

Marsworth News

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Spectacular Fireworks!

By Kate Andrew

What a fantastic evening of fireworks we were treated to on Saturday 8th November! The display was spectacular, the bonfire huge – and the recreation ground was full of hundreds of people from the village and surrounding areas.

Marsworth fireworks has become quite a legend for its great display to music, in an atmospheric village setting. It's perfect for families, and this year the mild, still weather was ideal.

People posting on Facebook described it as 'fabulously fantastic', 'truly awesome', 'the best one I've seen', and 'absolutely brilliant!'

So well done to the Village Hall Committee led by Iain Puddephatt, and especially to Paul Rance, who again did all the considerable preparation for the firework display itself.

The amazing bonfire added to the atmospheric village fireworks event, which was very well supported.



Bonfire lit—Jeremy Whitehead

However, to the many watching, after such an amazing display the remaining fireworks seemed like a bonus. 'These things happen,' says Paul, who is overall very pleased to have masterminded yet another amazing display, raising essential funds for the village hall and next year's fireworks.

The event proved once again how good village volunteers are at organising events that draw in crowds from a wider area, following on from the success of the Steam Rally and Flower Festival earlier this year.



Photo: Georgie Lily Rance

With such an amazing atmosphere, a spectacular display, great food from Rural Roasts and mulled wine and sweet treats organised by Isla, Marsworth Fireworks triumphed once again as one of the very best displays in the area.



Remembrance Sunday—Jeremy Whitehead

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TRING



FARMERS MARKET

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

6 and 20 December 2025

Diary Dates - December 2025

6th	Saturday	12.00	Marsworth School Christmas Fair
8th	Monday	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
15th	Monday	7.30pm	Carol Service—All Saints

Editorial

By *Sandra Costello*

Well, my somewhat stark outlining of the situation regarding the newsletter soon paid off. Very soon after the newsletter had been delivered—even before I had received my own copy—I had an offer from Lynn Mildner, who lives near the Anglers. She seemed ideal, and was keen that the newsletter should carry on in its usual 10-issues-a-year fashion.

Then within a day or two I had another volunteer, this time Zoe Card, from Lukes Lea. Both had some DTP experience, and were happy to work together. Since then each has been shown some of the workings of Publisher, and talked through the procedure. We have since met up and Lynn and Zoe then discussed how they might work together. I am confident that they are both ideal for the job.

This has been a wonderful development, and I am very hopeful that Marsworth News, which has become very important to me, can go forward almost seamlessly to provide the source of information and interest we have always aimed for, while maintaining very high standards of presentation and content.

Since announcing my imminent departure I have had many expressions of appreciation from individuals who have thanked me - for what I have done with such pleasure. And now I have even received a 'Marsworth Award', which was something I initiated last year as a way of recognising the contribution of local people to the Marsworth community.

Lynn and Zoe will probably alternate the production of the issues, but what they decide to do will be their choice. I will leave it to them to introduce themselves when appropriate, and I feel happy leaving the newsletter in such excellent hands!

Now is the time for me to say goodbye, after a really enjoyable ten years of pulling together all the copy, photos, graphics, adverts and everything that makes up a newsletter—then shuffling and re-shuffling them around. I have nagged a lot of people (nicely), but mostly I recollect thanking many many people for what they have sent in. In a way I won't be sorry not to have the regular pressure, but I am sure that I will really miss the commitment—and the huge feeling of satisfaction I have always had, firstly when the issue is completed and sent to the printer, and then when it is delivered to me.

I have lived in Marsworth for 42 years, by the Aylesbury Arm, and though I may well be around for some months yet I will be very sorry to leave this beautiful village, and so many lovely people.



Lynn Mildner



Zoe Card

Remember - no Marsworth News in January

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

from **Marsworth
News**

Parish Council meeting precis 10th November 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 and SANG – Kingsbrook Meadows at Aylesbury

A Strategic SANG, Kingsbrook Meadows* (see below) at Aylesbury, has now been approved and allows Buckinghamshire Council Planning to start reviewing applications which have requested and would qualify for mitigation using SANG credit from this SANG.

