

Marsworth News

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White Lion approval setback

Kate Andrew

Article submitted to The Bucks Herald

A builder who is restoring the former White Lion pub in Marsworth – an empty eyesore at the gateway to the village for 13 years – is facing what critics have described as a bureaucratic nightmare which could push the historic building back to square one.

Nick Webb, of Prism Construction, has invested more than £1 million in the restoration – but is now facing yet another delay in getting planning permission to convert the building into two homes – the latest hold-up in a four-year saga.

'If there's a word for how I'm feeling, it is 'dejected', he says, after being told by Bucks Council planners he will not get planning permission this year, despite the application for conversion to two dwellings being submitted in 2021 by a previous owner.

'The matter was due to have been resolved this month, allowing the conversion to be completed and the homes put on the market by early autumn. Instead, this is now next year.

'It appears the powers that be just keep kicking the can down the road. This will mean at least five years of delays at enormous financial cost to many builders and developers.'

Nick, who was immediately slapped with a council enforcement order under caution for untidy land and deterioration of building when he bought the derelict site earlier this year, comments: The council want this building restored, yet other departments stand in the way!

Villagers have reacted with shock and frustration, as Nick's full and thorough restoration scheme has near unanimous support locally.

Parish Council chairman, Bob Kennedy, says: 'This is outrageous. Villagers have suffered long enough on this.' And parish councillor Robert John says: 'The obstructiveness on the part of the council seems diametrically opposed to the Government's clear intentions to speed up and simplify.'

Marsworth News editor, Sandra Costello, adds: 'I agree 'outrageous' is the word. Nick has been doing a brilliant job against many odds, for the benefit of a historic building in a prime location. He deserves much better than this.'

The main hitch is developers are required to provide a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG)

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The White Lion, August 2025
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Diary Dates - September 2025

8th Monday 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting

Editorial

By Sandra Costello

The news that the White Lion has not received planning permission comes as a considerable blow to the village of Marsworth. We have all been able to watch the steady progress being made by Nick Webb and his team at Prism, as they have rapidly turned an eyesore of 13 years into a building which could be regarded as a building of real charm at the entrance to our village.

It seems beyond belief that a Planning Department should be blind to the advantages to the local area. Perhaps Nick was too hopeful in pressing ahead—against considerable odds from time to time—with his planned restoration, but all the more credit should be given to him for having the courage to do so.

As Nick has pointed out, Marsworth risks having a building, which now holds such promise, reverting to a state of abandonment, with all its risks of vandalism and misuse.

As a community we seem helpless in the face of bureaucracy.

Much better news regarding another village 'Lion'. It is wonderful to have the Red Lion once again being able to open its doors, even though with limited services. We look forward to progress being made there and wish Pete and Mandy Oxley and their team all the very best.

The Flower Festival will now be over, and you must look forward to the next issue for photo spread and reports. This was such a wonderful event in the past, what with our lovely church and much local support; hopefully this will return to being a much-anticipated regular event on the local calendar, just as the Steam Rally now is.

Good news about 'Dottie about Cake'. After a long wait, any such news would have been welcome, but that it has relocated so very close is even better.

I am sorry about the news that I will be giving up as editor, below. I have so much enjoyed the role, but life moves on and I will be leaving Marsworth. I hope that someone will come forward very soon and take on this key, but very worthwhile role. I will give them all the support I can.

Vacancy: Editor

Marsworth News

After ten years as editor of Marsworth News, the time has come for someone else to take over. **I will**

be leaving the village in the next few months, so this is an ideal time for a new person to come forward while I am still able to assist.

This is a great job for the right person—someone with a real interest in local activities, but especially someone who enjoys working creatively at the computer. There is no 'journalism' involved, unless you want to—the job is to receive, edit and arrange (and rearrange!) items which are sent in.

The work can take about six-seven days each month (apart from December and July), but it does require full commitment over that time.

Full guidance and support will be available—as long as I am still here!

For more information, contact Sandra Costello at
editor@marsworthnews.co.uk.

The Red Lion reopens

Kate Andrew

Pub goers from the village and local area have turned out in their hundreds to welcome the reopening of the Red Lion, after the devastating fire that closed it in May.

Pete Oxley, who manages the pub with wife Mandy, says: 'It's been quite humbling how many people have shown up. The back garden and all the tables at the front and across the road have been full most of the weekend. A lot of people have missed the pub, and most are excited that we're up and running again. They're just pleased to be back at their local. Mandy added: The last few nights have been lovely. The whole village has turned out – it's been really good.'



Pete and Mandy Oxley

On Saturday evening The Souvlaki House van served customers, and more food vans are being booked, as well as a couple of music events.

The pub's own kitchen is unlikely to open for some months while major repairs are carried out, but customers are very welcome to bring in takeaways or order meal deliveries to enjoy there, says Pete.



On Thursday 7th August the Red Lion reopened at lunchtime for drinks, after numerous volunteers from the village cleaned and painted the bar and helped get everything ready.

Pete and Mandy are looking forward to welcoming more customers back to this fantastic location over the coming months, as the restoration progresses.

Amanda Oxley writes:

The Red Lion is now open for business, following the necessary building works by Prism to get the bar side open. This was all done very quickly. I think that's because they are regulars here, so some incentive there!

We sent out a call for help in the cleanup - washing ceilings, walls and painting and cleaning up the bar. Every day we had a great group here - some even brought coffee, tea and biscuits. What wonderful support we had - some people came every day to help.

