to thank all those who helped in making the church plant sale such a huge success. Despite the awful weather forecast for that Saturday afternoon the sale went ahead inside the church with teas and cakes to cheer everyone up when the downpour occurred and then, on the Sunday, we were able to move the stock outside where the sale continued over the next few days until almost everything was sold. The remaining tomato plants went to the village school and each pupil took one home to grow as their own project.

To have the support of the village for our plant sale, whether it be by donating plants or cuttings, helping on the day, even coming along to the sale to have a look round and enjoying a cup of tea, all your support helps to keep this church fundraiser alive.

It certainly happened this year as we raised the most ever, clearing well over £1,000 gross. Your involvement is so much appreciated, so thanks again.

Gill White and Matthew Carter.

## Services for July 2025

(at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

### 6th July

9.15am Holy Communion

### 13th July

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

### 20th July

9.15am Holy Communion

### 27th July

2.30pm Baptism of Freddie King

6.00pm Evensong (BCP)

## Services for August 2025

### 3rd August

9.15am Holy Communion

### 10th August

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

### 17th August

9.15am Holy Communion

### 24th August

6.00pm Evensong (BCP)

### 31st August

10.00am Benefice Communion at Slapton

## Proposed Marshcroft Development in Tring

In early 2024 the government turned down the developer Redrow's appeal to be allowed to build a massive development, "Marshcroft", on the land to the east of Tring. Dacorum Borough Council, Grove Fields Residents Association, Tring Town Council and a number of other local organisations had successfully worked together at the appeal Inquiry to achieve this result.

However, in autumn 2024 Dacorum Borough Council reversed its position. Local councils must have in place a Local Plan which sets out what housing will be built and where in their area. In its autumn 2024 draft Local Plan, Dacorum included the land to the east of Tring, as well as two other sites at New Mill and Dunsley Farm, as site allocations for massive development.

Government Planning Inspectors will scrutinise this draft Local Plan at an Examination in Public at some point this year. If they pass it, these massive developments will go ahead.

Opposition to the current plan is being headed by the Grove Fields Residents Association (GFRA) on behalf of Tring. GFRA believes the current plan is disproportionate and unfair; not supported by sufficient infrastructure, would wreck high quality green belt and the setting of the Chilterns National Landscape, and came about through local voices being ignored.

**You can help:** please visit [www.protecttring.org](http://www.protecttring.org) for details and FAQs, and for a link to donate to the campaign fund to help fight the draft Local Plan. Please also spread the word to family, friends and neighbours.

Donations to GFRA so far have enabled hiring of planning consultants to help develop a strategy to try to get the draft Local Plan declared "unsound" and sent back:

1. **Identify a 'proportionate' scale of development for Tring:** Prove that 46% growth is neither fair nor in proportion to the size of Tring. Particularly when compared to 24% for Dacorum, 15% for Berkhamsted and 10% for Kings Langley.
2. **Undermine the evidence base supporting the draft DBC Local Plan:** Prove that the greenbelt, brownfield and infrastructure analysis is not sound.
3. **Propose an alternative growth strategy for Tring:** Focused primarily on development of the Dunsley site delivering a more proportionate scale of development. **Note:** the alternative strategy is only relevant if the argument is won that 46% growth is not backed up by sound evidence.
4. **Planning Inspector finds the evidence base is unsound and recommends to Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) to rework its draft Local Plan:** Requests that DBC give consideration to the alternative growth strategy presented by the GFRA for Tring.

The GFRA has been consistent in its position (2017, 2021 and 2023 consultations) that no green belt around Tring should be developed, however, if it is determined green belt needs to be developed (after all other alternatives have been exhausted) then the Dunsley site is the most appropriate site to be developed.

Visit [www.protecttring.org](http://www.protecttring.org) to join the fight to protect Tring and its surrounding villages and countryside.

### Grove Fields Residents

**Association:** [grovefields@virginmedia.com](mailto:grovefields@virginmedia.com) / [grovefieldsresidents.com](http://grovefieldsresidents.com) / 07722 240963.

## For parents of children changing to secondary schools this year

### Free Home to School Transport – Important information

The wording in the school transport policy has caused some confusion, so please read the following carefully. Firstly you should use the **School Transport Checker** to determine your child's **nearest suitable school**. <https://schools.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/transport>

For most families in Marsworth, the nearest suitable school is **John Colet School, Wendover**. However, Marsworth falls **outside John Colet's catchment area**, and the school is currently **oversubscribed**, meaning it's **very unlikely** your child will be offered a place there.

**Marsworth is in the catchment area for Cottesloe School.** If you would like your child to attend Cottesloe School, you should list **Cottesloe as your first preference**. However, it is essential that you also include John Colet as one of your preferences.

**Why?** Because if you don't include John Colet as one of your preferences, you will not be eligible for free

**school transport** to Cottesloe – even if your child is offered a place at Cottesloe School.

If you want your child to attend Tring School however, please make sure you also select another preference – for example Cottesloe, your catchment school. If your child isn't offered a place at Tring (keeping in mind it's out of county and not in your catchment), your child will be offered the next suitable school instead – in this case, Cottesloe – and free school transport will be provided. Once again if you do not put Cottesloe on your list of preferences a different school may be offered in county.