The applications that qualify include either:

- applications for nine or less dwellings within the 12.6km Zone of Influence
- applications for ten or more dwellings within a 5km catchment area of the Kingsbrook Meadow SANG.

Planning case officers will contact applicants that qualify for credit allocations to the approved SANG at Kingsbrook Meadows. The SANG is to be delivered in three phases.

Phase 2 – 26.1 hectares will be delivered and open within 12 months with capacity for 1,305 dwellings.

See Clerk's report in September issue of Marsworth News for explanation of SANG and SAC. See [this page](#).

Marsworth Village Hall Audio Visual Equipment (AV)

Installation of the audio visual equipment at the hall has been underway – including a projector and screen in the main hall and screens in both the downstairs accessible committee room and the upstairs Mike Frost room.

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

Railings at Startops

MPC has been advised that railings at Startops will be installed in November 2025.

Donations

It was resolved to donate £200 to Marsworth CofE School as a contribution towards children's swimming lessons and £200 to All Saints Church, Marsworth, as a contribution to maintaining the churchyard. Donations were made under S127 which can be made to local charities and not-for-profit organisations that provide a public service and directly benefit the area.

Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 8 December at 8.00 pm. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 30 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.

* **Kingsbrook Meadows** is described online as 'a new, 250-acre nature reserve in Aylesbury, just east of the town's award-winning, nature-rich Kingsbrook development'.

It is shown here as the green space to the left of the road.



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Parish Council meeting dates 2025

8.00pm in Village Hall
8 December

MPC meetings 2026

12 January	8 June
9 February	13 July
9 March	10 August
13 April (Good Friday 3 April)	7 September
- inc. Annual Parish Meeting 7pm	12 October
11 May (Bank Holiday 4 May) /	9 November
Annual Meeting of Council 7.45pm	14 December

From Parish Clerk's report, September 2025

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.

Aylesbury Arm closure

The Aylesbury Arm remains closed due to water shortages.



2025 has been extremely dry and although there has been some rain recently, the system needs more rain to recover. Wilstone Reservoir isn't expected to start properly refilling until January 2026, assuming we have normal rainfall from now on.

Boat movements

The system can tolerate occasional boat movements on the Aylesbury Arm by special arrangement—e.g. to let people through so they can get to their winter moorings.

All Saints Church

From the Vicar,
James Grainger-Smith
Christmas



For many of us Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year!

And it only came into existence because two young people had the courage of their conviction.

Here my favourite Franciscan, Richard Rohr, praises the courageous and prophetic faith of Mary and Joseph:

Kingdom of God people are history makers. They break through the small kingdoms of this world to an alternative and much larger world, God's full creation.

People who are still living in what Thomas Merton calls "the false self" are history stoppers. They use God and religion (or, alternatively, science, rationality and money) to protect their own status and the status quo of the world that sustains them. They are often fearful people, the nice proper folks of every age who think like everyone else thinks and who have no power to break through, or as the opening words of Jesus' ministry put it, "to change" (Mark 1:15; Matthew 4:17).

How can we really think that Mary (if she thought like any good Jewish girl of her time was trained to think) could possibly be fully ready to hear, to speak, or to live out God's message? She had to let God lead her outside of her box of expectations, her comfort zone, her dutiful religion of follow-the-leader (a feature of all world-views at their lower levels). She was very young and largely uneducated. Perhaps theology or philosophy themselves are not the necessary paths - but instead simply integrity and courage. Nothing anyone said at the synagogue would have prepared Mary or Joseph for this situation. They both had to rely on their angels! What proper bishop would trust such a situation? I wouldn't myself. All we know of Joseph is that he was "a just man" (Matthew 1:19), probably also young and uneducated. The circumstance is a total affront to our criteria and way of evaluating authenticity.

So why do we love and admire people like Mary and Joseph, and then not imitate their faith journeys, their prophetic courage, their non-reassurance by the prevalent system of their day?

