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### The Penultimate Marsworth News

The December issue of Marsworth News will in fact be the last one, after ten years of publication. No-one has come forward to take on the role of editor, or even to be one of a team. so the newsletter in this format must come to an end.

We did in fact have a volunteer, who offered to 'give it a go' if it were on a quarterly basis, and given the lack of other response, this seemed to make a lot of sense, rather than letting the whole concept of a newsletter be dropped completely. However the person who came forward with such willingness had no DTP (desktop publishing) experience, but nonetheless was prepared to give it a try. As she said, "It would be huge shame to lose Marsworth News".

I was greatly encouraged by this. however it then turned out that rather than having a standard computer, she has a Mac laptop, which doesn't support Publisher. This is the software we have always used, and the only way in which I could be of any help in a transfer. So with great regret we had to draw a line under that extremely welcome offer.

#### Quarterly alternative

A quarterly publication now seems to be the only realistic way to go forward. The Wilstone/Long Marston/ Puttenham newsletter functions well with four rotating editors, ten months of the year. However if that is not to be for Marsworth, a quarterly magazine/ newsletter should at least be tried as an alternative. It could well workeither with one person taking it on, or the job could be shared, being a much less onerous workload.

The key factor would be that such a person or people would need access to a computer which supports Publisher. Or—if they had DTP experience—they should be prepared to start more or less from scratch using the software they were familiar with.

Such a publication would be produced in March, June, September and December. Obviously content would

need to be adjusted with items looking back and forward, and contributors would need to bear in mind when readers would receive their copies.

The actual work would not be much more than currently involved in producing the regular newsletter-i.e. some eight days in the month, but this time every three months.

#### New name

If it was agreed that this was the way forward, and we had a volunteer editor, a new name for the new publication would be called for, as the content would no longer be 'news'. Possible alternative names include:

> Marsworth Gazette Marsworth Matters Marsworth Magazine Marsworth Bulletin Marsworth Journal

If you have a preference, or have a suggestion for an appropriate name, contact editor@marsworthnews.co.uk.

It is very much to be hoped that the proposal of a quarterly publication will encourage a volunteer to come forward in the interests of our lovely village.

Of course any new editor may have their own idea of what it should look like and how it could be produced and may not need to involve the use of Publisher. It could also continue in some form on a ten-month basis as currently if they wish.

Sandra Costello



Church Square, High Street, Tring 9.00 am - 2.00pm

#### 2025 dates

8 and 22 November 6 and 20 December

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Main Hall - available for parties and special occasions. Licensed for up to 100 seated and up to 200 for dances.

**Upstairs room** - available for meetings or activities. Can seat 24 for smaller functions.

For bookings, availability and charges contact Frances Brown on 01296 661211 after 4.00pm.

### The Bucks Herald

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

#### Last postal collections (Marsworth)

Church, Hall and Startops: Mon-Fri: 9.00am / Sat: 7.00am

Tring Post Office - 5.30pm

Ivinghoe Post Office - Open: Mon- Sat: 7.30am - 8.30pm Sun: 9.00am - 4.00pm

# Diary Dates - November 2025

10th	Monday	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
22nd	Saturday	7.00pm	Fun Quiz - see p.3
26th	Wednesday	2.00pm	TVP 'Have Your Say' - see p.8
28th	Friday	7.30pm	Music for All Ages Concert—see p.4

### **Editorial**

#### By Sandra Costello

Of course the crisis with the newsletter is my over-riding concern. Unless someone steps forward, local people face the prospect of Marsworth not having even a quarterly publication to notify of coming and past events, advertisements and items of significance. The newsletter is the only reliable way for news and information to reach every household in Marsworth on a regular basis. For instance, how would we announce the winners of the 100 Club, or advertise coming events? Much of this information could still be gleaned from social media, noticeboards, Everything Marsworth and of course the parish website. But that will not suit a lot of people who rely on Marsworth News to feel informed about 'what is going on in the village'.

It is such a shame that someone should have actually volunteered for the editor position, with the very best intentions and the interests of Marsworth at heart, only to have proved not possible to do the job through a technicality.

I can only hope that the December issue will bring better news...

# Editor/s urgently needed *Marsworth*

This is a great job for someone with an interest in local activities, and who enjoys working creatively at the computer. There is no 'journalism' involved; the job is to receive, edit and arrange items which are sent in.

It would ideally suit a person retired or with flexible times and one who is conversant with—or interested in—desktop publishing. Owning a computer is essential, to work with the Publisher software.

The work can take about seven-eight days at four key points in the year, in preparation of the quarterly issues in March, June, September and December, but it does require full commitment over those days.

Contact Sandra Costello at editor@marsworthnews.co.uk.

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# Parish Council meeting precis

#### - 13th October 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.



#### **Planning Portal**

Buckinghamshire Council has created a new planning portal. See article on page 5 of *Marsworth News*.

#### **Planning and SANG**

The Strategic Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) at Kingswood has now been approved, but delayed planning applications are not yet being released as there is discussion between Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire Councils on its use as a SANG for developments partly or wholly within Hertfordshire. See Clerk's report in September issue of *Marsworth News* for explanation of SANG and SAC.

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

Installation of the Audio Visual Equipment at the hall – including a projector and screen in the Main Hall and screens in both the downstairs accessible committee room and the upstairs Mike Frost room - will take place week of 27 October.

Note that wireless broadband internet access is now available in the Village Hall.

#### **Railing at Startops**

MPC has been advised that railings are now with Buckinghamshire Council but the installation date is not yet forthcoming.

#### **Corner of Lukes Lea**

Work is to be carried out to improve the appearance of this area by cutting back the brambles to a manageable level and raising the crown on the overhanging trees.