Here is the exact policy wording for reference:

*To be eligible for free school transport to a school that is not your nearest suitable school, you must include the nearest suitable school as one of your preferences when you apply. It does not have to be your first preference. This is so that if we cannot offer your child a place at the nearest suitable school, we can offer them free transport to the next nearest school. If you don't include the nearest suitable school in your preferences, then you will need to arrange transport to your preferred school.*

For more information go to: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-transport/school-transport-policy/>.



## Marsworth and District Miscellany

Items for *Bucks Herald*, by Kate Andrew. Some of these get fuller treatment elsewhere in this issue.

**For weekly updated village and local news search for Bucks Herald and Marsworth.**

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**AKEMAN SOLD:** The Akeman in Tring, along with nine other pubs in the Oakman Group, has been sold to hospitality company The Restaurant Group – which is known for the Brunning & Price pubs and for Wagamama.

The Akeman opened in 2007 and has remained a popular pub and restaurant in the town, despite challenging trading conditions.

The Grand Junction Arms remains part of the Oakman Group.



The Akeman, Tring

**RED LION:** There are hopes that the Red Lion, recently badly damaged in a kitchen fire, may be serving drinks again soon. Managers Pete and Amanda Oxley say that the pub is closed for now, 'but we hope we can get the wet side open soon and start serving drinks again'.

Work has begun on repairs to the historic inn. A GoFundMe page has now raised £8,340 so far to help them during this period.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL FUNDRAISERS:** This year's Marsworth Flower Festival will have an Around The World theme and will run from August 23 to 25.

A fun quiz night is being held on Saturday, July 26, to raise funds. Tickets are £10 per person, including turkey curry or vegetable chilli and rice. See p.18.

The team is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to cover the refreshments tent, BBQ, and Pimm's tent and additional flower arrangers are welcome. Local businesses are also welcome to sponsor the programme, and flower displays. Visit [marsworthflowerfestival.org.uk](http://marsworthflowerfestival.org.uk) for more details.

**BEACONLIT:** Your local book festival is back! On Saturday July 12 BeaconLit 2025 will be held at Ivinghoe Town Hall and Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub, LU7 9EP. The website includes author biographies and ticket information. [Beaconlit.co.uk](http://Beaconlit.co.uk).

**FARM PLAN REFUSED:** A plan to convert agricultural buildings into nine residential dwellings at Startop Farm has been refused by Dacorum Borough Council. Reasons given by planners include:

- The gardens on units 1 to 4 not being within the curtilage of the agricultural unit.
- No structural survey was submitted, so planners were not satisfied that units 5 to 9 are structurally sound for conversion.
- The proposed floor plans do not comply with the nationally described space standards.

- The site is located close to a car garage, and it was unclear if there would be an unacceptable level of noise and disturbance.
- The location of the building would cause an impact on privacy, with views from the proposed windows into existing windows of the Long Barn dwelling.
- No flood risk assessment has been submitted, while the site is within extremely close proximity to Startopsend reservoir.

**WILSTONE RESERVOIR:** A £6 million, 15-month project to reinforce Wilstone Reservoir's historic walls has begun, aiming to prevent flooding in and around the village.

The Canal & River Trust is strengthening the clay core embankments, upgrading drainage systems, and improving the washout culvert. Over 2,000 sheet piles, each 11 metres long, will be driven into the embankments, spanning 1,350 metres. Cranes positioned around the perimeter will enable the work to proceed without draining the reservoir.

See CRT report on page 8.

**STEAM RALLY FLYPAST:**

Queues reminiscent of *Clarkson's Farm*, the rhythmic thrum of tractors in the arena, and a sprawling field at Startop Farm brimming with exhibits and visitors—the Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally made a triumphant return on Sunday. This year's event was larger than ever, drawing crowds to enjoy a spectacular showcase of steam engines, vintage vehicles, and live entertainment.

After a cloudy start, the rally basked in warm sunshine, setting the perfect scene for one of its most anticipated moments: a Spitfire flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. The aircraft roared overhead twice before tipping its wings in salute as it departed.

More than 20 full-sized steam engines and hundreds of vintage and classic vehicles gave the large crowds plenty to see – with around 400 pre-booked stalls and exhibits in total and plenty of food and drink options, from Greek souvlaki to a German sausage grill.

Arena displays ranged from dog agility, to tractors, tug of war and much more, while live band Pickled Tink played three sets, returning by popular request.

Last year the Rally raised £14,000 for local charities and it is likely even more has been raised this year. For details, visit [www.marsworthsteamrally.co.uk](http://www.marsworthsteamrally.co.uk).

**LIDL:** Work is continuing at the new Lidl site in Tring. See Everything Tring on Facebook or regular updates and images.

**GROWING BRIGHT:** Lisa Tervit's Growing Bright monthly craft workshop at the Red Lion has moved for the time being to the Village Hall (on June 19 at 7pm to 9pm, £20pp, tea and coffee included). And she is also running a session at Curiositea Rooms, Pitstone earlier on the 19th at 10.30am to 12pm (£10pp). Lisa is giving 20% of proceeds from the Marsworth workshop to the Fire Service, following the fire at the Red Lion. The theme will be 'paper jewellery'.

**PARTY IN THE PARK:** This is at Pitstone Recreational Ground on Saturday, July 12, with free entry. There will be live music, family attractions, food and a bar.