These were two laypeople who totally trusted their inner experience of God and followed it to Bethlehem and beyond. There is no mention in the Gospels of the two checking out their inner experiences with the high priests, the synagogue, or even their Jewish Scriptures. Mary and Joseph walked in courage and absolute faith that their experience was true, with no one except God to reassure them they were right. Their only safety net was God's love and mercy, a safety net they must have tried out many times, or else they never would have been able to fall into it so gracefully.

Perhaps, this Christmas, we might not just hear once again the familiar story of Mary and Joseph. Perhaps this Christmas is the moment for us to begin to emulate them.

A very Happy Christmas to you all and every blessing for 2026.

And, of course, keep saying your prayers!

James

Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

www.achurchnearyou.com/All-Saints-Marsworth



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Services for December 2025

(at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

7th December

9.15am Holy Communion

14th December

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

15th December

7.30pm Carol Service

21st December

9.15am Holy Communion

24th December

5.00pm Family Crib Service

24th December

11.30pm Midnight Mass

25th December

10.00am Holy Communion

28th December

10.00am Benefice Communion at Ivinghoe Church

2026

4th January

9.15am Holy Communion

11th January

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

18th January

9.15am Holy Communion

25th January

6.00pm Evensong (BCP)

Marsworth
News

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Help us make Marsworth News!

Send to editor@marsworthnews.co.uk

Garden waste collections

Residents are reminded of upcoming suspension for garden waste subscriptions

Buckinghamshire Council is reminding subscribers to its garden waste service that collections will soon be suspended for the usual six-week winter period. This annual suspension takes place during the winter when garden waste is at a minimum.



Garden waste collections are suspended between Monday 15 December 2025 and Friday 23 January 2026, with the service resuming from Monday 26 January 2026 on usual collection days.

To find out which days our Household Recycling Centres are open and further details of what can and cannot be taken to a centre, visit: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling

Garden waste collected from homes across Buckinghamshire or taken to Household Recycling Centres is processed locally into high-quality compost. Residents can buy Community Compost at all Household Recycling Centres. Proceeds from the sales support good causes in Buckinghamshire. <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres-permits-and-waste-facilities/buy-compost-from-our-recycling-centres/>

Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



November 100 club £20 winners.

- No:57 Lee Jordon - Lower Icknield Way
 No:74 Sue and Paul Rance - The Crescent
 No:44 Annie Sandon - Vicarage Road
 No:139 Sandra and Peter Mosley - Lukes Lea
 No:154 Robin Brinklow - Lukes Lea

Congratulations to all of the winners.

Next month's draw is a big one with up to 2 x £100 to be won. I heard that the draws used to take place alternately at the village's local pubs before lockdown, therefore I'd like to return to the tradition.

The **December** draw will take place at 8:30pm in the Red Lion Pub on **Wednesday 3rd December**.

The **January** draw will take place in the Anglers Retreat, on **Tuesday 7th January** at 8:30pm. Please do come along to both draws and maybe you'll be asked to draw a number!

You should have all by now received your 100 Club membership cards. Any problems, please let me know.

Good luck

Stephanie Hurley

07858508664

Parking in Tring High Street

Parking on the High Street in Tring is now **FREE** for the first **half hour** with a valid registration. It remains, as before, free for blue badge holders.



Following feedback from residents and local businesses that they needed to be able to park for free to pick up prescriptions, drop off at charity shops and make quick purchases, removing the charges for short-term parking to support the High Street has been prioritised.

You can park for an hour for free in any of the car parks in Tring.

Phase 2 - a wider review is ongoing and aims to address the differential charging policies between the long and short term car parks in Tring.



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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:

Still no planning permission for the White Lion. Builder Nick Webb of Prism Construction has laid off all his sub-contractors and has only a skeleton crew on site. The outside of the former pub is now looking really good, with a traditional lime render. Villagers are united in wishing Nick well as he has transformed an eyesore at the entrance to the village, converting it into two potential homes.

Planning permission has been held up by the time it has taken Bucks Council to establish a SANG (Strategic Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace), affecting many developments in a radius of Ashridge.