#### **Next MPC Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 10 November at 8.00 pm. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 2 November. 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.



#### **Opening hours**

Saturday 10am - 1pm

Tuesday, Thursday 2 - 5pm Wednesday 10am - 12 noon, 2 - 5pm Thursday 2 - 5pm Friday 2 - 7pm



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#### Parish Council meeting dates 2025

8.00pm in Village Hall
10 November 8 December



Raising funds for the upkeep of All Saints Church Meat Or Vegetarian Pasta Bake

Saturday 22nd November
7PM Start

#### Marsworth Millennium Hall

Orage James or Denise to book! 07399 494041 or 07501 783807

\*Gluten free option available on request

# Bridge Club at Marsworth

New members welcome.

Come and join us.

First and third Mondays of the month at 13:30 in the Mike Frost (upstairs) room at the Village Hall.

Contact: Mike Mullally: zen40567@gmail.com or 07984 409035.



# All Saints Church

From the Vicar, James Grainger-Smith



#### All Saints, All Souls, Loss and Remembrance

In many Christian Churches, November is a time when we remember those who have passed on before us saints, war heroes and everyone else too.

Mirabai Starr (who founded the online grief community, Holy Lament - a space for people to experience grief together) writes:

"What I often say about my work with grieving and bereaved people is that it's much more about transformation than about consolation. There are other places you can go to feel better, but to me grief is not a problem to be solved or a malady to be cured. It's a sacred reality to be entered. For so many of us, there's an opening to our soul's innate birthright, I would even say, of our longing for God that often gets covered over by everyday life. When we experience a profound loss, it strips us of those coverings.

Death is complicated and powerful. It's that threshold space that we get to experience sometimes between this world and a larger reality that we've always intuited to be true. It brings us into sacred space whether we like it or not. But there are many other losses besides the death of a loved one: that breakup of a relationship, a serious health diagnosis that changes everything, an injury that reweaves the way life used to be. I guess any kind of loss that involves the death of who we used to be is a powerful catalyst for this kind of encounter with the sacred that I'm speaking of.

We're an extremely grief-phobic culture, and it doesn't help to have the religions on top of it saying, 'Go this way. There lies transcendence. You can meditate your way out of your pain. You can pray your way through to relief from suffering. In fact, you can bypass it all together if you buy into this set of beliefs or practices or faith claims.' The combination of grief illiteracy in the culture, and the emphasis of the patriarchal religious structures to get us to rise above the messy realities of our humanity, is a recipe for avoiding grief."

Starr experienced how individual loss allowed her to enter into collective belonging:

"What I experienced when my daughter died was two things. One was that nobody could possibly know what I'm going through right now. But quickly on the heels of that was, 'Oh, every person ever who has experienced the death of a child knows.' I was realising in the bones of my own body that there had been mothers throughout time whose children had died and mothers right now [whose children are dying]. We all belong to each other. In some ways that was the first time I ever took my seat in the web of interbeing—when I realised that I belong here and we belong to each other. Even if right now it was my turn to be held by that web, I couldn't imagine it yet, but I knew somehow, someday I would be able to do some of that holding of the other mothers to come. And I have and I do."

Keep saying your prayers!

James

#### Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

www.achurchnearyou.com/All-Saints-Marsworth



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#### Services for November 2025

(at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

2nd November

Holy Communion 9.15am

4.30pm Service for the Bereaved at Ivinghoe Church

9th November

10.00am Remembrance Sunday Service with

Holy Communion

16th November

Holy Communion 9.15am

23rd November

6.00pm Evensong (BCP)

30th November

10.00am Benefice Communion at Slapton Church



# Bucks Council NEW planning portal

The four individual planning systems (AVDC etc.) have been rolled into one Buckinghamshire-wide solution – called One Uniform.

Applications in the **Aylesbury** area received **up to and including 8th August** will be viewed and commented on using the former Wycombe area system. *https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/* 

Applications in the **Aylesbury** area received **after** 8th August will be processed in One Uniform and comments will need to be made using the new single Buckinghamshire Public Access system. https://pa-csb.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/online-applications/.

Once all applications received into either the Aylesbury or Wycombe systems have reached their conclusions you will only need to access the Buckinghamshire Public Access going forward.



#### What do I need to do?

You will need to register for a new account to access the single Buckinghamshire Public Access system: https://pa-csb.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/online-applications/.

You won't be able to comment on a planning application without registering for the new system. Public comments will remain inaccessible to members of the public under the new system until Buckinghamshire resolve the current data protection issues. Comments by statutory bodies will continue to be accessible.

# Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



#### October 100 Club draw - £20 winners

No 64 Jean Goodrum - Startops

No 98 Heather and James Timmis

- Lower Icknield Way

No 78 Paul and Cath Stacey - Lower Icknield Way

No 115 Mike Mullally - Vicarage Road

No 54 Ian and Sheila Lewington - Vicarage Road

Congratulations to this month's winners. Please note numbers have now been allocated to all entries. (As stated last month, some will have changed) and will be on the front of your 100 club cards. You will receive these in due course.

November's draw will take place on Wednesday 5th November at the Village Hall committee meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Good luck

Stephanie Hurley

# Marsworth Bonfire and Fireworks Night

#### **Saturday 8th November**

Marsworth Recreation Ground, Watery Lane HP2 34LY

Gates open 6pm - Bonfire lit 6.30pm - Fireworks 7pm

Entry £6 Child £3

Rural Roasts will again be selling burgers and hot dogs



The Parish Council request that cars park away from the Rec as problems can arise if the Rec is waterlogged.

Disabled Badge holders will have special parking at the Rec.