Getting beers in we also had fantastic support from Dayla and Rebellion. We chose beer names for fun: Roasted Nuts, Inferno, Chiltern Black and Fire Dancer cider. We were all set to open Thursday 7th August and have been busy every day since.

We unfortunately will not be able to serve food, possibly not until next year, so I am asking food vans to serve us. We have had the Souvlaki van, Howe Fish and Chips from 7:30-9pm every Thursday night and on 19th September we have back the Indian street food van, which was very popular. Others to confirm, so look out for details later.

On Monday 11th August we have had the scaffolding going up over the damaged areas. Before that we had a bat survey done to determine if there were any, and fortunately there were none. The restaurant, kitchen and upstairs, which we are yet to start work on, will take a long time to complete.

There will be a Quiz Night on Tuesday 9th September in aid of the Fire Service.



White Lion setback—continued from front page:

for recreational use, under European law, reducing the need to visit the Special Protection Area (SPA) at Ashridge. Alternatively, they can make a financial contribution towards a SANG and towards the Strategic Access Management and Monitoring (SAMM) strategy.

Nick adds: 'I am not trying to save money here; if there is a fee to pay, I will pay but that's currently not been decided by Bucks Council.

We are a small developer/building company and simply can't continue works at the White Lion indefinitely without planning permission (previously granted in 2015 and 2018, applied for again in 2021 and still not determined in 2025!)

If we pull off site there is every chance it will end up back to square one, with squatters etc. So works will now be carried out by a smaller team and obviously take much, much longer!'

Peter Brazier, Buckinghamshire Councillor for Ivinghoe Ward, is taking up the case. He says: 'We will raise it with planners, but the SANG is holding up many planning applications, this included. I am not happy he appears to be being ignored though.'



Nick Webb at White Lion site
Photo: Kate Andrew

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.

Appointment of Parish Councillor

Helen Gracie was co-opted to MPC on 14 July 2025 to fill the vacant seat following the elections on 1 May. See article on page 5.

Marsworth Village Hall Audio Visual Equipment (AV)

Due to funding delays with Buckinghamshire Council to release Section 106 monies, the installation of AV Equipment at Marsworth Village Hall has been put back from August to the next school holidays, i.e. week of 27 October. 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.

Garages at the Crescent

Work by Fairhive on the garages at the Crescent to replace a few garage doors has now taken place.

Railings at Startops Cottages

New railings are now in stock with Buckinghamshire Council and the contractor should commence work in August.

Recreation Ground Flooding

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

Planning

It is anticipated that once Kingsbrook Meadows is approved (in August) as a Strategic Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) by Bucks Council, many of the local planning applications that have been held back will be reviewed.

New residential development within 12.6km of the Ashridge Commons and Beechwoods SSSI component of Chilterns Beechwoods SAC (the 'Ashridge estate') would result in additional recreational damage to the qualifying habitats and species of the designated site. SANGs are proposed to absorb the increase in recreational demand so that there would be no additional recreational damage to the designated site. Some SANGS would be 'strategic' i.e. available to support a number of developments, with those developments contributing to the overall cost of the SANG delivery.

Triangle at Marsworth Wharf

The grass verge by the CRT Elsan and waste facility has been badly damaged by a CRT vehicle and Buckinghamshire Council has affected a temporary repair (tarmac). Buckinghamshire Council bring in a small collection van to collect the refuse from Marsworth Wharf, but CRT is currently using a 26T truck to collect rubbish from the facility.

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Parish Council meeting dates 2025

8.00pm in Village Hall

8 September	10 November
13 October	8 December

Cooks Wharf

Cutting back the hedgerows opposite the cottages at Cook's Wharf, which is obscuring signage including weight restriction and speed, has been added to the Bucks Council Local Area Technician action list.

Speeding – MVAS

MPC has accepted Cheddington's kind offer of the MVAS **Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)** to MPC on a permanent basis free of charge as they are purchasing new ones with Section 106 monies. MVAS are electronic signs which only become activated when approaching motor vehicles are exceeding a certain speed. The speeds are recorded to give an analysis of traffic speeds along the road.

Red Lion Bridge Biffa Bins

CRT has again been contacted by MPC to remind their contractor that the bins should be stored within the CRT housing where there is suitable signage to reduce fly tipping.

Home to School Transport

This is still an issue every year for Marsworth. An article went in the August edition of Marsworth News to explain that, 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 because if you don't include John Colet, you will not be eligible for free school transport to Cottesloe.

Litter Pickers

We have recruited three more volunteers for our litter picking group. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to be included in the list.

Car parking in Tring High Street

From 1 September, parking bays along the High Street will be free for the first half an hour. This is after

Tring Town Council, Marsworth Parish Council and Pitstone Parish Council contacted County Councillor Sally Symington of Dacorum Council, to express its concern that the free short stay parking bays along the High Street had been removed and replaced with pay-to-park which was reducing footfall in the High Street.

Ivinghoe Freight Zone

Residents will have noticed more signage around the area indicating the Ivinghoe Freight Zone to restrict lorries to certain roads except for deliveries.

A consultation commenced 4th August 2025 and ends on 5th September 2025. The consultation is aimed at amending the existing Traffic Regulation Order to allow those requiring local access and permit holders to enter the current Ivinghoe Freight Zone. There will be at least four ANPR cameras strategically placed. If you would like to have your say, go to: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/ivinghoe-freight-local-access-and-permit-holders/> or email highways.consultations@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 8th September at 8.00 pm. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 31st August. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting, but please let the Parish Clerk know in advance if you intend to be present. parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk

Restored sign at White Lion

The old White Lion sign – previously covered with lettering – has been revealed as part of the restoration of the building.

