

Marsworth News

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Luton Airport Expansion Consultation

Luton Rising – the new trading name for London Luton Airport Limited, the company that owns London Luton Airport is holding a statutory consultation on its plans to expand the airport. This is your chance to have your say on proposals to increase the capacity of the airport to 32 million passengers per annum, by building a second terminal and making best use of the existing runway.



Feedback from previous consultation in late 2019 has been carefully considered, along with other factors such as the impacts of Covid-19 on the aviation industry, resulting in some important changes being made to its proposals.

Visit a virtual consultation room at <https://lutonrising.org.uk> where you can find out more about the proposals and respond to the consultation online. A series of in-person events are also scheduled for affected communities to attend, and printed consultation documents will be available to view at multiple locations. The most local to us is on Wednesday 16th March from 2pm to 7pm, at the Victoria Hall, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AA. The consultation ends on **4th April 2022**.

Previous feedback

Responses to the previous consultation, have confirmed the expected opposition from residents in the immediate area and surrounding towns and villages who may be affected.

The Luton and District Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise (LADACAN) is a community group which represents people who are affected by the noise from Luton Airport and concerned about its growing impact on climate change and local quality of life. It has been set up to oppose the plans or at least get them toned down. Affected parties are invited to join the fight. LADACAN says "We fight against the noise and environmental impacts caused by constant expansion of Luton Airport."

The argument

The proposals and implications are highly complex and require a significant amount of research to be able to make any informed judgement, not forgetting the amount of jargon that we will need to decipher. However, despite assurances from Luton Rising, concerns about additional noise and pollution are among the top reasons for objection. The airport business was hit badly during the pandemic but this was seen as a blessing by residents.

There is an argument that to go ahead with this expansion now would be foolish as they do not yet know what recovery will look like. This plan was on the table before Covid and the airport's optimism for the future has not waned, and the need to increase funds is ever present.

The airport is wholly owned by Luton Borough Council so any income from it will benefit the whole community, along with additional work opportunities for many years to come. Does this outweigh the concerns of the residents? Apparently not. Luton residents feel that the money would be better spent improving roads and traffic issues in the town rather than increasing an already unacceptable level of pollution.

Other affected communities, outside Luton, will not benefit from increased council funds, only increased pollution and noise, although a larger airport may be good news from some frustrated passengers.

Climate change is top of the Government's agenda and this proposal does not sit well with proponents of that agenda. Along with the increased noise and pollution from the aircraft, the expansion will see a huge increase in road traffic with the emissions that it brings, despite the ambitions of this proposal to increase the use of public transport and reduce the use of private vehicles.

Further information

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Items for Marsworth News

Copy should be sent in good time, preferably well before Copy Date - 18th of the month, other than July and December.

Village Hall Defibrillator

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



The Bucks Herald

Please send items of news about upcoming events, reports on how they went, or any other items of interest, however small, to:

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Editorial

By Sandra Costello

This seems to be a quiet time of year, apart from the weather - though hopefully the recent storms will already be a thing of the past. Marsworth seems to have escaped any major disruption.

Sadly, it seems there has been little sign of interest in a communal event for the Platinum Jubilee.

While neighbouring villages are planning for the Jubilee - Wilstone for example will be closing its road yet again for another of its special village events - at the moment there is no sign of a move to do anything in Marsworth. It doesn't seem all that long ago that we saw real enthusiasm for celebrating VE Day,

with bunting, music and so on - and that was at the height of the pandemic! We have also had more recently the excellent initiative of the 'Driveway Fete' and the Christmas Market.

These things only happen with the participation and support of many people, but perhaps it is not too late. We know that there are many enthusiastic people in our community - just as we are aware that there are a lot of us content to think 'if someone else will make a start, I'll follow - and even pay to enjoy what they have worked hard to set up'. See the notice on page 8.

Hopefully Spring is around the corner. Could we have some photos of daffodils and/or any other indications that sunny days are ahead?

Red Nose Day
 18th March



Marsworth News

Wanted - articles for newsletter

Either a regular feature or an occasional article

**Do you enjoy writing?
 Do you love country life?
 Have you an interesting hobby, job or knowledge to share?**

We would especially like to have items about life on the canal, or any aspect of local life.

Photos are always welcome.

Please email editor@MarsworthNews.co.uk

Announcements

For announcements of family events such as births, marriages etc. call Elaine on 01296 661349 or email editor@marsworthnews.co.uk.

Photos would be especially welcome.

Marsworth Millennium Hall Hire of rooms

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

The upstairs **Mike Frost Room** is available for booking for meetings or activities. The room (c. 24 feet square) has an annexe for storing tables and chairs if not needed and a kitchenette, complete with place settings for 24.

For bookings, availability and charges please contact Frances Brown on 01296 661211.

EVERYTHING MARSWORTH

Keep up with what's going on, share memories or just chat with other members on Facebook.



Search for 'Everything Marsworth' to join the group.

Also 'Everything Marsworth buying and selling'.

All Saints Church



A return to normality

I looked back to what I had written last March and here we are again, a little further forward and still hoping to return to what we recall as 'normal'. Within the church-going community the possibility of being able to celebrate full communion again is both wonderful and uplifting and a comfort to all of us. This month we have our normal two services, but the one at the end of the month, on 27th March, will be to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We hope that some young families will join us to celebrate this special day.

The response to our requests for brass cleaners and church cleaners has been great and we are presently putting together rotas. Soon the grass cutting rota will also be in operation.

Church clock

Most of the village will be aware that the church clock has been silent for some time and many villagers have expressed their disappointment that it does not work and have asked whether it could be repaired. To rectify the situation, experts have had to be called in to give an opinion on the condition of the clock and what it would cost to bring it back to life. So, with the help of the Diocese of Oxford, Richard Booth (the Tower Captain) and I have found an expert in the maintenance of church clocks who has surveyed our clock and come to the conclusion that it should be dismantled, thoroughly cleaned and overhauled.

The clock was restored in 1982 after a long period out of use. It had been repaired by a group of local people and had been working well until last summer when it kept stopping for no apparent reason, and in the autumn started running fast. There is nothing broken or obviously wrong with the clock but it now needs a thorough clean and overhaul.

Work on the clock should start in about four weeks' time.

This work will be done in situ, and the cost will amount to just under £4,000. This cost is very much lower than

estimates for other churches in our immediate vicinity. The Parochial Church Council agreed at a recent meeting that the repair should go ahead. No doubt you can guess what follows! Yes, an appeal, details of which are given below:

If you would like to contribute towards the cost, donations can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Cash and cheques (payable to All Saints Church) can be sent to Jenny Sheils, Leveret Lodge, Church Lane with a note confirming that the donation is for the Clock Repair Appeal. Bank transfers can be made to All Saints Church Marsworth bank account:

Sort Code: 55-70-10 / Account No: 06507239

Please include your name and 'Clock' as the reference.



Bill Layton working on the church clock in 1993

If you would like to Gift Aid the donation, or if you would like further information about how the Gift Aid scheme works, please contact Jenny; her email address is sheils.jenny@gmail.com.

Forthcoming Services:

Sunday 6th March
9:30am BCP – Holy Communion.

Sunday 27th March
10:30am Common Worship, Holy Communion and this service will celebrate Mothering Sunday.