## Marsworth Ladies

The recently formed Marsworth Ladies are really getting into the swing of things now; we are a lively group and very much enjoy each other's company. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Our June meeting was a Quiz and Pimm's evening. Our quizmaster was Carolyn Pankiw and she devised an excellent quiz, not too difficult and not too easy. We sipped delicious Pimm's, ice cold, fruity and perfect for a summer's evening—somewhat unusually, prepared in a tea urn. Nibbles were also served and enjoyed. It was a great evening, with the usual raffle at the end.

A trip to Chenies Manor House is planned for later in June. Chenies Manor is a Grade 11 listed property; the house and its history are amazing and the gardens are equally lovely. The weather is set fair, so I think we will have a rather pleasant afternoon!

The Book Club members each pay £5 a month into a kitty and we are hoping to be able to afford a theatre trip. We continue to read and discuss some amazing books - books I probably would not have chosen myself.

Supper Club was held at The Rose and Crown, Ivinghoe and those attending enjoyed a delicious meal with excellent service. Our oldest member is 106 and she regaled us with stories of her past, what food her mother cooked for her, her job when she left school and many other interesting facts – joyful company for us all!

Craft Club continues to be immensely popular; our ladies are very talented, and have brilliant ideas.

Our speaker for the July meeting is Hilary Erenler who is giving a talk entitled 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society' – you may remember the film and book of the same name.

We welcomed another new face to our Marsworth Ladies in June, and if you are thinking of joining us, you will be very welcome. Just £5 to join us for the evening and if you choose to join our ladies, then that money will be deducted from the annual subs.

*Chris King – Marsworth Ladies*

## Steam Rally tea tent

The Tea Tent Ladies Team would like to thank all those who helped to make the tea tent such an amazing success this year. Your support is much appreciated.

We were blessed with yet another fine day and so many people coming into the tent for refreshments made it an exceptional time for us. The queues were constant as we served teas, coffees and cakes, all made possible by the generous donations from our 'local bakers', so many thanks to them and to all the helpers on the day.

The two Davids deserve a special mention for their time sharing the onerous task of taking the cash.

We hope the tea tent continues as a happy corner of the Steam Rally event where folk can drop in, sit down and enjoy homemade traditional refreshment—that's what we aim for after all!

*Gill White, Sandra Saxon and Ruth Monks.*



**WATERS EDGE**  
MARSWORTH

### Summer Specials

#### **Our opening hours:**

Mon to Thurs 9 - 4pm  
Fri, Sat and Sun 9 - 5pm

We're excited to share what's happening at Waters Edge!

✦ **Gelato Bar** – Due to open in late June. Get ready to cool off with a sweet treat!

🐶 **Doggy Ice Cream** now available – So you can also treat your four-legged friends to a summer delight.

🎮 **Messy Play Sessions** – Kicking off as a weekly event from July 25th – fun for the little ones every week!

👶 **Summer Kids Programme** – Keep your children entertained over the Summer Holidays with our exciting range of activities – details coming soon.

🎵 **Live Music** coming soon – Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for dates and details!

🍽️ **New Summer Menu** coming soon – Fresh flavours, seasonal dishes – launching shortly!

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# Wilstone Reservoir

## Embankment strengthening works



The Canal and River Trust is planning a 15-month programme of statutory works to strengthen the embankments at Wilstone Reservoir.

The project, estimated to cost £6 million, started in mid-January 2025 with site preparations. Work to install two thousand 11-metre-long steel sheet piles into the reservoir's two 200-year old embankments began in June. Stretching for 1,350 metres, the embankments at Wilstone Reservoir are one of the longest of the 71 major reservoirs in the Trust's care. A temporary vehicle access track has been created. The piling work will start at the end of June, at the north east corner of the reservoir.

We plan to close the Wilstone Reservoir car park in early September for around four months, while we complete the piling work and build a new footpath along the top of the dam. We will also need to temporarily close the road next to the car park for a short amount of time, while work is taking place on the reservoir dam. A traffic diversion will be in place, but the farm shop and café will remain accessible. More details of the dates and duration of the closure will be published shortly.

### Timing of the works – working with nature

The work is taking place over the summer months so we can work with the natural trend of the reservoir's water levels. It's a groundwater-fed reservoir, rather than rainwater-fed, and the early months of the year are when it naturally refills.



Wilstone Reservoir

We expect the reservoir's level to have dropped by the autumn, following the drier summer months and increased boat movements on the Grand Union Canal.

The piling will be completed by Christmas, allowing the reservoir to naturally refill as usual in the new year.

### Wilstone Reservoir

Wilstone Reservoir is part of the Tring Reservoirs Nature Reserve Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Originally built to supply water to the Grand Union Canal, the reservoirs are now also one of the best birdwatching spots in southern England. The four individual reservoirs in the Tring Reservoirs Nature Reserve are Startops End, Marsworth, Tringford and Wilstone. The Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust leases and manages the Tring Reservoirs, and we maintain operational responsibilities.

Built in 1802 to supply water to the Wendover Arm of the Grand Union Canal, Wilstone Reservoir is the largest of the four reservoirs at 119 acres (48 hectares). It is up to 18 feet (5.5 metres) deep and has the capacity to hold over one million mega litres of water, the equivalent of over 300,000 Olympic sized swimming pools. The reservoir has two five-metre wide embankments stretching for a total of 1,350 metres and ranging in height from two to eight metres.