It is the sign that was displayed when the former pub was under Greene King ownership.

The paint has been successfully removed to reveal the characterful old sign that was underneath it.

Kate Andrew



Change lives by volunteering

Help to prevent isolation in your community by becoming a befriender today

We all need a helping hand or a listening ear from time to time, and by becoming a befriender, you can be that support for someone in need. By offering a couple of hours week to volunteer with Connection Support, you can have a real impact on someone's life.

We have different volunteer roles available, so visit our website for more information.

01296 484322
connectionsupport.org.uk/volunteer-opportunities

Helen Gracie

Helen moved to Marsworth in 2022 and lives in The Crescent with her husband Chris, and young son Theo.

Helen works as a Lead Business Analyst for the Money and Pensions Service and has spent most of her career as a Management Consultant in the public sector.



Helen Gracie

At weekends you're likely to find Helen feeding the ducks at Startops Reservoir, playing with her son at the Recreation ground or collecting daisies, berries or conkers as the season allows. She is a passionate Mental Health advocate and First Aider.

Helen is dedicated to helping the Marsworth Parish community thrive for future generations and looks forward to finding opportunities to make things better for all our residents.

Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



July £20 winners

- 158 Sandra and Ray Costello - Lock 4
- 35 Tracey Kennedy - Vicarage Road
- 55- Heather and James Timmis - Luke's Lea
- 44 Jeremy and Louise Whitehead - White House
- 87 Karen Waterman - Stepnells

August winners—£100

- 84 Debbie and Paul Edward's - The Crescent
- 161 Susan Dean - Aspens Farm

£50

- 82 Jan Hope - The Crescent
- 5 Gill and John White - Horseshoe Cottage

£20

- 144 Karen and Mike Platt - Luke's Lea
- 87 Karen Waterman - Stepnells
- 62 Bernard Double - Reservoir House
- 88 Lucy Devito - Stepnells
- 112 Valerie Farrell - Norvic Road

Huge congratulations to all the winners.

This month entry fees are due. A reminder that this is open to all in the village (old and new residents), and is NOT restricted to one entry only. Please make payment of £20 per entry ASAP as new draws start September. Can be done either online to Marsworth Social Centre 20-39-07 / 20660779. Please put your house number and initials of address as reference e.g. 39 V.R. Or simply pop £20 cash through my letter box in an envelope, with your name and first line of address clearly marked on the front, to 39 Vicarage Road. PLEASE NOTE this is a different bank account from last year.

Any questions about the 100 Club, please don't hesitate to contact me on 07858 508664. Next draw takes place Wednesday 3rd September at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

Thankyou for all the support and good luck in next month's draw.

Stephanie Hurley

All Saints Church

From the Vicar,
James Grainger-Smith



Religious historian Diana Butler Bass explores what it meant for Jesus to be called “teacher” or “rabbi”:

Although Christians call Jesus by many names, those who knew him best mostly called him “teacher.” Of the ninety or so times Jesus is addressed directly in the New Testament, roughly sixty refer to him as “teacher,” “rabbi” or “master” (as in the traditional “schoolmaster”). And a lot of what happens in the gospels is Jesus teaching. He teaches at the Temple, on a hillside, by a lake, in a field, by a campfire, at a dinner table, while at a wedding, and in the center of the city. He teaches individuals, his disciples, large crowds, small groups, his friends, and his foes.

The word typically translated as “teacher” was the title “rabbi” or “rabbouni”, a fairly new—and even revolutionary—term in the first century. The word “rabbi” did not mean a Jewish clergyperson, as it does today, nor did the title appear in the Hebrew Bible. Indeed, it was just coming into use during Jesus’s time for one whose teachings bore spiritual authority—a sage, a storyteller, an insightful interpreter of the Law, or a particularly wise elder.

To be a rabbi in the first century was to be a teacher who was crafting a new approach to Hebrew texts, traditions, and interpretations. And, sadly, both Christians and Jews have forgotten how completely innovative and challenging Jesus was as a rabbi.

As a teacher, Jesus is not contradicting Moses or demeaning other Jewish teachers. He is offering his interpretation of the law, teachings that surprised his followers with their originality and insight. To understand Jesus as a teacher in this sense is to remember that teachers, even those with great authority, teach within a long line of communal interpretation, something that Jesus himself would have known. Jesus does not replace. Jesus reimagines and expands, inviting an alternative and often innovative reading of Jewish tradition.

As a rabbi, Jesus was remarkable, challenging, and inventive. His teachings remain compelling, influencing people throughout the ages and well beyond Christianity; and those teachings stand on their own as beautiful without needing to diminish others. If, as Christians, we manage to follow our Teacher a little better, then the world will become a more just and loving place.

James

Services for September 2025

(at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

7th September

9.15am Holy Communion

14th September

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

21st September

9.15am Holy Communion

28th September

6.00pm Evensong (BCP)

Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

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Save a life September

Come along to Marsworth Village Hall on 17th September at 7.30pm. Learn how to use an AED and do CPR to save someone's life. It could be someone you know and love.

All are welcome.

For more information call 07956 479856.

Frederick Martin OSTJ RGN (Retd)
Interim - Community Services Lead
South Bucks Network, South East Region



Marsworth News



Our award this month is to **Denise Cornwall**, nominated by James Kennedy.