*John White (Churchwarden) and
Richard Booth (Tower Captain)*



Jeremy Whitehead - Marsworth Junction November 2021

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Marsworth WI Quiz Night

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**7.30pm Saturday 5th March 2022
at Marsworth Hall**

Lots of quality snacks and nibbles will be provided along with tea or coffee.
(please advise us of any food allergies)

Bring your own beer and wine.

**Teams maximum eight people
tickets £10.00 per person.**

Contact Carolyn Pankiw 01296 661246
to book your team and to purchase your tickets.

Parish Council meeting February 2022 – reporter's highlights

Marsworth Food Bank

Having been approached for financial assistance the Community Board advised it may be more appropriate to ask alternative organisations such as 'Helping Hand – Heart of Bucks' or 'Community Impact Bucks'.

Speeding

The SID (speed indicator device) has been ordered by the Community Board. MPC* is considering a variety of suitable locations within the village for best effect. Residents are invited to put the case for any particular site.

Airfield development

A planning application has so far *not* been submitted although there has been some 'pre-application engagement' with the planners. An access road out to Pitstone has been mooted.

Queen's Green Canopy

Although MPC have agreed to accept a small silver birch tree for the village, it is undecided as to where to plant it and is looking for suggestions from residents (see notice on page 12).

(Full minutes of the meeting are available at www.marsworth.org.uk.)

Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally

Sunday 19th June 2022

A treat for Father's Day or just come along for a great day out. Lots of exhibits, stalls, shows and refreshments will be available.



Tickets available on the gate.

Adults £6 children £3. Cash preferred – no credit card facilities available.

Get involved

Can you spare a few hours? The team is looking for more helpers. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the application form on the website and return it as soon as possible to help with planning.

Any local groups, organisations and businesses that wish to get involved, hold a stall or stand, provide an activity or entertainment need to register by the end of April to book your spot.

All necessary booking forms can be downloaded from the website at www.marsworthsteamrally.co.uk. where you will also find further information.

Marsworth Parish Councillors

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Parish Council meeting dates 2022

14 March		
11 April	9 May	20 June
4 July	8 August	12 September
10 October	14 November	12 December

You can view and comment on planning applications at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk.

* MPC = Marsworth Parish Council

Buckinghamshire Councillors

Each month at least one of the following Buckinghamshire Councillors: Chris Poll, Peter Brazier and Derek Town attend the Marsworth Parish Council meetings. They provide a detailed Buckinghamshire Council report to the MPC, a copy of which can be found on the parish website at www.marsworth.org.uk, along with the MPC meeting minutes.

Additionally they provide support, help and advice to MPC Councillors with various Parish matters.

Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



100 Club draw results for February. Congratulations to the winners.

£20 prizes

- 192 Roger and Pauline Tomlins, Vicarage Road
- 118 Ken Longhurst, Vicarage Road
- 173 Liz and David Rollinson, Church Lane
- 100 Chris Park, Grand Union Canal
- 189 Chris and Sandra Watts-Fuff, Lukes Lea

The next draw will be in March for our regular five £20 Prizes, and will be drawn at the Hall Committee meeting.

If anyone is not in the draw and would like to join, please call me on 01296 662533. Thank you all for taking part.

Dick Brake

Marsworth CE Infant School

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MARCH 2022

This half term has been very busy with lots of learning taking place! In Early Years Foundation Stage the children have been finding out about the professions and people who help us in society. They have read books about the different services, created some artwork and then wrote some captions to accompany it.



We also celebrated Chinese New Year, read stories and created some Chinese lanterns.

In Key Stage 1 the children have been learning about traditional tales and stories. They have taken part in drama activities and retold the story in their own words.

In Art they have been building on their learning from a trip to Waddesdon Manor where they learnt about the Russian artist Leon Baskt. The children reviewed his artwork about Sleeping Beauty and then embellished it using different textiles. Here are some examples.



Chinese New Year



Upcoming events

We will be celebrating World Book Day, where the children will be taking part in reading and World Book Day activities both in school and at home.

As part of the Key Stage 1 Religious Education Curriculum, the children will be learning about baptism and will visit the church where Sandra Green will demonstrate the special event.

The children will also be celebrating Mothering Sunday and as a school we will be holding a special service on 25th March at the church.

At the end of the term we will be celebrating Easter and hopefully the Year 2 children will be making the Easter Garden ready for the Easter service.

Admissions

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

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

We break up for the Easter Holidays on Friday 8th April and return on Tuesday 26th April, with Monday 25th being an INSET day.

Mrs Angela Polatci, Headteacher

Marsworth Pre-school New members wanted

Do you love organising, fund raising and being part of a friendly community?

Marsworth Preschool are looking for Committee members to join our team.



The Preschool is a fantastic place for our children to learn.

To continue to provide this level of care and to continually improve our standards we need your help. We would love you to come and join us. You do not need to have any connection to the Preschool, just a few hours spare.

If you would like to show you interest, please contact the Preschool on: enquiries@marsworthpreschool.org.uk

If no one comes forward to help us out it is not looking good for the Preschool.

We are also looking for Bank Staff (Bank staff are people who cover sickness for staff at short notice) qualified to a Level 2 in childcare. They are paid the minimum wage for this role.

Wendy Lewis, Preschool Manager

Marsworth 10k Fun Run

The next Fun Run is planned for **Sunday 8th May 2022** – 10am start.

Check the website for further details:
www.marsworthfunrun.co.uk



Raising funds for All Saints Church

Marsworth Women's Institute



Well, this month's meeting had a rather chaotic start. We didn't have a projector sorted for the speaker and someone forgot to bring the tea bags for our after-speaker cuppa ... interestingly, we never forget to bring the mulled wine or bottles for other celebrations - I wonder why,

As always we swept into action, everything was sorted and the feedback from our members was that it turned out to be one of their most enjoyable meetings. This was probably due to our excellent speaker Pippa Nightingale. Pippa moved into Marsworth with her husband Pete and their children five years ago. You will often see them in the village walking their dogs. They love living here and they take part in as many events in the village as work commitments and family duties allow.

From start to finish Pippa had everyone in awe of her enthusiasm for, and love of, the NHS and the career path she had chosen. Her career choice was made when, as a young nurse, she was put in the nerve-racking position of having to help a lady give birth in the back of an ambulance, assisted only by the ambulance driver, something she had never done or had any experience in. Pippa decided there and then that she wanted to specialise in midwifery.

She started her career in local hospitals and continued her midwifery training to a point where she is now in charge of several maternity units in hospitals throughout London. One of these hospitals is used by the Royal Family and Pippa has been in attendance at quite a few Royal births.

During the last couple of years Pippa has had two major challenges to deal with; Covid and Refugees from Afghanistan.

At the start of the pandemic Covid was unknown to the medical profession and the stress and fear that it brought was very hard to deal with. Pippa worked on the front line and was at the forefront of setting up the Nightingale Hospitals. The risk of her becoming infected with Covid and passing it on to her family was a big worry. Pippa and her husband Pete decided it was safer that she stayed away from the family home, so she remained in London. This she did for five weeks, and you could tell by listening to her that it was probably just as hard for her to do that as it was to deal with Covid.

As the trauma of Covid started to ease and life was slowly beginning to get a bit easier for her, Pippa was met with another challenge. The world watched in horror as the events in Afghanistan came to a head. Pippa and her teams had to go to Heathrow to get it set up and ready for the first planes of refugees. It was one of the most heart-wrenching and traumatic things that Pippa and her teams have had to face, but it was a job that had to be done.