## An important place for water storage

Wilstone Reservoir provides an important place for water storage to feed the Grand Union Canal and is a popular site for angling, walking and bird watching.

To minimise disruption, the reservoir won't be drained during the works but the water level will be lowered by 0.5 metres below capacity. The reservoir will continue to supply water to the canal, and the water level will slowly reduce throughout the summer, as is usual.

"The reservoir's footpaths and car park will need to be temporarily closed, as well as some local roads for short periods of time.

"The reservoir is an important wildlife site and we'll be making a number of habitat improvements to the reed beds as well as replacing nine small and medium-sized trees and coppiced hedgerow which unfortunately will have to be removed in order to carry out the works."

For more information please call us on 0303 040 4040 or visit <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/>.

## The Countryside Charity Green Belt petition

### Sign our Government petition to save our green belt!

In the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published at the end of last year, there are inconsistencies in the definition of 'grey belt' that are hugely damaging to the continued existence of the Green Belt in England and could result in the loss of our Green Belt countryside forever - vital for health and wellbeing, combatting climate change and supporting wildlife.



The countryside charity

CPRE Hertfordshire is campaigning for an urgent change in the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).



It needs your help to petition Government to restore Green Belt protections ensuring that 'grey belt' proposals are judged against all five Green Belt purposes and that this is consistent throughout the NPPF to balance development needs against the many benefits of conservation. If we get 10,000 signatures, the Government have to respond to our petition. If we get 100,000 signatures, the petition would need to be debated in Parliament.

Please support us by going to <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/725558>.

This is a national campaign, so please do forward this email or our petition link to your friends, family and colleagues regardless of where they live. This is our chance to prevent the loss of our Green Belt countryside forever.

Chris Howe,  
CPRE Hertfordshire



## Navigation closure of the Aylesbury Arm (Grand Union Canal)

From Monday 16th June we anticipate that the 16 locks on the Aylesbury Arm of the Grand Union Canal will temporarily close to boat traffic. This is to preserve water levels on the Arm whilst maintaining navigation on the main line of the Grand Union Canal.



This part of our canal network temporarily has less water available from the reservoirs that feed the canal. This is due to statutory maintenance at Wilstone Reservoir where water levels are being kept low whilst the works are completed. The reduced capacity at Wilstone Reservoir is also exacerbated by the unseasonably dry start to the year.

Without significant and sustained rainfall, the closure of the locks on the Aylesbury Arm will help conserve the water that's available. At present, we anticipate that the locks will need to close by Monday 16th June. Levels will be kept under review and the Arm will be reopened as soon as circumstances allow. We understand how important it is to have time to plan and we apologise for the inconvenience for boaters on the Aylesbury Arm. If your boat is on the Arm we recommend using the two weeks' notice before the proposed closure to relocate to a place where you will continue to have access to customer services, facilities and support.

### What are we doing?

We are working closely with partners to manage every aspect of the situation and taking all steps to conserve water. During this period affected locks will be secured against operation. The gates will be 'ashed up' (a traditional method of sealing gates) to reduce leakage and reduce water loss through the lock structures.



Red House lock, Aylesbury Arm

We are monitoring water levels daily and will reopen the Arm as soon as possible. We are also using this time to carry out works that improve the Aylesbury Arm's resilience, including continuing to inspect our infrastructure and repair leaks. Future updates will contain more detail on how we will make use of any closed time to carry out leak prevention works.

### When will the canal reopen?

This depends on rainfall, so we are unable to predict this. Certain reservoirs respond very quickly to rainfall, so prolonged wet weather in the right place can make a big difference. We are committed to reopening the Aylesbury Arm as soon as we can.



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## White Lion update

The White Lion is finally structurally sound. The internal and external reinforced concrete walls have been completed and signed off. To protect the structure the roof is progressing.



The next stage is basically major maintenance, to prevent damp ingress into the basements. These works have to be carried out by qualified personnel and I am pleased to say both of my operatives (Matt and Charlie, both local lads) passed their tests when sent on the course.



The pub sign, which I will retain on the building, is actually masking the original. It appears the original sign depicting a lion's head has been covered over with the words 'The White Lion'. My intention is to restore this sign to its original face, however I am reliably told if I try to remove the stick-on panel displaying the words 'The White Lion' I may well ruin it.



While the sign is off for restoration there will be a temporary sign displayed for the short term.

Nick Webb, [prism.marsworth@gmail.com](mailto:prism.marsworth@gmail.com)



## The Longest Yarn

The Longest Yarn is an 80m 3D depiction of D-day, 6th June 1944, in wool art. With 80 displays, each measuring one metre in length, depicting scenes of the world's largest amphibious invasion, The Longest Yarn is something quite unique and not to be missed.



The Longest Day was knitted and crocheted in time for the 80th Anniversary, June 6th 2024. This then toured the UK, attracting 250,000 visitors. It then toured the USA for a year. In the meantime a second display was undertaken. This one is entitled 'Britain at War', a study of how Britain coped between 3rd September 1939 to VE Day 8th May 1945.

The project was the inspiration of a retired Normandy resident, Tansy Forster, who in 2024 wanted to create something memorable to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. She conceived the idea of making a memorial of the events of June 6, 1944, but in crochet and knitting, inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry.

Each of the 80 panels represents an important scene from D-Day. The scenes depicted are taken from original photos of the time, or from the film "Le Jour Le Plus Long" (The Longest Day), which also inspired the name of the project.