Denise does a great deal for this village, most of which is behind the scenes: the Parish Council, Church, WI—and now Marsworth Ladies, quizzes, meals on wheels, and has looked after Kitty from Norvic Road for many years.

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

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.

RED LION SCAFFOLDING:

The fire damaged sections of the Red Lion are now swathed in scaffolding and plastic sheeting, bringing hope that restoration work can begin before too long. Scaffolders came in for five days recently, creating an immense structure with tin lids to weatherproof the Grade II listed building, including the long row of outbuildings at the back. The insurers are likely to put the work out to tender shortly to specialist heritage contractors, with the expert work expected to take around a year.



Meanwhile, the pub has been busily serving drinks since reopening to an enthusiastic welcome from local people on August 7.

The bar and the rooms above under the thatch were relatively untouched by the blaze in May, thanks to the skilled work of the Fire Service. The fire-damaged part is now sealed off from the bar.

A fish and chip van has been booked on Thursdays and ad hoc Tuesdays, and a van serving pulled pork burgers is among various others being arranged for weekends. Cheese boards are now available, featuring wax-sealed Snowdonia cheeses, crackers and pickle, and customers are welcome to bring a takeaway or order one in, while the kitchen is closed.

The welcoming pub has a Sounds of Summer event from 2pm on Saturday, August 23, featuring Faces Fall, Mick Forster, Anna Swannell, the Keep Going Choir and more. There is also a grill van serving smoked barbecue food from 3pm – a chance to enjoy great music and delicious food.

Pub manager Pete Oxley says, 'There's been a great response since we reopened, and we're especially grateful to our neighbours Jake and Vicky, who are being very supportive about the scaffolding which runs down their garden, and to Kristian on the other side.'

DOTTIE ABOUT CAKE:

It's good news that the lovely Dottie About Cake, formerly of Little Heath Farm, Potten End, has just reopened locally – at Long Marston's Home Ground, a new community café behind the Victory Hall. It is now open Tuesday to Sunday, serving breakfast baps, croissants, light lunches, delicious cakes and afternoon teas and more. The café is run by Helena, from Marsworth.

CHURCH SALE.

There's a tabletop sale planned at St Peter and St Paul church in Tring on Saturday, September 13 in the church yard from 9am to 12 noon with set up from 8am. Call Maria on 07765 420700 to book a table for £8. See notice on page 12.

NATURAL CRAFTS:

Marsworth resident Lisa Tervit, from Growing Bright, is running monthly Natural Crafts Workshops at College Lake on Thursdays from September to December. Book at [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk).

LIDL NEWS:


The frame is going up at Lidl in Tring, so it can't be too long before the town has a new supermarket.



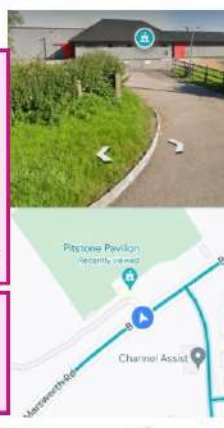
MARSHCROFT:

Two inspectors have been appointed to review the Dacorum Local Plan, which includes a fresh bid by Harrow Homes to create a massive Marshcroft development of 1,400 houses at Tring, including 700 affordable homes. And there's a development planned at New Mill. A hearing will open at 10am on September 16 at Dacorum Council Chamber and will run for four days.

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café






WHERE TO FIND US!!
Pitstone Pavilion
27th September
09.30 – 12.30 ➡



What's the Repair Café all about?

It's so easy! Bring along anything you need fixing, and we will repair it for you while you sit and enjoy hot drinks and homemade snacks from our café area. We just ask for a Donation!

Our Repair Café is run by volunteers with expertise in: **All electrical items, mobile phones, tablets, clothing/fabrics with rips & holes, jewellery, clocks, lights, machinery, tools, furniture, bikes and more!**

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Dottie about Cake finds new home

On Saturday 16th August, the long awaited Home Ground Cafe in Long Marston opened its doors. Helena Winter-Brown of Dottie about Cake, previously at Little Heath Farm Nursery in Potten End, will be running the new community cafe behind the Victory Hall.

The opening weekend was a huge success. We would like to thank the Marsworth residents who supported us by visiting for bacon rolls and tea and cake over the opening weekend. We welcomed many old friends from Little Heath and made many new friends from Long Marston, Wilstone and other local villages.

The cafe will be open Tuesday to Sunday, serving breakfast baps, croissants, granola and yoghurt, light lunches of homemade quiches, Ploughman's, sandwiches and of course, delicious cakes and afternoon teas. In October, planting will begin in the new tea garden and we are hoping to build a veranda in the very near future. Car parking is available.



Isabel and Louisa from Cheddington. both students, ready to serve at the cafe

We welcome walkers, doggies indoors and out, muddy cyclists and children. There is a lovely play area on the recreation ground with a view from all the windows so that mums can enjoy their cuppa and keep an eye on children in the park.

We look forward to welcoming all of our Marsworth friends very soon.

Open hours:

Weekdays 8.30-4pm
Closed Mondays
Saturday 9.30-4pm
Sunday 10-3pm



Inside the new 'Dottie' café—photo: Helena Winter-Brown

WATERS EDGE MARSWORTH

Our opening hours:

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

What's On at Waters Edge – September

Join us for later openings as we enjoy the final days of Summer 2025!

Happy Hour – Every Friday & Saturday (5–8pm)
2 for £15 Cocktails | Beer Bucks (6 beers) £24

Friday 5th – Live at Waters Edge: Presenting Soraya. Open till 11pm

Local singer from High Wycombe, just 17 years old. An evening of acoustic sounds in the garden with food and cocktails.