WILSTONE RESERVOIR UPDATE:

The road to Aston Clinton is due to fully reopen soon, as work moved forward at Wilstone Reservoir, where a steel curtain wall has been piled into the embankments to prevent future leakage. Startops Reservoir is due for the same treatment in a few years' time.

The reservoir car park remains closed as work continues to level and resurface the embankment footpath and replace the access steps. The overall project remains on track for completion by the end of March 2026.

Canal & River Trust has also posted that the Aylesbury Arm will remain closed until further notice, due to ongoing issues with water levels.

ANOTHER DROWNING ON GRAND UNION CANAL:

There has been another drowning on the Grand Union Canal near Cooks Wharf, where Marsworth Parish borders with Pitstone and Cheddington. This latest loss follows the tragic drowning accident of a Cheddington man in February, and a worrying number of others over recent years.



Canal at Cooks Wharf

Widely reported in social media, the man whose body was recovered on 12 November, was a missing 37-year-old from Leighton Buzzard, named Ben Platt, a local boater and musician. Ben performed frequently at venues such as MK11 on Kiln Farm and The Sunset Lounge in Newport Pagnell. He had a large group of friends and followers and has been recognised by some pub goers in Marsworth.



Ben Platt

The discovery of his body was made following extensive searches by officers of the Marine Unit and volunteers

from Bucks Search and Rescue. The death is currently being treated as unexplained but not suspicious.

GONK WORKSHOP:

Villager Lisa Tervit is running a Christmas Gonk Workshop at the Stag, Mentmore, on Thursday December 11, from 7pm to 21.30pm. To book text 07733 434 380.

HALDI, PITSTONE:

A planning application consultation has been received by Pitstone Parish Council for a change of use from restaurant ancillary car park to hand carwash, at The Haldi on Marsworth Road, Pitstone.

TRING PARISH CHURCH:

St Peter and St Paul's is having essential work done to the east end of the church. Over recent years there have been cracks over the east window and in the last year or so there has been more movement and more cracks.



Repair works at St Peter & St Paul

A large anchor is being installed across the exterior of the east end to stabilise it. This is part of the work being planned with the church's 'Save our walls' appeal which needs to raise £150,000.

PITSTONE CHURCH ROAD LIGHTS:

For over 20 years, the residents of Church Road, Pitstone have been lighting up the neighbourhood with their spectacular Christmas displays, creating a magical festive atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. This year, the lights will shine every evening from Saturday, December 6 to Thursday, January 1, 2026, between 4:30pm and 9:30pm.

COLLEGE LAKE:

Part of the main path at College Lake is undergoing repairs until December 5. Walkers will be redirected through part of the Time Trail which meets back up with the main track. However, it is significantly steeper than the main trail.

MEET THE REINDEERS:

Join Waters Edge Marsworth for its annual Meet the Reindeers at the Mistletoe Market event on Sunday, **December 14**, from 3pm to 8pm, a magical festive evening full of cheer!

Enjoy a 30-minute group time slot with the reindeers before the big day. Indulge in Hot Chocolate, Bratwurst, Mulled Wine, and the café's beloved Christmas loaded fries, among other tasty festive treats.

Explore local artisan gifts at the Mistletoe Market. Experience the snow machine, festive sleigh, games, and plenty of photo opportunities. A perfect winter wonderland for the whole family!

Tickets sell out every year, so book now on the Waters Edge Marsworth website to avoid disappointment! Spaces are limited.

See advertisement on page 17.

Red Lion update

Kate Andrew

Work to repair the fire damaged kitchen, outhouses and dining room of the Red Lion is still some way off starting. Co-manager Mandy Oxley says a heritage survey has now been completed, with a report giving details of proposed repairs going forward to planning in around three months. Planning permission will be required before work on the Grade II listed building can start.

The popular pub was damaged by a blaze that started in a roof in May, but the bar reopened in July, serving drinks, and has been thriving, aided by visiting food vans and special community-focused events organised by Mandy, formerly an SEN assistant at Marsworth School and husband Pete, a retired Arla lorry driver.