Mme Forster soon had more than 1,000 women participating in the project from all over the world including Americans, Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, British and Americans in Europe.

## The Longest Yarn 2: Britain at War

This 'sequel' to 'The Longest Day' will be on display at the Chiltern Open Air Museum (COAM) daily throughout August 2025 from 2 August.

A 60-metre-long knitted and crocheted artwork commemorating the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, this intricate 3D exhibition, handcrafted by skilled artisans, brings to life the stories, resilience, and triumph of different aspects of World War 2.



The exhibition has been touring the country this year, with the number of panels growing at each venue. When it reaches COAM there will be over 60 crafted panels.

Set against the backdrop of COAM, this immersive installation invites visitors to step back in time and reflect on the spirit of unity and hope that defined the end of World War 2 in Europe.

You will also have the chance to explore the museum's historic buildings and surroundings.

Whether you're a history enthusiast, an art lover, knitter or crocheter, or simply looking for an interesting day out, The Longest Yarn is an unmissable celebration of craftsmanship and remembrance.



## From the Bucks Councillors

Peter Brazier and Chris Poll

### Buckinghamshire Councillors' Monthly Report



At the Buckinghamshire Council AGM on 25 May, a new leader was elected. He is Steven Broadbent of the Conservative Party. He will lead a minority administration as following the elections earlier this month, the Conservatives received 49.5% of the seats.

The cabinet was announced, and I am pleased to say that my ward colleague Peter Brazier has been appointed to lead the Culture and Leisure portfolio. This will also include the relocation of the Buckinghamshire archive to a new home. He will be accompanied by Catherine Oliver as his deputy. As a cabinet member he will not sit on any committees but will work full time in his new role.

I have been appointed to the Finance and Resources and the Audit and Governance select committees as well as the Central and North area planning committee.

As the council is now under no overall control I will expect much more collaborative working of members. I have always found it to be so in the last 4 years as my previous committee membership has been about scrutinising decisions and recommending changes for the benefit of all Buckinghamshire residents.

I will be campaigning to become Chairman of the new East Bucks Community Board. I have previously been somewhat critical of the format of these and intend to make changes to the way they are run if successful. I would like to see much more agenda ideas coming from Parishes that will initiate buy-in and discussion on what really matters to our communities. We will have three cabinet members, one deputy cabinet member and a deputy leader within our councillor membership of the board. I intend to make it a forum for an exchange of ideas from PCs and residents of which we can all be proud.

Chris Poll,  
Councillor for Ivinghoe ward

## BeaconLit 2025

Kelsey Edwards



On **Saturday 12th July**, BeaconLit Book Festival returns to Ivinghoe for a day-long celebration at both the Town Hall and the Old School Community Hub, LU7 9EP.

Founded in 2013, the festival is held annually and fundraises for the Beacon Villages Community Library (<https://bvcl.org.uk/>), a much-needed resource. With group panels, headliner interviews, a poetry circle and even a writing workshop, there's something for everyone at BeaconLit. So, if you're interested in crime fiction, children's novels, coming-of-age stories or are searching for something new, do join us at our two Ivinghoe venues.

Full and half-day tickets are still available via our website (<https://beaconlit.co.uk/>), subject to a small fee:

£35 for full day admission (registration from 9am)

£20 for morning or afternoon admission (registration from 9.00am or 12.45pm)

BeaconLit attracts big names with stronger voices from far and wide. Our local writers include Bill Randall (Aylesbury, *New Voices* panel), Denise Beddows (Buckinghamshire, *Scene of the Crime* panel) and Joanna Miller (Berkhamsted, *New Voices* panel). We're hugely honoured to be joined by Australian-based Ali Low, UK News Correspondent Adina Campbell, and author of over twenty-five novels, Julie Cohen.

Headlining the festival are Jane Casey, Lissa Evans and Abir Mukherjee, all best-selling and acclaimed authors. And, of course, festival co-founder and Ivinghoe-based crime writer Dave Sivers will be in attendance.

Each event lasts 50 minutes and incorporates a 10-minute Q&A session. Our *Bookshop* of Tring will be on hand throughout the day for all your book-buying needs, giving ample opportunity to have your book signed by the author after their session. Refreshments are also available through the festival and the *Daisychain* cafe, and Ivinghoe Lawn will be opened for parking. For full information on the festival and to purchase tickets, see <https://beaconlit.co.uk/programme>.

Come along, support the library, and enjoy a wonderful day celebrating the written word!



Old Town Hall, High Street,  
Ivinghoe, LU7 9EP  
[www.bvcl.org.uk](http://www.bvcl.org.uk) / 01296 387890

### Beacon Villages Community Library Annual General Meeting Saturday 5th July 2025 at 9.30am In the Library

Come and hear about our successes and future plans.

Agenda available at [www.bvcl.org.uk](http://www.bvcl.org.uk) from 28th June.

Committee nomination forms available in the Library; speak to a committee member or email [secretary@bvcl.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bvcl.org.uk).



Sandra Costello





# Marsworth Flower Festival

## 23 - 25 August 2025

### The Marsworth Flower Festival needs your support!

The Marsworth Flower Festival Committee are delighted to announce the return of the Flower Festival, for the first time in six years.