Contact Iain Puddephatt to take burnable rubbish for the Bonfire on 07968 788998



# High litter penalty

A man from Watford who discarded a single cigarette butt has paid a hefty price for the offence after being forced to pay over £1,600 by magistrates in court. Arthur McCann of Watford was convicted of littering, in his absence, when the case was heard at Wycombe Magistrates' Court recently.

The court heard that on 25 February 2025, a cigarette butt was littered outside the parade of shops in Little Chalfont. Buckinghamshire Council's litter enforcement officers witnessed the offence and issued a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £500. McCann chose not to pay the penalty and so the council reviewed the case and submitted it for prosecution.

In court, Magistrates fined McCann £500 and ordered im to pay prosecution costs of £941.16. A victim surcharge of £200 was also levied, making a total to pay of £1,641.16.

Buckinghamshire Council's department for Environment, Climate Change & Waste stated:



"This case sends the message loud and clear that Buckinghamshire Council takes a zero-tolerance approach to littering. Anyone caught littering will be issued with a £500 Fixed Penalty Notice. If that person chooses to ignore the notice, they could end up facing prosecution and paying much more.'

Buckinghamshire Council has a zero-tolerance stance on littering and encourages members of the public to report littering incidents. Littering from vehicles is another primary concern in the county, costing taxpayers millions of pounds annually for cleaning. The enforcement team welcomes public submissions of littering offences captured by vehicle dashcams or home CCTV systems to help address this issue. All penalty fees are reinvested into the service to create a cleaner Buckinghamshire.

To report littering offences visit:

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-andtransport/report-problems-on-roads-streets-andpavements/report-littering-from-vehicles/.



# **New editors**



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#### The Firework Code

- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable. Check the time you can legally set off fireworks.
- 2. Only buy fireworks which carry a CE marking or the UKCA mark. Keep them in a closed metal box – take them out one at a time. CE and UKCA markings on fireworks demonstrate that the product has been tested to the required essential safety standard.
- 3. Follow the instructions on each firework – read them in daylight or by torchlight, never by a naked flame.
- 4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- 5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- 6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.
- 7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
- 8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
- 9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.





# 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.

WHITE LION

# Parish council slams delays to £1m regeneration project of Marsworth's White Lion.

The saga involving the long-awaited project dates back to 2021 and aims to restore and convert the derelict pub at the entrance to the village.

However, progress has been blocked by Bucks Council's delay in securing a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) - a legal requirement for developments near protected habitats such as Ashridge. The measure was introduced to reduce footfall in

sensitive areas, which saw a surge in visitors during the Covid pandemic.

The parish council has backed Nick Webb's regeneration project.

In August Mr Webb wrote to Aylesbury MP Laura Kyrke-Smith asking for help after hitting a 'bureaucratic brick wall'



Nick Webb

having mortgaged his home to fund the conversion of the pub into two houses. Ms Kyrke-Smith confirmed that she supported the construction and that it would provide 'much-needed housing'.

In the meantime, Mr Webb remains in limbo, facing loan repayments and forced to lay off workers. He says he's been reliably informed that planning approval is unlikely before next year.

Mr Webb purchased the pub earlier this year under the impression that planning issues were close to resolution. Instead, the process has dragged on with no clear end in sight. He previously revealed that since beginning work on renovating the recently derelict pub, he has spent over £1m on costs related to the scheme.

MPC chairman Bob Kennedy said: "The parish council and the whole village are extremely fed up with the way the White Lion has been allowed to deteriorate over many years and are pleased to see that, at last, something positive is being done."

He also criticised Natural England's approach: "It has been ridiculous that Natural England chose to use its power to stop nearby building development, in order to protect the Chiltern Beechwoods, without at the same time imposing measures to safeguard those woods which would have been far quicker and more effective."

Mr Kennedy also questions the council's handling of the issue: "It has also been equally ridiculous that Bucks planners have taken so many years to come up with a solution which they are yet to implement, especially given the pressure for new homes from Central Government.

"Prism Construction, along with many other local builders, is needlessly forced to wait for planning approvals which should have been determined long ago. In the case of the White Lion the planning application was merely a repeat of a previously approved but lapsed application which should have gone through swiftly."

#### **RED LION BRIDGE**

A Certificate of Lawfulness has been granted by Buckinghamshire Council for proposed traffic management works on the Grand Union Canal Bridge 130, adjacent to the Red Lion pub in Marsworth.

The certificate confirms that the installation of traffic lights and a designated pedestrian lane on the historic bridge is considered lawful under current planning regulations. The proposed changes are intended to improve safety for both vehicles and pedestrians crossing the narrow structure.

Importantly, the certificate does *not* grant permission to begin the works - it simply allows Ainscough Strategic Land to submit an application to carry them out. Any further alterations, such as kerbing, cabling, new road markings, or changes to the bridge's surface, would still require



Photo: Simon Whitehead

separate listed building consent due to the bridge's status as a structure of special architectural and historic interest.

However, the announcement has stirred unease among residents. Many fear that these works could pave the way for Ainscough's long-debated plans to build housing on the nearby airfield site.

MPC Chairman Bob Kennedy sought to reassure villagers, stating that the certificate "is not a green light for development," but rather a procedural step concerning the bridge alone.

As the community awaits further developments, the future of the Red Lion Bridge - and what may lie beyond it - remains a topic of close local scrutiny.

#### MARSWORTH FIREWORKS

Marsworth's much-loved village firework display returns on Saturday, November 8, promising another evening of warmth, sparkle, and community cheer at the Recreation Ground.

Gates open earlier this year at 5.30pm, giving visitors extra time to grab a bite and settle in before the festivities begin. The bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm, followed by the fireworks at 7pm. Entry is £6 for adults and £3 for children, with proceeds helping to fund the display and upkeep of the village hall.

