

Marsworth News

Serving the village and parish of Marsworth

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Welcome to our Ukrainian refugees

Olga and her 18-year-old son Oleksandr (known as Sacha) arrived at Stansted on 11th April after a long journey through Ukraine and into Poland.

They are from Kharkiv in Eastern Ukraine and are staying with Matt and Fiona Hutchinson and their children Freya and Toby in Dragonsfeld, Watery Lane. Incidentally the Hutchinson's property backs on to the field that was once the site of the Polish resettlement camp.

Olga and Sacha have been amazed at the generosity and kindness of the Marsworth people, with a constant stream of food, supplies, clothes, and gifts arriving. We would all like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped out.

Olga and Sacha are settling in and planning their future. Sacha is spending his time teaching himself programming and Olga is learning English. Do give them a big Marsworth welcome if you see them. You can't miss Sacha – he is possibly now the tallest resident of Marsworth!

Matt Hutchinson adds: "I don't think there are any others in Marsworth, but a family has just arrived in Ivinghoe and they met up with Olga and Sacha yesterday. There are around 60 families coming to the Tring/Berkhamsted area but ours are I think some of the first to arrive (visas are taking time). There are a few Facebook/Whatsapp groups that are connecting people together - both hosts and guests."



Matt Hutchison, Sacha, Olga and Fiona Hutchison

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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*

We have very special news just in about our new Ukrainian residents Olga and Sacha. We would like to welcome them warmly to Marsworth.

Spring is well and truly with us and there are notices of activities all over our local area. Sadly it seems that there is little interest in Marsworth for a full-scale celebration of the Platinum Jubilee, though the WI would have been prepared to do their usual best.

Would you be interested in the proposed Screen Nights to be held in the village hall? They are popular in Wilstone and the surrounding area and are a way of seeing films and other screenings at little effort. However for these to go ahead the Hall Committee needs an indication of local support above all. They also need a small group of keen people to run them, as it is not something that the committee can undertake themselves. See notice on page 3.

The Steam Rally is fast approaching. This is an opportunity for local people to become involved in an enjoyable way at a great event. See the notice on page 3 - they need your help, and to know that you are prepared to offer it.

Sad news about the White Lion. This once attractive and important building has been an eyesore for many years. It now seems almost as if it will take it to fall down before we can ever see an improvement in this key site at the entrance to the village. This is not from any lack of effort on the part of the Parish Council who have constantly striven to find a resolution to the problem.



Photo: Elaine Standen

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

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'.

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.

All Saints Church



When we are confronted on a daily basis with worldwide problems it takes little time to realise that virtually all of these are created by humankind, and it then becomes quite reasonable to ask where God figures in all of this. We do not know if our planet is unique, but we do know that in our own solar system it stands alone in supporting a complex eco system that is familiar to us, a system in which we are all dependent on one another for survival. So we are justified in wondering why we are in this position, surrounded by so much conflict when our natural instinct is to survive amicably alongside everyone else.

At this point we should reflect that, if there is a supreme being, and according to the Holy Bible God created all things – see Genesis 1 and 2 – He also gave humankind the gift of free will, therefore in that case humankind has the capacity to be good and creative, or bad and destructive.

Following on from Easter maybe this is a time for reflection on Christ's words to us regarding how we should love one another. The Ten Commandments could be a set of terrific guidelines which would surely lead to the world being a much happier and safer place in which to exist.

MARSWORTH
STEAM & CLASSIC
Vehicle Rally

Sunday 19th June

We're looking for enthusiastic people to help on the day. Could you spare a few hours?

will you HELP?

See the website for further details:
www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk

Services for May

1st May	9.30am	B.C.P. Holy Communion.
15th May	10.30am	Common Worship Holy Communion with Choir - followed by the A.P.C.M.

The next service will be held on 5th June
9.30am BCP Holy Communion

John White, Churchwarden

Screen Nights in Marsworth?



As Covid restrictions have eased, bookings at the Hall have returned to normal. There is however a possibility for more. You may not know that the hall was once known as the Marsworth Community Centre, to provide a venue for community groups or activities.

Many halls such as ours have invested in audio-visual equipment so they can provide a central facility for screening films or TV. More sociable, cheaper and less travelling to a cinema. Even if the latest blockbuster release doesn't appeal, a re-run of an old classic on a big screen may be attractive. For some, an ideal venue to watch a Royal Jubilee or a World Cup final.

If they can do this in Wilstone, we can do it in Marsworth! But it needs to be organised by members of our community to make it happen and continue. The set-up costs are considerable but there is funding available. The ongoing challenges include choosing what could be screened, promoting events (via the Newsletter) selling tickets (royalties are not cheap), setting up and clearing away are some of the things that need to be done.

Interested? We need many people to say they would consider being part of an audience and - most important – volunteers to work together to make it happen. There is a lot of guidance available and as current Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee I would expect to be involved.

If you think Marsworth Screen Nights is a good idea – post on Facebook.

If you think this is something you could help to make happen, contact ray.costello1@btinternet.com or phone 01442 822900 for a chat.

Marsworth 10k Run Run

Sunday 8th May - 10am start

Just over 100 runners have registered for the 2022 Fun Run.



Fancy running 10K distance?
Or helping out on the morning?

If so, go to www.marsworthfunrun.co.uk or contact Sofie Cole directly via Facebook's *Everything Marsworth*.

Raising funds for All Saints Church, Marsworth

Parish Council meeting April 2022 – reporter's highlights

The Parish Council meeting followed the Annual Parish Meeting at the village hall.

We have a new councillor!

Chris King – who you may know as the president of Marsworth WI – was co-opted in and took up her place at the table alongside her new partners. A campaign for anyone interested in joining our team of Parish Councillors resulted in no further candidates. With only one candidate no election was required.