We are seeking sponsors for arrangements, created in the theme of "Around the World". This year's festival will feature over 25 stunning large flower arrangements, each representing a different corner of the globe to create an unforgettable visual display. Business or individual sponsorship can be arranged in the following forms:

Large displays  
Pew pole dedications  
Programme adverts (1/2 & 1/4 page)

Please contact Jenny ([sheils.j@btinternet.com](mailto:sheils.j@btinternet.com)) for further details.

### Volunteers wanted

We are also seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help make our Flower Festival a resounding success!

From 10am to 6pm daily from Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th August, we are looking for support for 2-4 hours at a time with various roles within the church, refreshments marquee and serving from the



barbeque or Pimm's tent outside. This is a great opportunity to support our event, and meet lots of others from the village at the same time. Please contact [marsworthflowerfestival@gmail.com](mailto:marsworthflowerfestival@gmail.com) if you are able to spare some time to help us host another fantastic event.

### Also needed

Thinking of other ways you might help? We are also looking for the following:

**Photographs of Church** – these are for our programme and advertising material. Please email these to [marsworthflowerfestival@gmail.com](mailto:marsworthflowerfestival@gmail.com) as soon as possible

**Tombola prizes** – in the days running up to the event, we hope to collect over 500 of these, including toiletries, bottles of alcohol, confectionery, food items, games, plants and household goods.

**Jigsaws** – we need over 100 of these, suitable for a range of age groups, please leave these at the back of the church.

**Baskets** – these are for the arrangements we create and sell throughout the weekend.

**Baked goods** – including biscuits, cakes, sausage rolls and quiches. Please drop these off to Ruth Monks (7 Vicarage Road) just before the event.

**Musicians** – we are looking for live background music to serenade our guests whilst looking at our fantastic displays in the church, please email [marsworthflowerfestival@gmail.com](mailto:marsworthflowerfestival@gmail.com) if you're interested in performing.

James Kennedy

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# Marsworth Steam Rally

Friday and Saturday would have been too hot, Sunday's conditions were spot on, as Marsworth hosted yet another successful rally. At 11am the event was officially opened by Robert Stringer of Hector's House of Berkhamsted, a mental health awareness and suicide prevention charity who support us throughout the day.

This year's event saw record booking numbers for exhibits in all categories, with over 300 classic cars requesting entry. This year also saw the return of the raised viewing-platform, in a slightly different configuration, allowing visitors to see a steam powered baler, and saw bench hard at work. The platform also allowed visitors to survey the full panorama across Startop Farm, our rally site.

With huge support from Andrew and the team at Tring Brewery, for which we are most grateful, the event featured ales donated by Tring and Vale Breweries. We are so grateful to all that helped run the bar, and those who sampled our fantastic offering of local ales, lager and cider.

The team from All Saints Church provided gallons of tea and coffee, freshly baked cakes and biscuits and a welcome place to sit and enjoy the fantastic refreshments, thank you to all involved.

Returning by popular demand were ceilidh band Pickled Tink, who entertained throughout the afternoon. We look forward to welcoming them back in 2026!

A record number of trade stalls, caterers, visitor attractions and catering stands surrounded two arenas this year.

A special treat, stopping allcomers, was the flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, a Mk1 Spitfire! The pilot approached us from the reservoirs, and did a loop around the village before coming back over our event waving goodbye. This was truly a fantastic addition to our event, and we will do our best to get the BBMF to return to our next event. As well as the flypast, we were delighted to welcome a stationary engine from a Lancaster Bomber, a 2L V12 Rolls Royce Merlin engine. This provided a fascinating experience for all at the event. We are so grateful to David for bringing this fantastic heritage machine to our event.



Spitfire at Steam Rally  
—Jeremy Whitehead

We are very pleased to have been able to host another successful event, and we hope that future rallies will continue to be as successful. None of this would be possible without the guidance and leadership from our committee, and the determination of our fantastic volunteers, many from the village, and local charities who we will be supporting with the proceeds from this event. Proceeds going to support local and national charities and fundraising, we hope to be able to continue to support so many worthy causes.

A message from our committee Chair, Neil Kennedy: "As many of our volunteers and supporting teams are aware, preparing for and running the rally is a physical and exhausting task.

A special thank you first of all to Josie Kempster and family from Startop Farm for opening their farm and hosting so many visitors. Thanks also to Rob and Blake of RML Tree & Garden Services for helping us prepare for all our visitors.



Kate Andrew

The local stalls, charities, enthusiastic scouts and of course all our wonderful volunteers help make this village event so worthwhile. A huge thank you to all who supported us. We'd also like to extend our thanks to our amazing sponsors, M Miles Scaffolding, Camiers Waste Management Tring and Vale Breweries and GS2 Design whose continued support for this event is very much appreciated.

We'd also like to make a special mention this year, for Graham Dickinson of GS2 Design. Graham, formerly of Marsworth, has supported our event for multiple years and is now moving on to new ventures. We wish him all the very best, and know that he'll return to our beautiful village before long, more than likely to be found in the pub, when we hope the Red Lion opens again soon.

Graham, your support has been very much appreciated and often under-estimated. We hope you are able to bring the experience and knowledge to your local community as they plan similar events in the near future."

James Kennedy

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# Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch

Linda Beardsley

## Anti-social cars

Tring has long had an issue with cars meeting late evening to drift, do-nut and generally cause a nuisance with noise, fumes, road blocking and anti-social behaviour.