Rural Roasts will once again be serving up hot dogs and burgers, and Isla's mulled wine, glow sticks and sweet stand will add to the festivities.

Parking is available in the orchard off Watery Lane, with disabled badge holders permitted to park directly on the recreation ground.

With a 30-minute display, a rousing 1812 Overture encore, and a warm village atmosphere, it's no wonder the event keeps growing. Paul Rance says: "Hopefully

this year it will be bigger and better. Come along - you won't be disappointed."

See poster on page 5.

#### MARSHCROFT DEVELOPMENT

Recently, around 150 residents joined Tring Town Council and the Grove Fields Residents Association (GFRA) for a packed meeting on the Draft Local Plan and Harrow Estates' proposal for the Marshcroft site. With a potential 46% increase in housing, concerns ran high - but so did community engagement.

The GFRA shared their alternative 20% growth plan, which they will share with the planning inspectors, and urged residents to submit feedback via an online form. They also appealed for donations to support their representation in Stage 3 of the Examination in Public.

To share your views or support the campaign, visit protecttring.org.

#### WILSTONE RESERVOIR - B489 set to partially reopen

Major improvement works at Wilstone Reservoir are moving into their next phase, with piling work on the embankments just finished, according to Mark Stephens, project manager for the Canal & River Trust, overseeing the site.

Now piling is complete to prevent future leakages, a section of Lower Icknield Way, adjacent to the reservoir car park, is set to partially reopen.

One lane will remain closed, with traffic lights in place to manage flow while further works continue. These restrictions are expected to remain until November 2025.

The car park itself will stay closed for several more months as contractors level and resurface the footpath that runs along the top of the reservoir embankment. The steps leading from the car park to the footpath will also be

replaced. The car park is scheduled to reopen by March 2026.

In addition to surface improvements, the Trust is upgrading the collector drains at the toe of the embankment. These drains play a critical role in monitoring any signs of leakage from the reservoir.

Underground work is also underway to repair and re-line the historic culvert - a 200-year-old, 300-metre-long brick structure that runs from the northeast corner of the reservoir beneath Lower Icknield Way. The culvert remains a vital emergency outlet for drawing off water from the reservoir.

Despite the scale and complexity of the project, Mr. Stephens confirmed



Piling press. Photos: CRT





that all works remain on track for completion by the end of March 2026. Startops Reservoir is set to be piled, creating a curtain wall, in two or three years, to prevent leakages there.



# Red Lion update

The Red Lion held a charity breast cancer tea party on Saturday 27th September which raised £363.75.

The Red Lion now has a **darts team** which meets on Tuesdays. Do come along if you would like to play.

Our monthly quiz night is always well attended.
Our next is on Wednesday 12th November at 7:30. A big thank you to lain Puddephatt, the quiz master. All money goes to Hectors House charity.



The Breast Cancer Awareness tea party. cake made by Stephanie Hurley.

Community Police 'Have Your Say' meeting on Wednesday 26th November at 2pm. See notice below...

Sunday 7th December **singing carols** under Charlotte's tree.

Our food vans currently are:

- Howes fish and chips on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Indian Street Food van
   7th November 5-9.
- Dough with the Flow pizzas
  - Saturday 15th November.



# Have Your Say TVP

Thames Valley Police is inviting residents of Marsworth and the surrounding areas to join them at their upcoming



Have Your Say events. These are informal meetings where you can speak directly with your local officers, share concerns, ask questions, and get advice on issues affecting your community.

#### **Event Details:**

Red Lion pub, Vicarage Rd, Marsworth, Tring HP23 4LU

#### Wednesday 26th November

① 2:00 -3.00pm

These events are a great opportunity to connect with your local policing team, raise any concerns, and work together to keep our neighbourhood safe.

# BeaconLit: the next chapter

On Saturday 12th July, book-lovers and writers alike gathered in lvinghoe Town Hall and the Hub for a celebration of all things literary. Playfully coined 'the Big Little Book



Festival', BeaconLit 2025 lived up to its name: intimate, inspiring, and rooted in community fundraising. A heartfelt thank you to the authors, moderators, booksellers, volunteers, and wonderful audience who made it happen, and anyone else who has interacted with the festival. Every penny of profit goes directly to the Beacon Villages Community Library, an invaluable doorstop resource.

A central theme of the day was *Place*. The New Voices panel of debut authors explored how and why their settings came to life. Joanna Miller, author of *The Eights*, shared how walking the streets of Oxford helped her capture the authenticity of the university and the four women at the heart of her novel. For the crime writers, Place took a darker turn, with Abir Mukherjee joking that the best location for a murder is aboard a cruise ship in international waters. It certainly sparked a lively discussion. Meanwhile, the Poetry Circle reimagined Place as an ideological launchpad, as the space where a poem takes flight.

BeaconLit 2025 offered a rich variety of events, and we're already dreaming bigger for 2026. In the meantime, turn your attention to **BeaconFlash 2025/26**, our 500-word short story competition running from September to May. See poster on page 6.

This year brings fresh energy: two new judges, exciting prizes, and a new sponsor.

November's theme is *Get with the Programme* and December's is *The Fourth King*. Each month invites a new submission, and writers are encouraged to respond to the brief. Entry costs £3 per story or £13 with critique, and prizes of up to £75 are up for grabs, alongside web publication, free festival entry and extended critique. Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting out, now's the time to get creative! Full details, including how to enter, can be found on our website: *https://beaconlit.co.uk*.



# Dottie is doing well

Kate Andrew

Marsworth's Helena Winter-Brown, well known for her former, much-loved Little Heath Farm Café near Potten End, says Long Marston has proven to be "a lovely new home" for her Dottie About Cake business.