Saturday 6th – Thai Night. Open till 9pm

Special set menu with vegetarian option available. To book: info@wemarsworth.co.uk

Friday 12th – Bingo Night. Open till 9pm

Join us for happy hour and a lively evening of prizes, laughs, food and cocktails in the garden. Perfect for groups of friends!

Saturday 13th – DJ Night: Drake Vs Kendrick Lamar. Open till 11pm

Head-to-head in a night packed with their biggest hits, remixes, and crowd favourites. Expect bangers all night long, cocktails flowing, and the garden dance floor buzzing!

Friday 19th – Live at Waters Edge. Open till 11pm

Join us for an evening of live music in the garden!

Saturday 20th – Closed for private event.

Friday 26th – Mexican Night. Open till 9pm

Special set menu with vegetarian options available. To book: info@wemarsworth.co.uk

Saturday 27th – DJ Night: House Night. Open till 11pm

A full evening of house beats, remixes, and dance floor anthems to keep the party going till late. Cocktails, great vibes!

New Autumn/Winter menu coming soon!

Wilstone Reservoir update

As part of a £6 million 15-month programme of statutory safety works required under the



Reservoir Act, the UK's largest canal charity Canal & River Trust is currently installing 2,000 steel piles to strengthen Wilstone Reservoir's 200-year old embankments. Stretching for 1,350 metres, the embankments at Wilstone Reservoir are among the longest of the 74 major reservoirs in the Trust's care.

Built in 1802 to supply water to the Grand Union Canal (via the Wendover Arm), Wilstone Reservoir is part of the Tring Reservoirs Nature Reserve Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a popular place for walking and fishing, and regarded as one of the best bird-watching spots in the south of England.

Wilstone Reservoir facts

- At 119 acres (48 hectares), Wilstone Reservoir is the largest of the four reservoirs at Tring.
- It is up to 18 feet (5.5 metres) deep and has the capacity to hold over 1,000 mega litres of water, the equivalent of around 450 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.
- Around 2,000 steel sheet piles, ranging in size from 9 to 11 metres, are being driven into the embankment mostly using a method that reduces noise to minimise disruption to wildlife and people.
- Canal & River Trust's construction contractor Kier is using land-based equipment to carry out the works, including a 250 tonne crane and hydraulically powered press exerting up to 100 tonnes of pressure. Using land based equipment has allowed water to be kept in the reservoir, so it can continue to supply water to the canal.
- Piling work began in late June and is estimated to take around five months. The whole project is expected to be completed in March 2026.

People can find out more about the plans for Wilstone Reservoir at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/wilstone-reservoir-works, by calling the Canal & River Trust on 0303 040 4040 or visiting <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/contact-us/form>.



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 Startop's End, Marsworth, Tringford and Wilstone. The Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust leases and manages the Tring Reservoirs, and the Canal & River Trust maintains operational responsibilities.

The work to strengthen the embankments at Wilstone Reservoir is taking place over the summer and autumn months, following the natural trend of the reservoir's water levels. It is a groundwater-fed reservoir, rather than rainwater-fed, and the early months of the year are when it naturally refills. 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. In the autumn we plan to carry out works to the outfall syphon that require lower water levels. The piling will be completed by the end of the year, allowing the reservoir to naturally refill as usual early in the new year.

Closures during the works

The footpath that runs along the top of the reservoir dam has been temporarily closed, and pedestrians are being diverted through the field next to the reservoir, maintaining access to Mead's farm shop and café. Wilstone Reservoir's car park will close in early September for seven months, while the piling work is completed and a new footpath along the top of the dam is constructed. The road next to Wilstone Reservoir's car park will close for approximately four weeks at the beginning of September 2025. A traffic diversion will be in place, and Mead's Farm Shop and café will remain accessible.

Tring Local History Museum

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Saturday 10am - 1pm



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Energy Doctor service

Even more residents are set to benefit from Buckinghamshire Council's free Energy Doctor service, thanks to extra funding for this year.



Energy Doctors visit eligible residents at their homes to advise on ways households can reduce energy consumption, costs and put in place low-cost easy retrofit resource efficiency measures for the property.

Our Energy Doctors have already helped *63 households since 1 April 2025*, with projected annual savings of *approximately 20 tonnes of CO2 equivalents and £145 per household*.

Funding of just under £550,000 from the UK government's *UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)* <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus> has now been added to support the scheme to the end of March 2026. This is on top of the previous £2m already invested in the scheme since April 2023.

If anyone has not yet been visited by an Energy Doctor and is eligible, please contact the team via the new dedicated phone number, or via email – energydoctor@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. To qualify for a free visit, your home must meet **both** of the following criteria:

- you rent the property through a private rental agreement, or own and live in the property, or you're a social housing tenant
- you live in a domestic property with an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G or if the property doesn't legally require an EPC

You must also meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

- you're the only occupier of the property with an income of £36,000 or less before tax
- there are two or more occupiers with a household income of £41,000 or less before tax
- you're a household with dependent children and a household income of £50,000 or less before tax
- you are in receipt of means tested benefits such as Universal Credit and Council Tax Support
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Energy Doctors can:

- advise on ways that eligible households can reduce energy consumption and costs
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- Heated throws
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- LED lights



Items the Energy Doctors can install in your property

For more information visit – <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-and-sustainability/saving-energy-at-home-and-living-sustainably/request-a-visit-from-an-energy-doctor/>

Call 01296382041 or email energydoctor@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Overgrown hedges

Quite a few of the pavements and footpaths around Marsworth are obstructed by overgrown boundary hedges.