Caravan wreckage

The Parish Council will formally thank local man Keith Cannone, for his kind act in clearing this dangerous eyesore from the Startops carpark. Our neighbourhood watch team and parish clerk had repeatedly asked Canal & River Trust to clear it to no avail.

Recreation Ground

The flooding in the Rec is still a cause for concern. The MPC will now seek advice/solution from a suitable drainage expert.

The running track is not eligible for funding from Section 106 monies. The MPC will consider funding it and will look for a suitable contractor to carry out the work.

Planning

No objections were raised to the planning application (amendments) at the Old Manor Barn in Church Lane – ref 22/01181/ALB and 22/00970/APP.

There is no further news about the White Lion public house planning application, despite MPC applying pressure on the planners for a quick decision.

There was general discussion about development within 500m of a conservation area and further clarification will be sought, in light of the Chiltern Beechwoods protection concerns raised by Dacorum Council (see *Marsworth News* April 22, page 11 – Protecting Ashridge and Tring Woodlands.) The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulation 2017 (Habitats Regulations) that Dacorum cites could well have a bearing on the development proposal for Marsworth Airfield. Any application by Ainscough for 320 new homes in Marsworth will now have to incorporate mitigation measures - clearly that will take time and prove difficult.

Luton Borough Council approved London Luton Airport's planning application to expand the airport but the Government called in the planning application, which is now with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up to make a determination. (The airport is owned by the council.)

(Full minutes can be viewed on village website at www.marsworth.org.uk)



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Parish Council meeting dates 2022

9th May	20th June	
4th July	8th August	12th September
10th October	14th November	12th December

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



Our thanks go to local businessman (KC Fabrications), Keith Cannone, who selflessly cleared all the debris from the burned out caravan at Tring Reservoirs carpark on behalf of the community. CRT were asked repeatedly to no avail.



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 let us know. However you must also of course write a small item about the achievement! Send to editor@marsworthnews.co.uk.

Bee swarms

As we are now coming into bee swarming season if you are concerned about a swarm, go to www.marsworth.org.uk/local-information for details about bee swarming that might be of interest.



A bee swarm

Annual Parish Meeting April 2022

The meeting was opened by Marsworth Parish Council (MPC) chairman Bob Kennedy with the MPC's annual report. The report gave a roundup of MPC key activities over the past year.

Attendees were sparse but the reports that followed from the various village organisations were interesting. Full reports will be published on the village website at www.marsworth.org.uk.

Extracts from Village Organisations' reports

Although requested, at the time of the meeting no reports were received from the following organisations:

Canal and River Trust
Thames Valley Police
Marsworth Pre-School

Marsworth Parish Council

We heard a summary of key planning matters over the past two years; of note, a planning application for the (Ainscough) Airfield Development proposal has not yet been submitted although this is thought to be imminent. It is thought that the recently announced Special Area of Conservation around Chiltern Beechwoods may 'come to our aid' in this regard. (See Marsworth News page 11 April 22 – Ed.); also the Anglers Retreat and White Lion applications have still not been decided; the Bulbourne redevelopment is progressing well.

We also heard a summary of MPC's key achievements.

Buckinghamshire Council

Following the MPC report, Councillor Chris Poll presented his report from Buckinghamshire Council (BC) on behalf of the three councillors in our Ward; himself, Peter Brazier and Derek Town. He told us that he was pleased to see how Council information is reaching residents and urged us to sign up for the Residents' Newsletter email from the Council leader, Martin Tett, to keep in touch.

He explained that following the dissolution of the District Councils within Bucks the planning department as a whole lost a lot of staff but they are now busy recruiting and dealing with the resultant backlog of planning applications.

The Bucks Development Plan is underway and due for completion in 2025, but the Government is yet to finalise the details of what is required. Consultations will come forward soon and we are all encouraged to participate.

Village Hall 100 Club

The 100 Club currently has 223 members paid up until August 2023. Prize money for this period will total £3,200 with the village hall receiving £1,250. Over roughly 25 years the Draw has raised £25k towards the upkeep of the hall.

Anyone not already members and would like to join should contact Dick Brake on 01296 662533.

Millennium Hall (Village Hall)

The report supplied by Committee Chair, John Kearsey, gave us an insight into the maintenance at the hall for the period 2021/22. He said the Hall's finances are very

strong with event bookers returning. The bonfire night was a great success and money raised for the Hall will help to make future events easier with new equipment.

Badminton Club

Margaret Bonham explained reasons for the demise of the Badminton Club that was a regular feature at the village hall after many happy and active years. She thanked the Hall Committee, Fran Brown for organising bookings and everyone involved with keeping the hall in its excellent condition.

Bridge Club

This activity has also ceased for the time being after numbers dwindled during the pandemic. It is hoped that it can soon resume as players return to face to face meetings again. The last Marsworth Charity Bridge Day and lunch, in February 2020 raised £2,545 and proceeds were shared between Rennie Grove Hospice Care and the Chilterns MS Centre.

All Saints Church

Churchwarden John White gave an account of fund raising events in aid of the church. Also he explained the process of recruiting our incoming vicar, Rev James Grainger-Smith who will join us on 12th July 2022, once his children finish this academic year.

Marsworth Charity

We were reminded of the Charity's willingness to collaborate with the MPC on projects as they arise. The Marsworth Christmas Tea Party which the Charity supports, was postponed due to Covid and will be held later this year.

Marsworth School

We were given an account of the staffing arrangements, particularly with Headteacher Mrs Polatci returning from maternity leave and the departure of and replacement of two staff. Mrs Jan Stevens has moved to Dorset and Mrs Carolyn Pankiw has retired from the office position.

The school currently has 34 children on roll and a new child joining the nursery class after Easter.

We also heard a summary of the school's group memberships and the children's activities going forward.

Mrs Polatci thanked the whole village for their valued support of the school.