Friday 6th June was Marsworth's turn, around 10pm at the roundabout by Startops Reservoir. It was reported on Everything Marsworth Facebook page that there were many cars parked along the verges, roads were blocked and neighbours driving through felt very intimidated and unsafe. The resulting marks from the tyre's rubber can clearly be seen on the roundabout tarmac.

This issue is under government review. Perpetrators of anti-social driving face having their cars seized and destroyed after 48 hours under stronger powers proposed by the government, rather than the 14 days currently. They hope this, together with more robust Police powers enabling seizure of vehicles without having to issue a warning, will act as a deterrent.



National Police Chiefs' Council Lead for Roads Policing, Chief Constable Jo Shiner, said:

"We welcome the consultation announced by the government. Antisocial use of a vehicle, such as street racing, street cruising or off-road use is more than a matter of noise pollution. It can have long-term effects on a neighbourhood, with the criminal damage of roads, other vehicles and surrounding property.

Drivers and riders also risk injuring themselves, other road users, cyclists and pedestrians as they do not have full control of their vehicle and their full attention on their surroundings.

As with all forms of transport, they can potentially be exploited for criminal use, antisocial behaviour or cause danger when used inappropriately.

We know that driving or riding in this way can also be used as a form of intimidation, either to other road users or the community. Loud noise from engines or music, and deliberately creating large amounts of exhaust or tyre smoke can also be seen as an aggressive act.

Officers are committed to preventing harm and keeping our communities safe and will continue to take necessary action against those who use transport illegally. Officers having the ability to quickly seize, remove, store and dispose of vehicles used in an antisocial behaviour setting will help keep road users safe and protect our communities."

Marsworth NHW contacted our dedicated village PC Jake Bye whose response was:

"This is a problem we're seeing more of, sadly; it is absolutely the right thing to call 999 - it's behaviour that is dangerous and affecting residents and other road

users. Please get the message out about reporting it each time. When we're on later we'll patrol these areas and show a presence to deter it!"

We can do our bit in Marsworth by reporting the issue on 999 as soon as it starts and help prevent the meet becoming a regular occurrence here.

Don't assume someone else has reported it; the more reports received the better. Please don't subscribe to the theory that "nothing will be done" - if the Police don't know about it, then that is exactly what will happen.

## Crimestoppers

Did you know you can report crimes anonymously?

Police Neighbourhood Teams are aware that some members of a community are nervous or frightened to make reports to the Police, for many reasons.

There is an independent charity called Crimestoppers, which gives people the power to speak up about a crime but to remain completely anonymous. They record no personal details, your computer's IP address is overwritten, and they can help you ensure your call or email is not recorded on your device.

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The service is available 24/7, 365 days a year and can be contacted by phone on 0800 555 111 or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org). The information is passed to the Police and other trusted agencies. However, they are not an emergency service and if it is an emergency situation you wish to report always call 999.

Crimestoppers was formed by the now Lord Ashcroft in 1988 under the name Community Action Trust, being renamed in 1995. It was formed in response to the murder of PC Keith Blakelock in the London riots of 1985, where a person knew who was responsible but was too afraid to come forward.

## Marsworth Food Bank

We are extremely grateful for all the donations that have been received. We would very much welcome more donations, including:

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

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

**Thank you on behalf of the  
Marsworth Food Bank Team.**

The Food Bank in Marsworth is available to anyone living in the village who could really do with some help. If you, or you know of someone who has fallen on difficult times, please call me, in total confidence, to talk about it. Richard Cooper 01296 661725, [richard.bennettcooper@outlook.com](mailto:richard.bennettcooper@outlook.com).

More information on how to apply to the Marsworth Foodbank or make a donation can be seen on the All Saints webpage:  
*Marsworth: All Saints - A Church Near You.*



## Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



### June's 100 club winners - £20

- 161 Susan Dean, Aspens Farm, Lower End
- 98 Keith Thomasson, Stepnells
- 154 Robin Brookes, April Cottage, Church Farm Lane
- 80 Rex and Carol Jeffrey, the Crescent
- 62 Bernard Double, Reservoir House

Congratulations to this month's winners. The next draws will take place on Wednesday 2nd July and 6th August.

If anyone would like to volunteer with the collection of entries, please contact me on 07858 508664.

New bank details will be displayed on posters towards the end of this month around the village. Volunteers will start collections from July. Alternatively you can drop money in an envelope through my door— 39 Vicarage Road. Please write your name and address on the envelope.

The next 100 club entries will need to be in before September. Remember that you can have as many entries as you would like at £20 per entry for the year. I encourage you all to join in this community event.

Good luck in the next draw.

*Stephanie Hurley*

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## A magnificent resurrection of machines

*by Jesse Badham*

On that hot Sunday as I made my way down Church Lane, I could already smell the fumes emanating from the Marsworth Steam and Classic Car Rally before I even set foot on the bridge over the Grand Union Canal. Then, as soon as you reach the edge of the field playing host to the celebration of combustion, the air becomes thick with a strangely pleasant mix of diesel exhaust and freshly fried churros.

The classic cars stood proudly in rank and file, each their own monument to a simpler, smokier time of post-war ambition. There was so much to see that day: a gorgeous 1936 Alvis saloon, a wicked Toyota Supra in a deep purple, and an original 2000 Hyundai Coupé SE, a respectable relic in its own right – though it stirred painful memories of my own 2007 Hyundai Coupé SIII which was tragically lost in a minor but irreparable disagreement on the A12 a few years ago. I still miss her.