Pippa absolutely loves what she does and is extremely proud of the NHS and is full of praise for her teams and what they have achieved.

I can sum it all up with a comment from a WI member:

"What an inspirational, down-to-earth speaker who has achieved so much in her working life. I wish everyone, especially politicians, were as positive and proactive as she is. What a fabulous career."

After all that we had our normal get together with tea, coffee, lovely cakes and homemade shortbread biscuits. There was lots of chatting and laughter as always.

Winners of the raffle were: Fran Brown (again!), Jayne Tree-Booker, Chris Hobart, and our guest speaker Pippa Nightingale. Angela Savage won our surprise raffle - 'What's in the bag?'. Enjoy your bar of chocolate and hot water bottle, Angela!

Cat microchips become law

There are over 10.8 million pet cats in the UK and as many as 2.8 million are unchipped.

A new rule announced by the Government in December last year calls for all cats to be microchipped by the age of 20 weeks. If owners don't comply with the regulation, they could be fined £500.

The chip details will be added to a database that can be used to help reunite cats with their owners more quickly after being lost, stolen or resold and to identify injured or deceased cats. While it can be devastating for the owners to hear their cat has died, they would rather know what happened to their beloved pet.

Pet Theft Awareness says that cat thefts tripled between 2015 and 2019 and rose by 12.3% between March 2020 and March 2021.

The cost of microchipping is usually between £20 and £30 and the procedure is not painful for the animals, according to the charity Cats Protection.



Red Nose Day

18th March 2022 is the date when we can once again look silly and act silly, all in the name of Comic Relief.



Since its launch in 1988, Red Nose Day has become a much-anticipated date in the calendar. It's the day when people across the land join forces to raise money for brilliant causes in the UK and around the world.

The pandemic has made it difficult in the last couple of years to don the coveted Red Nose in support of this cause, but this year we can once again go all out to wear one without the hindrance of face masks, if you wish. If that is not for you, there is alternative merchandise - T-shirts, lapel pins and suchlike - available through shops and supermarkets.

If you want to get involved in fundraising you can register for a fundraising pack from www.comicrelief.com. Donations can also be made directly through the website if you prefer.

Bucks Councillors' February report – extracts

New single Council Access Point (CAP+) opens its doors in Aylesbury

Residents in Aylesbury and the surrounding area can now take advantage of the Council's new single CAP+ centre that has just opened in the Walton Street Offices in the town centre.

CAP+ centres give members of the public the opportunity to speak face to face with a member of staff to discuss any matters relating to council services. This can include council tax queries, housing matters or planning enquiries. Like regular Council Access Points, CAP+ centres also have facilities to enable customers to go online and phone service areas with support from staff if needed.

Opening hours for CAP and CAP+ centres are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday in person; 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 5pm Friday, by phone on 0300 131 6000.

Have your say reminder

The consultation to map out new electoral wards in Buckinghamshire is running until 4th April 22. Go to <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/29857>. People can also give their views by email at reviews@lgbce.org.uk.

The consultation is being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), an independent body.

Be the Change

At any one time, Buckinghamshire has more than 25 children waiting to be adopted. Unfortunately, some children wait longer than others to be adopted. If you are thinking of adoption this could be the time for you to go for it. You could 'Be the Change' that a child needs to transform his or her life.

Bucks Council are especially looking for adopters for:

- Older children (aged 5 and over)
- Children with more complex needs
- Brothers and sisters
- Children from Black & Minority Ethnic backgrounds

For more information on adoption visit our website: <https://adoption.buckinghamshire.gov.uk>.

Derek Town

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Buckinghamshire Councillor, Ivinghoe Ward

(Marsworth News is unable to include all Council news in its publication. The latest full report can be viewed on www.marsworth.org.uk or go to www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk to keep up to date with Council news.)



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Aylesbury's peregrines are back

For a number of years, a pair of peregrine falcons has nested on Buckinghamshire Council's County Hall in Aylesbury. Live cameras watching the nest have followed them as they raised their chicks. Two peregrines were first spotted flying around Aylesbury town centre as long ago as 2007 which gave some local volunteers the idea to build a nesting platform.



A peregrine high above Aylesbury's Market Square

In 2012 they managed to raise two chicks and bred again in 2013 and 2014. The Aylesbury Peregrine Project was born, in conjunction with the Bucks Bird Club as the birds returned and in 2017 video footage of the nest and chick was streamed live.

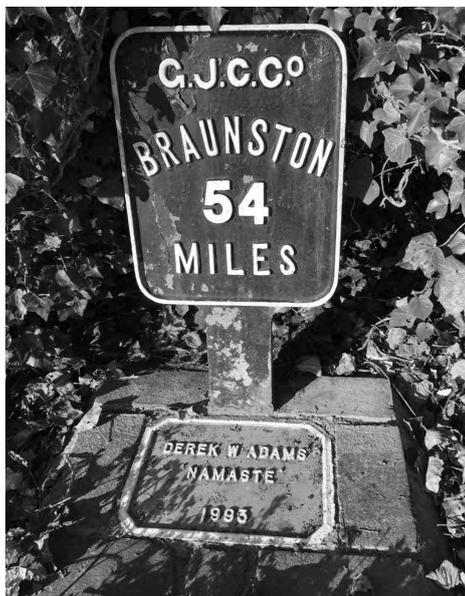
In 2018, there was sadly a technical problem with the cameras; after a software upgrade in the Council offices the cameras were found to be incompatible. However, the nesting peregrine falcons did successfully raise a chick.

Technicians were unable to get the cameras to work for a few years but they are now back up and running and a peregrine has already been seen on the scrape. (The female chooses a nest site, where she scrapes a shallow hollow in the loose soil, sand, gravel, or dead vegetation in which to lay eggs). This environment has been successfully recreated with a nesting platform on the side of the Council building.



The peregrine camera is located on the 12th Floor of the Bucks Council building in the centre of Aylesbury. The scrape is visible from the town square and, through the breeding season and as the young peregrines fledge, "Watch" events are held in the square where you can see the birds via telescopes and binoculars.

Peregrine falcons usually nest on cliff faces but are becoming more common in towns where they use tall buildings instead, so this is not unique to Aylesbury. There are many other sites around the country with live webcams including Derby Cathedral, Nottingham Trent University building, University of Sheffield building and Salisbury Cathedral.



information is once more clearly visible for walkers and boaters.

Below the mileage information is a smaller metal plaque dedicated to 'Derek W Adams, 1993', with the word 'Namaste'. This, according to Wikipedia, is "a Hindu customary, non-contact form of respectfully greeting and honouring a person or group. *Namaste* is usually spoken with a slight bow and hands pressed together, palms touching and fingers pointing upwards".

Does anyone know who Derek Adams was, and why someone should go to such efforts to insert this plaque?

The matching sign at the top of the Marsworth Flight (right) also has a plaque: 'Wendover Arm Trust, 1993'. Perhaps the date is a clue.

Sandra Costello



The illegible sign in 2015



Mystery dedication

This marker is by the towpath between Turnover Bridge on Watery Lane and the Red Lion bridge. In 2015 I noticed that the lettering had for some reason been painted over black - perhaps in anticipation of painting it white at a later stage. This has now been done, some time ago, and the

Pitstone Green Museum

**First Open Day of 2022
Bank Holiday Monday 18th April**

The Museum has over 40 attractions from model railways to a Lancaster Bomber cockpit, from farm machinery to classic vehicles, from a huge working rack saw to a 28l gas engine and more.