Marsworth Steam Rally

Having been cancelled for the last two years due to the pandemic the Steam Rally is geared up to return to Marsworth on Father's Day, 19th June. The Steam Rally event has on average donated £15,000 per year to good causes. In December last year, the Pepper Foundation Children's Hospice suffered a burglary and the Steam Rally was quickly able to donate £500.

As always, volunteers are needed to help with this event, as well as exhibitors, stallholders and of course, visitors. Information can be found at www.marsworthsteamrally.co.uk.

Marsworth WI

The President Chris King explained about the difficulties the group had faced during the pandemic as face-to-face meetings were replaced with Zoom meetings. The group

have had some sad times to get through with the treasurer, Margaret Johnson suffering a stroke, and losing members Nancy Wardle and Catherine Bushell. They hosted a funeral wake for Nancy and a Memorial Service for Catherine.

The group's popular Speaker sessions have been challenging during the pandemic but a recent one particularly stands out; Marsworth resident Pippa Nightingale talked about her work with the NHS and her role during Covid. She was responsible for vaccinating the Queen and other royalty and has delivered several royal babies in the last few years.

Marsworth News

The newsletter continues to provide a useful means of communicating within Marsworth.

Production basically comes down to two main functions: the collection of copy and setting this out in a practical and attractive way. A useful amount of copy comes from regular contributors who see the newsletter as a way of informing local people of their activities: the Church, Parish Council, School, Bucks Councillors, WI. Other regular contributors write articles about their interests: gardening, fishing, etc.

This leaves a good deal of empty space to be filled with information, articles, etc. which are the responsibility of the Copy Editor. This role has from the beginning in 2015 been very much in the hands of Elaine Standen, who has done a brilliant job is sourcing items from the media, and by following up 'leads'. However she now finds that she would like to lessen her commitment. We now have a really useful addition to our production team in Richard Dinnadge, who is taking on some of the work of processing copy.

Layout is the work that I do, which involves inserting and moving the various items around so that they fit!

Financially, the newsletter is completely self-sufficient, the advertising covering printing costs.

One aspect we put a high value on is proof-reading, and we have four people who scour the draft proof for any errors.

After the presentations concluded the meeting turned to the public that were present, to discuss any issues they may have.

One resident asked for more information on the new Speed Device we will be getting. His concern was that we may not have enough reminders through the village of what the correct speed limit is. Although some councillors felt that it was a matter of observing the Highway Code, the device will tell the driver what speed they are doing so they can correct their driving if required. The MPC agreed to obtain bin stickers to remind passing motorists of the speed limit – albeit the bins are only in the street for one day a week.

Ray Costello, treasurer of the Village Hall Committee talked about the Hall having capacity to hold more village events and may be able to help with funding. One idea he shared was Screen Nights. These have been very successful in Wilstone and he believes we may have the same success. The Committee can't initiate events but

can facilitate those organised by others. He appealed for community groups or individuals to get together and come forward with ideas and plans to create events at the Hall.

See item on Screen Nights on page 3.

Full reports and minutes can be viewed on village website at www.marsworth.org.uk

Village Hall clean up

If you were wondering what a few of our Marsworth residents were doing, wandering through the village towards the Hall on Saturday 2nd April armed with stiff brooms, shovels, hoes, secateurs, saws, buckets and gloves, you need wonder no more. These pictures tell it all.



When the Village Hall Committee decided to clean and spruce up the outside of the Village Hall word soon spread. A group of villagers with representatives from the Parish Council, Village Hall, WI and All Saints Church was formed.

Michael Mullally attacked weeds and moss, with Lynda Brake and Denise Cornwall sweeping up after him.



John Kearsey, along with John Woodruffe, cut down the Leylandii tree that had outgrown its pot and was forcing the fence to lean over.

Fran Brown was on patrol with buckets of soapy water, washing railings and windowsills.

And the wonderful job of cleaning out the drains was left to Ray Brown and Dick Brake.

A good job done by all, resulting in a much smarter looking village hall.

Sing Wilstone Community Choir

Annual Charity Concert

performing

'Our Favourites and Les Miserables Medley'

22nd May 2022, 4.00pm, St Cross Church, Wilstone, Herts

Tickets £8, children under 12 free, includes refreshments/bubbly & strawberries

Available from The Community Shop, Wilstone, or call Jo Woodbridge on 077194344620

or order via the website www.singwilstonecommunitychoir.co.uk

MARSWORTH STEAM & CLASSIC Vehicle Rally

Historic Steam Engines, Agricultural, Classic Cars, Bikes and Trucks

Sunday 19th June 2022 11am-5pm

Treat dad to a fun day out on Father's Day!



Family Entertainment, Rides and Attractions

Stalls galore!
Charity fundraising
Family entertainment
Live music
Crafts
Working models

Face painting
Tring Fire Engine*
Steam Engine rides
Bouncy castle and slide
Kiddies fairground fun
and much more!

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Popcorn
Candy Floss
Fish & Chips
Teas, Snacks and
Homemade Treats
Beer tent
Local Real Ales

*Subject to duty commitments

Startop Farm
Marsworth HP23 4LL

B489 Ivinghoe to Aston Clinton Road

Adults £6.00
Children £3.00

All proceeds go to local fundraising and charities

www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk

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 Arrivals

Please welcome **Jonny and Jo Taylor** who have recently moved to Church Lane. Jonny told us:

We moved to Marsworth from St Albans in January. We are both teachers of History - Jo works in St Albans and I work in Northwood. We have two grown up children.

We fell in love with Marsworth whilst walking along the canal from Tring to Ivinghoe and are so happy to be here. We're learning to bell ring and enjoyed the quiz in February, being part of the winning team.

We have some work to do on the house and are sorry for any noise!