Most recent events have included a very successful Halloween party, and the pub was crammed with people after the recent fireworks display at the rec, with a Cuban sandwich food van serving food. For Remembrance Day, Mandy and Pete decked the bar with camouflage netting and a 'Lest We Forget' banner, with poppies on display in the flower beds outside. And there was live acoustic music and a pizza van on Saturday.

The pub had its monthly quiz night on November 12 and raised £130 for Hector's House. The next quiz is on Wednesday, **December 10** at 7:30pm.

The Red Lion darts team is doing well and won the match in the Black Horse, Tring.

Coming up on Sunday **December 7** there will be carol singing under Charlotte's tree.

Plus, the New Year's Eve fancy dress party theme will be 'Christmas Movies'.

Food vans include fish and chips on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Photos: Amanda Oxley



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.



Winter fuel payment scams

Between April and September 2025, Action Fraud has received 2,790 crime reports relating to Winter Fuel Payment scams, with victims reporting losses totalling over £27,000.

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Contact the organisation directly using the contact details on their official website, not the number or web address in the message. Your bank (or any other official source) won't ask you to supply personal information by email or text message.

If you have spotted a suspicious SMS or RCS message, you can report it for FREE by forwarding it to 7726.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.



Santa Claus

is coming to town!

Our Santa float is coming to Tring and the surrounding villages!
Listen out for the Christmas music and bells.

Monday 15 Dec – Cheddington (from 5:45)

Tuesday 16 Dec – Pitstone (from 5:45)

Wednesday 17 Dec – Castlemead (from 5:45)

Sunday 21 Dec – Marsworth (from 4pm)

If you see Santa, please consider making a donation - renniegrovepeace.org/santa

Marsworth News



Nomination for the Marsworth Newsletter
Special Award **to: Sandra Costello**
From : the villagers of Marsworth

In recognition of her hard work and dedication to the newsletter for over ten years.

Farewell and Thank You

As you will no doubt all know by now, Sandra Costello is stepping down as editor of *Marsworth News* and handing over the reins to a new editing team.



Sandra took over as editor with her first issue being February 2015. With the help of Graham Dickinson, a new team was formed, and standards were established. While team members have come and gone (including Elaine Standen as chief editor for many years), Sandra has remained a constant along with Advertising Manager and Treasurer Annie Sandon.

Sandra's attention to detail, tenacity and enthusiasm has ensured that the newsletter is always produced on time and to the highest standard.

Apart from her work on the newsletter, Sandra has been involved in various projects in Marsworth. She was instrumental in the **village sign** project in 2017 and came up with the first draft of the design we see today. She started the **Marsworth Archive** in the 1980s and continued as Marsworth's archivist for many years before handing over to local resident, Jonny Taylor.

She played a lead part in getting the **information board on Long Marston Road** together to remember the Polish community who lived in Marsworth after WWII, together with a dedicated webpage on the parish website and publishing the book 'Marsworth Polish Hostel 1948-1961'. Also the **flagpole and flags** for All Saints.

A keen gardener, Sandra will surely miss her much-admired garden at Lock 4 on the Aylesbury Arm of the canal.

As the newsletter turns the page, we thank her for everything she has done and wish her well in the next chapter of her life as she and husband Ray leave the village for pastures new.

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.

Remember - no Marsworth News in January



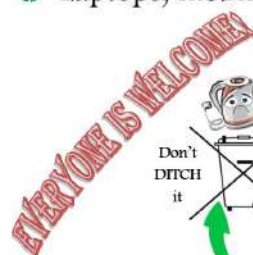
Saturday 24th
JANUARY 2026

9:30-12:30

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No Repair Café in December



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**Sergeant
David Kuttner**



**Police Constable
Dionne Edwards**



**Police Constable
Jake Bye**



**PCSO
Mike Coker**



**PCSO
Tina Hobson**

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Don't Drink and Drive this Christmas

The festive season is a time for celebration, but it's also a time to make smart choices. If you're planning to drink, plan your journey in advance—book a taxi, arrange a lift, or designate a sober driver. Driving under the influence doesn't just put your life at risk; it endangers everyone on the road. Don't be an idiot—one bad December decision can change lives forever.