"The new Home Ground Café is doing really well," Helena says. "We're being very well supported by both our Potten End customers who've followed us to Long Marston, and new customers from the village, Marsworth and surrounding areas.

The café, which opened in mid-August, is behind the Victory Hall and overlooks the recreation ground, having been converted from changing rooms. It was set up as a community hub by a working party from Tring Rural Parish Council to



help combat isolation in the village.

Looking ahead, plans are now in place to create a tea garden in 2026. They will be planting native trees and hedging to the north of the café to create a quieter area with benches under the trees. Wildflowers will bloom beneath silver birch, and raised beds filled with insect-friendly perennials will add colour and biodiversity. Closer to the café, they hope to build a terrace with shaded seating and more bike racks, when funds allow.

The café opens at 8.30am, offering a cosy stop for dog walkers and school mums and dads to pop in for coffee. Fridays and weekends are particularly lively, with breakfast baps, bacon and sausage rolls drawing in cycling groups from Wingrave, Amersham,



Cycling group recently at the café

St Albans and beyond. "We are fortunately on a popular cycle route," Helena notes.

With autumn now in full swing, the menu is expanding, now serving hot homemade soups with cheese scones every day. Jacket potatoes will be introduced shortly, and the famous quiches will continue throughout the winter. Seasonal crumb cakes, made with pears, apples, and Victoria plums from Helena's garden, are proving especially popular.

From 11.30am, the café serves lunches, cakes and afternoon teas. "We ask customers to book in advance for their afternoon teas so that we can make the special little cakes and fresh scones on the day."

Helena's comment: "The feedback and support we are receiving from Long Marston, our Marsworth friends and the villages has been astounding. We've found a lovely new home in a very friendly and welcoming community."

To book, ring 07522 287878.





# Christmas food bank

It would be wonderful for those in Marsworth, receiving groceries from the Food Bank, to have some special treats for Christmas.

The team would be hugely grateful if you could donate any specifically seasonal food or drink items, such as: mince pies, biscuits, sweets, wine or beer.

If we can deliver a few treats to each of them it will make their Christmas so much brighter and happier.



Thank you so much.
Please drop any
donations off to:

Karibu, Vicarage Gardens, Marsworth or leave it in the box in the church porch.



# All Saints Church will be floodlit for Christmas and New Year from 1st December 2025 until 6th January 2026

#### Would you like to sponsor a few hours of floodlighting?

This is a nice way to remember a loved one, to mark a special occasion or simply to enjoy the sight of the floodlit church over the festive period. All dedications will be recorded on a list in the Church porch.

Please complete the form below and return with your donation to Jenny Sheils, Leveret Lodge, Church Lane, Marsworth.

Donations can be made by cash, cheque (payable to All Saints Church) or bank transfer.

Bank details: All Saints Church / Sort code: 55 70 10 / Account no: 06507239 Please include your name and F/L in the payment reference.



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Dedication	

# Free home upgrades to cut energy bills

Buckinghamshire residents who live in privately owned homes, including private rental properties, that have low energy performance EPC ratings can apply for free energy-saving upgrades that will help them cut energy bills and stay warm this winter.

Eligible residents could receive up to £30,000 of fully funded energy saving measures, such as loft insulation, wall insulation, solar panels, smart heating controls, and heat pumps.

Having secured just over £3m of funding from the Government's Warm Homes Local Grant, Buckinghamshire Council has partnered with the National Energy Foundation's Better Housing, Better Health service to manage delivery of the scheme. This will include assessing applications and managing the pre- and post-installation process.

The scheme is now open to Buckinghamshire residents who meet the following criteria:

- Your home has an EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) rating of D, E, F or G AND one or more of the following also applies:
- You live in a household with a combined gross annual income of less than £36,000
- A member of the household is in receipt of certain means-tested benefits such as Housing Benefit, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Income Support, Pension Credit (savings and guarantee), or Universal Credit
- You live in a pre-qualified postcode area, as determined by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

Residents who meet the eligibility criteria and would like to apply should either call the National Energy Foundation's free helpline on 0800 107 0044, submit a referral form on the Better Housing, Better Health website: <a href="https://www.bhbh.org.uk/make-a-referral">www.bhbh.org.uk/make-a-referral</a>, or email <a href="mailto:bhbh@nef.org.uk">bhbh@nef.org.uk</a>.

Residents are being urged to be aware of scammers and to ensure they communicate with the Better Housing, Better Health service via the official channels listed above.

To find out more about all the support available for those affected by cost of living pressures visit: https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/help-with-heating-and-household-bills/.

# Tring Local History Museum 9 Brook St, Tring HP23 5ED

The history of Tring and the local area

Open: Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 4pm

The Museum is entirely volunteer run and entrance is FREE.



# Thames Valley Police

As the darker nights draw in across Buckinghamshire, Thames Valley Police would like to remind residents of Marsworth to take a few simple steps to help keep themselves and their property safe. The change in season often brings an increase in opportunistic crime, particularly burglaries and thefts from vehicles, so now is a good time to review your home security.



Make sure all doors and windows are locked before leaving your home or going to bed, even if you're only stepping out for a short time. Consider using timer switches for lights to give the impression that someone is home, and keep valuables out of sight from windows. If you have a shed or garage, ensure it is securely locked and tools or bikes are marked and registered. Motion-activated outdoor lighting can also be a strong deterrent to would-be intruders.

Always remove valuables from your car, including sat navs and bags, and park in well-lit areas where possible. Double-check that your vehicle is locked.

We encourage residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us via 101 or online. For emergencies, always dial 999. By working together and staying alert, we can help keep Marsworth safe throughout the winter season.

Your Marsworth Neighbourhood Policing Team



### Land for sale at Lower End

Agricultural land off Long Marston Road, Lower End, Marsworth is now up for sale.