Refugees

Marsworth may well have some newcomers joining us from Ukraine in the coming weeks and months. See article on front page. Please give them a warm welcome and help them settle in, as the community did with the Polish settlers after WW2. Also see the article on this page from Community Impact Bucks that explains how to get support for the refugees, their hosts and community groups.

Obituary

Mrs Michelle Ann Churchill 03.05.1968 – 10.04.2022

Michelle Churchill died at her home at 61 Lower Icknield Way at the age of 53, due to her long-term battle with Huntington disease.

**Marsworth Village Hall
100 Club**



Draw results for April. Our congratulations to the winners

£100 Bonus Prizes

171 Nigel Conybeare, Vicarage Gardens
197 Robert Reeve, Vicarage Road

£20 prizes

132 Dominic and Clare Ashburner
148 Hugh McDonald, Norvic Road
55 Clare Holland, Stepnells
119 Dick Brake, Lower Icknield Way
30 Nicola Lewarne, Vicarage Road

The next draw will be in May for our regular five £20 prizes, to be drawn at the Village Hall Committee meeting.

If you wish to join the draw please contact me on 01296 662533.

Thank you all for taking part.

Dick Brake

Michelle was the daughter of Wilfred and Valerie Cooke and had grown up in the village since she was a little girl. She went to the Marsworth C of E infant school with her siblings.



Michelle Churchill

Michelle was very well known in the village; she was kind and thoughtful and always put others first. She was a great mum, nan and friend. She did quite a few cleaning jobs around the village and the village hall for many years, and she was always keen to help and take part in village events. Unfortunately, in the last few years her mobility and communication disappeared, leaving it hard for her to do all these things that she loved best about living in Marsworth. She has always thought of it as home and refused to give it up for a care home.

Michelle's death is a double blow for the family as her sister Andrea also died last year of the same disease.

Their brother, Andrew Cooke posted this message on Facebook:

"When you find it hard to find the right words; yesterday I lost my sister Michelle, she was only 53.

I'm not very good at this kind of stuff but I do know she is in a better place; she is at peace. This comes not long after losing another sister, Andrea age 54 back in June last year.

Forever in our thoughts."

Community Impact Bucks

Online resource launched for Buckinghamshire's Ukrainian refugees, hosts and community groups

Information on support from Bucks communities and how to get involved.



A new online resource for individuals, charities and community groups providing support for Ukrainian refugees in Buckinghamshire has been launched by local charity Community Impact Bucks.

A webpage at www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk provides information on the help already available in the county, and also details of where individuals, charities and community groups can register their offers of support.

Buckinghamshire Council set up the Bucks Ukraine Partnership, a cross-sector partnership, to coordinate support for Ukrainian refugees in the county. As part of this, Community Impact Bucks is leading the Community Capacity sub-group which is engaging with charities, community groups and individuals in the community who can offer support. Further information can be found at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council said: "The support being shown to Ukrainian families by the people of Buckinghamshire is tremendous. Our local strategic partnership, which was formed a few weeks ago, is meeting regularly so we are in the best possible position across the whole of the County to co-ordinate a strong response."

Bucks Council April news

All Bucks household recycling centres have now moved to summer opening hours – 9am to 6pm.

Tax news

The £150 rebate to every household in council tax bands A to D will be paid over the next few weeks to help offset rising fuel costs. There is also a discretionary rebate which Buckinghamshire Council is paying to help householders in other council tax bands who are on specific benefits.

If you pay your council tax by direct debit you will receive your rebate faster and direct into your bank account. Our Council Tax team will be sending out details on how to provide your bank details if don't pay by direct debit to ensure you receive your payment.

Child protection

If you become aware of a possible private fostering arrangement, please let us know so we can ensure the child is safe and well looked after. It could be private fostering if:

- The child is aged under 16 (or 18 if the child has a disability)
- You are providing care for more than 28 consecutive days
- You are not a close family member

It's almost certain that nothing will change - we just need to know.

Find out more about Private Fostering:
<https://crowd.in/bhcOPW>

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Buckinghamshire Councillor, Ivinghoe Ward

(Full report can be viewed on the Marsworth village website at www.marsworth.org.uk.)

Mentmore Arts Festival 2022

Saturday 28th May to Monday
30th May 2022, 11am - 5pm
each day.

We have raised over £84,000 since the festival began and have donated to many different local charities over the years.



In 2022 we plan to raise money for Leukaemia UK and WheelPower, which supports British wheelchair sport.

We are delighted that many of our favourite artists are planning to exhibit again and that many of the new artists, who planned to attend in 2020 and 2021, will now make their debut in 2022.

The festival is a popular day out for families, and refreshments will be available in Mentmore Village Hall garden, including light lunches, teas, coffees, cakes and a bar.

There will also be our usual raffle with lots of prizes.

Jan Pieńkowski painting in All Saints Church - follow up

We are delighted to have been contacted by Eva Gordon in response to Stephen and Jonquil Wooler's article that we published last month. Eva confirms she was Jan's second cousin and her mother lived at 16 Startops End. Eva finally sold the house around 25 years ago.



Eva explains:

"My parents and I were in Marsworth Refugee Camp (Marsworth Polish Hostel) post WW2. When the camp was disbanded Mother didn't want to accept council housing offered to the refugees – she managed to get a mortgage in the days when women weren't offered them, and purchased the cottage at Startops. I never lived with her at Startops; I was sent to boarding school aged eight and to guardians in Putney, London, for school holidays. Mother, often locally referred to 'Russian Mary', lived there alone, her marriage had long broken up.

"Jan and his parents were living in London at the same time. Neither of us knew that the other was in the UK, strangely enough and unaware we were under the same military hospital roof in 1946 in Trani, Italy, where I was born. Jan's father also worked there in an administrative job while his mother, Wanda Pieńkowska, taught the Polish refugee children."