We've increased patrols throughout the Christmas period, and if you choose to drink and drive, you will get caught. It's not worth the risk, the fine, or the heartbreak. Enjoy the Christmas holidays responsibly and make sure everyone gets home safe.

PCSO Mike Coker
Your Marsworth Neighbourhood
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The Bucks Herald

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

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

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.



To sponsor a few hours of floodlighting:

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DENS Winter Appeal

With freezing, dangerous nights approaching, Hertfordshire-based charity, DENS, has launched their Winter Appeal to provide vital support for local people experiencing homelessness.



DENS shared the story of Amy – who faced cold winter nights alone, frightened and without a safe place to turn.

Amy had a steady job and home, but when the cost of living spiralled, everything fell apart. With no family to support her, she ended up on the streets with only her dog, Ted, for comfort and protection. Together, they slept in doorways and car parks – places no one should ever have to sleep.

As a woman alone on the streets, Amy faced dangers far beyond the cold. She stayed hidden, constantly moving, never truly safe. Ted did his best – keeping her warm, alerting her to threats – but he couldn't shield her from the vulnerability or the constant fear that comes with sleeping rough.



Amy and Ted

Then Amy found DENS. She and Ted were welcomed to their pet-friendly hostel with a hot meal, a warm bed and expert, friendly support.

Today, Amy is rebuilding her life. She's working, housed and Ted is still by her side – safe and loved.

DENS is asking their community to give an extra gift this Christmas, so that they can help rescue people like Amy from fear and isolation.

Wendy Lewington, DENS CEO, said: "This winter, we're facing something overwhelming. Homelessness is rising. There is a cost of living and mental health crisis. We're seeing more people than ever arrive at our door in deep distress and not knowing where else to go. "We urgently need your help to make sure no one gets turned away."

To help give someone a warm and safe place to sleep this Christmas, and help them rebuild their life, donate now at www.dens.org.uk/winter-appeal-25.

If you are concerned about a rough sleeper in the borough of Dacorum, please call DENS on 01442 800131 or create an alert at www.thestreetlink.org.uk.

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DECEMBER 2025

OPEN DAYS

We held a couple of successful Open Days in October and November, where many new faces came to find out about our lovely school. Our next Open Day is on **Monday, 1st December**. Please contact us to arrange a visit, either by phoning 01296 668440 or emailing us at office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk.

FUNDRAISING

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REMEMBRANCE

On Monday, 10th November, the pupils and staff walked across to the Church to pay our respects for Remembrance Day. The children explained to Rev. James about Remembrance and why it is important to remember those who sacrificed their lives and continue to do so today, for the lives we have today.

The children participated in a short service where they sang a song called 'Wear a Poppy Today' and contributed to a prayer and time for reflection. KS1 children read the story 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' and thought about what the battlefields were like and what they were like after WW1. EYFS watched a short clip from CBeebies and made their own poppies. The work was then displayed in school.

EVENTS COMING UP

The Nativity

Our annual Christmas performance will take place in the Church on **Monday, 15th December** at 2pm. This year it is called 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. The children have already been introduced to the songs and have been given their parts.

Christingle Service

On the last day of term, **Friday, 19th December**, the children will be participating in a Christingle Service at the Church. The children will have made a Christingle and learnt about the meaning at school. All are welcome. We hope you'll be able to join us.



On behalf of all of the children and staff and Marsworth School, we wish you a healthy and happy Christmas.

Mrs Polatci,
Headteacher

Marsworth C.E. Infant School are excited to announce our Christmas Fair on Saturday, **6th December** from 12-4pm.

Join us for Christmas market stalls, fun activities and the chance for children to meet Father Christmas!

All proceeds go to supporting our lovely village school.



Marsworth Fireworks—Jeremy Whitehead



Photos by Jonny Taylor, unless otherwise named



**Marsworth Bonfire and Fireworks
November 2025**





Freya Hutchinson



Bonfire over Marsworth Wharf—Jeremy Whitehead



Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch

Linda Beardsley



If you have recently moved to Marsworth and would like to be part of our Neighbourhood Watch, please email marsworthNHW@gmx.com. We use your mobile phone number or email to spread relevant messages quickly throughout the village.