Visitors can also get hands on and try lacemaking and pottery, or take an adventure on our tractor to Pitstone Windmill.

The Museum is open to the public nine times a year with around 50 volunteers on hand to help, explain and educate visitors to get the most out of their day.

Entrance: Adult £9,
Concessions (65+) £7,
Child (5-16) £4,
Under 5 Free

Opening Time:
10.30am - 4.30pm
Ample free parking.

You can now follow what's happening and get up to date information on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PitstoneMuseum or go to the website at www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd-5th June 2022

From the Hall Committee

Last month we advertised in *Marsworth News* for volunteers to come forward to form a group to help organise Marsworth's Jubilee celebrations. It was anticipated that some would already be committed to their own Jubilee celebration for an existing activity group, but we were hoping that others would take the opportunity to come forward. However we have to report that to date there have been no volunteers. Perhaps some were waiting for clarification as to the required commitment before coming forward.

In the absence of any such volunteers we are suggesting that people might prefer making their own arrangements but agree to celebrate the occasion on the same day at the same location, to provide a sense of community. The obvious choice would be the Rec on Friday 3rd June. This would involve self-catering with minimum organisation. Everybody would be welcome to join in.

There's still some time to go. However if we knew of a potential celebration which could be extended to others, this could be publicised in the newsletter.



Wendover Canal Trust news



Membership Subscription

With effect from 1st April, 2022 revised rates will apply to new and recurring Wendover Canal Trust membership subscriptions. These rates will apply to existing memberships at the time of renewal, and for all new memberships. If you have Life or Honorary Membership, your membership is not affected, and this message is for your information only.

1 year individual: 2021 £10, 2022 £15 / family: 2021 £15, 2022 £22.50.

5 years individual: 2021 £40, 2022 £60 / family: 2021 £60, 2022 £90.

Subscription levels were last reviewed 10 years ago, and many cost changes have occurred since then both to the restoration work and to the routine management of the Trust. It is regretted that the increase is necessary, and every effort has been made to limit the increases. Consequently, changes to membership subscriptions reflect only a portion of the increases in costs.

The next Fee Structure will be routinely reviewed in three years' time. As you sign up or renew your membership you will know that your subscription is contributing towards helping us to restore the Canal. (*further information at www.wendovercanal.org.uk*)

Thank you for your continuing support.

Tony Bardwell Magnificent Decade

WCT says thank you to Tony Bardwell for his magnificent contribution to the Wendover Canal Trust over the past decade. After more than ten years devotion to the Wendover Canal restoration, culminating in the role of Operations Director, Tony has now stepped down for a well-earned rest.

With a welcoming approach, he has encouraged many new volunteers to join our ranks. He also encouraged them to learn new skills to aid our progress, as well as the important health and safety practices essential on site.



This was a vital ingredient in ensuring safe working conditions during the current pandemic.

Tony has always been a great innovator. His most recent development has been the "Bentomatic". This has enabled us to lay 40 metres of canal lining continuously, through an ingenious excavator attachment. In moving to a slightly quieter life, Tony will still be seen on site during our work parties. He'll be making his knowledge and skills available to others as well as developing who knows what.



Tony Bardwell

We are pleased to welcome team leader Chris Bent, who has stepped up to cover the role of Operations Director. This will initially be until the end of March, when he goes away for three months, and then continuing on his return.

Maintain our motorised tools

The Wendover Canal Trust is seeking a volunteer to maintain our motorised tools. We own a number of motorised, fuel driven, trimmers, cutters, pumps and generators. It's important that they receive regular maintenance and occasional repair. The majority of the work can take place at home, with the occasional visit to site to collect and return. One or two pieces of machinery might need maintaining on-site.

If you are able to help the Trust with this important activity, please email the Operations Director for a chat. Chris Bent, chris.bent@wendovercanal.org.uk.



Sunrise over the reservoir. Photo: Sara Wood

Thames Valley Police news

Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, has pledged to go dry for the whole of 2022, to raise money for injured emergency service workers. If you would like to donate, go to matthewbarber.co.uk/dry2022.



Police seek to reunite owners with stolen tools

Thames Valley Police are looking to reunite residents with tools they have had stolen, following the recovery of over fifty items following an operation in Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire.

The items are believed to have been stolen from addresses across the force area. Recovered tools include multiple angle grinders, belt sanders and hand drills.

Investigating Officer PC Mollie Sweetman, based at Amersham police station, said: "We are inviting anyone in the force area who believes their stolen property may be amongst the recovered haul to get in touch. Proof of purchase or ownership for each item will be required to return the items to their rightful owner. Alternatively, we will accept the serial number or a photograph of the owner with their belonging. Any recognisable marking on tools can be shared to assist officers with this."

If you believe your items may be among the haul, please call the non-emergency number 101 using reference number 43210548433.

Who benefits from crime?

£100,000 is being made available for local voluntary and community groups following the sale of items seized by Police in multiple operations, which cannot be returned to their rightful owners.

Thanks to this success, community and voluntary groups are now able to apply for funding to deliver projects that tackle one of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Police and Criminal Justice Plan priorities:

- Strong Local Policing (preventing crime and protecting communities)
- Fighting Serious Organised Crime (protecting vulnerable people)
- Fighting Fraud & Cybercrime (fighting modern crimes)
- Improving the Criminal Justice System (reducing re-offending)
- Tackling illegal encampments (reducing the impact of encampments)

Funding is made available twice a year and organisations from across the force area are invited to apply.

The closing date for this round of applications is 4pm on Friday 4 March and applications will be considered jointly by the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Further information and the application form can be found at: www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/community-fund.

Arrivals and Departures

If you have a family event that you think others would like to know about, or know of new arrivals to Marsworth, please call Elaine on 01296 661349 or email editor@marsworthnews.co.uk with the details.

New to Marsworth

I'm Niki Lewarne, I moved into Merrivale (Vicarage Road) in late November. I lived in Berkhamsted for 28 years prior to that and raised my two sons there. Jacob is now 25 and works as an accountant locally, George (Alexander) is 23, an actor and lives in London. They are both keen cricketers and have played for Berkhamsted since they were six.

I will be living here with Rosie and Fred, my two little morkie dogs (Maltese/Yorkie cross) - who have made themselves known to some people already (apologies!) but hopefully the garden is now escape proof. We have been coming to Marsworth for walks, ice creams, lunch and summer drinks at the Red Lion, for more than 20 years and it's wonderful to have the opportunity to now live here.



Fred and Rosie

I'm a counsellor, and have had my own private practice and worked in schools for over 12 years. Prior to retraining I was a project manager and still do bits in that area on a contract basis. My most recent project was the dedication ceremony for the UK Police Memorial at the NMA in Staffordshire. I'm a meditation teacher and would welcome connecting with anyone who practices locally.

I am keen on walking, photography (very much an amateur), yoga and hoping to rekindle my love of baking, singing and maybe even some acting - although there is much to do in the house too!

If any neighbours have any questions about my plans please don't hesitate to knock or message me (via Facebook's Everything Marsworth). I am looking forward to joining village life and settling here – and been so grateful for the warm welcome from those I've met already.