Amongst the shiny Vauxhall Crestas, Saab soft-tops and immaculate Zephyrs, was a 1957 Ford Consul Mark II with a full service history – the only running one left in the world. She had avoided being added to the scrap pile of history thanks to a devoted owner. We hope to see these cars again at the next rally so we can continue to be captivated by the workmanship required to keep these machines alive, year after year.

But as cool and elegant as the classic cars were, the traction engines were the real monsters – hissing and chuffing like smoky dragons awakened from a long slumber. These weren't vehicles, they were furnaces on cast iron wheels, strikingly brutal yet beautiful, with each successive generation taking great care in their maintenance.



Then there was the flyover. Cutting through the serene blue sky with a savage growl as it swooped over the village, the Spitfire left the rally-goers gazing up to the clouds. If the collection of Garret steam engines and classic Bentleys gathered there that day were an ode to Great Britannia, then the Spitfire was the shining jewel at the top of the crown. It circled once more with that familiar roar before disappearing onto the horizon. One never tires of seeing a Spitfire in flight – the majesty of the aircraft in action stirs a sense of wonder and national pride seldom felt this side of the millennium. It was a reminder of the sacrifices made by fathers long gone who built these engines, designed these machines, and flew into battle so that we might one day stand in awe, churro in hand, and enjoy a sunny Sunday with our own fathers and grandfathers, gazing up at the clouds.

The Marsworth Steam Rally is more than just a showcase of technology from a bygone era, it represents the heart of the village, and one of the most important fixtures in the local calendar. The rally was, and will continue to be, a magnificent resurrection of machines – the very machines which catapulted the nation, and the world, into modernity.



## Wendover Arts Festival



Wow—what a weekend! The First Wendover Arts Festival masterminded by Deborah Hall, supported by a great group of volunteers, took place in St Mary's Church, Wendover on 24-26 May and was a resounding success. From the Friday evening preview through to 5pm on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon over 1,700 people came through the doors to see the magnificent display of artwork and crafts as well as enjoy our hospitality in the Waffle café and Bar. We also had a well-supported raffle - thank you to all who donated prizes.

We estimate the profit for St Mary's Church is almost £19,000 which is phenomenal. We had a turnover of just under £50K and the artists—of which there were over 84—were delighted with the results.

The committee who started the organisation and planning of the festival back in November 2025 worked extremely hard and there are so many people to thank. Also thanks to all our advertisers, especially Christopher Pallet who sponsored the festival by his sales boards throughout the village.

Roll on 2026!

Deborah Hall

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This marks the Charity's fourth blockbuster production at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, following a string of sell-out successes that have united the community and raised much-needed funds for the Hospice. All money raised will go to Florence Nightingale Hospice to provide compassionate care for patients and their families living across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

Visit [fnhospice.org.uk/schoolofrock](http://fnhospice.org.uk/schoolofrock) for tickets.

**There is no Repair Café in August.**

## Pitstone Green Museum

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## Marsworth Parish Council

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

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### Councillor Vacancy

As a result of the resignation of Denise Cornwall from the Parish Council there is a vacancy for a councillor.

Interested candidates should come forward for consideration by emailing the Parish Clerk by Monday 7 July 2025:

The matter will be determined at the Parish Council meeting to be held at 8pm on Monday 14 July 2025 in the Millennium Hall.

For further details please talk to any of the Councillors or see the parish website: <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/being-a-councillor/>.



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### Swarms

If you see a swarm of bees, please report it by going to the MBBKA website or the BBKA website. These will guide you to an interactive map and you will be able to find a local beekeeper who will come and collect the swarm. Please provide the following information if possible:

- Height of the swarm above the ground.
- Where it is - i.e. in a tree, on a wall, etc.
- Approximate size, e.g. grapefruit, football etc.
- Name, address, contact number and how to access the site.

I have received ten calls for swarms in my Haddenham area and a number of calls for other bees in the ground or on the fabric of buildings.

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Brian Bush  
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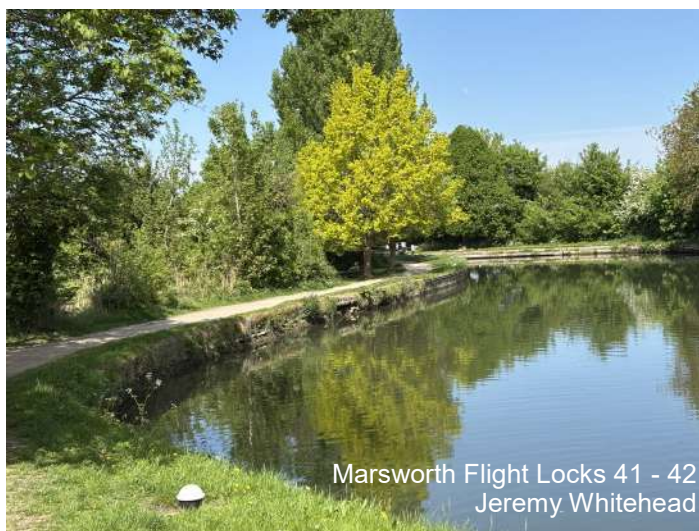
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