Vehicle crime

Having your vehicle stolen or something stolen from it, isn't just an inconvenience, it can also result in financial loss, emotional stress and, depending on where the theft took place, security and community safety concerns.

In the 12 months to the end of August this year, there were 3,496 vehicle thefts and 6,666 thefts from vehicles in the Thames Valley. Although these figures are down on last year, the Police Commissioner has launched an awareness campaign to help residents protect their vehicles and contents.

How to help protect your vehicle

- Remove any valuables like cash, credit cards, mobile phones and their holders
- Park in a well-lit area
- Ensure your car is locked and windows closed
- Check if your vehicle has super or double locking technology
- Use a physical security measure like a steering wheel or gear stick lock.

How can I help prevent theft from my vehicle?

- When at home, keep your keys at a distance from your car and out of sight
- Use a signal blocking pouch like a Faraday Bag
- Always lock your vehicle when refuelling or parked at home.



Faraday bag

Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank Sandra our newsletter editor for all her amazing work over the past years bringing the excellent copy to our homes ten times a year. We wish her and her husband all the best in their new adventure and good luck and thank you to the new editors who have come forward to continue Sandra's work.

On a personal note, I would also like to thank Sandra and Ray for all their support regarding the Coronation Party at the Rec.

Marsworth Bridge Club

New members welcome—Come and join us.

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Marsworth Ladies

We were pleased to see so many of our members turn out for this meeting. It was an awful night of heavy rain. Maybe it was all due to the speaker we had booked and the topic being one that would interest quite a lot of our members.

The meeting started off with our Speaker, Jo Laurie, who spoke about 'My Mother's Nursing Career – Charing Cross to China'. As Jo doesn't drive, she was accompanied by her 'gofer' - well that is how she introduced him to us: a charming man who was really her husband.

Jo's talk was very varied and interesting, spanning quite a few years of her mother's nursing career. It certainly gave us an insight into how hard a life it was in the early years of nursing and also how strict and precise a nurse's working day/life was. After qualifying in 1934 at Charing Cross Hospital, London as a State Registered Nurse and Midwife she took a very bold decision and decided she could nurse in other countries, allowing her to travel and see more of the world. So, she left the UK and went to Shanghai where she worked alongside many other nurses of different nationalities.



Shanghai in the 1930s

As time went on, she found herself working in some very dangerous circumstances, especially during the invasion

of Shanghai by Japan. This led to her and other nurses evacuating patients in any vehicles they could find and this even included them taking the doctors' cars. As the talk progressed it became very obvious that she was a lady who made decisions and she was not one to be challenged.

She returned to England in 1937 but didn't settle and left again in 1938. This time she decided to go and work in Africa as a health care worker. It was here that she met and fell in love with the man who was to become her husband. They married whilst in Africa and had four children, including Jo.

Eventually when the war had finished, and they thought it safe for the family to return to England they came home. Work took her to Manchester, where she continued in her role in the slums of Manchester as a health care worker until she retired.

A vote of thanks for such an interesting talk was given by Elsie Beesley, who's own career had been in nursing.

It was then on to discussion on what's happening in Marsworth Ladies. Our programme for next year is almost complete and it's looking to be a good one. Our clubs continue to be well attended; the Book Club will be celebrating Christmas early as usual, at one member's home. This lady is a fabulous cook and will no doubt produce some amazing cakes for us to enjoy. The evening continued in Marsworth Ladies' style with mulled wine, mince pies and lovely tarts - all home made by the tea duty ladies!

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Dinner meeting, which will be held at Chiltern Forest Golf Club. We had such a lovely meal there last year that we are returning.

Denise Cornwall

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Marsworth Food Bank

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- 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: **Marsworth: All Saints - A Church Near You.**



Lindengate

Lindengate is a mental health charity based in Wendover, next to Blue Diamond Garden Centre. It supports children and adults of all ages with their mental, physical, and social wellbeing through nature-based activities. Guided by our principle 'Let's all grow together', we provide tailored support that fosters confidence, resilience, and life skills, helping people grow, connect and thrive.