Marsworth Badminton

By Margaret Bonham

Unfortunately, due to the shortage of badminton players, the Marsworth Badminton group will no longer be meeting at the village hall on Thursday nights.

The group has been struggling to have enough players over the last few years, with injuries, advancing age and Covid all causing the decline in numbers. Only two of our players live in Marsworth, with others coming from Aston Clinton, Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead. These people are now playing nearer to where they live.

As a group, we have played at the Village Hall for many enjoyable years and hope that the great facilities there might be enjoyed again in the future by another group of badminton players.

College Lake Nature Reserve

Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
Oxfordshire



A jewel in BBOWT's crown - and Marsworth's too

Thanks to the hard work of BBOWT staff and volunteers, this thriving nature reserve now supports more than 1,000 different wildlife species. An eco-visitor centre with stunning views of the lakes opened to the public in 2010.

Many people don't realise that College Lake actually sits within the parish boundary of Marsworth; we can be proud to say it belongs to us.



The eco-visitor centre

Some have asked recently whether dogs were allowed, or cycles. The answer is no to both. Only assistance dogs are allowed on leads. This 65 hectare nature reserve is perfect for walking and there is also some wheelchair access, if you have limited mobility. College Lake also has Trampers available to borrow free of charge. These enable anyone who has difficulty exploring the reserve by foot to discover the reserve. Please note you must be accompanied by someone over the age of 16 years old when using a Trampler. Book one online or call 01442 826774.



One of the trampers

Virtual Bird Hide

If you are unable to get there in person you don't have to miss out on the experience. You can now watch the wildlife via a webcam in the comfort of your own home. www.bbowl.org.uk/college-lake-webcam in your browser should take you straight to it. The webcam is streaming live from Graham's hide near the visitor centre.

Depending on the season, look out for breeding waders such as lapwing or redshank, watch the antics of the common tern, or just admire a fiery sunset as it lights up the lake.



Lapwing



Redshank

The nature reserve is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Free entry but £4 donation requested in the carpark.

Long Marston Cricket Club

By Jon Beardmore



Let your thoughts turn to summer with Long Marston Cricket Club! Here's an update of what is going on at the club.

10K Fun Run Sunday 3rd April

Join us for a 10k run through Long Marston and the surrounding area starting and finishing at the cricket club. This will be both on and off road (trail). The route will be quite flat.

There will be medals for all finishers, plus individual trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd finishers in both male and female categories.

Enter at - <https://resultsbase.net/event/5897>.

Winter Nets

We will be running pre-season nets for ten weeks from Sunday 6th February using the excellent facilities at Chesham Preparatory School. New players, male and female, and of all abilities are very welcome. Junior nets will run from 10-11:30am with senior nets at 11:30am-1pm.

For adult membership enquiries contact Pete Toovey tooves007@hotmail.com.

For junior membership enquiries contact Sarah Barnes develop@longmarstoncc.co.uk.

Club Sundays

The Club Bar is open on Sundays between 12 noon and 2pm - all are welcome. Please remember that our clubhouse is available for hire and includes a kitchen, large open area and licensed bar, which we can provide staff for. Please contact Paul Marsh at info@esipower.co.uk for more information.

Ground Security

If anyone spots anything untoward at either of our grounds at Marlins (Cheddington Lane, Long Marston) or Mentmore then please contact our Chairman Chris Bowles at ccrbowles@gmail.com. If a crime is in progress please call the police.

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

Find out more at:
<https://longmarstonherts.play-cricket.com>.

Marsworth News

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Send to editor@marsworthnews.co.uk

Woodland Trust celebrates 50 years

Motto: The voice for trees and woods



The Woodland Trust is the largest woodland conservation charity in the United Kingdom concerned with the creation, protection, and restoration of native woodland heritage. It has planted over 50 million trees since 1972.

Once upon a time...

In 1972 a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table in Devon to discuss saving a local wood. The kitchen table belonged to Kenneth Watkins OBE – our founder and first chairman – who was so concerned about loss of ancient woodland, he decided to do something about it. That day the Woodland Trust was born.

Now, 50 years later, we've grown from a little acorn to a mighty oak. We're so proud that we've inspired 500,000 people from the UK and beyond to be a member or supporter of the Woodland Trust, cared for more than 1,000 free, public woods and have got more than 50 million trees growing.

Queen's Green Canopy

The UK needs millions more trees to reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target.



Free tree

Twice a year the Woodland Trust gives away free trees to schools and community groups. Applications for March 2022 delivery are now closed but November 2022 applications for tree packs will be available in the spring when application forms will be on the website at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk or email communitytrees@woodlandtrust.org.uk.

Not only will your tree count towards the 'Queen's Green Canopy' project but will also help combat the climate crisis under the Woodland Trust's 'Big Climate Fightback' initiative.



Trees for landowners and farmers

If you're looking to plant lots of trees, we have the trees, grants and funding schemes to help. Our expert advisers can help you put the right trees in the right place to achieve your goals.

If you manage a farm or private land, integrating trees can bring huge benefits – and there's no need to take large areas out of production. They can help increase biodiversity, provide shelter, prevent soil erosion, reduce flooding and much more. Go to www.woodlandtrust.co.uk/plant-trees for information on trees and hedges, and funding support.

Marsworth to get a tree!

To contribute to the 'Queen's Green Canopy' project Marsworth Parish Council has requested a small silver birch tree for the village. The tree will be dedicated to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a small plaque erected nearby. See item in Parish Council notes on page 4.

Get involved

While the choice of sites available in Marsworth is limited, the MPC wants residents to have a say in where the new tree is planted. It must be in a public space and they are currently considering either the Rec (possibly behind the site of the bonfire), or on the village green.

They are also looking for volunteers to help with the planting. If you have any comments to make or suggestions for a suitable site, or would like to help with the digging please contact Caroline Smith at parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk.

(Note: The land available at the village green is the grassy area from the Red Lion bridge to the Red Lion pub, and is where a previous tree once grew commemorating the 1937 coronation of King George VI.)

Beacon Villages Community Library, Ivinghoe



Run by the community, for the community

The library is now open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2.00-5.00pm and Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Free access to Ancestry.com from members' home computers continues until the end of the year.

Janet, Secretary BVCL. www.bvcl.org.uk.
General enquiries: info@bvcl.org.uk 01296 387890.

Rural Rambler

Would you like to contribute to **Rural Rambler**? If you enjoy walking around the Marsworth area, you could tell others about your favourite walks. Remember to include:

- Approximate length (distance and/or time)
- Suitability - easy going, muddy, steep sections, etc.
- Any problems/hazards
- Any special features, e.g. views.

Send your item to the editor. Photos very welcome, but not essential. A rough map and/or photos would be helpful.

You can contribute just once or often, anonymously or supply your name.

Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch



By Linda Beardsley, NHW Co-ordinator

Regrettably, we have two burglaries to report.

The first occurred at a property on Lower Icknield Way at 1:30am on January 29th 2022. Three men in a grey Audi A5 broke into the back gates of the property, which borders The Crescent, stealing tools from locked sheds and parts of electrical dashboards from two cars. It is believed the Audi was captured on neighbouring CCTV.

The update from the Police is that the men are known to them and targeting high value vehicles (see below) and motor homes.

The Police advice is to ensure your gardens are well lit and gates securely locked.