Divided into two lots, the larger at £1,500,000 consists of:

- 5.5 acre plot including a 1.7 acre agricultural yard
- A range on substantial barns and outbuildings
- Potential to redevelop (subject to usual planning permissions)



The second section, opposite Lower End Garage, is for sale at £500,000 and is described as follows:

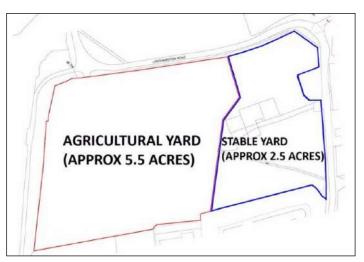
"The Stable Yard is an unique opportunity to acquire a substantial plot of approximately 2.5 acres with a range of brick built stables and barns.



The site offers tremendous potential to build a

substantial family home (subject to all usual planning permissions). The plot is accessed via double gates to a concrete driveway that leads to the outbuildings and the plot is enclosed by fencing and mature hedging."





The two properties for sale at Lower End

# Night under the stars

The countdown is on for the DENS Sponsored Sleepout on Friday **21st November** – and there's still time to secure free places.



Hosted at Hammond Academy in Hemel Hempstead, this unique charity event invites the community to come together for an unforgettable experience under the stars – all in support of local people facing homelessness.

With the cold weather setting in and more people than ever turning to DENS for support, now is the time to sign up, rally your sponsors and make a real impact.

Last year's event raised a record-breaking £33,000, and this year DENS is aiming even higher. Every participant who beds down for the night will help fund vital services that provide accommodation, food and support to those in crisis.

Chris Loake, a Scout leader who's joined multiple Sleepouts, said: "The atmosphere is incredibly positive and supportive."

The evening promises live music, family-friendly activities and an eye-opening Q&A about the realities of homelessness. As night falls, participants will swap their beds for cardboard and sleeping bags – gaining a small glimpse into the harsh conditions rough sleepers face.

"It's friendly, safe and jolly," said Francesca Ayers from Hemel Hempstead. "You leave with a real sense of achievement and making a difference."



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Don't miss your chance to be part of something special. Guarantee your free places today at www.dens.org.uk/sleepout25.

### From the Bucks Councillors

Peter Brazier and Chris Poll

#### **Local Plan**

The latest proposals for the new plan for Buckinghamshire future housing, employment and green space have now gone out to consultation. Figures for what are being proposed are set out below. It should be noted that the total numbers required have increased from the old plan due to the Government's desire to build 1.5 million homes during this parliament. The old plan proposed 65,000 homes with 22,000 having already been either built or started construction and this is for up to the year 2045.

The proposed headline numbers are set out below.

- Brownfield sites within existing towns and villages
   —1,500-2,500
- Growth on the edges of existing main towns —23,000-28,000
- New towns—11,000-13,000
- Development at transport hubs—16,000-19,000
- Expansion near key employment areas—5,000-6,000
- Limited expansion of villages—13,000-15,000
- Expanding urban areas on the edge of Buckinghamshire—6,000-7,000
- Total—75,000-91,000
- Windfall—7.400
- Total housing supply + commitments—82,000-99,000
- Housing requirement 91,000 with 5% buffer—95,550.

What this means for us within Ivinghoe ward, with only villages and hamlets, is that the proposed increase would equate to 60 dwellings per parish. Obviously, for some smaller parishes an additional 60 dwellings would significantly increase their population. Therefore, our Ward councillors (Peter Brazier and Chris Poll) will put forward a proposal to place a ceiling on any increase to 10% maximum.

On top of this there is a proposal for the creation of new towns. These would be of at least 10,000 dwellings and would be additional to the numbers stated above.

Buckinghamshire Council is required to progress this new plan with a deadline of December 2026 to remain under the remit of the old system. Government has introduced a new way of calculating need and if we do not meet that deadline we will be working under the new scheme which will undoubtedly increase numbers which need to be provided.

#### **Buckinghamshire Archive**

In March 2025, Buckinghamshire Archives Service was awarded provisional Accredited Status for two years by the National Archives, to be reviewed a year after the relocation to High Wycombe has taken place. The assessors congratulated the service on its strong community engagement offer and noted positive developments around digital preservation.

The Archives Service has also been confirmed as an ongoing Place of Deposit, which means it can continue to hold specific records under Section 4 (1) of the Public Records Act (1958). The Accreditation Assessment is a rigorous process and achieving this award confirms the Service is performing well in all aspects of delivery.

The Archives Service has introduced a Virtual Classroom offer, in addition to the Virtual Searchroom and 'Ask the Archivist' online offers. This will enable schools across the county to incorporate archives into their learning.

#### Fair Funding settlement

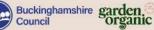
Whilst this may sound a bit of a dry topic, it is in fact vitally important. Buckinghamshire Council receives its revenue, approx. £1.2bn, from council tax and business rates. The days of general grants from government ended some years ago and since then we have been wary of what is called Negative Revenue Support Grant. This would mean that we would give some of the revenue we had raised in this county back to Government for them to in turn give to another local authority elsewhere in the country.

The latest proposal from Government is that this will indeed happen and is due to be announced sometime toward the end of the year. The figure being suggested by the County Councils Network is £40m which will bring pressure to our budget on an unprecedented scale. Central Government are still to confirm the actual figures but on the CCN figures we would be in the highest two or three councils negatively affected. Since inception, Buckinghamshire Council has made savings of £120m in its first four year term and has budgeted for a further £120m of savings in this term. An additional demand of 33% on top of these savings will bring difficulty in deciding what to cut from our non-core services. We really hope our MPs will lobby hard on this subject as it is unfair to expect Bucks residents and businesses to subsidise other parts of the country.