The two families found each other in the UK after being forced to move around the world post-war. Jan was taken with the hardship Eva's mother in particular had endured. Had it not been for WW2 she'd have been an acclaimed poet and writer in Poland, so Jan wanted to mark Mary's existence to the best of his ability. He painted the Virgin with Child as a gift to her, but unfortunately she died before he made his generous gift. Instead, the painting was donated to All Saints Church."

Eva tells us she will this year be ordering a headstone for her mother's grave in All Saints churchyard; it currently has a simple wooden cross with no identification.

Eva added subsequently "Jan painted the picture after mother's death – he donated it to Marsworth church in her memory to leave some mark of a highly talented and gifted woman."

Cream Teas at Wingrave Parish Church

from 29th May 2022

Every Sunday all through summer

3pm – 5.30pm

Coffee and cake also being served



Mindful Moment

by Rosie Hill, www.wildivyretreats.com



The Healing is in the return...

Imagine if you could be as assured in yourself as we are when we plant a seed.

We have pure faith that when we plant a seed in soil, one day a little green bud of life will grow into something beautiful. We do not rush it, we do not question its growth. Instead, we TRUST that in time, something will grow.

Imagine if we could do this with our hopes and our dreams. If we had this faith in ourselves, without rushing... imagine the potential of what we could grow!

We can apply this practise of patience to our breath and meditation practise. Clearing our minds during meditation can be hard and sometimes frustrating when ideas and thoughts keep on popping into our heads.

But what if I told you that was the most important part of meditating? The moment of self-awareness that your mind has wandered, and having the patience to refocus your mind, over and over? It doesn't matter how many times you do this - the healing is in the return.

With this outlook, I invite you to take five minutes out of your day to take some deep conscious breaths. Focus all your attention to the act of breathing deeply... and if your mind wanders, have the patience and self-awareness to bring back your focus.

Allow your mind these moments of stillness, and silence – allowing space for you to grow.



Grazing sheep at Manor Farm. Photo: Sara Wood

Marsworth Preschool 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 Women's Institute

By Denise Cornwall



On Tuesday April 5th Marsworth WI met again for its monthly meeting.

As with all clubs and committees, the WI have certain things that are, as it were, set in tablets of stone and have to be done. This month we had our annual resolutions meeting where we have to discuss the WI resolutions and vote on whether we agree or disagree with them.

The presentation of the resolutions was given by our president Chris King. The resolutions were ASD and ADHD Under-Identified, Under-Diagnosed, Misdiagnosed, Under-Supported.

Chris held a short discussion to find out how much members knew about these conditions. After this had taken place she then proceeded to give a clear and comprehensive presentation of the resolutions which after some discussion were agreed by a majority vote.

We then proceeded to other WI business starting with our Annual Dinner. Before Covid our Annual Dinner always took place after Christmas and was normally a very nice meal provided by outside caterers and it took place in the village hall. Sadly, the caterers retired and research into other catering companies revealed them to be far more expensive and out of our price range. This gave the committee the opportunity to ask all our members if they wanted to continue with a meal straight after Christmas or move it a few months later into the year. The feedback was that they would like it to be later in the year as it was a bit too much directly after Christmas and it would give everyone something to look forward to.

Two members of the Committee were given the task of finding a suitable venue. This was not easy; a few places were looked at and although the food and service were excellent, they were either too small or were not available on our chosen date. We then approached the Kings Head in Ivinghoe, which we thought would be way out of our price range. They were very accommodating and our annual dinner is now booked and we will be held at the Kings Head on May 3rd.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was discussed, and even though the WI has got its tractor and trailer booked for our float and decided on the theme, due to the lack of interest shown in the village for celebrations the committee has decided that the WI will not now be doing anything. After all, we would have looked pretty daft floating around the village on our own, wouldn't we!

We are trying out different things and one of them will be to have our June meeting at Pitstone Museum. This will be combined with a talk about the museum and its contents, and refreshments will be provided.

When the formal business of the evening was over, the members were given a glass of wine or two while they pondered on a table-top quiz relating to Easter. Two tables tied as winners and both received prizes of mini Easter eggs. The evening ended with all members going home with small but delicious Easter egg gifts.

The Raffle winners were: Margaret Bonham, Julie Hares and Evelyn Barber. Sylvia Frost won "What's in the Bag".

Midnight Walk returns for one last night

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk returns to Aylesbury for the final time after a two year hiatus, on Saturday 16th July.



Since it began in 2010, the Midnight Walk has seen hundreds of men and women come together and take to the streets of Aylesbury, walking over 50,000 miles and raising over £650,000 for the charity over the years. But this will be the last opportunity to take part in the event.

The charity is hoping its local community will support their Farewell Midnight Walk, with walkers joining them to remember loved ones and support their local hospice as they walk the final miles for one last time.



Walkers can choose from five mile or ten mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 16th July, with refreshments at pit stops along the way. Each walker will also receive a commemorative Farewell Midnight Walk 2022 T-shirt, as well as a Finisher's medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk.

For more information and to sign up, please visit www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk or call 01296 429975.

Healthy Living Day at Stoke Mandeville

21st May 2022 – 10am to 3.30pm



WheelPower
British Wheelchair Sport

This event is open to everyone with a physical disability, aged over 16 years and will be a great opportunity to treat yourself, exercise with others and make new friendships. You can come for part or all of the day... and it's completely FREE.

Using our favourite fitness instructors, the day will include a variety of exercise and nutrition classes aimed at supporting disabled people to live a healthier and more active life.

Date/Time/Location:

Saturday 21st May 2022 (Arrival is from 10am and activities start at 10.30am. The day will finish at approximately 3.30pm.)

Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Guttman Road, HP21 9PP, Buckinghamshire (please note: there is accessible parking, toilets and changing facilities on site.)



Coffee Cake recipe

Thank you to Denise Cornwall who said: "The recipe came from my mum's aunt in Canada. Canadians and Americans tend to use oil in their cakes as they stay light and moist for longer than a sponge made with butter. Hope you enjoy making it."