Birds nesting in our hedges will now have fledged and it is time to cut back overgrown hedges to ensure an accessible path/pavement along the outside perimeter of front gardens. Sufficient space needs to be made to allow for free movement including space for wheelchairs and prams.

All residents have a responsibility to keep boundary hedges clipped to the edge of the footpath to allow unhindered access.

Local resident of Canal Bank Farm, David Rollinson, has more than done his bit. He has cut back the side growth and cleared the roadway of Watery Lane 'between the bollards', even though he is only technically responsible for his side.



Watery Lane cleared:
Liz Rollinson

Marsworth Litter Pickers are revolting

by Marsworth Parish Clerk

As many of you will know, Marsworth is very lucky to have an excellent band of volunteers who regularly pick up after others to help keep our village looking lovely for us all to enjoy. Their work includes clearing, not only rubbish, but dog waste too that owners repeatedly leave behind. Their round includes the reservoirs, carpark and canal in our area which strictly speaking is the responsibility of the Canal & River Trust (CRT).

One of our younger volunteers – after much consultation with all our volunteers – produced and laminated signs which were placed around the CRT areas that we clear



reminding everyone to pick up their waste and use the bins provided. An individual note was on each sign indicating where the nearest bin(s) could be found. Interestingly, waste then wasn't left around these areas. CRT has written to our Litter Pickers instructing us to remove all signage immediately and indicating that their own volunteers can cope.

In consultation with CRT, just before Easter, a general waste and a dog waste bin were placed at the entrance to Startops car park and outside of CRT land because of the issue. Prior to this, the clerk obtained permission from CRT for signage to be placed within the car park once the bins were installed.



Drastic action needs to be taken

This is a thankless task caused by a minority of individuals who persistently offend. At the litter pick in July, nine volunteers over a couple of days spent 2-3

hours each clearing the CRT areas around Startops reservoir and car park.

The Parish Council will be taking this up with CRT at a senior level and Cllr Peter Brazier will be taking this up at Cabinet level. In the meantime our wonderful volunteers are discussing the possibility of not including those CRT areas in this unsavoury task as CRT feel that their own volunteers can manage. MPC asks for our understanding and patience while they seek a solution with CRT.

Our volunteers will of course continue picking around our village but remind you please to help them by using the bins provided or taking your rubbish – and dog waste – home.

New ways to pay for parking

New initiative puts motorists in the driving seat for parking payment choices



Anyone parking in Buckinghamshire, in either a council run car park or on street chargeable parking bay will shortly be able to benefit from a new initiative which gives customers greater flexibility in paying for parking.



Following a successful trial last summer, Buckinghamshire Council has from 1 July begun rolling out the National Parking Platform (NPP) to all its car parks and on street chargeable locations across the county.

The NPP works by giving customers the flexibility to choose which supplier they purchase their parking time through. Up until now, only one digital supplier, RingGo, has been available, but with NPP, the choice of parking provider will extend to include other suppliers including JustPark, PaybyPhone, and Appyparking.

Each supplier has its own app and fees. Some also have a telephone number so parkers can choose the option that best suits them. With different suppliers offering different convenience fees across one area, the initiative forces them to be competitive in their pricing which benefits customers.

The move to NPP supports the Council's ambitions, set out in its Parking Strategy.

Steve Bowles, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Communities explained: "We recognise that driver behaviour, demand for parking, and how customers choose to pay for their parking, has significantly changed in recent years. It is important that we adapt to reflect these changes. Using the NPP puts drivers in control of what they pay for their parking and helps to drive down the costs which is good news for everyone."

Payment machines already in place in car parks will remain for use as normal, providing a non-digital method of payment for those who prefer to pay for their parking in this way.

Roll out of the NPP took place throughout July 2025. For more information about the National Parking Platform visit: <https://npp.org.uk/>.

New editor needed

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Steel wall rises at Wilstone Reservoir

By Kate Andrew, Contributor

Towering cranes, a yellow hydraulic press, and 2,000 steel sheet piles are transforming Wilstone Reservoir this summer, as the Canal & River Trust and contractors Kier undertake a £6 million safety upgrade to protect the banks of one of southern England's best-loved birdwatching spots.

The 200-year-old reservoir near Tring is getting a steel 'curtain wall' driven deep into its two clay embankments to create a watertight seal – with each pile measuring from 9 to 11 metres in size. So far 450



Steel piles at Wilstone Reservoir

metres have been done out of 1,350 metres. A seating area is being created at one end, utilising the tops of some of the piles.

The work is part of a 15-month programme required under the Reservoirs Act, aimed at future-proofing the site against leaks, droughts, and extreme weather.

Startups Reservoir at Marsworth is set to be given this protective treatment in the next two or three years, as there is a leak high up opposite Startup Farm, although this is currently controlled by managing water levels.

At Wilstone, we're pushing in steel piles that have a Z-shaped interlock, so each clutches the next to make a watertight wall," explains Mark Stephens, Project Manager for the Canal & River Trust. "They are designed to last at least 100 years and protect the embankment where there was potential for leakage, making it more resilient in future."

The Trust is using land-based equipment - including a 250-tonne crane able to lift over trees and reach down the embankment, and a hydraulic press exerting more than 100 tonnes of pressure.