The second incident took place in Norvic Road on 13th February 2022 at 1:46pm. The residents had advertised their black BMW 3 series F80, reg LR18 PXO, for sale on a well-known internet site. The potential purchaser arrived at 1.10pm by taxi, details unknown. The seller exited the car leaving the man in the driving seat and the passenger door open. The man promptly shut the door and drove off at speed. The suspect is of Black/Asian origin, less than 6ft tall and was wearing a hoodie, with the hood up the whole time and face mask, dark jeans, black trainers, and a distinctive Valentino 'man bag' across his body. This was clearly a really unpleasant experience and we are very glad that no one was injured.

Being the victim of a crime is very difficult and we thank the homeowners for sharing the details with us. Both events were quickly communicated to our members and we ask that if you have any CCTV or video doorbell footage, or remember any suspicious activity, to contact the Police on 101 or online.

The following message was sent out recently to NHW members, and although it relates specifically to Range Rovers, the advice is relevant to all high-value cars:

"Thames Valley Police, along with other Police Forces, are warning residents that Range Rover vehicles are being stolen at the moment. They are advising that owners of these cars should make sure that they have extra security such as steering locks and immobilisers."

Startops carpark abandoned caravan fire

You may have seen the abandoned caravan that has been in Startops carpark for months, gradually being vandalised. During the weekend of 5th - 6th February the caravan was set alight, but we have no other details currently. The remains include a lot of twisted and sharp metal and plastic which are



Burnt caravan wreckage

presenting a dangerous hazard. Both Marsworth NHW and the Parish Council have contacted the Canal & River Trust urging them to clear the site as soon as possible. It is hoped that by the time you read this the site will have been cleared.

Although, unusually, we have had three crimes to report this month, Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Police, revealed in December 2021 that our region has the lowest levels of serious crime by population of any Police Force in England and Wales.

Telephone Scams

By Val McPherson, Regional NHW Co-ordinator

Telephone scams are a continual problem and the Police are advising that you report bogus callers to your telecom supplier. You may need to dial 1471 to get the caller's number. Below are two examples of where to report bogus calls:

BT - <https://www.bt.com/consumer/edw/scams/>

Talk Talk - <https://www.bt.com/consumer/edw/scams/>

Other telecom suppliers will have similar pages on their websites.

It is hoped that by reporting these callers that their phone lines may be withdrawn.

It is also advisable to sign up to services such as *BT Call Protect*, *Talk Talk Call Safe* and *Sky Shield* which are free of charge and can block future unwanted callers. Other telecom suppliers will have similar services.

If you are not yet a member of Marsworth NHW please email MarsworthNHW@gmx.com and we will arrange for your road co-ordinator to contact you.

Thank you for making Marsworth a safer place to live.



Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - If you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who is struggling with the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you isolated and alone.

Calls are free and confidential
- **Call us on 0808 801 0688**

Being able to access support whilst a loved one is dying is really important for a number of reasons. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end and having a sense of 'preparedness' helps both the person dying and their family gain as much control as possible.

Please visit www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service to find out more.

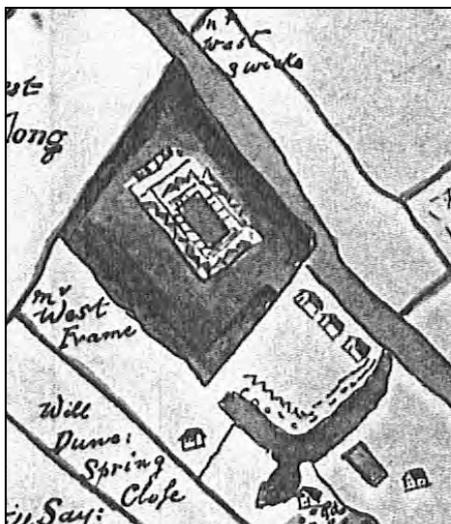
Delving in the Archive

By Sandra Costello, Marsworth Archivist

Manor Mysteries

First of all, Marsworth hasn't had a manor since 1225, when Thurstan Basset died. Having no sons, he divided his manor between his six daughters, and since the parish consisted of only 1200 acres, this meant that each had only a very small portion.

One of these portions eventually came into the hands of the West family, many of whom are buried in the church. Their home, which was situated within the confines of the moat at Moat Farm, might have been known as the 'Manor House' but it was demolished probably around the time the West family ceased to be in 1700. The land eventually came to be owned by the Rothschilds.



This is the closest we have to a representation of the house - just a footprint - from the 1635 map of Edmond West.

The Old Manor and the Manor House

The house now known as 'The Old Manor' in Church Lane was never a manor house as such. The house dates from the early 16th century and the land was known as Russells Farm with a farmhouse with two thatched barns at least until 1929.



It is first referred to as 'The Old Manor' in 1929; it must have been given that name by an owner who perhaps thought it had more class for such an impressive building in the village.

However while from 1929 the Old Manor is listed with its occupants, a new location comes on the scene: 'The Manor'. This address is given from 1919 until 1945 in Rate Books, etc. at the same time as The Old Manor, so they are definitely two separate addresses. In these lists The Manor is described as a 'House, lawn and garden' of one acre. It is listed with various families, after which it may have been demolished or perhaps the name was dropped as being erroneous and confusing. It must have been fairly substantial, but there are no clues as to where it might have been.

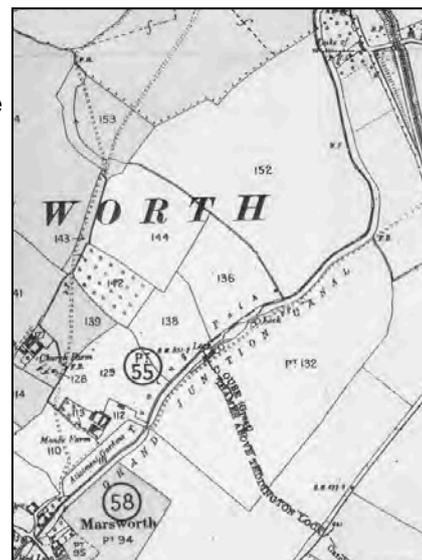
Does anyone have any recollection of a building in Marsworth having that name, quite separate from the

'Old Manor'? Some names associated with it are: John & Dorothy Mouseley, Mary Hicks (servant), 1929; Bertha & James Muspratt, Priscilla Jellis (servant), 1936 and 1938; Evelyn & Harry Thomas, Leah King (servant), 1945.

Two Manor Farms

Any research into Marsworth records and looking at older maps shows that there was a real confusion with apparently two Manor Farms named as such from the mid-19th century.