Through Social and Therapeutic Horticulture, Lindengate offers vital support to those living with mental health needs, many of whom receive no financial help. Our programmes include Wellbeing Pathways, a nine-week Nature and Wellbeing course, Memory Pathways for older adults, and specialist sessions for young people (18–25 years). We also work with local schools in Buckinghamshire and offer sessions for children who find traditional school environments challenging.

Our six-acre award-winning site, once a neglected allotment, is now a thriving sanctuary with sensory and apothecary gardens, wildflower meadows, vegetable plots, ponds, orchards, woodland areas, and quiet places for reflection.



The Apothecary Garden

Each week, around 110 volunteers and members of corporate groups join our staff supporting the gardens, conservation projects, woodwork activities or programmes. On Saturdays,

we welcome our 13–18-year-old Green Volunteers, many of whom are completing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. In 2024 alone, we welcomed 2,600 beneficiaries to Lindengate. Many people from our programmes return as volunteers, staying connected while building confidence and preparing for work or wider community life. From Wednesday to Saturday afternoons, we welcome the public to Lindengate to enjoy the gardens.

Conservation and sustainability are also central to our work: we partner with Buckinghamshire Council to grow rare Black Poplar trees, follow no-dig methods for organic vegetables and heritage fruit trees, produce our own honey, juice, jam and compost, and capture rainwater to help sustain our ponds and wildlife. We also provide organic vegetable boxes for the local community ensuring people have access to healthy fresh food.



Lindengate from the air

By combining nature, community, and support, Lindengate provides an antidote to the stresses of everyday life, helping people reconnect, build resilience, and discover that with the right environment, everyone can flourish.

Jenny Morris adds:

'Marsworth School fundraised for us this year and we had four young people from Marsworth attend our holiday camp in the summer, so there should be some local knowledge about us.'

For more information, go to: Lindengate.org.uk.

Local names and numbers

All Saints Marsworth - See Church page

Bucks Councillors for Marsworth

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Peter Brazier - peter.brazier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Canal & River Trust -

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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

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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

Emma McEnteggart - 01296 661031

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Christmas at Waters Edge

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13th December – Breakfast with The Elves. Tickets - £10 for Kids and £15 for Adults

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14th December – Meet the Reindeers and Mistletoe Market

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20th December – Our Saxxy Christmas Party -Tickets from £10

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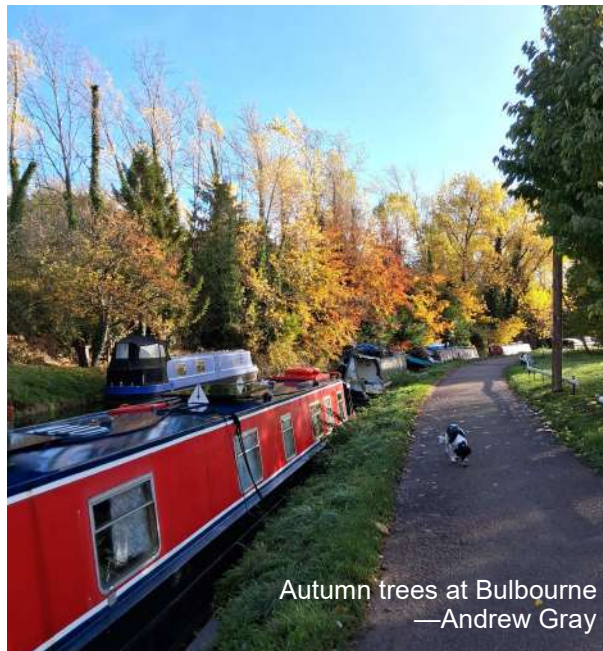
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Rainbow towards Pitstone—Jeremy Whitehead



Autumn trees at Bulbourne
—Andrew Gray



Sara Wood



All Saints in snow, 19 November! - Jonny Taylor



Marsworth Flight, locks 42-41—Andrew Gray



Ivinghoe Windmill—Stuart Dare