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### **Marsworth Ladies**

We have enjoyed an exciting month with Marsworth Ladies. Our meeting in October was well attended and we were all looking forward to hearing our speaker. Cally Foster, an experienced thespian, talked to us about the origins of phrases and sayings that we use all the time, but have little idea of their origin. She gave an interesting talk and entertained us with a quiz based on the things we had heard in her presentation. Many of us were quite successful. Afterwards, tea and delicious cake were served, allowing us to have a good old chinwag with our fellow members. The raffle is always good fun; we have excellent prizes but also a 'What's in the Bag' item. This is a little bit of nonsense with a funny and possibly useless item which must be revealed to the rest of us by the 'lucky' winner! The winner then has to provide a similar gift for the following month. It's surprising what our ladies can come up with.

The speaker for November will be a lady talking about her mother's nursing career. Jo Laurie was due to come and speak to us last year, but unfortunately broke her ankle and therefore was unable to attend. Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas Dinner. The venue is Chiltern Forest Golf Club, who treated us extremely well last year. A chance to enjoy some delicious food and dress up in our finery.

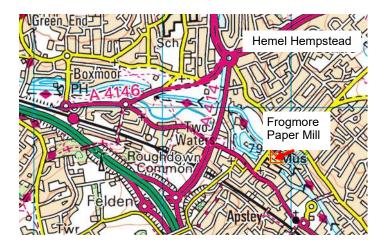
I have heard some nice compliments about our Jubilee Garden in the recreation ground. A group of ladies are responsible for this lovely display and they are thinking of adding a bit more colour to the original white flower theme. Something to look forward to.

Our Book Club had a fabulous afternoon at Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre watching a production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C S Lewis. The audience consisted mainly of schoolchildren ranging from five year olds to teenagers. It was so lovely to see and hear their enthusiasm for this tremendous production – what a treat!

No Supper Club was booked this month due to illness, but there will be one next month. I believe Craft Club have been up to 'witchy' things – Halloween is almost upon us. These clubs continue to be very popular.

If there are any ladies out there who read this and would like to join us, you are very welcome. Several new ladies have remarked how welcome they felt when they came along the first time. We look forward to seeing you!

Chris King





Frogmore Paper Mill is reopening! The renovation team is delighted to say it is open for hard hat tours after more than three years of closure.

The papermill has closed its doors to the public since a devastating fire in January 2022 which caused millions of pounds of damage.

From Wednesday 15th October they will be open for tours at 11am and 2pm every Wednesday and Thursday. Adults £15 and children 4-16 £10, children under 4 free. Entry will be via the gate on Durrant's Hill Road – please don't head to Fourdrinier Way.

Go to https://frogmorepapermill.org.uk/events/.

#### Why are they called Hard Hat tours?

Really because we have more to do. Hard Hat tours offer a full tour experience where a guide will tell you all about papermaking history, the Gade Valley paper mills and the restoration work that has been undertaken since the 2022 fire which forced us to close. The team will be pleased to offer you a cup of tea or coffee and a cake as part of the ticket price. You will also be able to make a small sheet of paper by hand as you always could.



#### What they won't have!

Level floors and there's a lack of steps! There is one narrow flight of five steps between the levels. If this may pose a problem, get in touch (email visitors@frogmorepapermill.org.uk or call 01442 234600) and the team will see what can be done to escort you on a different route.

There is not a full café yet but they can serve a fine tea or coffee.

#### What they will give you!

An informative and engaging tour. A tour guide who will answer your questions and amaze you with the facts. A chance to make a piece of paper. An understanding of how paper is made, how paper developed from early production, to mechanisation and towards the future. You will learn how the Gade Valley or Paper Valley as we prefer to call it, gave the world a revolutionary product that we now just take for granted.

Frogmore Paper Mill, Fourdrinier Way, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9RY / 01442 234600. https://frogmorepapermill.org.uk/.

# Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch



Linda Beardsley

#### **Bonfire Night**

"Flickering colours dance in the sky, in a burst of brilliance, they twist and fly. Radiant hues paint a night so bright, every heart leaps at the dazzling sight!"

Everyone knows the history of Bonfire Night and the plot to kill King James I by Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators. But did you know fireworks were invented in China in 200 BC, where firecrackers were accidently created by roasting bamboo?

Please follow the Firework Code carefully if you are having your own display or - as recommended by the Emergency Services - attend instead an organised event, like our own excellent one in Marsworth, this year on Saturday 8th November.

See Fireworks Code on p.6

#### Scams and yet more scams...

Various agencies have reported an increase in different and inventive types of scams. Among them are:

**Conveyancing or Payment Diversion Fraud** where fraudsters impersonate solicitors or estate agents to intercept large financial transfers during property transactions.

Romance Fraud – where a person enters into an online relationship, where they are groomed, isolated from their support network and then they give money to the 'partner', who has a distress story or desperate need with promises of repayment. Often the 'partner' is a computer-generated persona who does not exist.

WhatsApp Fraud – where your account is taken over and monetary demands are made, usually posing as a family member or friend.

Driving Lesson and Test scam especially prevalent on social media

where lessons and tests are advertised that don't exist.

Courier Fraud - typically involves a fraudster posing as a police officer or bank official. They claim fraudulent activity on your bank account, ask for sensitive information like bank details and PIN and send a courier or taxi to collect cash, debit/credit cards or valuables.

#### From our neighbours at Cheddington NHW

We have received reports of scam text messages and emails claiming to be from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) regarding winter fuel payments.

Please be aware: These messages are fraudulent and should not be replied to. The DWP will never ask you to share sensitive details by text or unsolicited email.