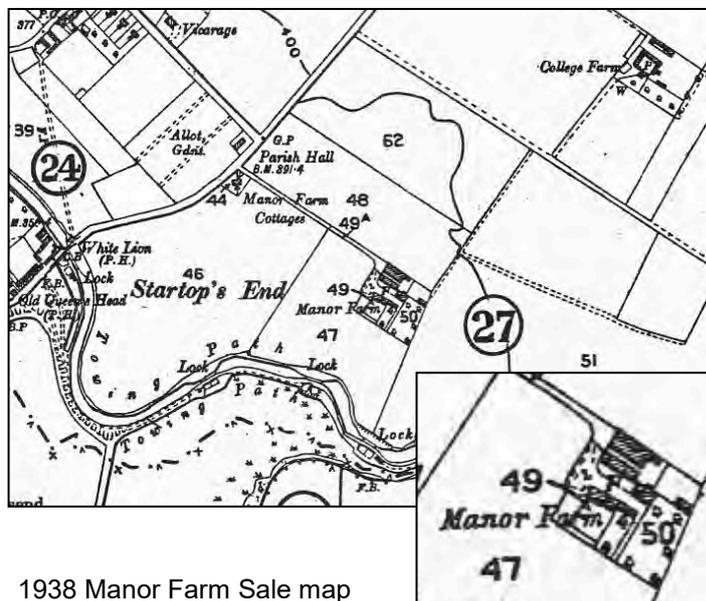
However closer inspection shows that one of these - still known today as 'Manor Farm' and situated between the Red Lion and Cooks Wharf, straddling the canal - was more often known as 'Old Manor Farm'. It covers an area of about 160 acres and was originally owned by the Earl of Rosebery, who lived at Mentmore. It was sold in 1944 on the break-up of that estate.



This map of 1944 shows the extent of Manor Farm stretching on both sides of the canal.

As for the other Manor Farm, listed at the same time as 'Old Manor Farm' the situation is complicated by the fact that it was known as Hospital Farm throughout the 19th century and often appeared on maps as such. Not that there was ever a hospital there - the land originally belonged to St Thomas's Hospital in London.

Later it was owned by the Rothschild family, cousins of the Roseberys. It was part of the 1938 Tring Park Estate Sale, when it was bought by the Mead family. The farm is of some 197 acres; it is now known as Manor Stud Farm and is situated to the south east of the Lower Icknield Way, opposite the Village Hall. It is bordered by the canal and College Farm and College Lake properties.



1938 Manor Farm Sale map

Gardening corner

By 'Bugs in the Garden'



It's a mid-February afternoon and way past my cup of tea and cake time.

I've been outside tying things up, anchoring things down, just trying to make everything secure and wind proof. All this effort is in preparation for when we are paid a visit by Storm Dudley followed by Storm Eunice. I often wonder where they get the names of these storms from.

I have lost my cap which was blown off my head and through the orchard. Might even be in the canal by now. I am cold and soaked through to my skin. Hot bath, dry clothes then a cup of tea with a large piece of fruit cake, while I sit in my chair by the fire and think of what to write for this coming month's gardening.

As we leave February and head into March we gardeners should be preparing ourselves for a new year of planting. This is a time that normally I am very enthusiastic about, but this year I just haven't been able to muster up that same enthusiasm. The long-extended lockdown period has definitely had an effect on me. I need to give myself a good old shake and get back to my old self. Easier said than done, I think.

Gardening jobs

Some of the milder weather along with some sunny days that we have had has encouraged me to get the ground prepared for the sowing of new seeds and the planting out of the flowers and vegetables that I have started in the green house.

I was hoping that with the continued mild weather, I might be able to do the first cut of our paths and lawns. Well, Dudley and Eunice have put a stop to that.

Top tips

In previous gardening newsletters, I have said that towards the end of March you need to get your potatoes, shallots and onions planted. I am going to say "hold back" on doing this. Wait until the ground is not so wet and the soil is warmer. Hopefully by the end of the month we will see the weather improve, the soil will be warmer and in a better condition for us to start planting.

Those of you who follow my monthly gardening will know that over the winter months I sit and prepare a planting diary/plan. To me this is important and is my gardening bible. It enables me to keep track of what seeds, bulbs and established plants I have sown. I get really annoyed with myself when I forget to fill it in, then a row of seeds doesn't produce anything and I haven't got a clue about them. A yearly garden plan also allows me to look back at what I have sown in previous years and where I have purchased my seeds or plants from.

Seed potatoes, onions, and shallots, along with your packet seeds, should have been purchased by now.

If you are behind in doing this, make the purchase of your seed potatoes your top priority and get them as soon as you can.



I have the good fortune of having a reasonable sized heated greenhouse. I can get a lot of my plants started in there. I also have a very small one that's not heated. If you have an unheated greenhouse line it with bubble wrap. It will do two things; help to keep out the damp as well as retain the heat from the sun for a good while.



Greenhouse lined with bubble wrap

The orchard and the borders around our house and flower garden have an abundance of snowdrops, crocus and daffs. Snowdrops never cease to amaze me. These little flowers are so strong and hardy. They stand up to all weathers and look magnificent. When out walking with my old dog, I have noticed the wonderful display of flowers in the gardens of our village, creating a magnificent show of colour.



Primroses in 2021

I am waiting as I do each year for the primroses to come out in the churchyard of our lovely church, All Saints, Marsworth. What a lovely village we have for all of us to live in.

Until next month "HAPPY GARDENING".

Beacon Community Choir

Stabat Mater

Karl Jenkins

A moving and dramatic work expressing the emotion at the heart of the Easter story

4pm Palm Sunday 10th April 2022
St Mary the Virgin, Ivinghoe LU7 9EH

soloist Amanda Comley • organ Craig Nathan
 flute Rhiannon Jeffries • percussion Rimini Dick-Carr
 musical director Judith Sheridan

Refreshments afterwards at The Hub, Ivinghoe Lawn

Tickets £10 (children free) from Lindsay Hewlett
 07986 009157 lhewlett@btinternet.com
 or at www.beaconcommunitychoir.co.uk or on the door

The Tring Anglers



It's that time of year again; when catching fish can, on one day, seem quite impossible but, on another, your efforts will be rewarded. The elements can be extreme and violent, and as I write we are between two storms - which are probably the type of weather most damaging to any hopes of angling success. Seeking shelter from the wind often means using what cover is available but hiding under trees in a storm is not the best place to be!

Being retired has the advantage that you have the time to study the weather forecasts and plan your fishing trips to increase your chances of catching a few fish. I've often noticed that the match competitors have been asked to fish in poor conditions whilst I can choose to stay at home and fish another day!

What is the best approach to catching fish in the winter? Firstly, as always, you need to find the fish! That may seem obvious but in winter fish will tend to shoal up in specific areas leaving other large areas of water devoid of fish. Surveys have shown that, providing there are no hazards in the way, fish can migrate many miles. Urban centres are favoured areas, often being one or two degrees warmer than out in the countryside. Buildings and boats also provide shelter, particularly from avian predators such as cormorants. Bedford on the Great Ouse is an excellent example of a good winter fishing venue and I also have success on the canal in the Hemel Hempstead town area. I often study local match results to locate areas that consistently provide good catches on the canal and river. A little bit of homework can pay off in the all-important choice of a location.

Sudden frosts can reduce your chances of catching fish, particularly in shallow waterways such as canals. However, strangely, I have rarely failed to catch fish when

I have had to break the ice to fish. Roach and sometimes also big perch have shown in some numbers in these conditions. I have never really understood why icy conditions are not the deterrent that you would think they would be. Sudden changes in air pressure, however, do make angling difficult and settled conditions are always preferable, however cold.

Choosing the best species of fish to angle for will help provide a few bites. Chub fishing has been particularly rewarding this winter on both river and canal. On more than one occasion a poor day has been avoided with a fifty-pence-size piece of bread flake as bait tempting a decent sized chub.