So, the reservoir doesn't need to be drained and can stay full enough to continue supplying water to the canal, reducing stress on fish stocks and keeping the ecosystem intact.

The works began in June and will continue until March 2026. To accommodate the project, the footpath along the top of the dam has been temporarily diverted through a nearby field, keeping access open to Mead's Farm shop and café.

The reservoir car park will close in early September for seven months, and the adjacent road will shut for four weeks with a diversion in place. The road may reopen at weekends in this time and Mead's Farm Shop will remain accessible.

Mark says the team is working hard to minimise disruption: "We've built a special road to support the crane so that it doesn't damage the fields - it will be taken up once the work is complete. And we're doing everything we can to preserve trees and habitats. Once

finished, visitors will enjoy a new all-weather footpath on the embankments and improved steps."

The reservoir's water level has naturally dropped during the dry summer months, which coincides with increased canal usage. A syphon outfall upgrade is planned for autumn, requiring slightly lower levels, but the Trust has committed to maintaining enough depth to protect wildlife.

The Canal & River Trust, a charity, faces growing financial pressure as government grants decline. With climate change increasing the risk of high rainfall events, storms and droughts, public support is more important than ever.

It has 74 major reservoirs in its care and Wilstone is among the largest. Built in 1802 to supply water to the Grand Junction Canal (now the Grand Union) via the Wendover Arm, it is now part of the Tring Reservoirs Nature Reserve, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) managed by Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust.

It's home to mute swans, teal, wigeon, shoveler ducks, corn buntings, and even the occasional visiting seabird like the common scoter. Birdwatchers also regularly spot great crested grebes, house martins, wagtails, and cormorants.

For updates, visit canalrivertrust.org.uk/wilstone-reservoir-works or call 0303 040 4040.



Wilstone Reservoir works



Marsworth Ladies

Chris King

Goodness! How the weeks fly by when you're having fun! Fun, we are indeed having at Marsworth Ladies! We have listened to two extremely interesting speakers since I last wrote a piece for Marsworth News. In July, Hilary Erenlier spoke to us about the German occupation of the Channel Islands during the war and particular Jersey where her family are from. She discovered an old ledger in which her grandfather had documented how life was during the occupation, after Churchill announced the island could not be defended. It sounded dreadful: short of food, not allowed to fish, supplies of food from France cut, so they were on their own trying to survive. Very interesting lady, and I could have listened to her for hours.

This month we had a former police officer turned gardener/prison officer tell us of her time working at Grendon Underwood prison, trying to teach prisoners how to turn a barren five acres into a wonderful garden. Despite much encouragement, I fear she was not as successful as she had hoped. Her tales of a world that most of us know little about were very interesting and thought-provoking.

As I told you in June, a trip to Chenies Manor was planned, and after a few hitches in getting the ladies to the venue (I thought Satnavs were a thing now!) we enjoyed a warm afternoon looking at the inside of this historic house, which is also the family home of the MacCleod Matthews family. The gardens are an inspiration to us all, so lovely with flower beds full of gorgeous blooms. Of course, tea and cake then followed!

Every August, one of our members, Elsie Beesley, holds a garden party at her home to raise money for charity. She has always been so lucky with the weather, I don't know how she does it! This year, the chosen charity was Breast Cancer Now. Everyone helps in one way or another, delicious cakes are baked, delicate sandwiches are made, gallons of tea are brewed, raffle prizes are donated. We had such a lovely afternoon and a magnificent £400 was raised for our chosen charity.

The clubs continue to thrive. Craft Club was a very calming and therapeutic evening, with members using colour to produce a calming picture; Supper Club was at The Giggling Squid, a restaurant the members have been to before and thoroughly enjoy. Book Club members have booked tickets to see The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe at Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre in October. We aim to reconnect with our inner child!

Marsworth Ladies is a lovely welcoming group to belong to; we support one another, have lots of laughs and eat lots of cake. Do come along and join us for an evening and see if this is something you would like to be a part of.

New editor
wanted

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A mystery solved

by Marsworth Parish Clerk

The Parish Council discussed at their 14 July meeting that the benches on the triangle opposite the village hall really needed a good clean if volunteers could be found.



When the benches required some TLC a few years ago, after appealing in Marsworth News, they were unable to trace the family who owned one of them so decided to proceed anyway.

Coincidentally, the day after the July meeting a woman in complete blue and red (Paddington bear) hat, coat and wellies with a bucket and brush appeared and proceeded to clean up the bench. Unknown to the Parish Council, Angela Collier, née Pallet had come from Dunstable - as she did once a year - to clean the bench which was donated by the family to remember her mum Muriel and brother Robin Pallet. They all lived at April Cottage, Church Farm Lane from 1961-69.

It is such a relief to have contact with Angela. We can liaise with her in future to help with the maintenance of the bench and we would like to thank her for helping to keep our village looking nice.

Please let the Parish Clerk know if you could help to clean the other bench on the triangle.

Jackdaw murmurations

By Marsworth Parish Clerk

Have you enjoyed the jackdaw murmurations over Marsworth during July and August? They congregate together at around 8pm every evening and then fly over to their chosen roosting place for the night in the direction of College Lake.

We have been watching them from our garden in Stepnells, firstly a few chuckling birds will fly over in groups of five or six, then numbers will increase until it looks, and sounds, like something from a horror film. My husband started counting them, not too difficult to start with but there were soon large flocks which must have totalled 400 to 500 birds.