#### Advice from the DWP:

#### What to do if you receive a suspicious message

- Do not click links or provide any personal or financial information.
- Do not reply to the text.
- Forward scam texts to the UK's 7726 service for analysis.
- Report the incident to Action Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040.
- Report phishing emails to report@phishing.gov.uk.
- Warn vulnerable friends and relatives about

If you are unsure about any communication you receive, contact the official DWP helpline directly using 0800 731 0122..

#### Local names and numbers

#### All Saints Marsworth - See Church page

#### **Bucks Councillors for Marsworth**

Chris Poll - chris.poll@buckinghamshire.gov.uk Peter Brazier - peter.brazier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

#### Canal & River Trust -

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

#### **Crime Stoppers**

0800 555 111 / crimestoppers-uk.org/

#### **Marsworth Archive**

Jonny Taylor - marswortharchive@gmail.com

Marsworth Bridge Club - Mike Mullally, zen40567@gmail.com or 07984 409035

#### **Marsworth Craft Club**

marsworthcraftclub@hotmail.com

#### Marsworth Infants School - Office:

01296 668440 / office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk

Marsworth Ladies - Christine King - 01296 660019

Neighbourhood Watch - MarsworthNHW@gmx.com

Parish Council—See Parish Council page

#### Police - Wing & District Neighbourhood

Policing Team, 73 Leighton Road, Wing, LU7 0RD To report a non-urgent crime, telephone 101 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ For non-urgent enquiries, email:

WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk. In an emergency dial 999

**Street problems -** To report a problem on a street/ road in Bucks e.g. potholes, signage etc: FixMyStreet - fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

For street lighting: parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk

Village Hall bookings - See page 2

#### Windmill Pre-School

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#### **Bonfire Night menu:**

Juicy burgers, sizzling hot dogs and loaded fries.
Mulled wine, seasonal drinks and indulgent hot
chocolates with our homemade shortbreads, waffles
and feel-good desserts.

Warm food, cosy seating and proper Bonfire Night vibes.

Feel free to use our free car parking spaces if you are joining us beforehand

#### Elvis Night with Danny Graceland (18+) Friday 28th November. 7 – 11pm

Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating the king of Rock 'N' Roll. Featuring the incredible Danny Graceland, performing all the Elvis hits you know and love.

Enjoy a buffet of classic Mississippi favourites - think Southern Comfort, smoky flavours and Soul food goodness. Tickets start from £20, and include a welcome drink on arrival of Priscilla's Punch and buffet.

Dust off your blue suede shoes and get ready for a night of music, dancing and good old Southern hospitality.

#### **UPDATES**

Our new menu is now available to enjoy. Grab a deal with 10% off for Over 65s and Blue Light and Military Discount.

We have some lovely seasonal warmer specials, hearty stews, and soups to help warm you as the days get shorter and colder!

The end of November (29th) marks our **one year anniversary** of ownership of Waters Edge and we couldn't be more thankful to the local community for welcoming us and for all the shared memories.

We can't wait to celebrate the final seasons of the year together. Thank you all.

Christmas Events Coming Shortly &



#### **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, 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.

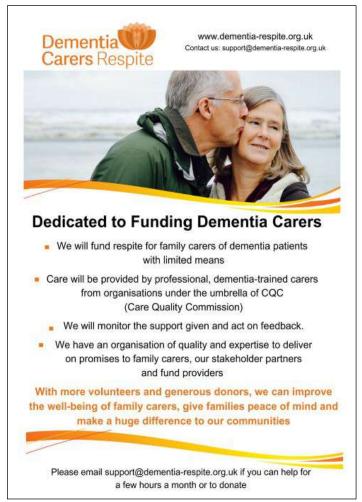
If you, or you know of someone who has fallen on difficult times, please call me, in total confidence, to talk about it. Richard Cooper 01296 661725, richard.bennettcooper@outlook.com.

For more information on how to apply to the Marsworth Foodbank or make a donation, go to All Saints webpage:

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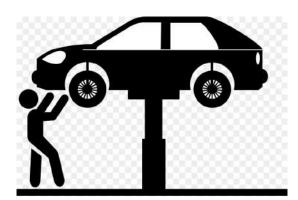
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#### Marsworth area only









"The children are so happy to run in everyday, that says it all!

March 2024 Ivinghoe & Marsworth

Windmill Pre-School are enrolling now at our

### Ivinghoe and Marsworth settings!

We have TWO wonderful settings Windmill, Marsworth takes children from 9months+-School age Windmill, Ivinghoe takes children from two years old-School age

#### Ivinghoe contact:

### Funded hours

# Marsworth contact:

ivinghoe@windmillpreschool.co.uk

Both settings accept all funded hours (the term after your child is eligible)

marsworth@windmillpreschool.co.uk

01296 661031

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01296 821101 Marsworth Millennium hall. Vicarage road, Marsworth,

HP23 4LR

Brookmead School site. High street Ivinghoe LU7 9EX

Contact Area manager, Emma on

manager@windmillpreschool.co.uk to book your tour

of either/both settings NOW!

"We are so happy with the care our children have had at Windmill Pre-School. The quality of teaching and learning here is second to none and all of the staff show a genuine happiness of their job"

"All the little extras that Windmill offer, mean the world. Our children have learnt so much during their time here and we are so sad they have to leave to go to School"

# Marsworth Photo Gallery Please send your photos to editor@marsworthnews.co.uk



Autumn leaves—Sara Wood



Barheaded geese at the reservoir—Jayne Tree-Booker These geese normally breed in Central Asia



Muscovy ducks seen at the reservoirs—Niki Powell



Re-thatching at The Ship—Jeremy Whitehead



Liquidambar at Lower End -Sandra Costello