For the cake

225g vegetable oil
100g walnuts, roughly chopped, plus extra to decorate
225g light brown soft sugar
1 tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
225g plain flour
2 tbsp Camp Coffee
4 medium or 3 large eggs

For the icing

125g unsalted butter, softened (150g if you do not use cream cheese)
25g full-fat cream cheese.
1 tbsp Camp Coffee extract
120g icing sugar

Method

Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Grease and line two sponge cake tins.

For the cake mix, put the walnuts, brown sugar, baking powder, salt and plain flour in a mixing bowl and mix well with a metal spoon.

Put the eggs and the vegetable oil in a bowl and whisk together with an electric hand whisk till light and fluffy. Make a well in the centre of your dry ingredients and add the oil, beaten eggs, and the Camp Coffee.

Mix thoroughly with hand whisk until you have a smooth batter.

Pour the mixture into the lined cake tins and bake for approx. 25 to 30 mins or until a skewer pushed into the centre comes out clean. Once cooked, take out of the oven and cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove from the cake tin and leave to cool completely on the rack.

Icing

Whisk/beat the butter, cream cheese and Camp Coffee extract together. Sift in the icing sugar and whisk it in at a lower speed until smooth. Then ice your cake.



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Spring Fayre

23rd April – 8th May 2022

There is still time to get involved in the Tring Spring Fayre, with free events continuing up to 8th May. Take a look at <https://bit.ly/TTSpringFayre2022>

White Lion safety concerns

You may have noticed that there is a bit missing on the White Lion building. The lean-to outhouse attached to the building (on the corner nearest to the bridge) has been the cause of some concern for a while as it appeared to be coming adrift from the main building.

Parish Council chairman Bob Kennedy recently reported to Buckinghamshire Council that the outhouse roof had collapsed, so at the request of their Building Control department the whole outhouse had to be demolished to make it safe.

Could this be the beginning of the end of the White Lion building as we know it?



Before
Photo: Bob Kennedy



The lean-to removed
Photo: Elaine Standen



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

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

Walk Wendover Way

By Nigel Williams, Publicity Direct, Wendover Canal Trust

Despite dire warnings of snow showers, nine stalwart members of the public joined our first walk from the new Mead's Farmhouse Kitchen tea rooms.



The tour was led by Jenny Brice, assisted by Peter Bird and Christopher Sargeant. This was a three mile walk up to the Wendover canal at bridge 4, returning around the Wilstone reservoir. At some points uneven steps and slopes needed to be navigated, so we were pleased to see all attendees were suitably clad.

On this occasion, although cold, the sun shone throughout, the soil was dry underfoot, so no problems of mud were encountered.

A brief history of Mead's Farm and the Wilstone reservoir were covered during the walk along the track up to the canal. The reservoir is now used by the Hertfordshire Wildlife Trust. At bridge 4 the swing bridge history and restoration were described by Chris. Then walking along the towpath, the work involved at the Whitehouses Pocket Park opposite was highlighted and future use of the welcoming benches encouraged. All were interested by the past details of the Whitehouses original steam pumping station, and the update to its current use as a water height gauging weir.

The walk turned off onto the footpath around the reservoir; this followed through the adjoining fields and

is always well used by dog walkers. At one point a small stream supplying water to the reservoir is crossed by a wooden plank bridge. As we arrived back in the wood alongside the water, we pointed out the track to the Wildlife Hide on the right. It is intended that during the summer a volunteer from the Wildlife Trust may be on hand to take anyone interested to the hide for a detailed description of the bird population.

The walkers continued around the reservoir where we met a number of excited bird watchers – a pink footed goose was in the vicinity; apparently it is rare to find these so far south in the UK. We all scanned the field, some with binoculars, and could see the small brown bird. Unfortunately its pink feet were hidden by the surrounding grass.



Photo: Chris Sargeant

We made our way carefully down the steps back to the Mead's Farm Kitchen for a well-deserved drink. Our party commandeered the large table and spent the next hour happily chatting. A good morning's walk with agreeable company was enjoyed by all.

These walks will be organised monthly on the first Saturday of the month up to and including September. Mead's Farmhouse Kitchen is extremely popular, but they are opening additional car parking on the field at weekends.

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
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Six-month warning over £20 and £50 paper notes

The Bank of England has given us six months to spend or deposit our paper £20 and £50 notes before the notes stop being legal tender. More than £17bn worth of paper notes remain in circulation.

The Bank is replacing the paper notes with more durable plastic (polymer) ones featuring artist JMW Turner and mathematician Alan Turing. These designs are also more difficult to counterfeit.

But after 30th September 2022, people will not be able to use the paper notes for payments in shops and other businesses. However, people with a UK bank account will still be able to deposit the paper notes into their account.

According to the Bank, some Post Offices may also accept the old notes as payment for goods and services, or as a deposit to an account accessed via the postal service.



The new plastic £50 note has a series of security features

The paper notes can also be exchanged directly with the Bank of England by post by completing a postal exchange form available from their website at www.bankofengland.co.uk

For more information email the Bank of England at exchanges@bankofengland.co.uk or telephone 0203 461 5994 (Monday to Friday from 10am to 12pm).

The Bank withdrew paper £5 and £10 banknotes as legal tender in May 2017 and March 2018 respectively.

It put the polymer £50 note into circulation on 23 June 2021, meaning the Bank's entire collection of currently-printed banknotes is made of plastic. The new note features a portrait of Alan Turing, who conceived modern computing and played a crucial part in the Allied victory over Nazi Germany in World War Two.

Despite a sharp fall in the use of cash during Covid lockdowns and restrictions, cash still accounted for 17% of all payments in 2020, according to the latest available figures by banking trade body UK Finance, making it the second most-popular way to pay after debit cards. Figures for 2021 will be published this summer.