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Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch


Linda Beardsley


Livestock worrying

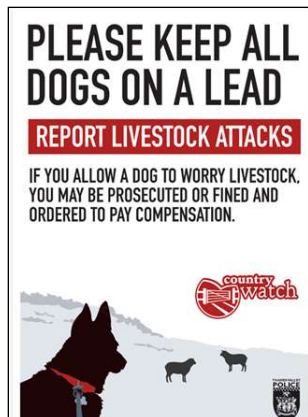
Livestock worrying is the term used to describe dogs chasing and/or attacking livestock. While this can apply to any livestock, it is most typically seen to involve sheep.

Farmers in the UK lose up to £1.8 million per year from dogs injuring or killing their sheep, due to the hefty vet bills they incur and the general disruption to their livelihood from losing their livestock.

To prevent this crime taking place and to help Thames Valley Police protect and support our rural communities:

 Please keep all dogs on a secure lead while walking them in rural areas, even the most well-behaved dogs with great recall are not immune to a natural instinct to chase. Even if the dog does not manage to attack the sheep they are injured simply from trying to flee the dog and additionally any great stress caused can be detrimental to them.

 If you live near a rural area and you know there are sheep and livestock nearby, please always ensure your fencing and gates are secure in case your dog escapes.



There have been many reports of livestock worrying from escaped dogs.

This offence can result in a hefty fine and having to pay compensation too. Farmers are also legally allowed to take matters into their own hands when it comes to dogs harming their animals. Please be safe and respectful of the countryside when walking your furry friends.

Please report via 101 or at *Report a crime /Thames Valley Police* online if you have been a victim of livestock worrying or have seen it take place. Always call 999 in an emergency or if a crime is in process.

Quishing

A new alert has been issued by Action Fraud, warning about “quishing”, which is a form of phishing where when a fraudulent QR code is scanned it is designed to steal personal and financial information.

The warning encourages people to stay vigilant and double check QR codes to see if they are malicious, before scanning them online or in public spaces.

QR codes are becoming increasingly common in everyday life, whether it's scanning one to pay for parking, or receiving an email asking to verify an online account. Check that QR codes in places like car parks have not been tampered with or verify with organisations directly if you receive one in an email or text.

QR codes in pubs and restaurants are generally considered safe and Action Fraud recommends you use the scanner that comes with your mobile phone and not one downloaded from an app store.



From the Bucks Councillors

Peter Brazier and Chris Poll

This is a time of recess in Bucks Council though important functions of course continue. Your ward Councillors remain active to assist with enquiries, and it has been a busy time with road repairs and other agencies carrying out necessary repairs and maintenance.



As part of our continuing commitment to supporting children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) by significantly increasing the number of specialist SEND school places available across the county, I'm really pleased that we've made a commitment for 100 new SEND school places for the next academic year.

We received the results of a recent Household Recycling Centres satisfaction survey – achieving outstanding customer satisfaction ratings, with over 98% of respondents satisfied with their experience.

New pathway available to help older residents stay active

A new referral pathway, Move Together Bucks, is now available to help eligible residents aged 50+ with long-term conditions become more active. It is currently

available for residents in our Opportunity Bucks wards and eligibility can be checked on the website.

This initiative is delivered in partnership with Active in the Community, Age UK Bucks, and Leap to deliver this person-centred programme, which supports our Health and Wellbeing Strategy and targets those most in need.

Please support the programme by signposting residents to activeinthecommunity.org.uk or by contacting either Peter or myself.

GCSE and A level results

Following A Level and GCSE results, we are working closely with our schools, colleges and other educational settings to understand their data and to provide advice to students on next steps.

Amongst the undoubted celebrations within many households across the county, it is important to reflect that there may be some young people who are disappointed with their own results or are just not sure what to do next. We would encourage them to speak to their school and take a look at some of the support and advice available, including Youth Employment – a helpline and advice for GCSE and A level students on next steps, apprenticeships, universities, starting their own business, gap years and employment.

*Chris Poll, Councillor for Ivinghoe ward
Chairman of East Bucks Community Board*

Are you struggling with food, fuel, bills and finances?



If you or your family are in need of support, on low income or experiencing a financial emergency or crisis, find out what help is available.

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- Monday to Thursday (9am - 5:30pm)
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**Buckinghamshire
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- **Lead Workshops** - share your skills in cooking, budgeting, job preparation, exercise, gardening, DIY, games and more.
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I can help with advice on whether your PC can be upgraded or alternatively on purchasing a new PC or laptop and transferring of all your data, email, etc.

I am centrally based in Marsworth and can either come to your home or help with problems over the phone.

Andrew Lewis - see advertisement above.

Goose rescue

At the end of Lukes Lea in early July a Canada Goose was spotted wandering down the road by itself. It appeared to stagger at times which was a bit concerning. A neighbour enticed it into her back garden with dog treats where it was very happy eating and drinking - and pooing lots!



Canada goose

On phoning Tiggywinkles, the local animal rescue centre at Haddenham, they sent out 'Wild Daisy' a volunteer within an hour to collect the goose. She had to wear PPE suit and gloves in case the goose had bird flu. She felt it was smaller than she thought it would be, so probably a juvenile. Often when they are flying long distances, particularly younger birds can get exhausted and come down to land.

The goose was still at Tiggywinkles after two weeks so was having treatment but until it is released the reception team have no further details. Hopefully the goose will make a full recovery and join other Canada Geese very soon.

Tiggywinkles did stress do not attempt to capture these birds yourself; always ask for help from people who know what they are doing!

Linda Beardsley

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.

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.



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