A happy angler with a fine canal chub

Although chub can be found on the canal they are very localised. You can fish with confidence for chub in the Hemel Hempstead area. In the Tring area the Red Lion section is well worth a visit and sometimes also at Bulbourne. The Wendover Arm even looks like a typical chub stream and they can be caught in numbers from Gannel bridge to the mainline junction. I have also caught them on the Aylesbury Arm at Black Jack's pound and Red House.

Looking forward, I am pleased to announce that the Rickmansworth Canal Festival will be going ahead in May. We had feared that, if it was cancelled for a third year, it may never have happened again. It's well worth a visit. The Tring Anglers will be holding a 'Let's Fish' event on the delightful nearby Sabey's Pool - that's always a treat!

Tight Lines!

By Dick Pilkinton, *The Piscator*

1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Group Pitstone Memorial

Beavers - age 5¼ - 8

Monday / Tuesday 6.00 - 7.00pm

Cubs - age 8 - 10½

Wed. 6.30 - 8.30pm / Thurs. 6.30 - 8.00pm

Scouts - age 10½ - 14

Fridays 7.00 - 8.30pm

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

ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com



Girl Guiding UK Pitstone Memorial Hall

Rainbows: Monday 4.30 - 5.30pm

Brownies: Monday 5.45 - 7.15pm

Guide: Tuesday 7.00 - 8.30pm (Millennium Room)

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

Children from Marsworth welcome at both groups.



Sing Wilstone Community Choir

**Tuesdays, 6.30 - 7.30pm,
St Cross Church, Wilstone**

**Join your local choir
- singing is good for us!**



No audition, just enthusiasm. Your first session is free.

If you've been thinking about the joy of singing and how you'd love to join a local choir, well here we are!

With members from Wilstone, Tring, Marsworth and other local areas, we are an established choir, currently working on well-known songs and a medley of great numbers from *Les Misérables*.

We have a programme of charity performances each year.

New members are always very welcome.

Check out our website:

www.singwilstonecommunitychoir.co.uk

or call Bev Ralphs on 07989961298,
or Jo Woodbridge 07719434620

BeaconLit 2022

Nestling in Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, BeaconLit is in its eighth year.



Run and staffed entirely by volunteers, its two main aims are: to nurture reading and writing in and around the Beacon Villages; and to support the Beacon Villages Community Library.

Ivinghoe's Book Festival Returning to Full Strength

The BeaconLit Festival Committee is delighted to announce the first tranche of special guests confirmed for BeaconLit 2022. It is planned to return to the usual full day festival format on **Saturday 16 July 2022** at Brookmead School, Ivinghoe and an incredibly exciting programme is coming together.

Confirmed Participants

Nazir Afzal OBE is a former Chief Crown Prosecutor and was Chief Executive of the UK's Police & Crime Commissioners. Today he sits on the board of the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO) and is also National Adviser on Gender Based Violence to the Welsh Government. In 2018, he joined the advisory board of Google's Innovation Fund for counter-extremism.



Nazir Afzal

Bella Ellis is the Brontë-esque pseudonym of Rowan Coleman, the acclaimed author of numerous novels for adults and children. The latest book in the series is *The Red Monarch*.



Bella Ellis

Ruth Hogan has now sold over a million books. Her first novel, *The Keeper of Lost Things*, was a Sunday Times bestseller and a Richard and Judy pick and is published in over 30 countries. Ruth lives in a chaotic Victorian house with an assortment of rescue dogs and her long-suffering husband.



Ruth Hogan

Cara Hunter is the author of the Sunday Times bestselling crime novels *Close to Home*, *In the Dark* and *No Way Out*, all featuring DI Adam Fawley and his Oxford-based police team. *Close to Home* was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick and was shortlisted for Crime Book of the Year in the British Book Awards 2019.



Cara Hunter

The committee will be adding more names to this impressive list, and will keep you updated on the programme and plans for ticket sales.

You can keep up with all the festival news via the website at www.beaconlit.co.uk.

On screen piano lessons with Mike Benjamin

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8 May	Marsworth Fun Run
June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee
19th June	Steam Rally

Jubilee Commemorative coins

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Jubilee coins: 50p (left), crown (right)

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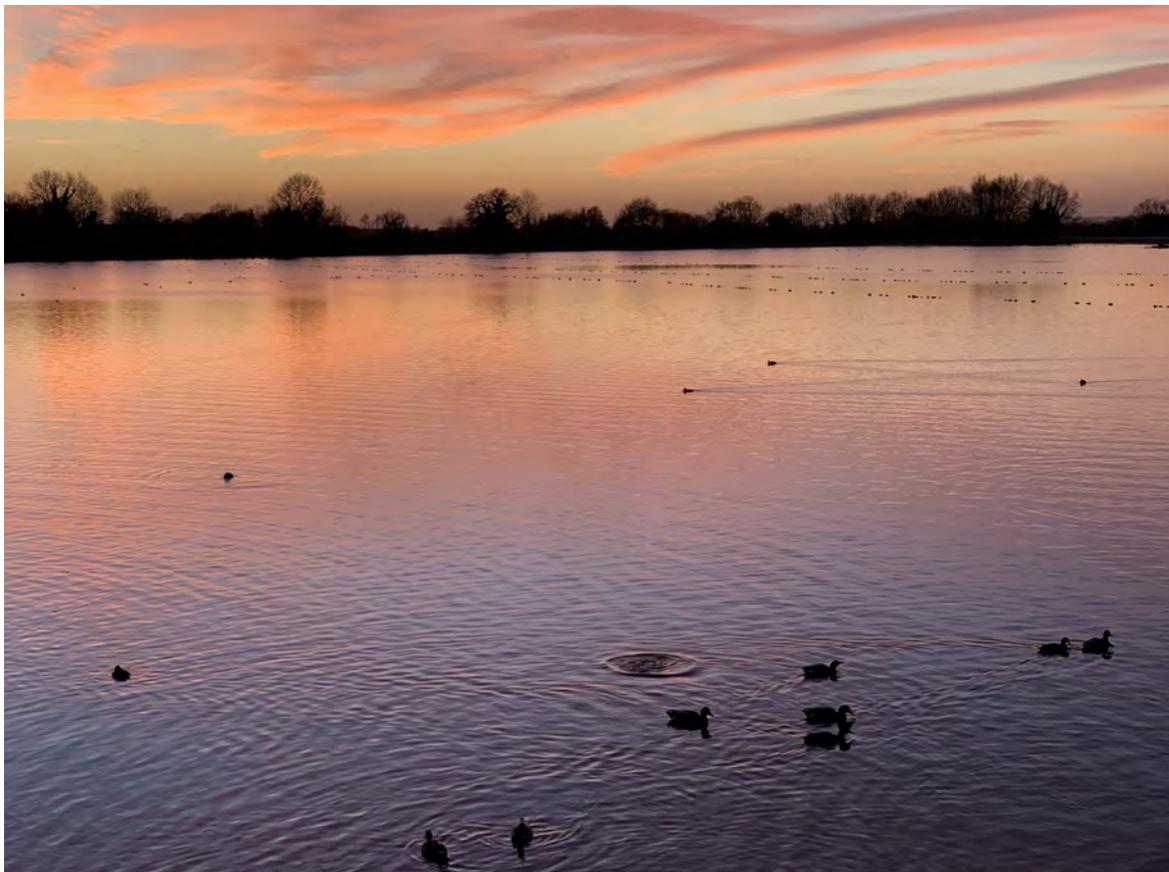
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