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UK Postage stamps being modernised



Royal Mail have announced changes to the postage stamps to now include a bar code, available from all normal outlets from 31st March 2022. The non-barcode stamps will no longer be valid after 31st January 2023 so we have plenty of time to use up our supplies.

Royal Mail's Swap Out scheme

If you don't use all your stamps by the end of January next year you can swap them for new barcoded ones. (Note special stamps with pictures on and Christmas stamps without a barcode will continue to be valid and don't need to be swapped out.)



Bar coded stamps

To exchange old for new stamps under this scheme (for under £200 value in total) you need to complete a form available from the Royal Mail website, then send it with your stamps to Freepost SWAP OUT. No other address or postcode are needed. If you can't download a form from the internet call the Customer Experience Team on 03457 740740, or collect one from the local Delivery Office.



Examples of stamps not accepted for swap-out



Examples of stamps accepted for swap-out

Note – you cannot exchange non-barcoded stamps for barcoded stamps anywhere else.

The UK is the only country whose stamps don't have the name of the country on them. Who knew?

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2022



Were you one of the 697,735 people who took part in the annual bird count in January? In all, 11,556,046 birds were reported to have been seen in our gardens. Results have now been announced for the UK top 10 and despite being on the UK Red List for birds, the house sparrow came out on top again for the 19th year.

The first Birdwatch took place in 1979 and so we now have over 40 years of data to help us understand how garden birds are faring in the UK.



Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch



By Linda Beardsley, NHW Co-ordinator

Between 30th May and 5th June 2022 Neighbourhood Watch celebrates 40 years since its first scheme. It continues to support communities, improving the local environment and wellbeing whilst also raising crime prevention awareness.

We resurrected the Marsworth NHW scheme in 2021 and are really pleased with the support we receive. If you are new to the village and wish to join please email MarsworthNHW@gmx.com and your road co-ordinator will be in touch.

Remote Access Scams

Action Fraud have released information that last year 20,144 people lost over £50 million to scams where victims were tricked into handing over control of their computer or smart phone. This is known as a remote access scam. What are these? Remote Access scams will often begin with a browser pop-up saying that your computer is infected with a virus, or maybe a call from someone claiming to be from your bank saying that they need to connect to your computer in order to cancel a fraudulent transaction on your account. Whatever trick the fraudsters use their goal is to steal your money or access your financial information by tricking you into allowing them to remotely connect to your computer.

How to protect yourself? Remote Access tools are safe when used legitimately. There are several guidelines Action Fraud ask you to follow:

- Only install software, or grant remote access to your computer, if you're asked by someone you know and trust, such as a friend or family member, and never as a result of an unsolicited call, browser pop up, or text message.

- Remember, a bank or service provider will never contact you out of the blue requesting remote access to your device.
- If you believe that your laptop, PC, tablet or phone has been infected with a virus or some other type of malware, follow the NCSC's (National Cyber Security Centre) guidance on recovering an infected device – www.ncsc.gov.uk
- Protect your money by contacting your bank immediately on a different device from the one the scammer contacted you on.
- Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Startups Carpark abandoned burnt caravan

Marsworth NHW would like to extend our thanks to Keith Cannone who voluntarily cleared the wreckage. Since the beginning of February both the Marsworth Parish Council and NHW had been asking the Canal and River Trust to remove it, with no action.

Village Litter Pick

Several residents have expressed an interest in a communal village litter pick one weekend. We know that there are regular walkers who litter pick and whose great work goes unacknowledged but maybe we could get to the harder to reach places?



The photo was the result of one hour along Lower Icknield Way by the reservoir. Thanks to Waters Edge for the use of their skip to dispose of it!

Are you interested in taking part or helping to organise a litter pick? Please email NHW on MarsworthNHW@gmx.com.

Thank you for making Marsworth a safe place to live.

Aylesbury murder – man found guilty

The perpetrator responsible for the death of retired Tring police officer, turned Canal and River Trust volunteer, Clive Porter on the canal towpath at Broughton in April last year, has now been sentenced to a minimum of 35 years in prison. After his conviction it was revealed that Daniel Wisniewski, 50 was also wanted in Poland after escaping from prison in 2005. He was subject to an Interpol red notice.

The already double murderer was then known by his real name, Sylwester Krajewski and his true identity was confirmed by fingerprint and palm-print evidence. The sentence handed down in Reading Crown Court took account this this was the defendant's third such offence.

On the day of the murder Krajewski was on his canal boat, when he saw Clive Porter posting a notice on a nearby boat. This angered Krajewski who then confronted Mr Porter. Krajewski's verbal attack turned violent leading to the death of Mr Porter.

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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

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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.



Gardening corner

By 'Bugs in the Garden'



Our garden is looking splendid; we still have a glorious display from our daffs, crocuses, and other plants too numerous to mention all of them. The trees in the orchard are slowly coming into blossom. The lawns have had their first cut, the birds are fluttering around, gathering bits and pieces to build their nests. All of this has made a man who, in the last few months, has had some very dull moments, into a very happy man.

I only wish I had the power to wave a magic wand and provide this glory to all of those who are suffering in this world. Sadly, I don't.

We are now heading into May

The weather is warming up and by now you should have dug or rotovated your gardens in preparation for sowing your seeds.

In my allotment/veg garden I have already planted my potatoes and shallots. Next week if this weather continues, I will be sowing my first row of beetroot and Rainbow chard.

I grow cylinder beetroot now as I find I get a better crop and they fit into jars better for pickling. I also grow one row of golden beetroot. These have a very sweet taste and are lovely when roasted.



cylinder beetroot

As with other years I am starting my runner beans in the greenhouse. If you remember I reported in previous years that my beans had failed due to those blooming mice going under the ground and eating the seeds. I have very little success with broad beans, so I'm asking myself if I should bother this year or not?

As always, I am going to be very cautious and have my garden fleece ready for the invasion of a late frost.

Walking around the village with my old dog I could hear you all out mowing your lawns. Please don't go mad and do a low cut. Always start with a high one and work down to a reasonable cut. Lawns don't like to be shaved.



I have some very nice bushes in large tubs. They have been given a good feed to get them up and running after the winter and provide them with nutrition for the hot summer months. I have also done the same to our hanging baskets.

That's all from me for this month. I must now go and try to be sociable to all our Easter visitors.

I need to lend a helping hand and get the Easter egg trail sorted. I get involved in this to make sure as much of the trail as possible is out of the way of my plants.

Until next month, enjoy your gardening!

Bucks Radio Tour de Vale

Sunday 12th June 2022

Entries for the Bucks Radio Tour de Vale Charity Bike Ride are now open. Organised by WheelPower, the Tour de Vale Charity Bike Ride is Buckinghamshire's largest charity cycling event, and WheelPower's largest annual fundraising event.



The Tour de Vale Charity Bike Ride starts and finishes at Stoke Mandeville Stadium.

We have a 115k route which passes through some of the most scenic villages in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire with some challenging climbs along the way. As ever, we have our classic family friendly 25k route and our challenging but fun 70k.

Funds raised will help disabled children and adults take part in sport at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, the birthplace of the Paralympic movement.

For further information and details how to enter go to www.wheelpower.org.uk/tourdevale22.

The Tring Anglers

"She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbour:
"Winter is dead."

A.A. Milne, *When We Were Very Young*



Spring is showing on the Tring Reservoirs and the wildlife is waking up; the birds are nest building and egg laying, the mornings are full of sound and signs of impending new life are everywhere. What of the life under water? Not so easily observed, but anglers' catches are reflecting the watery changes. Of all the fish species the tench is the fish most anglers associate with the coming of spring.

I am delighted to say that a significant number of tench are showing in Marsworth Reservoir at the time of writing. When I first began regularly bailiffing in the area, around 14 years ago Marsworth tench were a rare catch, usually only the odd single fish appeared. Then, in recent years, a few 8-9lb fish started to be caught. Interestingly the fish that are showing this year in some numbers are in the 3-4lb bracket.

Why have these tench suddenly appeared? It is not unusual for this species that they seem to disappear only to suddenly reappear, as if by magic. They are a very slow-growing fish which are thought only to feed on small invertebrates for the first years of their life. It is easier to catch a 2lb tench than a 2oz one. To add to the mystery, the Tring canals have, from time to time, produced a number of 2-4oz hand-sized tench, often called 'bars of soap'.

I remember a conversation with Ian, the founder of MEM Fisheries, about this strange phenomenon. He had observed over a number of years of netting fish from a variety of canals and lakes that small tench remained small in certain waters and were not youngsters but stunted. Why that should be he had no answer, with no obvious water conditions or other fish species producing the same symptoms.

MEM Fisheries feature again with The Tring Anglers engaging their services to carry out a fish movement in March from the Aylesbury Basin to the Wilstone pound. The benefits are that angling is not permitted in the basin so we have moved the fish. We have a record of stocking the Aylesbury Arm but it is considerably more economical to move them to what is effectively the same water rather than pay for commercial fish reared elsewhere.

The fish are electro stunned, netted and then transferred in an oxygenated tank. The method looks a bit frightening but fish loss is by far the lowest of any other means. In fact we did not see any sign of fish loss at all once they were released by the wooden bridge at Wilstone. As I am writing this article a catch of multiple bream from Wilstone pound of nearly 60lb in the Old Codgers match proved we made the correct decision.

This superb 10lb plus tench is from Wilstone reservoir. This difficult reservoir to fish has always produced specimen fish and still holds the national perch record.

Tight Lines!

By Dick Pilkinton, *The Piscator*



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.

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8th	Sunday		Fun Run
9th	Monday	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
11th	Wednesday		Food, Recycling & Garden collection - Route A
12th	Thursday		Food & Recycling collection - Route B
18th	Wednesday		Food & Waste collection - Route A
19th	Thursday		Food, Waste & Garden collection - Route B
25th	Wednesday		Food, Recycling & Garden collection - Route A
26th	Thursday		Food & Recycling collection - Route B

Coming Events

4th	June	Platinum Plant Sale
19th	June	Steam Rally

All Saints Marsworth

Platinum Plant Sale

Saturday June 4th 2 - 5pm
All Saints Marsworth Churchyard

Teas and cakes also on sale

Plant donations welcomed - please bring to churchyard between 10am-12 noon on the day

The plant sale will be raising funds for the church, and we would very much like it if people could save any spare plants they have - for example by potting up seedlings or splitting plants in your borders. Please bring donations of plants to the churchyard between 10am and 12 noon on the day of the sale.

Contact Ruth Monks on 07751 430323.

Stop Press - urgent

Dacorum Council have received the planning application for the Marshcroft development of 1400 houses in Tring. We only have until **4th May 2022** to make any comments online.

See ref: 22/01187/MOA on the Dacorum planning portal.

Local names and numbers

Millennium Hall bookings

Frances Brown - 01296 661211
after 4.00pm

All Saints, Marsworth churchwarden

John White - 01296 662252

Marsworth Parish Council Chair

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Startops:	Mon-Fri	9.00am
	Sat	7.00am
Wilstone:	Mon-Fri	6.00pm
	Sat	9.00am

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Monday - Saturday: 7.30am - 8.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am - 4.00pm



Sunset at All Saints
Photos: Jeremy Whitehead



Easter crosses
at All Saints



Rainbow at Lower End Photo: Peter Dean



Ducklings on the Aylesbury Arm
Photo: Elizabeth Rollinson

Please send us your photos